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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Cloudy, with a few spotty showers.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy.



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Westfield students surprised at “Shamrock Reads” event

Shamrocks Springs Elementary brings children’s book to life

By EMMA QUASNY
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“Shamrock Reads,” an annual event held at Shamrock Springs Elementary School, 747 W. 161st St., Westfield, created an immersive experience for students on Monday.

Going Places by Paul and Peter Reynolds came to life as teachers and middle school students dedicated their time to decorate the halls of Shamrock Springs as a surprise to students; however, that wouldn’t have been possible without the authors granting permission for free use of their content in the school.

For the past eight years, “Shamrock Reads” has been an annual tradition at Shamrock Springs Elementary to promote the reading and creativity both in an academic and personal setting. At the beginning of this tradition, books were purchased for each student’s family to encour-



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
Thanks to the authors of *Going Places*, Peter and Paul Reynolds, young readers were able to dive into the book and explore the joy of literature on an entirely new level.

age reading as much as possible between the student and their family, and then students would do an activity reflecting that book in the classroom.

Jodi Dubovich, instructional coach at Shamrock Springs and the leader of this initiative, said in recent years the school has changed this event for students.

“We flipped that model and now classrooms receive picture books that they will read to their

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When there’s a Will, there’s a way

We often have the pleasure of meeting with people who have questions about their estate plans.

Each situation is unique, of course, and it is interesting to hear each person’s life story and experiences. Some are apologetic because they have waited to make a plan. Some have a plan in mind but have questions about the implications of a certain course of action. Others need a plan immediately because of their life situation.

Our firm is part of a nationwide network of estate planning professionals. Recently, an attorney in that group posted a note asking attorneys to provide volunteer services in their state to assist former service members who are volunteering to go and provide support in Ukraine with basic estate planning documents – documents like Simple Wills, durable powers of attorney, HIPAA Authorizations, Advance Directives/Medical Powers of Attorney, and Disposition of Remains instructions. This is clearly one of those immediate need situations, and we are happy to help if we can.

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COLUMNIST

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Atlanta making its contribution to Hamilton County Bicentennial



Photos provided by Jennifer Farley
On Wednesday, several Atlanta residents met with Hamilton County Historian David Heighway (above right) to discuss Hamilton County’s upcoming bicentennial celebration. According to Atlanta Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Farley, another meeting will be held in April so more townspeople can get involved.

TONIGHT: Meet the five candidates for Cicero Town Council

The REPORTER

At 7 p.m. tonight, the public will have the chance to interact with all five candidates for the Cicero Town Council.

The forum will take place at the Community Building at Red Bridge Park in Cicero.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for a time of informal conversation with the candidates. Beginning at 7 p.m., each candidate will have the opportunity to address the audience for up to five minutes followed by a period of question and answers. Questions from the public may be submitted in writing that evening prior to the candidate Q&A. The event will conclude by 9 p.m. with each candidate giving a brief closing statement.

The five candidates running to serve on the Cicero Town Council include Heidi Wilcox, Brett Foster, Eric Hayden, Joe Cox, and Garry Harling. Those candidates are vying for two open seats on the Cicero Town Council.

This event is open to the public with pre-registration by email to mark@markfhall.com or by phone at (317) 832-1104.

Noblesville public has clearly spoken

Noblesville Schools releases superintendent search survey results

The REPORTER

The Noblesville community was recently invited to share its input regarding the search for a new Noblesville Schools superintendent. Approximately 2,500 people provided input, including school staff, parents and Noblesville residents.

The top three priorities noted for the district were:

1. Attracting high quality teachers
2. Improving student achievement
3. Improving effectiveness of teaching

The top personal characteristics the community wants to see in the next superintendent are:

1. Good communicator
2. Problem solver
3. Trustworthy
4. Approachable

The top professional skills the community wants to see in the next superintendent are:

1. Ability to lead strategic planning

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Heights middle schoolers building a better future with Builders Club

The REPORTER

This is Builders Week, the annual week-long recognition, awareness, and celebration of the middle/junior high school arm of Kiwanis International that takes place the third full week of March.

The Hamilton Heights faculty advisors who lead Builders Clubs and their student members work together to help build brighter, better futures for people in their communities and beyond one project at a time.

Builders Club is a student-led community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. The club provides opportunities to develop leadership, improve self-esteem, increase civic engagement, and learn

life skills through service. This club empowers members to be themselves, collaborate with classmates and implement plans through action. Through Builders Club, students become leaders at school, in their community, and in the world.

The Hamilton Heights Builders Club has a rich and proud history of service in northern Hamilton County dating back to 1994. This is the school’s seventh year as an officially chartered club.

Nicole Ridens and Chelsea Pacheco serve as the school’s Service Leadership Program advisors. Ridens, the assistant principal, has worked at the middle school since 2019 and has been the club sponsor for

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Photo provided
Members of Hamilton Heights Middle School Builders Club give back to their school and community in large and small ways like spending time making a kindness chain while discussing different ways to perform random acts of kindness. In April, the club will celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up recreational areas in the community. They will also host a special recognition for staff during National Educators Week in May. (From left) Club members include Megan Waldron, Aydan Cox, Naomi Kuhn, and Leah Waldron. #BuildersClubWeek

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the past three. For Pacheco, this is her second year as a middle school counselor and first year as a faculty advisor for the club.

“Builders Club is a terrific way to create a sense of community, engage students, and help them see through their good works how much of a difference they can make,” Ridens said. “It’s also an opportunity for students to meet new friends while contributing their time and talents to help others.”

“Our club members work to make a difference in small and large ways within their school and in the community,” Ridens added. “We’re always looking for ways we can engage more students in this worthwhile club to learn the lifelong value of service leadership and contribute where and

when we can, individually or as a group.”

The Cicero Kiwanis Club sponsors the Builders Club, K-Kids, and Key Club at Hamilton Heights. To learn more about Kiwanis Builders Clubs, go to buildersclub.org.

About Builders Club

Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high school students. There are more than 1,500 Builders Clubs in middle schools around the world. No two are alike. Each club is an independent entity designed for its members, by its members. They work together to improve their schools and their communities. The first Builders Club in the country was chartered in 1975. Today, there are more than 1,500 clubs in 19 countries.

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Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

students, and families will do the fun activities that support using your imagination, creativity, play, and most of all reading [at home],” Dubovich said.

This year, the theme of “Shamrock Reads” was “Reading Takes You Places” and the book *Going Places* perfectly reflected that theme.

“*Going Places* was chosen for Shamrock Reads because it teaches and promotes critical thinking, communication skills, collaboration and creativity,” Dubovich

said. “We wanted our students to be immersed in this book about friendship and thinking outside of the box.”

Due to copyright restrictions, the print shop for *Going Places* refused to allow the book to be used in the school, but after hearing the teacher’s plans for this interactive experience for students, both the authors granted permission for the book to be used.

Paul and Peter Reynolds were enthusiastic to hear that Shamrock Springs wanted to bring their book to life for

students and the community.

“This book has been activated by amazing creative teachers and students and it’s not only going to inspire the school, but the entire community and Paul and I are thrilled to see such creativity in action where the community not only experiences the story but also the message in the book, which is really important and potent for these times ... to think outside of the box and to think of how to solve problems together,” Peter Reynolds said.

Shamrock Spring teach-

ers are grateful that the authors granted permission for the use of their book and thankful for all the support they received setting up this event for students. Dubovich said students were shocked when they saw *Going Places* come to life.

“They were so surprised when they turned the corner and saw the hallway,” Dubovich said. “They kept pointing at different parts of the book and it is something that I will never forget. This has truly been an amazing experience from start to finish.”

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One of the pieces of wisdom received my dad was: I-can or I-will is often more important than IQ. As we are faced with the news of the day, the question we like to ask is how “I-can” take action. This must be balanced with intellect as well as thinking about how best to serve, but the concept is to have a bias toward action. Get started. You might have to adjust the route, but don’t you prefer traveling in traffic that’s moving, even if it takes a few minutes longer to reach your destination?

As you think about the current events of the day, be that at home or abroad, are there things you are uniquely gifted to do? In the example above, someone took initiative to send out a request for help, which has started building a group of volunteers. If you have an idea for something, take action today.

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2. Instructional leadership
3. Ability to motivate others
4. Human relations skills

There were 742 comments provided and they fell into four theme areas:

1. Hard shoes to fill
2. Not political
3. Support various groups
4. Specific political support

The survey was conducted by the University Search Team as part of its efforts supporting the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees with the superintendent search.

[Click here](#) for more details on the survey results.

PREVAIL
Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

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Two Westfield firefighters complete probationary year



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The Westfield Fire Department (WFD) congratulates Logan Sallee and Zach Abbott on the completion of their probationary year as firefighters. (Above left, shown at right) Sallee was born and raised in Greenwood, Ind., and began his career as a civilian paramedic in 2014 with Wayne Township FD. He then became a firefighter at Crawfordsville FD and transferred to WFD as a lateral in 2021. He and his wife Lexi and their two children live in Markleville. (Above right, shown at right) Abbott was born and raised in Huntington, Ind., where he began his career in fire service with Huntington FD in 2016. He came to Westfield as a lateral in 2021. He lives in Westfield with his wife Mary and their two children. Thank you both for your commitment to serve the people of Westfield.

Meet Your Neighbor: Check Your Shelf Book Club welcomes all at Fishers library

By LAURA MASONI
City of Fishers

In honor of Fishers' celebration of National Disability Awareness Month, we're featuring community stories related to disability and inclusion throughout the month on the *This is Fishers* blog. Learn more about the celebration and how you can be an ally for disability inclusion at fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness.

On the first Thursday of each month, the Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) hosts a book club for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities called Check your Shelf. The club is run by HEPL librarians Ally Muterspaw and Danielle Acton.

Both Acton and Muterspaw received their master's degree in Library Science from Indiana University. Acton has been working as a librarian since 2006, and in 2019 made the move from Anderson to Fishers, where she is now the Adult Engagement Coordinator for both the Fishers Library and the Noblesville Library.

"I work collaboratively with a lot of library staff members, including the Public Services librarians, who help plan and present programs for adults," Acton said.

For Muterspaw, this is her first post-graduation library science job. She is a Public Services Librarian, where she has been involved in many different aspects of the library, both in front of and behind the scenes.

"I have been a part of the diversity team almost since I started," Muterspaw said. "Part of that was helping craft the diversity statement for the team and for the library, where I regularly host book clubs."

Both librarians help facilitate the new Check your Shelf book club, which was an idea brought forth by a community member.

"Mari Kennedy, Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability member and **Thrive**



Photo provided by City of Fishers

Social Club founder, reached out to see if the library could host a book club for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities," Acton said. "She saw a need in the community for a social club and group."

In September of last year, Check your Shelf had its first in-person meeting. The club has faced many setbacks due to the pandemic and ongoing construction at the Fishers Library; however, that has not impacted the eagerness of the members.

"Especially after our first in person meeting, we were excited to have that social interaction," Acton said. "Everyone was thrilled to get their first book to take with them, and to read and discuss it next time."

For Check your Shelf, meetings are often more structured than other adult book clubs. Moderators Acton and Muterspaw often work to keep discussions on topic by preparing questions and a story recap beforehand.

"We really try to incorporate people's own experiences into the discussion, and it is a little more intentional than a typical book club," Muterspaw said.

In addition to discussions, a unique aspect of the club is that everyone is not always

reading the same book.

"Rather than everyone getting together and reading the same thing, we've recently tried to give them freedom to read at their own ability level," Acton said.

This accessibility and access to programs is extremely important, since once adults with disabilities leave school, opportunities to experience lifelong learning are often limited.

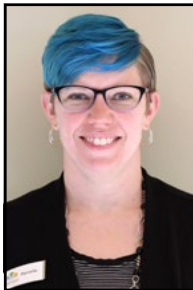
"At the library, our goal is to serve everybody, but our goal is also to prioritize sometimes underserved communities," Muterspaw said. "They are adults just like us and their intellects and passions should be taken just as seriously."

Check your Shelf takes place from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Fishers Library and is open to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their caregivers, and their allies. The club is free to attend, and you can find more information on the [library's website](https://fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness).

Learn more about March Disability Awareness Month, see the full lineup of events, and find out how you can be an ally for disability inclusion and show your support for this initiative with the city's digital toolkit, Ally kits, and language guide at fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness.



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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a hearing officer meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022, in the caucus rooms on the second floor of the Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022.

A regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. at Clay Middle School, 5150 E. 126th St., Carmel.

The Cicero EDC will hold two meetings related to RFI responses at 1 and 2 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, March 28, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of highway projects and other county business.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Coxhall adds new art to Children’s Garden

Artists Robert Anderson, Bud Colucci welcomed to Coxhall Gardens on first day of Spring

The REPORTER

The first day of spring marked another historical page in the ever-evolving story of Coxhall Gardens, 11677 Towne Road, Carmel.

Representatives from Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc. (FHCPI), Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR), Coxhall Guild, and Hamilton County Master Gardeners gathered for the installation of yet another work of art added to Coxhall’s stately grounds.

Artist Robert C. Anderson came to install his *Atomic Garden Kaleidoscope* as part of the Children’s Garden features. His visit was awaited by many, including Marsha Guerriero, Coxhall Master

Gardener, who saw Anderson’s work when visiting Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio.

“The Kaleidoscope is an interactive work of art that is focused around living plants,” Guerriero said. “We hope it will delight children of all ages!”

The celebration continued as guests then paid tribute to artist Bud Colucci. Colucci was the designer of Coxhall’s Campbell Crossing Bridge, dedicated in memory of the late Bob Campbell. His wife, Judith Campbell, collaborated with Colucci and HCPR in its design, which includes the Circle of Life sculpture, the iron figures gates and the stained-glass compass rose.

Colucci was joined by

his family as he accepted a commemorative photo of Campbell Crossing, presented by HCPR Director Chris Stice.

“The bridge, designed to celebrate life and provide a beautiful setting for quiet reflection, reminds us to appreciate nature’s gifts every day,” said Judi Campbell, a founding member of FHCPI and current HCPR board member.

About Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc.

The Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc. (FHCPI) is a nonprofit foundation created for the sole purpose of bettering parks and recreation in Hamilton County and its communities. While its focus is the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation

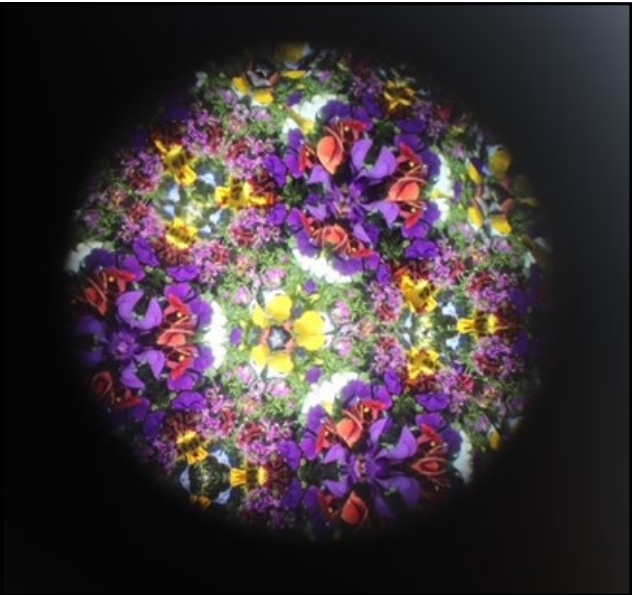


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Artist Bud Colucci with his commemorative photograph of Campbell Crossing. (From left) FHCPI Executive Director April Williams, HCPR Board Member Judi Campbell, HCPR Director Chris Stice, artist Bud Colucci, Rita Colucci, his sister, and Emil Colucci, his brother.

Department, potential for other parks that fall within FHCPI’s mission and criteria may be considered.



Photos provided
Artist Robert C. Anderson installed his *Atomic Garden Kaleidoscope* as part of the Children’s Garden features. (Below) A look inside one of the kaleidoscopes of Anderson’s art installation.



County Council candidate Tim Griffin earns MIBOR RPAC endorsement

Submitted

The MIBOR REALTORS Political Action Committee (RPAC) has endorsed Tim Griffin for Hamilton County Council, District 1.

“Tim Griffin’s commitment to the citizens of the Hamilton County community is evident and if elected we believe he will continue to bring about positive change,” said Evan Elliott, Chair of MIBOR REALTORS Political Action Committee. “We believe Tim’s public safety background and years of community involvement will benefit him for years to come on the county council.”

Tim Griffin has dedicated his career to serving the residents of Carmel through public service. For 19 years, Tim has served as a firefighter for the Carmel Fire Department.

Over six years ago, his commitment and passion for communicating with residents led to the additional role of Public Information Officer.

Established in 1969, RPAC advocates on behalf of realtors and real estate issues that benefit agents across the state. RPAC is membership driven and non-partisan in its selection of candidates to endorse.

To learn more about Tim Griffin, visit tgrforhc.com.



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What you need to know about permitless carry in Indiana

By JASMINE MINOR
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Starting July 1, Hoosiers who are eligible to purchase a gun in Indiana will no longer have to apply for a license to carry a firearm. Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the bill doing away with the state's concealed carry permit requirement on Monday.

Guy Relford, a constitutional rights attorney who focuses on the Second Amendment and state gun laws, says the move does not change the rules on who can own a gun.

"The idea is if I already have a constitutional right, why do I have to go beg the government for permission to exercise that right?" Relford said. "It doesn't affect who can lawfully possess a gun. If you're a criminal or a felon or [committing a] domestic [violence] matter, you couldn't possess a gun before constitutional carry. [So] you can't possess a gun with constitutional carry."

Relford says this bill is not about giving more freedom to those who do not meet the requirements to have a handgun. Instead, he says, it's about law-abiding citizens exercising their right that is already there.

"If I want to post my opinions on social media, I don't need to apply for a license from the government in order to go exercise my First Amendment rights," Relford said. "I want to go to the church of my choice. I don't have to go ask the government, 'May I please practice as a Methodist?'"

The change means that current handgun carriers will no longer have to carry their license with them, but it does not change where a gun can be legally carried. For example, a gun is still illegal in places like schools or federal buildings.

Opponents to the measure, like Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department assistant chief Chris Bailey, say it will hinder an officer's ability to solve crimes involving both legally and illegally possessed guns.

"We [are] tasked with going after those people that

[have] legally possessed weapons that use those against our neighbors," Bailey said. "Those investigations are going to become more complicated for officers."

Bailey previously urged Gov. Holcomb to veto the bill. He says that officers being able to check for permits allows them to confiscate guns that are illegal, track down where else they might have been used, and take them off the street.

"[There are] 1,300 cases pending over at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office now from those that have illegally possessed a weapon," Bailey said. "Each one of those weapons is a weapon that, now, we don't have possession of that we can't test."

Relford says he does

not think the change to permitless carry will get in the way of police work. He says part of the bill is to get rid of the time it takes to obtain a license, which he believes can often be a hindrance for people in situations of more immediate danger.

"You want to be able to protect yourself and your children," Relford said. "But, Marion County says you can't carry a handgun outside your home for two or three or four months by the time they finish that application process."

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter was another vocal opponent of the bill. Carter now says he will work with police around the state to find the best ways to identify people who are not allowed

to have a gun.

Gov. Holcomb says firearm permits will still remain available, without a fee, to anyone who wants or needs one.

Statement from Hamilton Co. Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush

The Reporter received the following statement from Sheriff Quakenbush on Wednesday evening:

"HEA 1296 is a win for Hoosier liberty and safety. Those who were prohibited from carrying before will still be prohibited, but starting July 1, law-abiding citizens will no longer have to petition the government to exercise their Second Amendment right."



Quakenbush

Statement from State Police Superintendent Doug Carter

Following Monday's signing of HEA 1296 by Governor Holcomb, Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter issued the following statement:

"As Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, I have pledged my continued commitment to Governor Holcomb to work toward solutions enacting HEA 1296.

"I, like Governor Holcomb, feel enormous responsibility for front-line law enforcement officers. I will work with law enforcement leaders across our state to make necessary changes to firearms enforcement as well as identifying the best way to identify individuals who are not allowed to carry a firearm as defined by Indiana statute.

"We will continue to encourage citizens to apply for, and maintain, a firearms permit. A permit will assist law enforcement officers and will also allow a permit holder reciprocity with other states."



Carter

Letter to the Editor

Steve Schwartz has my vote

Dear Editor:

I have followed Hamilton County politics for many years.

Throughout this time, Steve Schwartz has continued to represent our wonderful county with integrity, modesty, and intellect. By owning a business in Noblesville, in the heart of Hamilton County, for over 40 years, Steve has the opportunity to meet with and serve people from all over the county. I've seen his proven track record. Take a look back, and you will see. Schwartz is present. Schwartz is honest. Schwartz is positive.

Please join me in supporting Steve Schwartz with your vote.

Julie Sullivan Caron
Mendota Heights, Minn.

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Guidelines for this election season

The Hamilton County Reporter, your hometown newspaper, is always willing to publish Letters to the Editor, guest columns and campaign announcements in our pages. But with the approach of the May 3 Primary Election, we are establishing some guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

New campaign announcements, columns and platform articles will be accepted until the end of the business day on Friday, April 15.

Letters to the Editor addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Friday, April 15 and will be published on Saturday, April 16.

Letters in response to new topics published in our April 16 edition will be accepted until Wednesday, April 20 and will be published in our Thursday, April 21 edition.

Please email your letters to the editor to News@ReadTheReporter.com.

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RFQ Due Date: 04.15.2022
RFQ Contact: Danielle Carey Tolan, Trustee (WWTT)
trustee@wwtownship.us
Phone: 317-574-9490 ext 6

I. PROJECT INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with IC 5-23-5 and Westfield Washington Township Board Resolution 2021-1, the Westfield Washington Township Trustee ("WWTT"), located in Westfield, Indiana, invites any and all qualified parties to submit Proposals and Statements of Qualifications to design, obtain financing, and construct a new Township Office building to be located in Westfield, Indiana. The purpose of this RFQ is to identify a team that is capable of designing, developing, and financing the potential project. At a certain point in time, Westfield Washington Township would assume ownership of the improvements and will pledge financing adequate to cover the debt.

II. PROJECT SCOPE:

General Scope:

- The selected proposer to this Request for Proposals/Qualifications will be selected to enter into a scoping period with the Township to develop a project scope and other deliverables as described herein. Through their RFQP response, proposers should demonstrate the ability to provide all financing services, site work, labor, and material to develop and construct a headquarters building. The scoping period may result in the determination that the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment could be part of the scope.
- Please note that the final scope will be determined during the scoping period, and the final approval of the project by the Board will not occur until the scoping period deliverables have been satisfactorily completed by the selected proposer.
- The WWTT has procured design services under a separate procurement process, and proposers should not offer design services as part of their response to this RFQ.
- If your firm or team is unable to provide both financing and construction services, please submit for the services that your firm or team can provide. Accordingly, the WWTT reserves the option to choose services as needed to create the most qualified and cost-effective team for the full development of the Project.
- The WWTT is utilizing this statute and procurement process to identify a qualified team that can help identify repayment sources, financing structures, and present these findings along with a budget to the WWTT at the end of a scoping period. Please note that the required deliverables of the scoping period process will include a guaranteed budget and full financing approvals. Upon receiving these deliverables, the WWTT will decide whether to move forward with the selected team and the project (or not). The WWTT reserves the right to use this procurement for the Project (depending on the proposer's deliverables after the scoping period) or to cancel this RFQP/scoping process altogether if the selected proposer's scoping deliverables for the Project is not satisfactory.

Project Description:

Proposed Location

The site will be a portion of the Westfield Washington Public Library ("Library") property under contract and scheduled to close and take possession in February 2022. Generally located at the southwest corner of Park Street and Westfield Boulevard in Westfield, IN.

Proposed Building

A schematic design by KRM Architecture for a 5,200 +/- square foot facility is currently in process. This design will accommodate spaces for offices, conference rooms, and collaboration spaces.

Proposed Schedule

The project may run concurrent with the construction of the proposed Library. Design would continue into the first quarter of 2022 with a goal to begin construction late first quarter of 2022 with a completion date in the 3rd quarter of 2023. A second option may be construction after the completion of the library depending on discovery of best practices during the scoping period.

III. PROPOSAL EVALUATION:

The WWTT has formed a committee to review the proposals received. The criteria which will be utilized in evaluating proposals is as follows:

- Your experience developing similar projects
- Your demonstrated ability and capacity to perform the work
- Your demonstrated ability to finance the project
- Your reputation as indicated by your references for performing this type of work
- Your overall approach and explanation of the development of the project
- Your scoping process, estimating process, and fees

IV. PROPOSALS:

Please respond to the following request:

- A description of the project team including the project lead and construction team. Please provide main point of contact for the team and resumes of project managers who may be assigned to the project.
- Identify at least three (3) similar projects you have financed and constructed. Include names, telephone numbers and addresses to be used as references relative to the listed projects.
- A proposed schedule for the project, including proposed dates to close on financing, to start and complete construction, and to convey the improvements to the Township. Considering the scope is not developed at this point, please provide this schedule for example purposes only. The final schedule will be determined in the scoping period as part of the selected proposer's deliverables.
- A proposed financing solution, project approach in regard to scoping process, open book estimating, bidding, and construction.
- The scoping process may have a duration of several months in which time the selected proposer would need to prepare site analysis, collaborate with design team on final design, financing terms, and guaranteed budgets sufficient for the WWTT to make a decision on proceeding (or not) with the Project and/or with the selected proposer. Please identify fees that may be requested by your team during this process. You may offer hourly rates, an overall lump sum, or multiple lump sums segregated by task.

V. General Conditions

It should be understood that:

- The WWTT reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals/Statements of Qualifications at its sole discretion.
- The WWTT does not require you to submit a certified check or other evidence of financial responsibility with your proposal, however the WWTT may request proof of bonding capacity, safety record, and legal standing of shortlisted teams.
- The selected offeror will be expected to enter into a contract with WWTT that will provide for the prevailing party in any litigation to recover attorney fees and costs and that will also include standard terms applicable to such contracts with governmental entities.
- All offerors will be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals. The WWTT may enter into discussions with offerors to clarify and assure a full understanding of proposals.
- The WWTT does anticipate that the successful offeror will solicit multiple bids for each scope of work and requests that offerors make a concerted effort to engage with Hamilton County Contractors during the bidding and negotiation process.
- The offerors scoping period fees are an important determinant for the selection committee, but your demonstrated qualifications and ability/capacity to perform the work will be weighted equally by the selection committee.
- The WWTT may refuse to disclose the contents of the Proposals/ Statements of Qualifications during discussions with eligible offerors.
- Proposing firms shall not contact Township public officials or members of the Board during the RFQP process.
- This Project will be procured and financed in partnership with the selected offeror under IC § 5-23, and therefore the Project will not utilize "public funds" as defined in IC § 5-22-2-23. Per both statutes, the selected offeror will not be subject to further procurement processes under IC § 36-1-12 or any other statute. However, the selected proposer will be required to provide a performance bond for 50% of the construction costs and payment bond for 100% of the construction costs upon conclusion of the scoping period per both IC §5-23 and IC § 36-1-12.
- The WWTT reserves the right to enter into a Scoping Agreement with an offeror for preliminary design and development services prior to the Board agreeing to move forward with the Project. Upon receiving proposals, the designated RFQP Committee shall either make a recommendation to award the public-private agreement to the selected offeror, engage another offeror, or to terminate the request for proposal process.
- All correspondence and questions for this RFQP should be handled through Danielle Carey Tolan, WWTT and the WWTT's Owners Representative:

Danielle Carey Tolan, WWTT / trustee@wwtownship.us

Randy Zentz, Zentz Consulting / rzentz@zentzconsulting.com

- Questions: Please submit all questions in writing by noon on 04/11/2022 to Randy Zentz.
- The WWTT anticipates holding interviews of shortlist teams on 04/19/2022 and/or 04/20/2022.
- Email an electronic PDF of the Proposal/Statement of Qualifications to Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan at trustee@wwtownship.us.

Proposals must be received by 4:00 PM local time on April 15, 2022.

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Indiana House Republicans will try to override governor’s veto of K-12 transgender athlete bill

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
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Indiana House leaders on Tuesday said they will try to overturn Gov. Eric Holcomb’s veto of a bill to ban transgender girls from girls’ K-12 sports teams.

The announcement came less than 24 hours after Holcomb’s office **announced his veto of House Bill 1041**. The governor

cited a lack of evidence of transgender girls outcompeting non-transgender girls in Indiana and court rulings that have paused similar laws in at least two other states so far.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said in a statement the goal of the legislation is to protect competition in girls’ sports.

Bill author Rep. Michelle Davis (R-Whiteland) said in

an accompanying statement girls and boys should remain separated in competition due to biological differences between them.

“This commonsense legislation would protect athletic opportunities for Hoosier girls right now and into the future,” Davis said.

If the legislature overrides the governor, it would mark the first time state lawmakers anywhere in the

United States overrode a chief executive on legislation of this type.

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly and Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, both Democrats, and North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, a Republican, all vetoed similar legislation last year, and Utah Republican Gov. Spencer Cox did the same Tuesday with a transgender athlete bill lawmakers delivered to his desk. Those states all require two-thirds majorities to override gubernatorial vetoes, unlike the simple majority required in Indiana.

LGBTQ+ rights groups say lawmakers would do well to heed the concerns Holcomb laid out in his veto message. They say the arguments the bill’s supporters have put forth do not match the reality most student athletes face.

Emma Vosicky, the executive director of Indianapolis-based LGBTQ resource group GenderNexus and a transgender woman, says it’s been hard to listen to arguments that stigmatize transgender people.

“I’m just glad I have a good solid base to work from,” Vosicky said. “I’m not even a 12-year-old who does not have that base and is still trying to figure out how to process what’s being said about them.”

ACLU of Indiana Advocacy and Public Policy Director Katie Blair says the ACLU still plans to file a lawsuit if lawmakers overturn the governor’s decision.

Senate Democrats question priorities of Republicans

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On Tuesday, House Republicans stated their intent to override the Governor's veto of House Bill 1041, the bill to ban transgender girls from playing in K-12 sports in Indiana, on Technical Corrections Day, May 24. Senate Democratic Leader Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis) released the following statement from his caucus:

"Technical Corrections Day is meant to fix technical errors in recently passed bills. Its purpose is not to fuel the flames of culture wars by pushing through a veto override on hateful legislation just to garner votes from specific factions of an extreme political base. Are these really the priorities of the Republican Supermajority?"

"We know that the passage of this bill will mean a lawsuit from ACLU, who has already promised to sue. Lawsuits against similar legislation in other states have so far been successful. All this move does, besides further establishing Indiana as a regressive, unwelcoming state, is waste taxpayer dollars on top of the wasted time that will be spent discussing this bill on May 24. It's ridiculous to put on this charade just so Republicans can double down on discriminating against children to score political points with their base."

"We already know, and the Governor has publicly stated, that there is no evidence that the standards of fairness in girls' competitive sports are not currently being met in our state. Overriding the veto of HB 1041 will only be another embarrassing chapter for Indiana. The memory of some lawmakers is short – they seem to have already forgotten the stain left on our state by the nationally condemned RFRA, as they continue to pass bills that discriminate against Hoosiers and turn people and businesses away from our state."



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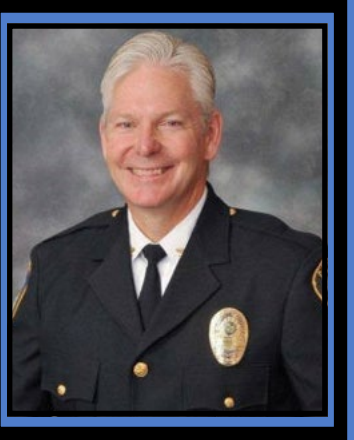
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State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) (front row, left) and State Sen. Michael Crider (R-Greenfield) (front row, right) welcome members of the Mount Vernon High School football team to the Statehouse on March 9. Jeter and Crider presented the team with a resolution recognizing their 2021 Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A state championship win.

Rep. Jeter honors Mt. Vernon as first-time state football champions

The REPORTER

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) and State Sen. Michael Crider (R-Greenfield) recently honored the Mount Vernon High School football team at the Statehouse for winning the 2021 Class 4A state championship title.

Jeter and Crider presented the team with a resolution recognizing their 2021 Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A state championship win. Mount Vernon finished its 2021 season 14-1 and led

the school to its first state football championship.

Click here to see remarks from members of the football team.

"These young men have done a great job representing our community and Mount Vernon High School," Jeter said. "I think sports are really important for young Hoosiers because they teach them life lessons like how to overcome adversity, how to work as a team, how to win, how to lose, how to chase after your dreams and the benefits of hard work. I

think those lessons can be building blocks that mold young men into leaders."

In the state championship title game against Northridge, Mount Vernon won 45-15.

To learn more about the resolution honoring the Mount Vernon 2021 state champion football team, visit iga.in.gov.

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Marion, Hamilton and Hancock counties.

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Kyle Michael Fox, 32, Cicero, passed away on March 18, 2022, at IU North, Indianapolis. He was born on May 13, 1989, in Indianapolis.



He was an Assistant Superintendent for Purgatory Golf Course and enjoyed working outdoors, occasionally enjoying some golf. The support of the ownership and supervision of Purgatory Golf Course during his illness was incomparable.

Kyle was an avid Colts fan. He eventually became a Packers and IU fan to please his dad. His greatest joy was fishing in Orr, Minn., where he usually managed to hook the biggest catch! He always looked forward to the annual trip to Deer Lodge. He could also be found quite frequently on Xbox, gaming with his buddies.

Relationships and memories made with friends during his lifetime were what he cherished most. He was so thankful for everyone who took time to visit or reach out to him. Kyle was especially grateful for all the prayers that were lifted for him and his family. Kyle was very private about his hard-fought battle with cancer, only recently sharing his journey with friends. He never wanted anyone to treat him differently or be defined by his illness.

Kyle was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Sheridan, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Kyle is survived by his parents Robert and Valri Fox; Bradley Fox, brother; Presley and Memphis Fox, nieces; Phil Nichols, uncle; Linda (Steve) Osborne, aunt; Peggy Fairchild (aunt), and his beloved dog, Oakley.

He was preceded in death by James R. and Ina Fox, grandparents; Anne Wallace, grandmother; Myron Nichols, grandfather; Dawn Inman, aunt; and James Fairchild (uncle).

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at Hartley Funeral Home in Cicero. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Phi Beta Psi, c/o Marie Mosbaugh, 24601 Jerkwater Road, Sheridan, IN 46069. Phi Beta Psi supports cancer research and 100% of donations goes directly to cancer research.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034, where you may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the Lord's people, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

As for younger widows, do not put them on such a list. For when their sensual desires overcome their dedication to Christ, they want to marry. Thus they bring judgment on themselves, because they have broken their first pledge. Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also busybodies who talk nonsense, saying things they ought not to. So I counsel younger widows to marry, to have children, to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander. Some have in fact already turned away to follow Satan.

1 Timothy 5:9-15 (NIV)

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General Motors recalls 740K SUVs due to headlights being too bright

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General Motors is recalling more than 740,000 small SUVs in the U.S. because the headlight beams can be too bright and cause glare for oncoming drivers.

The recall announced Tuesday comes after U.S. safety regulators turned down a request from the Detroit automaker to avoid the recall.

The company is recalling GMC Terrain SUVs

from 2010 through 2017.

Documents posted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration say reflections caused by the headlight housings can illuminate some areas with too much light. The agency says this can reduce visibility for other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

GM hasn't come up with a repair yet. The company expects to notify owners by letter starting April 23.

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Marie (Mimi) DeMore
Paula Jo Gilliam
Lori C. Hand
Jo May
Christian Renner

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Melissa Auciello-Brogan
Shelly Brown
Margaret Furniss
Neil Koglin

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Jordan D. Hall
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Danny Niederberger
Sean Sutton
Leah York
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Hannah Carlock
Bobby Cordingly
Thomas P. Dakich
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Dawn Rogers
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Renee Holliday
Joshua Kocher
Ryan Locke
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Barry S. Simich
Richard F. Taylor III
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Reed Davis
Sue Finkam
Dwight Lile
Sue Lile
Carl S. Mills
Donna Schaibley
Alexander L. Spanenberg
Delaware District 1 (vote for 5)
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Sharon Jackson
Andrew J. (Drew) Kirages
Jenna Knepper
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Megan Lannan
Paul G. Nix
Gregg Puls
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Toni Giffel
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Jim Suess
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Fall Creek District 1 (vote for 7)
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Kyle Babcock
Tiffanie Ditlevson
Zachary E. Klutz
Amy Elizabeth Massillamany
Angela Morris
Matt Murray
Colin Patrick
Rachel Quade
Fall Creek District 2 (vote for 7)
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Raymond M. Cox

Paul Hevesy
Chris Jeter
Adam Kallick
Dawn Lang
Mario Massillamany
Patricia (Trish) Poteet
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Martin Wood
Al Wunder

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Noah S. Buttitta
Jeff Dossett
Jamie Nieves
Pete Peterson
Shayre Rivotto
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Jennifer Rufatto
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Ian Hauer
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Jacob Mahoney
Charlie McMillan Jr.
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Adrienne Rogers
Jason Spartz

Noblesville District 2 (vote for 8)
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Wendy Bodenhorn
Elijah Condellone
Timothy (Tim) Cortrecht
Bradley (Brad) Eddy
Deborah Cleveland-Eddy
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Lisa Hall
Mark F. Hall
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Jennifer Morin Young

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Softball

Tigers overwhelm LC, improve to 2-0

The Fishers softball team improved to 2-0 on the season after overwhelming Lawrence Central 20-0 in a five-inning Wednesday home game.

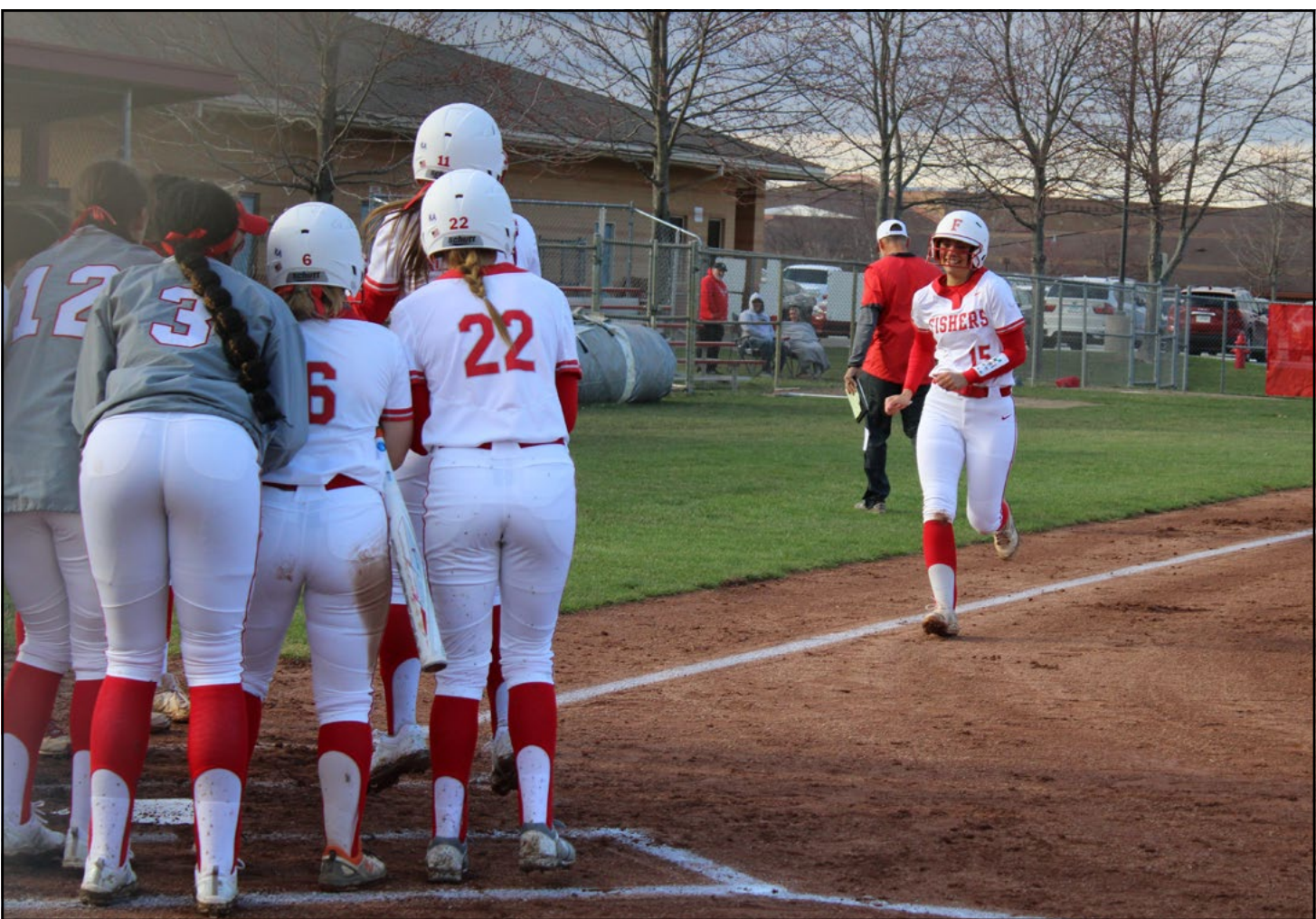
The Tigers scored in all four innings in which they batted. Fishers scored seven runs in the second inning, during which Hannah Abbott hit the first of her two home runs. Kaylee Kardash also blasted a homer, as did Kate Murray, who hit a home run in her first-ever high school at bat.

Kamara Walker got the pitching win, going three innings with two strikeouts and one hit. Murray then threw the last two innings, with five strikeouts and no hits.

"We hit the ball really well tonight," said Tigers coach Daren James. "Our pitching's been really solid." James said Fishers' success can be attributed to "just getting the ball in play" and cutting down on strikeouts from last year.

Karyn Trice, Kardash and Madison Flanery all had three hits for the Tigers. Kardash drove in five runs, Abbott batted in four runs and Murray had three RBIs. Six different players hit a double.

Fishers is back in action next Saturday, April 1 when it plays at Evansville North.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Fishers softball team greets Hannah Abbott (right) at home plate after she hit her first of two home runs during the Tigers' Wednesday game with Lawrence North. Fishers won 20-0 in five innings.

Jenna Grubb	1	1	0	0
Madison Flanery	4	1	3	2
Hannah Abbott	3	2	2	4
Hannah Trueblood	2	0	0	0
Totals	33	20	21	17

Score by Innings
Lawrence Central 000 00 - 0 2 5
Fishers 175 7x - 20 20 3
HR: Abbott 2, Murray, Kardash. 2B: Trice, Schoch, Murray, Flanery, Grubb, Kardash. SB:

Kardash. HBP: Gavin.
Fishers pitching IP R ER H
Kamara Walker (W) 3 0 0 1
Murray 2 0 0 1
Strikeouts: Murray 5, Walker 2. Walks: none.

Lacrosse

Carmel girls win twice, HSE boys get all-county victory

The Carmel girls lacrosse team picked up two more victories this week.

First, the Greyhounds beat Brebeuf Jesuit 15-4 in a rainy game Tuesday at Murray Stadium. Junior Tori Tomalia led the scoring with five goals, also handing out an assist. Hollis Rang scored twice and had an assist, Sophia Hanna put in two goals, and Anna Dumke had one goal and one assist. AnnMarie MacGill and Brekin Hare both added one goal each.

Carmel came back on Wednesday to win an away game at Bishop Chatard 15-11. The 'Hounds trailed 3-0 early before coming back to tie the game 7-7 by halftime. Carmel then used a strong defensive effort in the second half to pull away from the Trojans.

Dumke led the scoring with five goals and one assist. Tori Tomalia had seven draw controls to go with her three goals and one assist. Hollis Rang and Avery Goehl both scored two goals, and Sophia Hanna, MacGill and Marie Canaley each added one goal. Hare and Elle Tomalia both handed out one assist.

The Greyhounds' next game is Tuesday when they host Hamilton Southeastern at Murray Stadium.

Hamilton Southeastern's boys team won a Wednesday all-county game at Guerin Catholic 9-3.

Michael Mattaliano dominated for the Royals, scoring six goals on nine shots. Garrett Smith, Connor Ruhnow and Loudon Sundling all got one goal, with Sundling dishing out three assists.

Gavin Wright went 11-3 at the faceoff X, while Southeastern goalkeeper Colin Krekeler made six saves. Dillon O'Rourke, Nolan Knies, Hayden Grace and Hayden Holmes all had strong defensive games.

Guerin Catholic stats were unavailable at press time.

The Royals play games in Grand Rapids, Mich. this weekend, taking on Forest Hills Central on Friday and Rockford on Saturday. The Golden Eagles travel to South Bend St. Joseph on Saturday for a noon game.

Several Hamilton County boys basketball players to participate in Top 60 workout

Eight Hamilton County players are on the list of Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60 senior boys' basketball players for 2021-22 as compiled by Hoosier Basketball Magazine.

These boys were selected from approximately 1,500 senior players statewide. This event will be at Marian University in Indianapolis, 3200 Cold Spring Road, on Sunday.

Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60 Senior Workout is highlighted by five players who will participate in the 2022 IH-SAA State Finals on Saturday, including in 2A Connor Essegian, Central Noble, in 3A Richard Brooks, Mishawaka Marian and in 4A Travis Grayson, Chesterton along with Tayshawn Comer and Jaxon Edwards from Cathedral.

The top two scorers in the state are also featured in the Top 60 Workout. They are Hunter Johnson, South Decatur (31.9 ppg) and Jalen Jackson, Fort Wayne Northrop (27.6). Also highlighting the Top 60 players are four Big Ten recruits— Essegian, Central Noble (Wisconsin), CJ Gunn, Lawrence North (Indiana), Fletcher Loyer, Homestead (Purdue) and Braden Smith, Westfield (Purdue). Unfortunately, Smith is injured

and unable to participate. Those four players along with Tae Davis, Warren Central (Louisville) and Peter Suder, Carmel (Bellarmino) are featured on the front cover of the 2021-22 issue of Hoosier Basketball Magazine are also part of the Top 60 Senior Workout.

Nine more seniors— Comer, Cathedral (Eastern Kentucky); Grayson, Chesterton; Jackson, Fort Wayne Northrop (Illinois-Chicago); Logan McIntire, North Harrison (Evansville); Branden Northern, Silver Creek; Billy Smith, Brebeuf Jesuit (Miami-OH); Charlie Williams, Carmel (William & Mary); Ryan Conwell, Pike (South Florida) and Kyle Thomas, Cloverdale (Cedarville)— were pictured on the front cover or the table of content page of Hoosier Basketball Magazine and will also participate in the Top 60 Senior Workout.

Statistical evaluation, game observation and statewide research were conducted throughout the season to determine Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60. Two sessions of the workout will be hosted on Sunday by Hoosier Basketball Magazine, in

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IBCA announces Gardner, Ball award winners

Game officials Mark Wise and Michael Stoffers will be recognized with special awards in 2022 by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

Wise and Stoffers will be honored as respective winners of the Roy Gardner and Mildred Ball awards as outstanding officials throughout long careers on the hardwood. The two officials are being cited for their work impacting the game floor, Wise from 1983 to 2015 and Stoffers from 1989 to the present.

Wise officiated for 32 seasons, including four times in the boys' basketball State Finals and two times in the girls' basketball State Finals while a member of the Lake County Athletic Officials Association. The Crown Point resident received the IHSAA Award as Official of the Year in boys' basketball in 2012. He also was recognized with the Stan Dubis Award from the Calumet Sportsmanship Committee for outstanding contribution, goodwill and achievement in amateur athletics in 2013 and the Harry Werkowski Award as the LCAOA Official of the Year in 2013-14. While in the LCAOA, Wise conducted rules meetings as well as serving as a lead clinician, basketball program director and as a mentor to younger officials.

Stoffers, a Terre Haute resident, just completed his 33rd season as an official. He has worked the boys' basketball State Finals four times and the girls' basketball

State Finals five times. Stoffers is a member of the Wabash Valley Officials Association. He served as WVOA president from 1996-2000, and he currently is the association's treasurer. In addition to basketball, he has officiated volleyball and football, working three State Finals in volleyball and two State Finals in football. He was named IHSAA volleyball Official of the Year in 2011.

The Gardner Award is named after the late Roy Gardner, a Lawrenceburg native, Ball State graduate and former Batesville High School math teacher who worked three boys' basketball State Finals and officiated in the Big Ten from 1959-69. He passed away in 1977, and the IBCA has presented an award in his name since 1978. Gardner was inducted into the Ball State Athletics Hall of Fame in 1981 and the Ripley County Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003.

The Ball Award is named after Mildred Morgan Ball, a graduate of Gary Roosevelt High School and Indiana University who served as an IHSAA assistant commissioner from 1977-97. During her time at the IHSAA, Ball was responsible for licensing and training of contest officials and also worked with the National Federation of High School Associations rules committee. The IBCA has presented an award in her name since 1997. Ball was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1998, and she is the 2022 recipient of the Richard

G. Lugar Award for Distinguished Service. Wise and Stoffers each will receive his award during the IBCA's annual clinic on Friday, April 22 at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis. For more information about the IBCA, go to in.nhsbca.org. More information about each award winner follows. In addition, a list of previous winners for these awards follows the biography information.

2022 IBCA Roy Gardner Award Mark Wise

Over 32 seasons as a boys' basketball official, Wise worked 22 sectionals, 15 regionals, eight semi-states and the State Finals in 1999, 2003, 2006 and 2010. He also called the boys' Hall of Fame Classic in 1998, and he worked the girls' basketball State Finals in 1995 and 1998.

Wise is a 1978 graduate of Crown Point High School, where he played basketball and tennis. He went on to Indiana University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business in 1982.

Wise began officiating in 1983 as a member of the Lake County Athletic Officials Association. While in the association, he was a lead clinician, basketball program director, conducted rules meetings and served as a mentor to younger officials.

As an official, Wise received an IHSAA Award as Official of the Year in Boys Basketball in 2012, the Stan Dubis Award from

the Calumet Sportsmanship Committee for outstanding contribution, goodwill and achievement in amateur athletics in 2013, and the Harry Werkowski Award as the LCAOA Official of the Year in 2013-14.

Wise often worked with Steve Kvachkoff as an officiating partner and mentioned how Kvachkoff always helped make basketball fun. Other career highlights include working in venues such as Hinkle Fieldhouse, the RCA Dome, Lucas Oil Stadium, Market Square Arena, Conseco/Bankers Life/Gainbridge Fieldhouse and serving as lead official for the Class 4A state title game that included Greg Oden and Mike Conley as Lawrence North seniors.

Professionally, Wise worked in the grocery industry for 43 years, retiring in December 2021. His hobbies included golfing, working out at his local YMCA and spending time with his grandsons.

Wise noted he would not have done any of the above without the support of his wife, Cindy, an elementary school principal in Crown Point and his "No. 1 officiating observer." The couple has been married for 38 years, and they have two adult sons – Matt and Tommy – as well as four grandsons.

2022 IBCA Mildred Ball Award Michael Stoffers

In 33 years as an official, Stoffers has

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WORKOUT

conjunction with the IHSAA and the IBCA, at Marian University.

Boys primarily from Northern and Southern Indiana will participate in the first session, from 1 to 3 p.m. The remaining players, mostly from Central Indiana, will compete during the second session, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Former State Championship Coach Christopher Hawkins (Crispus Attucks) will direct both sessions. Four other outstanding IBCA coaches— John Bodey (Central Noble), Larry Upshaw (Gary 21st Century),

Patrick Rady (Cloverdale) and Jason Speer (Bloomington North)— have been invited to assist with on-court coaching.

KnowYourBaller will be filming the Boys Top 60 Senior Workout this year. They will provide summary videos with all pertinent clips for all players participating.

Both sessions are open to the public for admission fee of \$8 (\$5 for students). The Top 60 boys follow.

Jameer Ajibade, Evansville Bosse
Reggie Bass, Arsenal Tech

Tobey Billups, Connersville
Caedmon Bontrager, Leo
Richard Brooks, Mishawaka Marian
Javan Buchanan, Lafayette Jefferson
Brock Buckley, Covenant Christian
Luke Carroll, Hamilton Heights
Wesley Celichowski, Floyd Central
Colin Comer, Greensburg
Tayshawn Comer, Cathedral
Ryan Conwell, Pike
Hayden Cutter, Scottsburg
Tae Davis, Warren Central
AJ Dixon, Merrillville
Jaxon Edwards, Cathedral
Connor Essegian, Central Noble
Travis Grayson, Chesterton
Will Grissom, Guerin Catholic
CJ Gunn, Lawrence North
Cam Haffner, Westfield
Mark Hankins, Terre Haute North
Eli Hoffman, South Dearborn
Chris Hood, East Noble
Aaron Humphrey, Tindley
Chandler Jackson, Warren Central
Jalen Jackson, Fort Wayne Northrop
Sam Jacobs, Hamilton Southeastern
Amhad Jarrard, Mount Vernon
Armon Jarrard, Mount Vernon
Karson Jenkins, Fort Wayne Snider
Hunter Johnson, South Decatur
Cade Jones, Eastern Pekin
Rasheed Jones, Arsenal Tech
Randy Kelley, Sullivan
Sam King, Columbus North
Nick Klaiber, Bloomington North
Hagen Knepp, Barr-Reeve
Aidan Lambert, Fort Wayne Snider
Fletcher Loyer, Homestead
Hayden Maiben, Maconaquah
Neil Marshall, Delta
Elijah Mattingly, Central Christian

Chrishon McCray, Avon
Logan McIntire, North Harrison
Carson Miller, Bremen
Branden Northern, Silver Creek
Christian Nunn, Crispus Attucks
Landon O'Neal, Eastern Hancock
Aaron Pickel, North Putnam
Nate Powell, Tipton
Eric Price, Gary 21st Century
A.J. Roseman, Bishop Chatard
Brady Ruggles, Danville
Avery Saunders, Southmont
Jeffrey Simmons, Fishers
Billy Smith, Brebeuf Jesuit
E.J. Smith, Noblesville
Tommy Snyder, South Bend Adams
Peter Suder, Carmel
Jahni Summers, Evansville Harrison
Kyle Thomas, Cloverdale
Shon Tupuola, Brownsburg
Jordan Turner, Cardinal Ritter
Jackson Ullom, Monroe Central
Carter Waskom, Brownstown Central
Charlie Williams, Carmel
Ty Wills, Anderson
Bobby Wonnell, Taylor

SELECTED BUT INJURED and UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE
Brevin Hallatt, Blue River Valley
Braden Smith, Westfield
Jalen Washington, Gary West

SELECTED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND (Notables - Hoosier Basketball Magazine's First Team All-State Players)
Jamison Dunham, Pendleton Heights
Will Lovings-Watts, Jeffersonville
Brandon Rayzer-Moore, Jeffersonville
Joe Reidy, Woodlan
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Boston	46	28	.622	-	Denver	43	30	.589	2.0
Toronto	40	32	.556	5.0	Minnesota	42	32	.568	3.5
Brooklyn	38	35	.521	7.5	Portland	27	45	.375	17.5
New York	31	42	.425	14.5	Oklahoma City	21	52	.288	24.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	45	27	.625	-	y-Phoenix	59	14	.808	-
Chicago	42	30	.583	3.0	Golden State	48	25	.658	11.0
Cleveland	41	31	.569	4.0	L.A. Clippers	36	38	.486	23.5
Indiana	25	48	.342	20.5	L.A. Lakers	31	42	.425	28.0
Detroit	20	53	.274	25.5	Sacramento	26	48	.351	33.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Miami	47	26	.644	-	Memphis	50	23	.685	-
Charlotte	37	36	.507	10.0	Dallas	45	28	.616	5.0
Atlanta	36	37	.493	11.0	New Orleans	30	42	.417	19.5
Washington	30	41	.423	16.0	San Antonio	29	44	.397	21.0
Orlando	20	54	.270	27.5	Houston	18	55	.247	32.0

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y - clinched division title

Last-second tip-in sends Kings past Pacers

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Tyrese Haliburton and Buddy Hield put on a show in their first game against the team that traded them to Indiana on Feb. 8.

But the Kings got the last laugh, as Damian Jones' tip-in with 0.2 seconds remaining lifted Sacramento (26-48) to a 110-109 victory over Indiana (25-48) at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

Hield and Haliburton combined for 38 points and 22 assists for the Blue & Gold, but a late mistake by Hield set up Jones' game-winner and prevented Indiana from picking up a third straight win.

Indiana held a narrow 103-101 lead after two Haliburton free throws with 5:02 remaining in the game. Neither team scored again until 3:12, when Sacramento tied the game on Trey Lyles' layup.

Hield answered with a bucket of his own on the other end before Davion Mitchell knocked down a go-ahead three for the Kings at 2:27. Once again, Hield had a response, getting to the bucket and scoring at 2:11 to put the hosts back in front.

Each team missed on their next possession. Haliburton then intercepted a Mitchell pass and eventually set up Terry Taylor, who drew a foul with 1:08 to play. The rookie knocked down both free throws to push the Pacers' lead to three.

The two teams traded misses before Mitchell converted a baseline jumper with 18.7 seconds left to cut the deficit to one. After a timeout the Pacers put the ball in Hield's hands, but the Kings didn't foul

right away. As Hield dribbled left across the court, he lost the ball out of bounds with 14 seconds to play.

"It's basketball, man," Hield said of the crucial turnover. "I was looking ahead and trying to beat my guy and just lost the ball...Maybe I should have (held) the ball, let them come trap me or foul me. But I was just trying to get the ball over halfcourt so I didn't get (an eight-second violation)."

After a timeout, the Kings put the ball in Mitchell's hands. Indiana doubled him as he drove baseline, but they swung the ball to Lyles, who had an open look from the right wing. Lyles missed, but Jones was there to clean up the miss with 0.2 seconds remaining.

Indiana could only managed a desperation lob with so little time left, and Jones intercepted it to seal the win for Sacramento.

Hield had a game-high 25 points, going 10-for-18 from the field and 5-for-8 from 3-point range, to go along with seven assists and four steals.

"I love Buddy Hield," Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle said after the loss. "Ever since he got here, he's been enthusiastic, he's been a willing learner. He's doing a better job defensively all the time. Offensively, he can make plays. He's not just a shooter, not just a scorer. He drives the ball well, he sees things. I'm sure he's disappointed."

Haliburton was just 4-for-14 from the field, but managed to tally 13 points, five rebounds, 15 assists, and three steals.

Goga Bitadze scored seven of Indiana's first 11 points on Wednesday, but the Blue & Gold still found themselves in an early eight-point hole before Hield came to life. The former King scored eight straight Indiana points against his former team, drilling two threes and then scoring off a backdoor cut, a 10-2 Pacers run to tie the game at 26.

The Pacers actually took a brief 31-28 lead after Taylor banked in a three with 2:30 left in the first quarter. Sacramento responded with nine unanswered points before Lance Stephenson's buzzer-beating trey ended Indiana's drought and trimmed the deficit to 37-34 entering the second quarter.

The Kings opened the ensuing frame with another 8-0 surge thanks to a Chimezie Metu dunk, Justin Holiday three, and then a trey from Metu. The Pacers chipped away at Sacramento's lead over the remainder of the quarter, getting the deficit down to 64-61 entering the final minute of the first half.

Harrison Barnes' runner with 27.9 seconds left pushed the lead back to five and Duane Washington Jr. missed a three at the buzzer that would have made it a two-point game entering halftime.

The Pacers finally surged ahead in the third quarter, however, thanks to their duo of former Kings stars. Haliburton set up Hield for a 3-pointer to tie the game at 72 with 8:29 remaining in the third quarter. They connected again a minute later for a go-ahead three.

Indiana remained in front a few minutes later, when Hield pulled up in transition for

his third trey of the quarter. The next trip down the floor, Haliburton fired a no-look dish to Taylor for a reverse layup. Then, after Hield came up with a steal, Haliburton raced down the lane and finished at the rim to extend the Pacers' lead to 87-76.

Haliburton was fired up as the Kings took a timeout, letting out a primal scream before dapping up Oshae Brissett on his way back to the Pacers' bench.

The Kings closed the frame with a 9-2 run, however, to make it an 89-85 game entering the fourth. Sacramento even took a brief lead in the final frame thanks to a Donte DiVincenzo three followed by a Jeremy Lamb layup in the first minute of the fourth.

The Pacers moved back in front after a pair of baskets, but back-to-back threes by Lamb allowed the Kings to retake the lead. There were three lead changes and a tie over the next two-plus minutes.

Bitadze finished with 20 points on 9-of-12 shooting and nine rebounds in the loss. Taylor tallied 13 points and seven rebounds off the bench, while Brissett registered 10 points and 10 boards.

Mitchell had a team-high 25 points on 10-of-15 shooting and seven assists for Sacramento. Metu added a career-high 22, going 8-for-11 from the field and 3-for-4 from 3-point range.

The Pacers will travel to Memphis to face the Grizzlies on Thursday on the second night of a back-to-back. They then visit Toronto on Saturday before returning for a two-game homestand.

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worked 22 sectionals, 14 regionals, seven semi-states and four State Finals in boys' basketball as well as 26 sectionals, 17 regionals, seven semi-states and five State Finals in girls' basketball. The boys' finals were in 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2019. The girls' finals were in 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019.

Stoffers is a 1977 graduate of Terre Haute South High School, where he played

on the Braves' basketball team that reached the State Finals and posted a 25-3 record for coach Gordon Neff. He then attended Vincennes University, earning an associate's degree in horticulture in 1980.

Stoffers began his officiating career in 1989 and is a member of the Wabash Valley Officials Association. He has twice served as WVOA president, from 1996-2000, and he currently is the association's treasurer.

In addition to basketball, he has officiated volleyball and football, working three State Finals in volleyball (2002, 2007 and 2011) and two State Finals in football (2014 and 2018). He was named IHSAA volleyball Official of the Year in 2011.


Stoffers lists working a Class 2A girls' State Finals in 2013 in the Hulman Center in Terre Haute as a career highlight because his family was able to attend. He also noted

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that he enjoyed his most recent boys' State Finals because he worked that Class A title contest with good friends Steve Morris and Greg Hayes.

Professionally, Stoffers has worked the past nine years for Precision Lawn Care and Vigo Turf, a Terre Haute-based landscaping company. He is the firm's horticulturalist, who "can tell you exactly how to correct problems with any plant life."

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