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Westfield Young Professionals get 'happy' at networking event

The REPORTER

Young professionals in Westfield recently gathered for a networking happy hour at 1205 Distillery North, 120 Camilla Court, Suite A, Westfield.

The Westfield Young Professionals have a networking coffee and happy hour planned for every month through 2022. To attend a future event, visit the [Westfield Chamber website](#). You can also [click here](#) to join the Young Professionals private Facebook page.

About the Westfield Young Professionals

The new Westfield Young Professionals Council is a networking group for young professionals under 40 in Westfield, but the group is more than that. It offers a space for people to grow their careers, for those new to Hamilton



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County and Indy to make lasting friendships – for YPs to grow themselves personally.

Through this opportunity, YPs will become invested members of the community, looking for ways to give back to the Westfield community and each other.

Lead me not to be funny turned

“Well, she is just a bit funny turned,” said my mother.

Oh, I knew exactly what my mother meant whenever she said anyone was a bit funny turned and to what degree, with the tone in which she said it.

It had nothing to do with anyone being humorous.

You see, my mother was never one to speak badly of someone. She would meander around the bush, saying they just had a strange way about them, albeit ... funny turned.

Funny turned had three definitions according to my mother:

- #1 They were not a nice person ... in my mother's eyes.
- #2 They were a bit off their rocker in the way they thought or acted.
- #3 They disagreed with my mother.

Mom didn't like to criticize. She would do her best to give people the benefit of the doubt, but if they continued to be set in their ways about something then Mom could get a bit sideways.

Getting sideways meant she was a bit miffed or madder than an old wet hen. I knew just how sideways she was by the tone of her voice.

I also knew that whenever she was sideways the house would get an extra cleaning. To this day I follow her passion for cleaning whenever I get sideways.

My mom had quite a few Audreyisms

See Funny Turned . . . Page 2

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JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Fishers, meet Brooke Lawson, HSE's mental health, counseling coordinator

By LAURA MASONI
City of Fishers

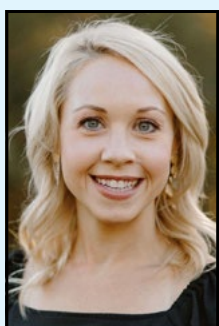
Since October 2016, Brooke Lawson has worked as Hamilton Southeastern Schools' Mental Health and School Counseling Coordinator. Over that time, she has continued her passion and commitment to the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and school staff in the HSE Schools community.

Lawson was born and raised in North Manchester, Ind., a small town near Fort Wayne. She received her bachelor's degree in youth-adult and family services with a minor in child development from Purdue University. After finishing her bachelor's degree, she went on to attend IUPUI, where she completed her master's in school

See Lawson . . . Page 2

More about Brooke Lawson

Neighborhood: East Fishers
Favorite local restaurant: Sunrise Cafe
Favorite Fishers park: Brooks School Park
Favorite local businesses: Blue Peppermint, The Hot Room, and State of Grace
Favorite way to spend a Saturday: Working out either at the Hot Room or home in the morning and then spending time with my family, usually watching my kids play sports.



Lawson

Center for the Performing Arts' New Works commission project announces winners

Three original plays will premiere onstage June 4 at the Tarkington

The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel has awarded commissions for three local artist teams to develop original works for a special event and livestream on June 4, and [tickets are on sale now](#).

The New Works arts commission project, now in its pilot year at the Center, is designed to promote and sustain the area's working artists and artistic communities in an inclusive way by supporting the creation of new works across all performing arts disciplines. Each winning proposal will receive a \$2,500 cash award, technical support in adapting the performance for

the stage, and onstage rehearsal time prior to the performance at the Center's Tarkington theater.

Winning artists also will participate in related discussions and public engagement opportunities. The themes of the proposed works reflect the Center's organizational core values of integrity, excellence, innovation, collaboration and inclusion.

The winning proposals selected by the judging panel are:

Women's Work

Callie Burk-Hartz and Alicia LaMagdeleine with Betty Rage Productions

This short play will explore the complexities women face as they navigate external and inter-

Fly High

Monika Herzog Trio and Zackary Herzog

Award-winning jazz pianist-composer Monika Herzog and her son Zackary will create music and choreography inspired

by the family's journey through Zackary's gender transition. Zackary, a recent graduate of the Circadium School of Contemporary Circus in Philadelphia, will design the costuming and perform to the live musical accompaniment on the Cyr wheel, a large metal hoop that the performer stands inside to roll, spin and perform acrobatic moves.

A Place in Time

Nicholas A. Owens and Lalah Ayan Hazelwood with Kenyettá Dance Company

Under artistic directors Owens and Hazelwood, Kenyettá Dance Company presents work

See New Works . . . Page 3

The Girl Across The Field Revisited

*The field just sat there day and night
 That's all they said it could do
 But I know that's not entirely right
 For it took me from here to you.*

I was 15 when I wrote those lines, a high-school freshman's first crack at song verse and an inaugural attempt to woo a girl with writing.

She was the girl across the field. To visit her – there were hundreds of visits – I ran down my parents' driveway, crossed Brushy Fork Road, leapt a ditch, ran through the grass and clover, the field gradually inclining then declining only to rise again like a camel's hump, the barking of a neighbor's beagle keeping time with my footfalls until finally I passed between front porch pillars and rang the doorbell.

She smiled from the other side of the front door's glass, and my field-racing heart pounded even faster. She, with city roots, was of a cultured upbringing, a refreshing transplant to our little river town. Ensnared in a rural route existence, I was

See The Girl . . . Page 2

COLUMNIST

SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

Westfield Washington Public Library celebrates 120th birthday in April

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library will celebrate its 120th birthday on April 15. In celebration of the event, the Westfield Library Foundation is hosting a children's book writing contest sponsored by Community First Bank.

“The theme of the children's book submissions should be on the library and its birthday,” said Erin Downey, executive director of the Foundation. “It can be a traditional story book, poem, comic book, or graphic novel. Be creative!”

The winning entry from each age division will receive a cash prize. The prize for the youth category (6-12 years of age) is \$100 and the prize for the teen (13-17 years of age) and adult categories is \$250. A copy of each winning book will be published and placed on the shelves at the library.

“Winners will be selected based on their story, not the illustrations,” Downey explained. “Winners can illus-



Downey

trate their own book, or they have the option to be paired with a student illustrator if their work is selected.”

Contest rules are as follows:

- Submission must be a children's story
- Author must be a resident of Westfield
- Book must be 30 pages or less
- Submissions are due by midnight on April 1, 2022

Participants can submit their entries

at the library's front desk or via email at edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us. Winners will be announced on April 15 during the birthday celebration. Applications can be found at bit.ly/3HGyPDK.

About Westfield Washington Public Library

The WWPL Mission is to foster exploration, discovery, and growth. WWPL's Vision is to be the cornerstone of lifelong learning in Westfield and Washington Township. For more information on the Westfield Washington Public Library visit wwpl.lib.in.us.

FUNNY TURNED

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"I really believe that schools place such an important role in children's lives," she said. "Our kids spend eight hours a day in the classroom, and so I think it is a really important place to reach and support children."

Laura Masoni is the Public Relations Intern for the City of Fishers. She moved to Fishers from Greenwood in 2010. Her favorite activities include traveling, rowing at Eagle Creek, and going to concerts in Downtown Indy. In her free time, she loves to hang out with her friends and listen to podcasts and music.

THE GIRL

In 1983, after high-school graduation, we gradually lost touch, she attending private college on the east side of the city, me making do at a public one

My mother would never say anyone was ugly unless they were acting ugly. Acting ugly could be anything from pouting to flipping someone off. Mom used the word "ugly" to cover quite a few sins. I thought there should have been an

Some of these sayings may be different and as funny as all get out, but I assure you that I heard them often while growing up. Heavens to Betsy, my mom and her sisters had their own lan-

I come from a rich heritage of the most caring and loving people you would ever meet. They are just like my mom. And not one of them is funny turned.

On 5-8-99, the e-mails coming from her e-mail account were actually writ-

Contact: scottsaalman@gmail.com or on Twitter [@SaalmanScott](https://twitter.com/SaalmanScott).

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

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New Works

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that sparks conversation around social, political and spiritual topics. This four-part piece will incorporate contemporary, modern, ballet and African dance, along with creative costuming, video projections and live and recorded music, to address systemic oppression with a message of hope and promise that empowers audiences.

“In this inaugural year for New Works, we were gratified by the strong response we received from the local arts community,” said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President/CEO of the Center for the Performing Arts. “The caliber and the creative range of the submissions was remarkable and certainly posed a challenge for the judges. We look forward to growing the program in future years.”

All three groups will perform at the 8 p.m. June 4 event and will join in a talkback discussion to close the evening. Tickets are \$25, available at the Center’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, online at [TheCenterPresents.org](#) and by phone at (317) 843-3800. The livestream of the performance will be available free on the Center’s website and social media channels.

New Works is supported by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation and by Doug and Jayne Ann Wilson.

About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the non-profit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel includes the 1,600-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents per-



Photo provided
Callie Burk-Hartz (left) and Alicia LaMagdeleine of Betty Rage Productions are the creators of *Women’s Work*.



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Monika Herzig (left) and Zackary Herzig are the creators of *Fly High*.



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(From left) Vanessa Owens, Nicholas A. Owens and Lalah Ayan Hazelwood of Kenyettá Dance Company are the creators of *A Place in Time*.

formance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children’s concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in mu-

sic and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](#).

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Baseball journey . . . strike that! How I hit my stride in sports

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

Ever since I was a little kid, I knew I loved baseball. But I definitely didn't start out as the best player.

When I was in rookie league, I struck out every time I went up to bat. I remember crying and doing what little kids did. But one

COLUMNIST



COLE MACKINTOSH
Sheridan High School Student

day I got mad, so mad that I wanted to change the fact that I knew I was an automatic out. Unfortunately, this didn't happen until I was in middle school because I went to get some help.

I got this help from a guy named Carlos from Rountrippers. This is where my journey started with baseball. I learned how to actually swing a bat to hit a ball. It wasn't the prettiest at first, but the more

I worked on it, the better I got. When baseball season came around, I went from not ever hitting the ball to hitting it at least once a game. I remember being so happy that it was all I thought about.

I also used to be a terrible fielder. I couldn't stop a ball to save my life, so I usually played in the outfield. I remember looking up YouTube videos and asking people what they did as much as I could. I started to get better, but I was never really satisfied because I still would have errors.

By this time, I was in eighth grade, and I loved baseball more than anything, but I knew I was nowhere good enough to ever even make it on a high school baseball team.

This is where I put my head down, my dad put his money where his mouth was, and I grinded for a full winter season.

I didn't play basketball

that year and I had three hitting sessions a week; at this point I was really good at fielding but needed to get my arm strength up. I was working out five times a week, with about three to four hitting sessions per week.

Slowly I started seeing changes in my body physically and how hard I was hitting the ball. I would record myself and take keys on what I could do better next time, and I kept getting better and better.

Everything I've done to get to this point was worth it. I know I'm not done, and I still continue my hitting/fielding sessions weekly and workout six times a week. I definitely am not satisfied with my baseball journey, and I'm not sure if I ever will be.

I do know that baseball is what I want to do in the future, and I know if I ever get a chance, I better do everything I can.

Westfield teacher wins Lilly grant

The REPORTER

Maple Glen Elementary School first-grade teacher Mitzi Johnson was the recipient of the 2022 Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program.

The Teacher Creativity fellowship is one of the Endowment's longest standing programs and began as a way to help Indiana elementary and secondary educators renew their commitment to teaching.



Johnson

New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Feb. 28:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. Steal, by James Patterson
2. Electric idol, by Katee Robert
3. Desolation canyon, by P.J. Tracy
4. Joan is okay, by WeiKe Wang
5. Show me the bunny, by Laurien Berenson
6. The good son, by Jacquelyn Mitchard
7. The lady's mine, by Francine Rivers
8. Abandoned in death, by J.D. Robb
9. A game of fear: an Inspector Ian Rutledge mystery, by Charles Todd
10. Diablo Mesa, by Douglas Preston

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. I came all this way to meet you: writing myself home, by Jami Attenberg
2. Enough already: learning to love the way I am today, by Valerie Bertinelli
3. Murder at Teal's Pond, by David Bushman
4. Seeking wisdom: the spiritual path to creative connection: a six-week artist's way program, by Julia Cameron

5. Getting to neutral: how to conquer negativity and thrive in a chaotic world, by Trevor Moawad

6. Beyond possible: one man, 15 peaks, and the mountaineering achievement of a lifetime, by Nimsdai Purja

7. The last slave ship: the true story of how Clotilda was found, her descendants, and an extraordinary reckoning, by Ben Raines

8. American injustice: inside stories from the underbelly of the criminal justice system, by David S. Rudolf

9. The rise: Kobe Bryant and the pursuit of immortality, by Mike Sielski

10. Rise: my story, by Lindsey Vonn

New DVDs

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2. Antlers
3. A walk in the sun
4. Cobra Kai. Season 3
5. Midsomer murders. Series 22
6. The 27-hour day
7. Moffie
8. The spine of night
9. Dynasty. Season four
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The Henhouse Prowlers will appear on March 18 at The Tarkington in Carmel.

Don't miss these upcoming shows at Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

Henhouse Prowlers
Friday, March 18 at 8 p.m.
at The Tarkington

Originating in Chicago as a bluegrass band, the Henhouse Prowlers incorporate music from Africa, Asia, the Middle East and more into their robust repertoire of traditional American music.

In 2013, the band launched Bluegrass Ambassadors, a not-for-profit organization inspired by a unique vision of music education. Often in collaboration with the U.S. State Department, the band has performed in over 25 nations, dissolving boundaries of culture, country and communication on a global scale by teaching the universal language of music.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets.

Croce Plays Croce
Saturday, March 19 at 5 and 8 p.m.
at The Tarkington

Singer-songwriter A.J. Croce delivers a special night of music featuring treasured hits by his late father, Jim Croce, along with some of his own tunes and covers of classics that influenced both artists. The performance will feature such timeless songs as “Operator,” “You Don’t Mess Around with Jim” and “Time in a Bottle,” written for A.J. himself.

The elder Croce was a folk singer whose short-lived professional recording and touring career produced three No. 1 hits, 10 Top 10 singles and over 50 million in sales. His mainstream success actually peaked after his 1973 death in a plane crash.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets. **Very limited availability.**

Sphinx Virtuosi
Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m.
at The Palladium

The Sphinx Virtuosi are a dynamic professional chamber orchestra dedicated to increasing racial and ethnic diversity in classical music. Comprising 18 of the nation's top Black and Latinx classical soloists, the Virtuosi are primarily alumni of the internationally renowned Sphinx Competition,

working together as cultural ambassadors reaching new audiences.

Members of the Sphinx Virtuosi have performed as soloists with America's major orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic and the Cleveland, Detroit, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Seattle, and Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestras. The orchestra has returned to Carnegie Hall annually since 2006, performing to sold-out audiences.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets.

Stacey Kent
Sunday, March 20 at 7 p.m.
at The Palladium

Stacey Kent is a jazz singer in the mold of the greats, with a legion of fans worldwide, a host of honors and awards including a Grammy nomination, album sales in excess of 2 million, and gold and platinum-selling No. 1 albums.

Born in the U.S., Kent launched her career in the U.K., where she met her husband and musical partner, saxophonist-composer Jim Tomlinson. Her repertoire is rooted in jazz standards but incorporates French chanson, Brazilian music and original compositions by Tomlinson with lyrics in English, French and Portuguese.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets.

Socks in the Frying Pan
Sunday, March 20 at 7 p.m.
at The Tarkington

Voted Best New Band of 2014 by the Irish Music Association, Socks in the Frying Pan are an award-winning trio from County Clare on Ireland’s west coast, the hub of Irish traditional music.

With Aodán Coyne on guitar and lead vocals, Shane Hayes on accordion and Fiacra Hayes on fiddle and banjo, the band delivers time-honored sounds with modern flair, wowing audiences around the world with their high-energy performances, breathtaking instrumental prowess and dynamic three-part harmonies. Their recent albums have included *Without a Paddle* and *Return of the Giant Sock Monsters from Outer Space*.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets.

U.S. Senators to SEC: Respect boundaries on independent contractor rulemaking

The REPORTER

Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Senator Pat Toomey (R-Pa.), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Senator Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, sent a letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) calling on the agency to respect their congressionally-set boundaries when making rules regarding independent contractor classification.

In the letter sent to SEC Chairman Gary Gensler, the Senators urged the agency to reject recent calls to use its authority over the investment space to forcibly reclassify workers who have chosen to be independent

contractors.

“We write to urge you to respect the jurisdictional boundaries of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as established by Congress during upcoming rulemakings on human capital,” the Senators wrote. “Recent calls for the SEC to use its limited authority over the investment space in order to forcibly reclassify workers who have intentionally chosen to be independent and subcontracted workers is entirely unrelated to the mission of the SEC.”

The letter goes on to explain why the SEC has no jurisdiction over independent contractor status, with labor considerations being explicitly the dominion of the Department of Labor, the National Labor Rela-



Braun

tions Board, and, as it relates to taxes, the Internal Revenue Service.

“In closing, we would urge the SEC to reject calls to inject social engineering of the nation’s workforce, requests that also distract the SEC from its core mission – especially at a time when employers are struggling to find workers. It is critical for our federal policy framework to support a variety of choices for individuals when it comes to employment. Whether individuals choose to be independent contractors, direct employees, or subcontractors, preserving their freedom to choose is pro-worker and enables individuals to choose the path that best fits them and their families.”

[Click here](#) to read the full letter.

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Kroger 1217 S Range Line Road

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Circle K 9510 E 126th St.
Circle K 8924 E 116th St.
Circle K 11601 Allisonville Road
Circle K 9611 Allisonville Road
Speedway 14091 Trade Center Drive
Speedway 8895 E 116th St.
Speedway 7235 E 116th St.
Speedway 13820 E 116th St.
Kroger 9799 E 116th St.
Kroger 11700 Olio Road
Kroger 7272 Fishers Crossing Drive

Fishers road construction
updates, week of March 7

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](#).

**Technology Drive
(Northeast Commerce Park)**

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

96th Street

Beginning on Monday, March 7, there will be daily lane restrictions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. along 96th Street between Georgia Road and Cyntheanne Road while utility work is being performed on the north side of 96th Street. Traffic control will be in place.

Pancreatic cancer walk 'PanCAN
PurpleStride' returns in-person this year

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis affiliate of the [Pancreatic Cancer Action Network](#) (PanCAN) invites Hamilton County residents to come together to fuel progress for patients by participating in PanCAN PurpleStride, the ultimate event to end pancreatic cancer.

PanCAN PurpleStride is a national movement that funds life-changing programs and services for pancreatic cancer patients and their families. After two years of virtual fundraising events due to the ongoing pandemic, PurpleStride Indianapolis 2022 will be back in person at White River State Park on Saturday, April 30.

Pancreatic cancer is the world's deadliest cancer with a five-year survival rate of just 11 percent. It is also the third-leading cause of cancer-related death in America. In 2022, more than 62,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the U.S., and nearly 50,000 will die from the disease – including approximately 1,070 Hoosiers.

For the first time ever, Indianapolis's PurpleStride walk is coordinated with nearly 60 other communities across the nation for one nationally synchronized PanCAN PurpleStride event with beloved actor, writer and producer, Mindy Kaling, serving as the official ambassador for the nationwide campaign. City-by-city, thousands of supporters will walk the nation in solidarity to raise national awareness and much-needed funds for pancreatic cancer.

PurpleStride Indianapolis's goal is to raise \$185,000. Nationally, PanCAN is aiming to raise \$16.5 million. Funds raised through PanCAN PurpleStride provide pancreatic cancer patients with free, personalized information, services and resources that make a real difference in their lives.

"By taking action locally, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of pancreatic cancer patients nationwide," said Jenny Bivans, chair of PanCAN's Indianapolis affiliate. "We are committed to continuing to raise vital funds and awareness to support the pancreatic cancer community and we're looking forward to being back together in person this year to do so!"

While pancreatic cancer has received more attention recently due to many prominent individuals who have passed in recent years, including *JEOPARDY!* host Alex Trebek, actor Willie Garson, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and U.S. Representative John Lewis, an increase in public awareness and research funding remains critical.

Indianapolis's PurpleStride event is generously supported by national sponsors, [Ipsen](#) and [AbbVie](#), local premier sponsor Charles Schwab, gold sponsor Chateau Kitchens & Home Remodeling, silver sponsors Century 21 Scheetz, Westfield Steel, Inc., and Erie Insurance, and bronze sponsor Hallmark Home Mortgage.

To register for free, donate, or learn more about PurpleStride Indianapolis, visit [purplestride.org/Indianapolis](#).

For more information on the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its urgent mission to save lives, visit [pancan.org](#) or follow PanCAN on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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Carmel's Merchants Bank
of Indiana, Merchants
Capital among Best Places
to Work in Indiana

The REPORTER

Carmel-based Merchants Bancorp has announced that subsidiaries [Merchants Bank of Indiana](#) and [Merchants Capital](#) have been named to the Best Places to Work in Indiana list for the seventh consecutive year. This is the third year the company has been named to the list in the large company (between 250 and 999 U.S. employees) category.

"It is a monumental accomplishment to be honored as one of Indiana's Best Places to Work for a remarkable seventh straight year," said Michael F. Petrie, Merchants Bancorp Co-Founder, Chairman and CEO. "Earning this recognition speaks to the continued dedication to excellence of our company and employees. Their efforts have been tremendous, and we aren't slowing down. We are grateful to have received this recognition again and are thankful for all of our team members at Merchants Bank of Indiana and Merchants Capital."

Since 2006, the annual Best Places to Work in Indiana program, created by the [Indiana Chamber of Commerce](#) and Best Companies Group (BCG), has recognized companies around the state that display sustained excellence.

To determine the winners, companies from across Indiana enter a two-part survey competition. The first section of the survey consists of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics, while the second part entails an employee survey to measure the overall employee engagement and satisfaction. The final survey analysis, conducted by BCG, determines the winning companies recognized on the annual Best Places to Work in Indiana list.

The Best Places to Work honor comes after Merchants Capital was recognized as No. 7 on the Fastest Growing Multifamily Mortgage Banking Firms of 2022 list and No. 10 for the Top 20 Multifamily Mortgage Banking and Brokerage Firms of 2022 list, both by Multi-Housing News.

The complete ranking of Best Places to Work in Indiana winners will be announced during the annual awards ceremony on May 12, and the list will be included in a special May edition of *BizVoice Magazine*. To view a full list of nominated companies, [click here](#).

The company continues to seek driven employees for a variety of positions at all six Merchants Capital offices: Indianapolis, Boston, New York, Chicago, Minneapolis-Saint Paul and Washington, D.C., and Merchants Bank of Indiana's branches across the state of Indiana.

Learn about career opportunities at Merchants Bank of Indiana [here](#) and at Merchants Capital [here](#).

Financial advisors can help reduce anxiety

The long-running coronavirus pandemic has fueled a lot of anxieties – including financial ones. But some people have had far fewer worries than others.



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Consider this:

Among those investors who work with a financial advisor, 84 percent said that doing so gave them a greater sense of comfort about their finances during the pandemic, according to a survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones.

Of course, many people experience investment-related fears even without a global health crisis, and that's probably not surprising, given the periodic volatility of the financial markets. But financial guidance can come in handy during relatively normal times, too.

A financial professional can help you ...

Look past the headlines

Inflation, interest rates, pandemics, elections – there's always something in the news that could affect the investment world in the short term. But by helping you construct a portfolio that's built for the long term and reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, a financial advisor can enable you to look past the headlines.

Avoid emotional decisions

Many people let their emotions drive their investment choices. When the market goes through a downturn and the value of their investments drops, they sell to "cut losses," even though these same investments may still have good business fundamentals and promising futures.

Conversely, when the market is on an uptick, some people chase after "hot" investments, even when they become overpriced and may have very little room to grow. But a financial advisor can help keep you from making these fear- and greed-based actions by only recommending moves that make sense for your situation.

Work toward multiple goals

At various times in your life, you may have simultaneous financial goals. For example, you could be investing for a retirement that's decades away, while also trying to save for a child's college education. A financial professional can suggest ways you can keep working toward both objectives, in terms of how much money you can afford to invest and what types of savings and investment vehicles you should consider.

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AG Rokita investigates massive 2021 T-Mobile data breach, warns Hoosiers to take precautions

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is asking all Hoosiers who believe they were impacted by the data breach announced by T-Mobile to take appropriate steps to protect their information from identity theft.

"Protecting and defending Hoosiers against invasive violations like this is an important part of our work," Rokita said. "I am launching a detailed investigation into this breach and to determine whether T-Mobile had the appropriate safeguards in place to protect personal information."

On Aug. 17, 2021, T-Mobile reported a massive data breach compromising the sensitive personal information of millions of current, former and prospective T-Mobile customers. The breach impacted more than 53 million across the country. Among other categories of impacted information, millions had their names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and driver's license information compromised.

Recently, a large subset of the information compromised in the breach was for sale on the dark web – where cybercriminals can buy, sell and track personal information. Many individuals have since received alerts through various identity theft protection services informing them that their information was found online in connection with the breach, confirming that impacted individuals are at heightened risk for identity theft.

Rokita is asking any Hoosiers impacted by the T-Mobile breach to take the following steps to protect themselves:

Monitor your credit. Credit monitoring services track your credit report and alert you whenever a change is made, such as a new account or a large purchase. Most services will notify you within 24 hours of any change to your credit report.

Consider placing a free credit freeze on your



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credit report.

Identity thieves will not be able to open a new credit account in your name while the freeze is in place. You can place a credit freeze by contacting each of the three major credit bureaus:

- **Equifax:** 1-888-766-0008
- **Experian:** 1-888-397-3742
- **TransUnion:** 1-800-680-7289

Place a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert tells lenders and creditors to take extra steps to verify your identity before issuing credit. You can place a fraud alert by contacting any one of the three major credit bureaus.

Contact Attorney General Rokita. If you believe you are a victim of identity theft, visit [in.gov/attorney-general](https://www.in.gov/attorney-general) or call 1-800-382-5516. For additional tips, you can also visit [identity-theft.gov](https://www.identity-theft.gov), a site maintained by the Federal Trade Commission.

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How much did Indiana's first license plates cost?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history ...

1893 – A reception was held at the Indiana Statehouse to honor General Benjamin Harrison. He was returning home to Indianapolis after serving four years as President of the United States. Addresses by Indiana Governor Claude Matthews, Mayor Thomas Sullivan of Indianapolis, and the Honorable Charles W. Fairbanks welcomed him home. Governor Matthews said, "Four years ago Indiana was united in the honor done to one of her sons. Tonight she welcomes him back again."



1905 – Indiana began the first statewide registration of motor vehicles. For a fee of \$1, the owner was given a two-inch diameter disc with registration number to be mounted on the vehicle.

1923 – Jazz musician Wes Montgomery was born in Indianapolis. One of the best jazz guitarists

of the 20th century, he influenced countless others and changed the role of the guitar in popular music. He died in 1968.

1928 – The first basketball game was played at Butler Fieldhouse, the largest arena in the nation at that time. Butler defeated Notre Dame 21–13 in overtime. In

1966 the name was changed to Hinkle Fieldhouse to honor legendary Butler coach Tony Hinkle.

1942 – A new army camp in Southern Indiana was officially named for General William Wallace Atterbury from New Albany. The facility played a big role during World War II and continues today as an important military training center.

1955 – Indiana Governor George Craig made the cover of *Time Magazine*. He was described as the "swift-footed, swashbuckling lawyer politician at the Crossroads of America."

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:8-14 (NIV)

Wretha Eileen Reveal

September 11, 1945 – March 4, 2022

Wretha Eileen Reveal, 76, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on September 11, 1945, to Don and Angeline (McBane) Huffman in Elwood, Ind.



Wretha graduated from Jackson Central High School and Ball State University. She was a music teacher for Tipton Schools from 1967 to 1980, and for Noblesville High School from 1981 to 2005. Wretha was a member of the National Education Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association.

She is survived by her mother, Angeline Pryor; husband, Jeff Reveal; daughter, Cresta (Chris) Clawson; grandson, Caden Clawson; and her brother, Jeff (Kathy) Huffman.

Wretha was preceded in death by her father, Don Huffman.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Pastor Patrick Propst will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Courtney Cox Cole Infusion Center at Riverview Health, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Do you have adequate life insurance? How about disability insurance? And if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, how would you pay for it? A financial advisor can evaluate your protection needs and recommend appropriate solutions that fit within your overall financial strategy.

Adapt to changing circumstances

Over time, many things may change in your life – your job, your family situation, your retirement plans, and so on. A financial professional can help you adjust your financial strategy in response to these changes.

Achieving your financial goals may present challenges, but it doesn't have to cause you years of worry and distress – as long as you get the help you need.

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Danny Niederberger (R)
*Todd Young (R)

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Matthew L. Hall (D)
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*Victoria Spartz (R)

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District 21
*James R. Buck (R)
District 25
Mike Gaskill (R)
Aaron Higgins (D)
Evan McMullen (R)
Tamie Dixon-Tatum (D)

District 29

Alex Choi (R)
*J.D. Ford (D)

District 31

Jocelyn Vare (D)
*Kyle Walker (R)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 24
Joellyn (Joey) Mayer (D)
*Donna Schaibley (R)

District 29

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District 32
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*Jerry Torr (R)

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District 3

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District 4

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*Erica Strahm (R)

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Maegen Fleck (R)
Robert Dustin Hiday (R)
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Rockford V. Stites (R)

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District 2

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District 3

Doug Grishaw (R)

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At Large

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At Large (Vote for 2)

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Garry A. Harling (R)
Eric Hayden (R)
Heidi Wilcox (R)

SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

At Large (Vote for 2)

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Clay 28

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Clay 36

Molly Percy

Clay 40

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Noblesville 18

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Westfield 28

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Westfield 30

Monica Cannaley

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Adams/Wayne/Jackson/

White River Twps. (vote for 10)

Cymande (Mandie) Lackland

Clay Twp. (vote for 36)

Jim Blessing

Christopher M. Brown

April Culbertson

Jeremy Eltz

Missy Eltz

Annette Gross

Sara Hindi

Cheryl Hubbell

Kirsten Kowalewski

Rosemary Noel

Stephen Ring

Susan K. Ring

Dallas Shelby

Heather Stith

Matthew Stone

Erin Vahrenkamp

Heidi Wold

Delaware/Fall Creek Twps.

(vote for 39)

A. Brando Corsaro

June P. Levey

Gregory A. Purvis

Sara Schmidt

Cindy Weingarten

Joe Weingarten

Noblesville Twp. (vote for 21)

Christopher M. Davis

Marie (Mimi) DeMore

Paula Jo Gilliam

Lori C. Hand

Jo May

Christian Renner

Washington Twp. (vote for 16)

Jeffrey D. Atteberry

Melissa Auciello-Brogan

Shelly Brown

Margaret Furniss

Neil Koglin

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

Adams/Wayne Twps. (vote for 5)

Rockford V. Stites

Clay District 1 (vote for 9)

Adam Aasen

Caryl Auslander

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Boys basketball sectionals

Shamrocks make history

Westfield holds off Carmel to win first-ever sectional title

By RICHIE HALL

NOBLESVILLE - After 104 years, the Shamrocks are finally sectional champions.

The Westfield boys basketball team entered the winner's circle for the first time in school history Saturday by claiming the Class 4A Sectional 8 championship at The Mill in Noblesville. The Shamrocks held off Carmel, the two-time defending 4A state champions, 59-54 in an exciting game in front of a standing-room only crowd at The Mill. Westfield took a big lead by halftime, weathered an inevitable Greyhounds comeback in the third quarter, and surged ahead in the fourth quarter by making big plays and free throws at the end of the game.

When the game was over, the Shamrocks players were cheering, and soon the floor was filled with Shamrocks fans. Some of them had been waiting decades for this moment.

"There's people that played here 50 years ago coming up to me after the game crying, because they know what we've been through and we've never won one of those before," said 'Rocks senior Braden Smith. "It's something we've all worked for and put work in for. It's exciting and we're super, super excited."

"This sectional title's for every player that has ever played at Westfield, every coach that's ever coached, our entire school and our entire community," said Shamrocks coach Shane Sumpter.

Even those that played back in 1918.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 11 in the IBCA coaches poll, and the 'Hounds, rated No. 3 in the Class 4A Associated Press poll and No. 4 IBCA, spent most of the first quarter trading the lead. Nic Depasquale got Westfield on the board first with two free throws just 20 seconds into the contest. Carmel then made back-to-back baskets, with Sam Orme connecting on a layin and Jared Bonds making a dunk.

A layin by Charlie Williams later put the Greyhounds up 8-6. That's when the Shamrocks went on a run, a 10-0 spurt to get them ahead 16-8. Cam Haffner hit a 3-pointer, Alex Romack was good on a traditional three-point play, then Smith made consecutive baskets.

"It's taken us two years to get here, and just the amount of emotions right now is overwhelming," said Romack. "It's really



The Westfield boys basketball team finally broke through to win its first-ever sectional championship Saturday. The Shamrocks held off two-time defending state champion Carmel 59-54 to win Class 4A Sectional 8 at The Mill in Noblesville.

exciting to finally win this."

Peter Suder hit a jumper to finish the quarter, keeping Carmel within 16-10. Smith opened the second period with a triple, and Westfield stayed in front by a relatively comfortable margin for the remainder of the first half, never letting its lead dip below six points. Smith scored eight points during the quarter, including a pair of 3-pointers. A 3 from Haffner was the last word of the half, which finished with the 'Rocks up 33-23.

"That was our main goal from this whole sectional," said Smith. "Just start off strong,



Westfield coach Shane Sumpter smiles as the Shamrocks begin celebrating their first sectional title. Pictured at right is Westfield's Trey Buchanan.

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go quick and then play from there, because we can play with the lead."

Smith scored the first basket of the second half, which was a 3-pointer (of course). That gave Westfield its largest lead of the game at 36-23. After that, the Greyhounds dominated the third quarter, going on a 19-4 run to take the lead. Williams played brilliantly during the run, scoring nine points. Garwey Dual was just as good, with seven points. Both Carmel players made and-1s during the course of the spurt.

Not to be left out, Suder nailed a 3-pointer to tie the game at 40-40, then a Greyhounds steal led to a basket by Dual that put the 'Hounds in front for the first time since the opening quarter. Carmel led 44-43 after three periods, then Orme made a layin to push the Greyhounds ahead 46-43.

But Westfield responded with an 8-0 run and would not trail again. Haffner scored all eight of those points, draining two 3s before scoring off a steal. With that, the Shamrocks led 51-46.

"It's a game of runs," said Haffner. "We knew being up 10 that it wasn't over. Our coach always says it's a 32-minute game. It's not over till it's over. We came back and we ended up on top."

Carmel kept battling, but Westfield would answer each Greyhounds score with a basket of its own, and Carmel would answer back. Depasquale made a layin with just over a minute to go that put the 'Rocks up 55-49, but Suder hit a 3 to cut the lead in half.

Bonds got Carmel within 55-54 with a layin, after which Westfield called a time-out. Haffner was fouled right out of the time-out and put on the line in a one-and-bonus situation, and made both free throws with 23.3 seconds left.

The 'Rocks would get the ball back and Depasquale was fouled with 3.4 seconds on the clock. Thus, the game ended where it began: Depasquale made two free throws, and the Shamrocks celebration was on.

"I've played with these guys for my whole life, since fourth grade," said Depasquale. "I just want to do it for them. All that momentum, the crowd was cheering. I knew if I hit those, we'd win, and that was just carrying me to hit those. And I knew I was not missing those."

"You just knew this game was going to come down to that," said Sumpter. "It wasn't going to be a lopsided affair either way. I've got all the respect in the world for (coach) Ryan Osborn and Carmel. I think it's fitting that you just have to go through Carmel. A lot of respect for them and really proud of these guys."

"We gave everything we had and they were the better team tonight," said Osborn, whose team finished the season 18-6. "They did a good job and they hit big shots. They did a good job of closing the game. Wouldn't do anything differently and I wouldn't ask my kids to do anything differently. Special group of kids and I'm so proud of them, love all of them."

Smith made four 3-pointers on his way to 22 points, and also had six assists and five rebounds. Haffner added 18 points, including three 3s. Depasquale led the rebounds with six.

"Those three guys have started since they've been sophomores," said Sumpter. "Those are the guys that made the plays down the stretch."

Romack added 13 points and made three blocked shots; both he and Trey Dorton collected three rebounds. Sumpter said Romack was "easily" the most improved player for the Shamrocks this season.

"From the Hall of Fame on, he just



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
ABOVE: Westfield's Cam Haffner (left) and Nic Depasquale (center) help Braden Smith (right) get up to his feet during the game. The three seniors have been starters for the Shamrocks since their sophomore year.

BELOW: Carmel senior Peter Suder (right) scored 14 points for the Greyhounds. Suder has been a varsity player since his freshman year, helping Carmel to two state titles. At left is Westfield's Trey Dorton.



turned it on and he's huge for us," said Sumpter.

Suder, a varsity player since his freshman year, led the Greyhounds with 14 points.

"Pete is a special dude," said Osborn. "He means a lot to me. He's given everything unselfishly and he's one of the most amazing kids I've ever coached."

Williams added 11 points, while Orme collected eight rebounds. Dual and Bonds

both pulled five rebounds. Dual made three blocks and Orme had two blocks.

Westfield is 21-6 and advances to the Logansport regional, which takes place next Saturday at the Berry Bowl. The Shamrocks play Homestead in the second semi-final game, which will tip off around noon. The first semi-final starts at 10 a.m., with Kokomo facing off against Fort Wayne Snider. The championship is set for 8 p.m.

WESTFIELD 59, CARMEL 54				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josh Whack	1-2	0-0	3	1
Peter Suder	6-17	0-0	14	2
Sam Orme	3-11	1-2	7	1
Charlie Williams	5-7	1-1	11	3
Jared Bonds	3-8	0-0	6	1
Garwey Dual	3-4	1-1	7	3
Spencer White	1-3	0-0	3	1

Jake Griffin	1-2	0-0	3	0
Josh Rauh	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23-54	3-4	54	12
Carmel 3-point shooting (5-20) Suder 2-10, White 1-3, Griffin 1-2, Whack 1-1, Orme 0-3, Williams 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (29) Orme 8, Dual 5, Bonds 5, Whack 3, Suder 3, Williams 3, White 2.				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	9-13	1-2	22	1
Cam Haffner	6-11	2-2	18	2
Trey Dorton	0-2	0-0	0	2
Nic Depasquale	1-4	4-4	6	1
Alex Romack	5-11	3-3	13	2
Totals	21-41	10-11	59	8
Westfield 3-point shooting (7-12) Haffner 4-7, Smith 3-4, Dorton 0-1.				
Westfield rebounds (20) Depasquale 6, Smith 5, Haffner 3, Dorton 3, Romack 3.				
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	10	13	21	10 - 54
Westfield	16	17	10	16 - 59

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'Blazers take care of Heritage Christian to win first 2A sectional championship

Sabien Cain scored 24 points as University won the Class 2A Sectional 42 championship Saturday at Park Tudor with a 67-57 win over Heritage Christian.

Seth Hogg added 15 points and Larry Pierce 12 as the Trailblazers won their first sectional championship in 2A and fifth overall.

University never trailed in the contest as the Blazers got out to a fast start, built an eight-point halftime lead, then pushed the lead to 18 late in the third quarter. Heritage Christian mounted a charge in the fourth quarter but never got closer than 10 points as University made enough plays to salt away the win.

Coach Brandon Lafferman was effusive in praise for his team. "Our senior leadership on the floor tonight was huge from Larry Pierce and Nate Jeffrey. The defensive game plan worked out really well. Our guys did a good job holding (Myles) Colvin under his average." Colvin, a Purdue commit, did not play in the first quarter and scored 12 points.

Lafferman remarked that his squad played with a chip on its shoulder. "In the locker room at halftime our guys were talking about how no one picked us this season to win any of our games against our major sectional opponents, including last night and tonight. After beating those teams during the regular season we wanted to prove we belong here and we have a spot to keep going in the post season."

Pierce got the Blazers on the board just 20 seconds in to the game, scoring at the rim after a set up from Hogg. Robert Russell hit a corner three pointer on the University's next possession for a 5-0 lead. Cain hit his first three pointer of the night before Pierce added four straight Blazers points on a rebound basket and a pair of foul shots and University held a 12-6 lead.

The Eagles battled back to tie the game at 14 and then again at 15 before University took the lead for good in the closing seconds of the first quarter. Jeffrey kicked the ball to Cain for a three pointer and then Jeffrey added a rebound basket for a 20-15 University lead after one period.



University won its first-ever boys basketball sectional in Class 2A on Saturday, beating Heritage Christian 67-57 to triumph at Sectional 42 at Park Tudor. The Trailblazers never trailed in the game.

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The scoring pace slowed down in the second quarter. Heritage Christian's Tyler Allemeier opened the quarter with a three pointer but the Eagles went nearly five minutes with scoring just one foul shot as University opened a 29-21 lead. Cain scored with 11 seconds left and University went to the half up 31-23.

Hogg hit a couple of huge three pointers midway through the third quarter for University, connecting from the right wing and right corner to give the Blazers a 39-27 lead. After Colvin scored for the Eagles, Jeffrey converted an old-fashioned three-point play

and University led 42-29 with 3:28 left in the quarter.

Cain added a basket and split a pair of free throws before Hogg found Pierce for an easy basket and University led 48-30 with two minutes left in the quarter and had a 48-32 advantage entering the final period.

Heritage Christian cut the lead to 10 on several occasions in the fourth quarter but the Blazers scored their last 10 points on foul shots and made 11 of 17 free throws in the final period to finish out the win. Russell was 2 of 2 from the stripe in the final quarter and Hogg was 4 of 5, making his last four.

Jeffrey had six points with Russell and Ozlowski adding five each to round out University's scoring.

Allemeier led Heritage Christian with 16 points. Colvin and John Henry McLi-more had 12 points each and Andrew Wiggins had 10 for the Eagles. Heritage Christian ends the season with a 12-12 record.

University will carry a 15-9 record in to the Greenfield-Central Class 2A regional. The Blazers will face Triton Central (13-11) in the second game Saturday. Eastern Hancock (20-5) and Southmont (19-6) play in the 10 a.m. game. The winners will meet at 8 p.m.

UNIVERSITY 67, HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 57				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Robert Russell	1	2-2	5	2
Sabien Cain	8	5-10	24	4
Andre Ozlowski	2	1-3	5	3
Larry Pierce	5	2-4	12	2
Seth Hogg	4	4-5	15	4
Nate Jeffrey	2	2-3	6	2
Kahmi Bracey	0	0-0	0	1
Steven Scott	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	16-27	67	18
Score by Quarters				
Heritage Christian	15	8	9	25 - 57
University	20	11	17	19 - 67
University 3-pointers (6) Cain 3, Hogg 3.				

Golden Eagles fall on buzzer-beater

Guerin Catholic was dealt a tough defeat Saturday in the championship game of Class 3A Sectional 27 at Lebanon, as Brebeuf Jesuit beat the Golden Eagles 37-35.

The Braves led 11-7 after the first quarter. Guerin Catholic cut that lead to 19-17 by halftime, and were still within 27-24 after three periods. Brebeuf took a 35-27 lead late in the fourth quarter, before the Golden Eagles used an 8-0 run to tie the game. But the Braves won by making a buzzer-beater.

Will Grissom scored 12 points for Guerin Catholic, followed by Aden Cannon with 10 points. Robert Sorensen collected 10 rebounds to go with seven points.

The Golden Eagles finished their season 14-11.

BREBEUF JESUIT 37, GUERIN CATHOLIC 35				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	0-4	1-2	1	2
Robert Sorensen	3-8	0-0	7	1
Will Grissom	4-13	4-4	12	3
Lucas Parker	0-2	0-0	0	3
Aden Cannon	4-8	2-3	10	2
Matthew Etchison	0-0	0-0	0	2
Patrick Baird	1-2	0-0	3	0
Kamea Chandler	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	13-38	7-9	35	13
Score by Quarters				
Brebeuf Jesuit	11	8	8	10 - 37
Guerin Catholic	7	10	7	11 - 35
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (2-7) Sorensen 1-2, Baird 1-2, Cherry 0-1, Grissom 0-1, Parker 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (19) Sorensen 10, Grissom 3, Cannon 3, Cherry 1, Parker 1, team 1.				

Tigers gymnastics competes at regional

The Fishers gymnastics team competed at the Valparaiso regional on Saturday, finishing in sixth place.

The Tigers totaled a team score of 98.825. Senior Gianna Dewald led Fishers in the all-around score, placing 13th with 33.05 points. Junior Megan Jerrell had the highest place and individual score of the night, tying for 11th on the vault with a 9.275.

All-around scores: 13. Gianna Dewald 33.05, 14. Savannah Strange 32.425, 15. Megan Jerrell 32.40.

Vault: T11. Jerrell 9.275, 16. Dewald 9.20, T24. Samantha Steinbahs 8.575, 28. Strange 8.45.

Uneven bars: 19. Dewald 8.125, T22. Strange 7.725, 26. Jerrell 6.80, 27. Steinbahs 6.475.

Balance beam: 18. Steinbahs 8.075, 22. Strange 7.725, T24. Dewald 7.275, 26. Jerrell 7.25.

Floor exercise: 16. Jerrell 9.075, 23. Strange 8.525, 24. Dewald 8.45, 28. Ashlee Scarlett 7.175.

Team scores: Valparaiso 113.30, Crown Point 112.70, Lake Central 109.85, Harrison 107.325, Lafayette Jefferson 101.45, Fishers 98.825.

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Miami 99, Philadelphia 82		

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	39	24	.619	-
Boston	38	27	.585	2.0
Toronto	34	29	.540	5.0
Brooklyn	32	32	.500	7.5
New York	25	38	.397	14.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	39	25	.609	-
Chicago	39	25	.609	-
Cleveland	36	27	.571	2.5
Indiana	22	43	.338	17.5
Detroit	17	47	.266	22.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	43	22	.662	-
Charlotte	32	33	.492	11.0
Atlanta	31	32	.492	11.0
Washington	28	34	.452	13.5
Orlando	16	49	.246	27.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	39	23	.629	-
Denver	37	26	.587	2.5
Minnesota	36	29	.554	4.5
Portland	25	38	.397	14.5
Oklahoma City	20	43	.317	19.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	51	12	.810	-
Golden State	43	21	.672	8.5
L.A. Clippers	34	31	.523	18.0
L.A. Lakers	28	35	.444	23.0
Sacramento	24	42	.364	28.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	44	21	.677	-
Dallas	39	25	.609	4.5
New Orleans	27	36	.429	16.0
San Antonio	24	40	.375	19.5
Houston	15	48	.238	28.0

Saturday night sectional basketball scores

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Lake Central Munster 59, Lake Central 44	Hanover Central Lighthouse CPA 74, Calumet 59	Whiting Bishop Noll 66, Lake Station 63	Kouts Gary 21st Century 67, Marquette Catholic 56
Portage Chesterton 59, Portage 31	Kankakee Valley Culver Academies 64, New Prairie 26	North Judson North Judson 57, Westville 54, OT	Triton Triton 45, Argos 39
Plymouth South Bend Adams 78, Michigan City 71	Mishawaka Marian Mishawaka Marian 46, John Glenn 43	Westview Central Noble 50, Eastside 36	Fremont Fremont 58, Elkhart Christian 47
Elkhart Penn 68, Concord 44	Maconaquah Peru 47, Benton Central 43	Bluffton Blackhawk Christian 60, Adams Central 46	Tri-County North White 65, Pioneer 46
DeKalb Fort Wayne Snider 72, Fort Wayne Northrop 69	Wawasee NorthWood 40, Wawasee 23	Winamac Rensselaer Central 47, Lewis Cass 43	Southern Wells Southwood 58, Lakeland Christian 57
Huntington North Homestead 51, Fort Wayne South 48	Garrett Leo 50, Concordia Lutheran 43	Western Boone Carroll 62, Rossville 36	Attica Lafayette Central Catholic 63, North Vermillion 24
Logansport Kokomo 49, Lafayette Jefferson 42	Norwell Norwell 62, Oak Hill 61	Tipton Tipton 60, Madison-Grant 51	Wes-Del Liberty Christian 85, Daleville 50
Noblesville Westfield 59, Carmel 54	New Castle Yorktown 60, Jay County 41	Alexandria Monroe Central 54, Lapel 41	Blue River Blue River 63, Randolph Southern 56
Greenfield-Central Mount Vernon 83, New Palestine 68	Frankfort Danville 67, Tri-West 63	Hagerstown Eastern Hancock 61, Northeastern 48	White River Valley Bloomfield 47, North Central (Farmersburg) 39
North Central (Indianapolis) Cathedral 63, Lawrence North 49	Edgewood Brownstown Central 58, Northview 39,	Park Tudor University 67, Heritage Christian 57	Bethesda Christian Metropolitan 56, Bethesda Chrisitan 48
Ben Davis Ben Davis 65, Southport 44	Lebanon Brebeuf Jesuit 37, Guerin Catholic 35	South Putnam Southmont 65, Parke Heritage 48	Indianapolis Lutheran Indianapolis Lutheran 48, Greenwood Christian 41
Terre Haute North Terre Haute North 49, Avon 43	Speedway Beech Grove 59, Indianapolis Washington 52	South Ripley Triton Central 40, South Ripley 35	Southwestern (Shelbyville) Jac-Cen-Del 61, Hauser 46
Greenwood Franklin 54, Center Grove 45	Connersville Lawrenceburg 45, Franklin County 39	Southwestern (Hanover) Providence 56, Southwestern (Hanover) 32	Borden Borden 53, Christian Academy 51
Martinsville Bloomington North 32, Bloomington South 28, OT	Salem North Harrison 57, Scottsburg 47	Tell City Paoli 68, Eastern Pekin 61, OT	Edinburgh Edinburgh 49, West Washington 38
Seymour Floyd Central 77, Jeffersonville 38	Princeton Sullivan 55, Pike Central 53, OT	North Knox Linton-Stockton 37, South Knox 33	Loogootee North Daviess 35, Barr-Reeve 29
	Boonville Evansville Bosse 66, Evansville Memorial 63	Southridge Forest Park 46, North Posey 41	Springs Valley Springs Valley 66, Northeast Dubois 54



LEFT: Westfield's Alex Romack scored 13 points and had several key first-half baskets for the Shamrocks. Pictured for Carmel are Josh Rauh (left) and Josh Whack (4), both of whom are seniors for the Greyhounds.

RIGHT: Carmel's Charlie Williams took over in the third quarter, scoring nine points and helping the 'Hounds make a run that erased a 13-point deficit.

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