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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.
 HIGH: 47 LOW: 31

Meet Hamilton, your Million-Dollar Llama

I just want to see my mama!

All righty, this week we're back to a Sandwich Generation topic. I'm sharing my frustration about the forces that have kept me from my mama these first three months of 2022. I wish I were fooling (it is April 1 after all) but all these stories truly happened!

In January, I shared that my husband, like so many others, came down with COVID-19. I certainly couldn't visit Mom with someone who had the virus in my household, so I told Mom's hospice nurse to explain to her why I couldn't see her for a while. Mom no longer answers her phone, which is frustrating.

Just when John was on an upswing and I started to count down the days when I could see Mom again, I came down with COVID. Granted, it was mild, but Mom's assisted living facility had a rule that you had to be completely symptom free for 10 days before visiting. Sigh.

We made do with a Zoom call that my siblings in Florida joined. It felt like 2020 all over again. Finally, in mid-February, I went to visit Mom after having not seen her for a month. I fell into my normal routine of visiting her two to three times a week ... until Monday, Feb. 28.

That day, I wrapped up a meeting with a client and started the drive to Mom's place. Two blocks from home, on Eighth Street, I hit a pothole and got a flat tire. (Did you know Indiana is the second worst state for potholes? I believe it.) I was grateful that I was close to home so I could fill up my tire

The REPORTER

After a three-year long search that was delayed repeatedly by the global pandemic, Hamilton County finally has an official mascot: Hamilton the Llama.

In late 2019, the Hamilton County Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution calling for an official county mascot. Two committees were then formed: A Hamilton County Mascot Search Committee and a Hamilton County Mascot Naming Committee.

A total of \$150,000 was initially approved by the County Council for this project, but with the COVID-19 delays and various cost increases related to safety protocol and technology upgrades for remote meetings, the budget required expansion each year of the pandemic.

A combined statement released by the Hamilton County Council and Commissioners earlier this week indicated that funds from Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) could be used



Photo provided by Hoosier Mascot Consulting, LLC

Hoosier Mascot representatives have called Hamilton the Llama a “majestic and intelligent beast who will surely charm the young and old alike.” Clearly, that’s the case.

to offset some of the cost.

“CARES Act funds will allow us to bring this project to completion without Hamilton County being forced to set-

tle for a second- or third-class mascot,” the joint statement read. “We are grateful that the federal CARES guidelines contain contingencies for projects

like ours so we can bring this llama to the county without increasing local taxes.”

See Mascot . . . Page 2

Arcadia ‘Rips’ into Jersey Mike’s Day of Giving campaign profits

Reporter photo by John Geiger

On Wednesday, RipFest Diving of Arcadia participated in Jersey Mike’s Day of Giving campaign. The New Jersey-based sub sandwich restaurant chain conducts an annual nationwide charity push where 100 percent of that day’s profits from every location across the country are donated to a nonprofit organization. This year, the Special Olympics USA Games was the chosen charity. RipFest Diving traveled to Jersey Mike’s Carmel location to bring attention to the charity push. Approximately 20 athletes were in attendance, including national diving champions and two-time Olympic coach John Wingfield. (Front row, from left) Kate Bramlett, Gabby Filzen, Leyton Dean, Sadie Klepher, and Shawn Daly. (Middle row, from left) John Wingfield, Tyler Wills, Lily Horenkamp, Lily Castanon, Bailee Sturgill, Payton DeCook, and Simone Hall. (Back row, from left) Luke Forester, Braylon Goodno, Ioannis Schattman, Brendon Stevens, Noah Turner, and Zara Hall. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

Movie to bring Mekinges story to the big screen

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

The epic story of Mekinges, the American Indian woman married to pioneer William Conner, will reportedly be made into a major motion picture thanks to state legislation offering tax incentives for movie makers who film in Indiana. Mekinges' story is one of love, heartbreak, betrayal and redemption surrounding early Indiana relations between native Indians and white settlers.

Indiana is one of several states attempting more economic development by encouraging the multi-million-dollar movie industry to choose the state as the location for filming motion pictures.

The script for the Mekinges story is being written by native Hoosier Benjamin Snyder, an avid student of Indiana history. His idea of presenting the largely true story drew interest from film producers especially in a state that plans to offer incentives for such productions.

William Conner married Mekinges, daughter of a Delaware Indian chief, possibly to secure good relations with her father's tribe. The couple had six children. But, in 1820 under provisions of the Treaty of St. Mary's, the tribe was removed from Indiana to Missouri.

See Mekinges Movie . . . Page 2

Cicero Kiwanis learn ‘Two for Two’ recruitment project

The REPORTER

Indiana District Kiwanis Governor-Elect Bruce Andrews was the featured speaker at the Cicero Kiwanis Club meeting this past Saturday.

Andrews, a well-respected servant leader with the Kiwanis Club of Warsaw, shared tools, tips, and his unwavering enthusiasm for growing Kiwanis clubs around the state. Using the Kiwanis International initiative Two for Two,” club members can reach out to others month by month, person to person to increase membership. The program suggests seeking ways to involve lapsed members and considering what type of members the club needs – experts, motivators, creatives, techies, workhorses, or connectors, for example. With needs in mind, the club sets goals each month: Make meeting prospects fun; make club growth manageable; and, make recruitment a continuous operation. Two for Two emphasizes two members reach two prospects and bring in one new member.

When reaching out to a prospect, Andrews encouraged having a one-minute informational speech about the Kiwanis club, being able to highlight the club in an informative and brief summary. To help prepare that nugget, he suggested answering these questions:

1. Why my club?
2. What’s our communi-

ty impact?

3. How do we make an impact?

He also suggested handing out Kiwanis “business cards” that display impact statistics (e.g., number of children helped during the club’s history, money raised for specific needs, hours tallied for certain service projects). Specific statistics empower the message. He also pointed out that it’s important to remember that recruiting isn’t just about activities. People don’t join groups, he said – “People join people.”

The Cicero Kiwanis Club will hold a New Member Open House on Saturday, May 14 at Red Bridge Park Community Building in Cicero. For more information and/or to attend the event, email cicerokiwanis@gmail.com. You can follow the club on [Facebook](https://facebook.com/CiceroKiwanis) [@CiceroKiwanis](https://facebook.com/CiceroKiwanis). Click [here](#) to learn more about the Indiana District of Kiwanis and role and function of Kiwanis clubs.

Photo provided

Members of the Cicero Kiwanis Club enjoy a member recruitment crash course by Bruce Andrews, Indiana District Kiwanis Governor-Elect, who has been traveling around the state to help clubs boost membership. The Cicero Kiwanis Club has been serving the youth of the greater Northern Hamilton County area and beyond for more than four decades.



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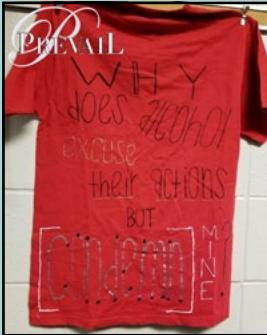


Prevail's Clothesline

April is Sexual Assault Prevention Month. Prevail, Inc. brings awareness to this worthy cause with the Clothesline Project. All T-shirts have been created by Prevail clients. These are their messages to the community. #PrevailBelieves



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"Why does alcohol excuse their actions but condemn mine?"

Hello, Hamilton County!



Just foolin' around on April 1
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MASCOT

Much of the original \$150,000 was allocated for hiring an Indianapolis-based consulting firm, Hoosier Mascot Consulting, LLC, to assist with the search.

Hamilton the Llama will be seen in every city, town and township in Hamilton County at events throughout the year.

Funding this project was increased by \$250,000 to cover mascot food and housing for five years as the employment of one full-time mascot public relations trainer to help ensure whatever animal was chosen would learn the appropriate tricks and other behaviors necessary for him, her, them or it to appear at public events. (The llama's pronouns have yet to be determined.)

Another \$600,000 was

Llama names rejected by the Hamilton County Mascot Naming Committee include:

Barak O'Llama
M. Night Llamalam
Llama Del Ray
Dalai Llama
Weird Horsey Boy

Nightmare Pony 2019
Weird Alpaca Yankovic
Alpaca Suitcase
Margot Spitter
Lloyd

needed to bring the full cost of Hamilton up to \$1 million so the headline for this clearly false April Fools' story would catch our readers' eyes.

Happy April Fools' Day, Hamilton County.

MEKINGES MOVIE

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Mekinges felt she had to go with her father's people and took the children with her on the lengthy trek. There she had to start over. She remarried, opened a trading post and successfully raised her children, one of whom became a chief in the Delaware tribe and another who became a Texas Ranger.

William Conner remained in Hamilton County, remarried and made considerable money in land speculation. Upon his death in 1855 his will provided no money to his former family despite earlier indications they would share in his estate.

Mekinges died about 1860 in the Oklahoma Indian Territory. It's a true story and would make a great movie.

But, that will have to wait because we are not shooting movies in Hamilton County just yet. Since it's April 1, that part is our annual April Fool story. Sorry.

MY MAMA

from Page 1

and get to Firestone, but once again, I couldn't see Mom. My schedule was packed until the following Friday.

I texted Mom's nurse and Mom's other angels. They then explained why her youngest daughter couldn't visit once again.

I saw Mom that Friday, March 4, and we had a great time listening to some music from her generation. I briefly returned to my routine, including seeing her after my annual checkup on Tuesday the 15th. When I got home, I left my Mini Cooper running outside to put our trash and recycle cans into our garage. I then noticed a puddle of oil where my car usually

sits. I took my car straight to Reggie's Motorworks near our house.

The good news? Most of the repair was covered under warranty. The bad news? I wouldn't get my car back for at least a week. And my husband John was working many hours between the Flower and Patio Show his regular sales appointments, so borrowing his car wasn't an option.

As I write this, I'm *planning* on seeing Mom on Wednesday the 23rd. That loud sound you hear is me, knocking on wood. Let's hope this craziness settles down and I can finally see my mama!

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

- **Mike Bragg**, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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County celebrates crisis intervention team trainees



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Congratulations to Hamilton County Sheriff's Department deputies and communication center dispatchers for completing Crisis Intervention Team training. CIT is designed to improve public safety response when interacting with people in the community who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Fishers' INCOG Biopharma Services listed among top workplaces in state

The REPORTER
In its first year of operation, Fishers-based **INCOG BioPharma Services** has been named one of Indiana's Best Places to Work in an annual competition held by the Indiana Chamber. In its 17th year, the annual award honors top organizations statewide as determined through employer reports and comprehensive employee surveys.

INCOG is competing in the "small company" category (less than 74 employees). The annual program honors the top companies in Indiana as determined through employer reports and comprehensive employee surveys.

"This recognition, coming in just our first year establishing our business, is a wonderful endorsement of the culture we are creating, the employees we are attracting, and our commitment to outstanding customer service," INCOG BioPharma Founder & CEO Cory Lewis said.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Indiana Chamber's in-depth evaluation.

If you are interested in joining a team that puts employees and customer service first, please visit incog-biopharma.com/careers to learn about open positions, or email careers@incog-biopharma.com for more information.

Rep. Victoria Spartz calling for oversight hearing on Ukraine aid

The REPORTER
Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.), along with House Committee on Oversight and Reform Ranking Member James Comer (R-Ky.) and Committee Republicans on Thursday called on Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) to hold a hearing to oversee and evaluate the federal government's performance and effectiveness in the distribution of U.S. taxpayer dollars in Ukraine.

The Republican lawmakers request Secretary of State Antony Blinken, U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Samantha Power, Secretary of Defense Llyod Austin, and Office of Management and Budget Director Shalanda Young testify



Spartz

at the hearing.

"In any crisis the speed and scale of response and proper implementation are critical to success," Rep. Spartz said. "Congress must exercise its oversight responsibility more effectively and demand timely accountability from the Executive Branch."

In response to the Russian invasion and subsequent war in Ukraine, Congress approved an emergency military and humanitarian aid package totaling \$13.6 billion. The aid package provides \$6.9 billion for traditional foreign aid, including humanitarian assistance, \$3.5 billion for military supplies, \$3 billion for U.S. deployment and intelligence programs, and \$175.5 million for enforcing sanctions and other aid, including investigating

cyber threats.

Russia continues to attack Ukrainian infrastructure like roads and rails, posing a significant challenge to the delivery of aid.

In the letter to Chairwoman Maloney, the Republican lawmakers stress the importance of ensuring red tape and federal bureaucracy do not delay the aid from reaching the Ukrainian people and military or lead to taxpayer dollars going to bad actors.

[Click here](#) to read that letter.



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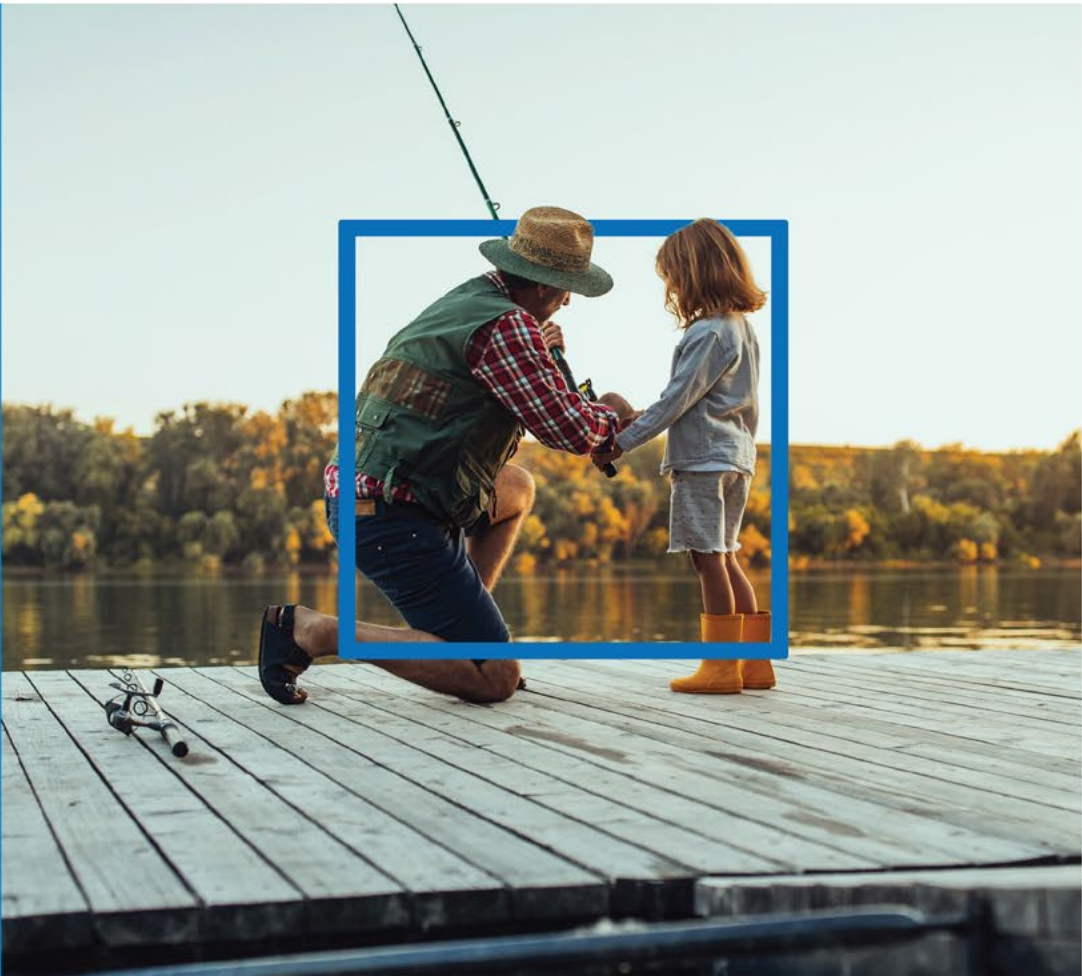
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Letter to the Editor

Rulon lays out
progress made in
White River Twp.

Dear Editor:

Hi, I'm Jamie Rulon, and I'm running for re-election for the White River Township Trustee.

I have been the township trustee since 2010. Before becoming your trustee, I served on the White River Township Board for three years, which gave me tools to run an efficient and effective trustee office. My purpose here is to highlight some of the progressive ideas that the trustee and board embraced over the years. I would like to take some time to address facts and correct information regarding the township.

2019-2021 was a unique time for our country. We faced a national pandemic that affected each and every one of us. Our lives were changed, and for some it was an extremely difficult time. White River Township worked very hard with the State of Indiana and Hamilton County to provide necessary relief for families facing financial hardships. Both the state and county placed requirements that we had to follow to provide financial relief for those who qualified. We provided over \$40,000 of assistance through the COVID-19 relief. We also worked with other agencies to provide funding for those who did not meet the criteria set forth by the state and county.

For many years, the White River Township Fire Department had contracts to other agencies to provide Emergency Medical Services. The contract came to an end at the beginning of 2021. The township board and I worked hard through 2020 to move the department forward by hiring its first full time fire chief. His direction was to bring our department in line with neighboring departments to provide the necessary EMS coverage. This provided a much-needed additional ambulance for the northeast corner of Hamilton County. Since March 2021, our ambulance has responded to over 250 revenue-generating incidents. This is an incredible fact that has helped the citizens of White River Township.

When the current station was built, to keep costs low, the upstairs was not finished because it was not needed and the additional cost to finish it exceeded the budget for the station. It was not until 2021 that the station had full-time staff to respond. We have been working and planning to finish the upstairs.

The original plans did not call for separate locker rooms and sleeping quarters for men and women. As plans are being worked on, we are moving forward to have the upstairs completed. This is being completed through creative budget work and personnel at the station.

We are also proud that we are serving the township with two EMS personnel and one firefighter on a 24-hour shift with career staff. This is also being done with a very dedicated and educated volunteer organization. Also, in the past year we have brought the department up to date with the much-needed NFPA requirements.

Over my tenure with the township, we have updated both the fire station and community building with a new roof and siding. Additionally, this year we are updating the kitchen in the community building.

There are still many ways to improve our service to the community and strengthen the township while remaining within the budget limits. As we all know, inflation has impacted all our expenses, which leaves less money to keep our families running.

Throughout my three terms, my hope is taxpayers see my focus on conservative spending first and foremost, my dedication to serving and keep our township safe, and my desire to work with a balanced budget which my record so proudly shows. We are one of a few governmental agencies in Hamilton County that has asked for only one additional appropriation during my term as trustee.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Brian Niec as a new board member for White River Township. I am excited to work with him through his term.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me by email at whiterivertt@gmail.com.

I'm proud to serve you and look forward to your support on May 3.

Jamie Rulon
White River Township Trustee

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Hamilton County Invasives Partnership challenges you to 'fill up to fight invasives'

The REPORTER

Invasive species can be found across Hamilton County in parks, roadsides, woods, trails and yards, and their presence negatively affects local ecosystems. This spring, the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) is working with local partners to encourage citizens to "fill up to fight invasives" with an invasives bucket challenge.

Participants are encouraged to post a photo of their invasives filled bucket on their social media using the hashtag #invasivesbucketchallenge for a chance to win prizes. Participants can tag friends or family mem-

bers to challenge them to fill a bucket with invasives as well. Special HIP buckets with invasive garlic mustard information are available for free from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District in Noblesville and other partners while supplies last.

The invasives bucket challenge is a new program launched as part of Hamilton County Invasive Species Awareness Week, which runs April 16-23. Volunteer opportunities to take part in an invasive species workday Weed Wrangles on public property can be found at hcinvasives.org.



Photo provided

Individuals are encouraged to engage in invasive species management and fill a bucket or bag with removed invasives.

County seeking proposals for affordable housing

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners are soliciting proposals from qualified agencies through April 28 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding specifically allocated to provide affordable housing to low-to-moderate income individuals in Hamilton County.

Approximately \$1,066,000 will be made available for one or more affordable housing projects meeting qualifying criteria as described in the Request for Proposal (RFP) Package.

Qualified agencies include public agencies and nonprofit organizations. Applicants may partner with other organizations to provide the necessary expertise

for their proposed affordable housing project. The county is not accepting applications from individuals in need of personal housing or other financial assistance as part of this process.

The RFP application package may be downloaded at this link and at goNHA.org on the Business with NHA tab. Completed applications must be submitted to CDBG@goNHA.org no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 28.

For questions about the RFP and/or eligibility requirements, contact Mary Shaw, Noblesville Housing Authority Community Development Manager, at (317) 773-5110 ext. 5 or email mshaw@goNHA.org.

Carmel's St. Christopher's Episcopal church sponsoring BIPOC artists exhibit

Submitted

Hoosier artists who are Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color (BIPOC) are encouraged to submit work for Roads to Reconciliation, a juried exhibition sponsored by St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Carmel.

The August 2022 exhibition will feature work celebrating progress on the journey to dismantle racism, as well as work acknowledging the importance of continuing to walk this path with intention and determination.

There is no entry fee for submitting work, and each artist may submit up to two works. Artists are encouraged to make their work available for sale; artists will negotiate sales directly with prospective purchasers and St. Christopher's will retain no commission.

"As our congregation engages in ongoing efforts to dismantle racism within our-

selves and our communities, we are inviting BIPOC artists to join with artists from within our congregation to create work around the Roads to Reconciliation theme," said Linda Henke, member of the Exhibition Planning Team. "We intend for the exhibition to cultivate relationships of mutual appreciation among participating artists, congregational members, and the wider community."

St. Christopher's is a thriving five-generation parish that gathers for worship, study, ministry, and service in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Efforts to dismantle racism within ourselves and our community is an important focus of our ministry.

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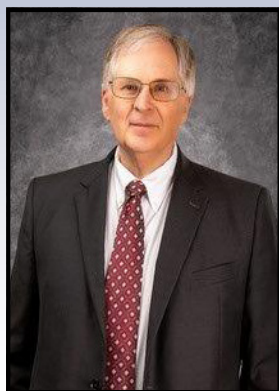
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Apparently, my opponent for Coroner does.

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Carmel crooks: “Best Buy deals are real steal”



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The Carmel Police Department (CPD) is investigating a theft that occurred at approximately 6 p.m. on Friday, March 25 at the Best Buy located at 10025 N. Michigan Road, Carmel. The individuals pictured above are suspected of stealing multiple computers and other electronics, valued at more than \$3,500. If you have any information about the identity of either of these individuals, please call Carmel Police Officer A. Meinhardt at (317) 571-2500, or call Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 22-19196.

Attorney General Todd Rokita provides guidance to school leaders on COVID liability

The REPORTER

In response to a state lawmaker’s inquiry, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita on Thursday released an official advisory opinion indicating that generally, schools are not liable for damages related to COVID-19.

“With so much discussion across our state and our country about the appropriate response to COVID, this opinion provides another consideration for school decision-makers in determining the best policies for our greatest asset, our children,” Rokita said. “Like the Parents’ Bill of Rights,

this opinion was issued to provide a roadmap for school administrators, parents, and taxpayers on their legal rights regarding our children’s education.”

Rokita produced the advisory opinion in response to a request from Rep. David Abbott (R-Rome City).

“Our students, families and schools overcame many challenges brought on by the pandemic, and we continue to see its significant effects on learning loss and issues



Rokita

beyond academics,” Rep. Abbott said. “We know that the classroom is where students have the best opportunity to succeed. That’s why kids need to be in school – and have a return to normalcy. Our local schools should be able to make decisions that put the needs of our students first whether that’s ending mask mandates or contact tracing. I appreciate the attorney general weighing in on this important issue, and his support of Hoosier students.”

Duke Energy reminds Hoosiers to always call 811 before digging

The REPORTER

In recognition of National Safe Digging Month in April, Duke Energy reminds its customers and the communities it serves to call 811 before digging to protect the nation’s underground utility infrastructure, prevent potential personal injury and avoid electric outages.

The national “811 Call Before You Dig” system is a free service and was created so anyone who plans to dig can call to have underground utility lines clearly marked. Contractors, homeowners, business owners and anyone preparing for an excavation

project should call 811 at least three business days before digging begins. The local utilities will send a crew to mark underground lines in the area (electric, natural gas, water, sewer, phone, cable TV and others) with stakes, flags or paint.


Last year, Duke Energy reported more than 400 cuts to underground electric lines in Indiana.

In late 2021, the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), a national organization helping to prevent damage to underground infrastructure and utilities, issued a report stating that an

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Claude Vinton Burtron, Jr.
June 17, 1945 – March 28, 2022

Claude Vinton Burtron, Jr., 76, Sheridan, passed away on Monday morning, March 28, 2022. Born on June 17, 1945, in Clinton County, Ind., he was the son of the late Claude Vinton Burtron, Sr. and Gladys A. (Honeas) Burtron.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1963, Claude continued forward with his education, attending both Indiana University in Bloomington and Pentecostal Bible Institute in Tupelo, Miss.

He was a member of The Bible Church of Sheridan, where he faithfully served as an Honorary Trustee of the Church. He was also an active member of Hinkle Masonic Lodge F&AM #310.

Claude worked for Delco Remy in Anderson, Ind., retiring in 2005 after 40 years of dedicated service to the company. Retirement afforded Claude more time to devote to his passions and to the things he treasured most in life – service to others and his family.

Service was a constant theme throughout his life. During his early working years, Claude was an orderly with Riverview Hospital in Noblesville and later worked at the Sheridan Healthcare Center where he became a QMA, advancing his service to the residents. As the years passed, it was soon time for his years of caring for patients to be turned inward toward his family. As his loving wife's health started to decline, Claude faithfully saw to Libby's needs – being her advocate, caregiver, and whatever else she needed for him to be at any given moment – a beautiful testament to the love they shared together.

After retiring from Delco Remy, Claude began serving his community as a substitute teacher within the Sheridan School System. Education was very important to both him and his wife Libby. Her work with kindergarteners encouraged Claude to take a leap of faith and try his hand at substitute teaching. He quickly fell in love with both teaching and the students he worked with, earning him the distinct pleasure of becoming one of the favorite substitute teachers (by both the students and the teachers alike) within the school system.

Claude also realized the importance of taking some time for yourself to recharge mentally. For Claude, that meant putting around his property, gardening and taking great pains to keep his few acres of peace and quiet perfectly manicured and preserved. His hard work attracted the birds, which Claude very much enjoyed watching. Claude was also fastidious about his personal appearance; he was always well put-together, especially when it came to his shoes and cologne.

Claude loved traveling with Libby and enjoyed their trips to the Amish areas of Ohio. He was a loyal Sheridan Blackhawks fan and he paid attention to current sporting events.

Family was a very important part of Claude's life. He was a loving husband and father, but his grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Claude is survived by his two sons, Anthony W. "Tony" Burtron (Beth) of Westfield, and Jason T. "Todd" Burtron (Tami) of Sheridan; daughter, Alicia A. Amsbury (Danan) of Sheridan; seven grandchildren, Wade Burtron (Alison), Zane Burtron (Francesca), Emme Burtron, Annaka Burtron-Zachery (Nick), Weston Burtron, Isaiah Amsbury, and Noah Amsbury; three great-grandchildren, Kinley Burtron, Brayden Burtron, and Luca Burtron; two brothers, Carl E. Burtron (Elaine) and Rick L. Burtron (Jean Ann); seven sisters, Phyllis A Litteral, Carolyn Biddle, Charlene Haughey, Isabelle B. Cummins (Wesley), Sandra K. Spencer, Janet Wallace (Randy) and Tina Burtron (Ken); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Kathy Jo Burtron and Mary Lou Pickett; brothers, Robert J. Burtron and Thomas C. Burtron; and by the love of his life, Elizabeth Irene "Libby" Burtron on March 24, 2020. She and Claude were married on June 4, 1965.

Masonic Services will be held at 2 p.m., with the Funeral Service immediately following, on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Visitation will be held from noon until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Claude's son, Todd Burtron, will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program online at youthassistance.org/sheridan-donation, or by mail at Sheridan Youth Assistance, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 2 Timothy 1:1-5 (NIV)

Lynn E. Geiger

October 2, 1946 – March 30, 2022

Lynn E. Geiger, 75, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on October 2, 1946, to Gilbert and Ruby (Cornelius) Geiger in Noblesville.

Lynn proudly served his country in the United States Army as a paratrooper during the Vietnam War. He worked for Owens-Illinois glass factory in the hot end. Lynn was a car enthusiast and a history buff, especially the Civil War era. He loved being on the lake and spending time on his houseboat.

Lynn is survived by his sister, Connie Geiger; sister-in-law, Pearl E. Geiger; niece, Sherri Byer and her children, Jason (Nikki) and Jonathan (Kaitlin); nephew, Kenneth (Peggy) Geiger and his children, Kaitlyn, Carli and Madison; and nephew, Brian Geiger and his children, Cassie and Alex.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Stanley E. Geiger.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Family and friends may gather at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville for burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to White River Christian Church, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (wrcc.org).

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Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly joint Capital and Construction Committee/Board of Trustees meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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'Rocks win big again over Flashes

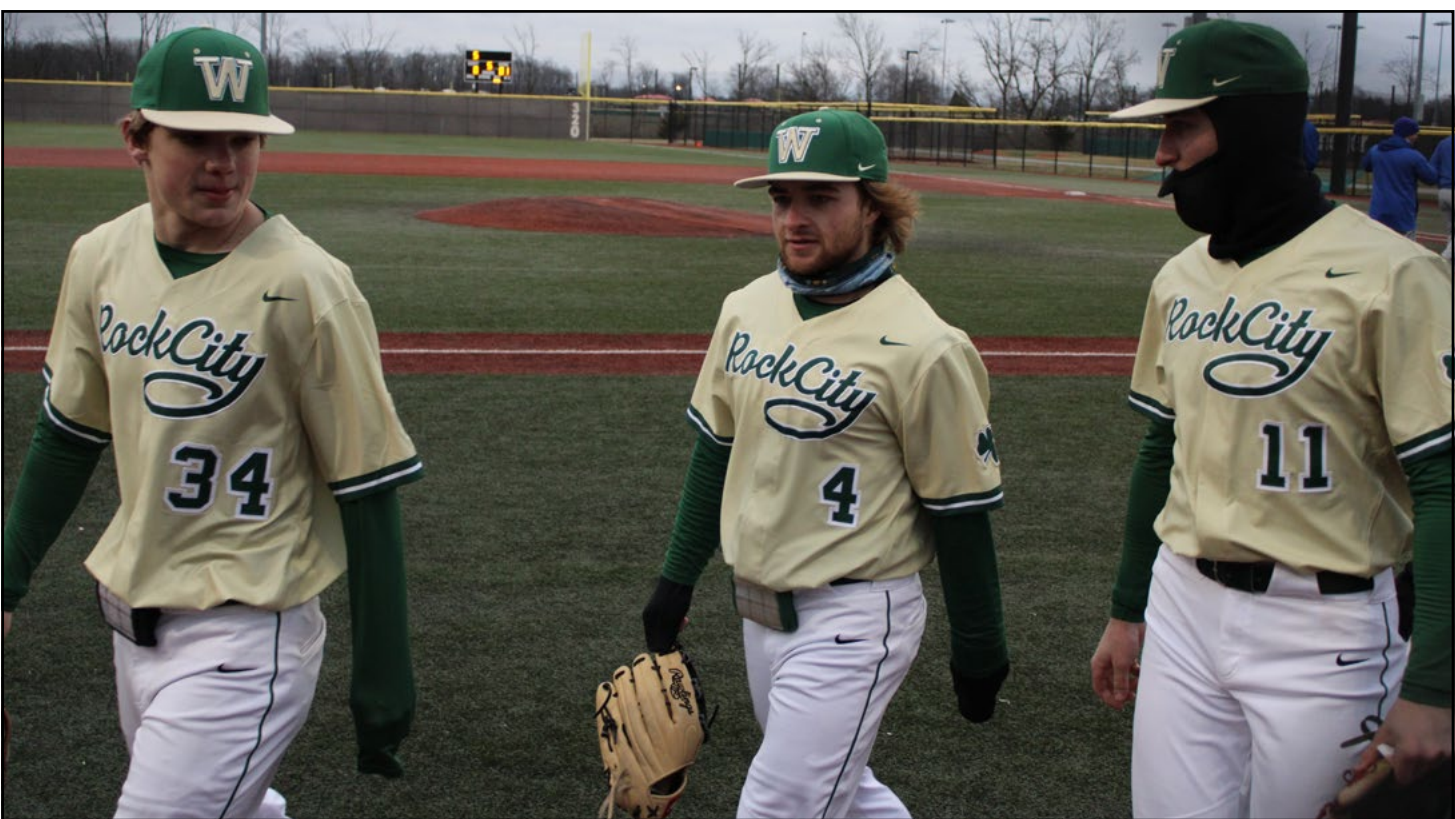
The Westfield baseball team ran its record to 4-0 Thursday evening, taking care of Franklin Central 11-0 in five innings at Grand Park for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series sweep of the Flashes.

The Shamrocks got going in the second inning, pouring in six runs. Collin Lindsey finished the scoring in that inning with a two-run home run. In the fourth inning, Brayden Hibler smacked a two-run double to get Westfield ahead 10-0.

Lindsey, Hibler and Trey Dorton all had one hit. Meanwhile, Kade Robinson threw a no-hitter, going all five innings for the 'Rocks. Robinson had six strikeouts for the game.

"We really challenged the guys in the scrimmage," said Westfield coach Ryan Bunnell, who was speaking about the Shamrocks' scrimmage last week. "We felt like we had weather conditions, some other things that kind of affected us and we've really been challenging them. We've got to get a little tougher and grow in that category. My hat's off to them. They've done a nice job in some pretty tough conditions and seen some good arms this week, too."

Westfield is 4-0 and has an early 2-0 lead in the conference. The Shamrocks are off until Friday, April 8 when they play the Kokomo Invitational.



Westfield's Tyler Gentry (34), Luke Starr (4) and Keaton Mahan (11) walk off the field at Grand Park after the Shamrocks beat Franklin Central 11-0 in five innings Thursday. Westfield is 4-0 to start the season.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

WESTFIELD 11,
FRANKLIN CENTRAL 0
(5 innings)

Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Keaton Mahan	2	0	0	1
Collin Lindsey	2	1	1	2

Maximus Webster	3	0	0	0
Mac Clarke	1	2	0	0
Evan Russ	1	3	0	0
Trey Dorton	2	2	1	0
Jack Woodard	1	1	0	1
Tyler Gentry	1	1	0	2
Brayden Hibler	2	1	1	3
Totals	15	11	3	9

Score by Innings	
Franklin Central	000 00 - 002
Westfield	064 1x - 1130
HR: Lindsey. 2B: Hibler. SB: Clarke. SAC: Gentry. HBP: Woodard 2, Lindsey, Russ, Gentry.	
Westfield pitching	IP R ER H
Kade Robinson	5 0 0 0

Strikeouts: Robinson 6. Walks: Robinson 3.

Noblesville began its season Thursday with a big win in the first stop of its Tennessee trip to play in the Warrior Classic. The Millers cruised past Wilson Central

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Noblesville girls basketball team selected to play in Hall of Fame Classic

The Noblesville girls basketball team has been selected to play in the 2022 Raymond James Hall of Fame Classic.

The Millers, who won the Class 4A state championship in February, will play in the famed annual event on Thursday, Dec. 29 at the New Castle Fieldhouse. The boys tournament takes place the next day, Friday, Dec. 30.

The prestigious event, spotlighting the best in Indiana high school basketball, will be held for the 39th time for girls and it will be the 46th edition for the boys.

In the girls tournament, the day begins with an 11 a.m. semi-final game between Bedford North Lawrence and Mishawaka Marian. Noblesville plays in the following second semi-final game, taking on East Central. The consolation game is set for 6 p.m., to be followed by the championship game.

The boys tournament starts with an 11 a.m. semi-final game between North Daviess and NorthWood, followed by Ben Davis taking on Penn. The consolation game tips off at 6 p.m., followed by the championship.

Selecting from the best teams in the state, the girls' tournament has included 19 teams that went on to win a state championship that season, including 12 class champions and eight class runner-up teams in the past 20 years.

On the boys' side, 17 participating teams have gone on to win their state championship (including three class champions in the past two seasons), with six more finishing as state runner-up that season. Tickets for the tournaments will be available through participating schools and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in the 2022-23 school year.

With no seniors graduating from their 25-4 2022 IHSAA 4A championship squad, the Millers will likely enter the 2022-23 campaign as the preseason No. 1 team in Indiana.

Five-foot-10 junior Ashlynn Shade, a University of Connecticut commit averaged team-bests of 20.9 points, 8.3 rebounds, and 3.7 steals along with 4.1 assists per game and has been named a 2022 Indiana Junior All-Star. Reagan Wilson, a 5-8 sophomore, averaged 10.0 points and led the team at

4.4 assists, 5-9 freshman Meredith Tippner averaged 9.5 points and 6.2 rebounds and 5-4 junior Kaitlyn Shoemaker averaged 9.1 points.

Head coach Donna Buckley is 208-118 in 14 seasons at Noblesville and has a career record of 304-192 in 22 seasons, including stints at Greenfield-Central and Fort Wayne South.

The Millers make their third appearance in Girls Classic history. Noblesville won the consolation game of the 1985 event and was runner-up in 2015. Buckley leads her third team into the Classic – in addition to the 2015 Noblesville appearance, her Greenfield-Central team was the consolation game winner in the 2007 event.

The East Central Trojans have established themselves as perennial winners, claiming four straight 4A sectional championships and averaging over 20 wins per season in that span.

Six-footer Josie Trabel was named an Indiana Junior All-Star after averaging 17.7 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.5 steals, 5-5 junior Laney Baker averaged 9.8 points, junior Caitlyn Dick averaged 4.5 points

and 5-8 junior Julia Tiemann averaged 3.8 points, 4.0 assists and 3.9 rebounds.

Head coach Kevin Moore has a 221-88 record in 13 seasons at East Central. He has been named an assistant coach for the 2022 Indiana Girls All-Star team.

Over the past 11 seasons, East Central's 199-69 mark (.743) is tied for the 12th best in Indiana.

East Central makes its first appearance in event history.

Twenty-seven young women who went on to win the award have participated in the Girls Classic, including 12 of the past 14 Miss Basketball winners (Skylar Diggins, Courtney Moses, Bria Goss, Jessica Rupright, Stephanie Mavunga, Whitney Jennings, Ali Patberg, Jackie Young, Karissa McLaughlin, Carmel's Amy Dilk, Jorie Allen and Ayanna Patterson). 13 women to have played in the Classic were named McDonald's All-Americans and 12 Girls Classic alums have played in the WNBA.

Girls legends who have played in the Classic include Stephanie White, Katie Gearlds, Shanna Zolman, Skylar Diggins, Jackie Young, Kristen Spolyar, Lisa Shepherd, Abby Conklin, April McDivitt, Kelly Faris, Jennifer Jacoby, Jodie Whitaker, Shrya Ely, Tiffany Gooden and Ali Patberg, among others.

Thirty-two men who went on to win the Indiana Mr. Basketball award have

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Softball

Shamrocks fall to Pendleton Heights

The Westfield softball team dropped a 13-5 home game to Pendleton Heights on Thursday.

The Arabians led 13-0 in the middle of the fifth inning. The Shamrocks scored all of their runs in the bottom of the fifth, starting when Mya Hughes got home after Samantha Breaux drew a bases-loaded walk.

With two outs, Ava Kainrath hit a left field double to send Maggie Roh and Avery Parker home. Allie Dolenc followed that out with a double to score Breaux and Kainrath.

Roh, Kainrath, Dolenc and Hughes each had two hits, with Roh also getting a double. Morgan Squires pitched six and two-thirds innings, striking out six.

Westfield is 2-2 and is off until April 12 when it plays at Brownsburg.

PENDLETON HEIGHTS 13, WESTFIELD 5				
Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Maggie Roh	4	1	2	0
Avery Parker	3	1	0	0
Avery Banas	4	0	0	0
Samantha Breaux	3	1	0	1
Natalie Deck	2	0	0	0
Brookly Miner	2	0	0	0
Ava Kainrath	4	1	2	2
Allie Dolenc	3	0	2	2
Cara Snedeker	2	0	0	0
Mya Hughes	3	1	2	0
Totals	30	5	8	5
Score by Innings				
Pendleton	124	120	0 - 13	19 2
Westfield	000	050	0 - 5	8 4
2B: Roh, Kainrath, Dolenc.				
Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Morgan Squires	6.2	12	9	19
Rylie Redstone	0.1	1	1	0
Strikeouts: Squires 6, Redstone 1. Walks: Redstone 4, Squires 1.				



Westfield catcher Avery Parker talks with the umpire during the Shamrocks' Thursday softball game with Pendleton Heights.

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13-2 in a five-inning game. Noblesville opened things up in the second inning by scoring eight runs. Drew Niswonger put the first runs on the board with a two-run triple, then scored right away on an error during the next at-bat.

Niswonger joined Kolbi Kazmierski and Trevor Corbett in getting two hits for the game. Josh Kern smacked a three-run double late in the second inning. Niswonger also totaled three RBIs for the game, and also scored three runs. Niswonger, Kazmierski and Trevor Corbett all had two hits, while Kazmierski stole two bases.

Nolan Decker pitched three innings for the win, striking out five. Eli Ketterer threw four strikeouts in relief.

The Millers play two games today at the Warrior Classic, starting with a 3 p.m. game against Collierville. Noblesville then takes on Oakland at 5:30 p.m.

NOBLESVILLE 12, WILSON CENTRAL 2 (5 innings)				
Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Kolbi Kazmierski	3	2	2	1
Nolan Decker	2	0	1	2
Trevor Corbett	4	0	2	1
Bryce Riggs	3	1	1	0
Conner Bloss	2	2	1	0
Josh Kern	3	1	1	3
Luke Wilson	2	1	1	0
Jacob Edwards	1	1	0	0
Keegan Speek	1	1	0	0
Drew Niswonger	3	3	2	3
Brady Bishop	0	1	0	0
Totals	24	13	11	10
Score by Innings				
Noblesville	082	30 - 13	11 1	
Wilson Central	020	00 - 2	3 3	
3B: Niswonger. 2B: Kern. SB: Kazmierski 2, Edwards, Wilson. HBP: Kazmierski.				
Noblesville pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Decker	3	2	2	3
Eli Ketterer	2	0	0	0
Strikeouts: Decker 5, Ketterer 4. Walks: Ketterer 4.				

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NBA standings

Thursday's games				
Detroit 102, Philadelphia 94				
Atlanta 131, Cleveland 107				
Milwaukee 120, Brooklyn 119, OT				
Chicago 135, L.A. Clippers 130, OT				
Utah 122, L.A. Lakers 109				

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Boston	47	30	.610	-
Philadelphia	46	30	.605	0.5
Toronto	44	32	.579	2.5
Brooklyn	40	37	.519	7.0
New York	34	43	.442	13.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Milwaukee	48	28	.632	-
Chicago	45	32	.584	3.5
Cleveland	42	35	.545	6.5
Indiana	25	52	.325	23.5
Detroit	21	56	.273	27.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Miami	49	28	.636	-
Charlotte	40	37	.519	9.0
Atlanta	40	37	.519	9.0
Washington	33	43	.434	15.5
Orlando	20	57	.260	29.0
x - clinched playoff spot				
y - clinched division title				

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	46	31	.597	-
Denver	46	31	.597	-
Minnesota	43	34	.558	3.0
Portland	27	49	.355	18.5
Oklahoma City	22	54	.289	23.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
z-Phoenix	62	14	.816	-
Golden State	48	29	.623	14.5
pi-L.A. Clippers	37	40	.481	25.5
L.A. Lakers	31	45	.408	31.0
Sacramento	28	49	.364	34.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Memphis	54	23	.701	-
x-Dallas	48	29	.623	6.0
New Orleans	33	43	.434	20.5
San Antonio	31	45	.408	22.5
Houston	20	57	.260	34.0
z - clinched conference title				
pi - clinched playin spot				

NOBLESVILLE

participated in the Boys Classic, including 13 of the last 17 award winners (Luke Zeller, Greg Oden, Tyler Zeller, Jordan Hulls, Cody Zeller, Hamilton Southeastern's Gary Harris and Zak Irvin, Trey Lyles, Kyle Guy, Romeo Langford, Trayce Jackson-Davis, Anthony Leal and Caleb Furst). 26 men to have played in the Classic have been named McDonald's All-Americans, while 19 have been NBA Draft picks.

Legends to have competed in the Boys Classic include Damon Bailey, Steve Alford, Glenn Robinson, Shawn Kemp, Greg Oden, Mike Conley, Zach Randolph, Eric Montross, Sean May, Delray Brooks, Noblesville's Tom Coverdale, Troy Lewis, Woody Austin, Carmel's Josh McRoberts, Southeastern's Gary Harris, Luke, Tyler and Cody Zeller, Trey Lyles, Kyle Guy, Romeo Langford, and Trayce Jackson-Davis, among others.

Including entrants in the 2022 Classic, the event has included 100 different IH-SAA-member girls programs and 110 different IHSAA-member boys programs in tournament history.

Other girls teams

Bedford North Lawrence – The Stars look to follow up a 24-3 campaign with a strong returning cast from their 4A regional finalist squad and a program that has won 11 consecutive sectionals.

Sophomore guard Chloe Spreen averaged 16.2 points and 6.2 rebounds, 5-6 Karsyn Norman has been named an Indiana Junior All-Star after averaging 15.0 points, 3.8 rebounds and 3.0 steals, 5-8 sophomore Madisyn Bailey averaged 7.0 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.2 assists, and 5-9 junior Mallory Pride averaged 6.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

Head coach Jeff Allen is 179-37 through eight seasons with the Stars, including eight sectional titles and 2018 and 2020 4A re-

gional championships. The Stars' .829 winning percentage over the past eight seasons is sixth best in the state in that time frame.

This is the Stars' fifth appearance in the event, tying Rushville for the most Girls Classic appearances. BNL girls teams won the 1990 and 2013 events, one of four programs to have won two Girls Classic championships all-time.

Mishawaka Marian – Led by a high-scoring duo from a 20-6 season, the Knights have expectations to continue their success. Marian's girls have averaged 21 wins per season over the past five years.

Junior Nevaeh Foster, at 5-9, averaged 19.5 points, 4.9 rebounds and 3.3 steals and 5-11 junior Makaya Porter was named an Indiana Junior All-Star after averages of 19.0 points, 9.7 rebounds, 3.0 steals and 2.5 blocks per game.

Head coach Steve Scott has a 104-26 record with three sectional championships in five seasons at Marian. His career record of 278 wins in 19 seasons includes tenures at Marian, Elkhart Memorial, South Bend Adams and South Bend Clay.

During Scott's five seasons leading the Knights program, their .800 winning percentage is tied for 12th best in the state.

Mishawaka Marian makes its first appearance in Classic history.

Boys teams

North Daviess – Losing just two seniors from their 27-3 2022 IHSAA Class 1A champion squad, the Cougars will represent Southern Indiana and small schools in the 2022 Boys Classic.

Junior guard Jaylen Mullen, at 5-11, averaged 16.4 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists, 6-2 junior Lance Wilson averaged 9.2 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.0 assists, 6-3 junior Logan Wilson recorded 8.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game and 6-2 junior Braden Stickles totaled 4.4 points and 3.4

rebounds per game.

Head Coach Brent Dalrymple is now 316-213 in 22 years as a head coach, claiming six sectional championships and three regional titles.

The Cougars' 46-7 record over the past two seasons is fourth best in the state in that period.

North Daviess will be making its first appearance in event history.

NorthWood – The Panthers return a majority of their squad that rattled off 13 consecutive late season wins, reaching the No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press 3A poll. They completed the season 25-3 as 3A regional finalists.

Junior guard Cade Brenner, at 6-3, averaged 19.3 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.3 assists, 6-6 junior forward Ian Raasch averaged 11.7 points and 5.4 rebounds, 5'10" sophomore Ethan Wolfe averaged 6.6 points and 6-3 sophomore NiTareon Tuggle contributed 5.1 points per game.

Head coach Aaron Wolfe is 253-108 in 15 seasons leading NorthWood.

The Panthers have had 11 winning seasons in the last 12 years, won sectional titles eight of the past 11 seasons and their 192-56 record (.774) over the past nine seasons is the seventh best in the state in that span.

The Panthers make their first appearance in Boys Classic history. The NorthWood girls, under Hall of Fame coach Steve Neff, participated in the 1998 Girls Classic.

Ben Davis – The Giants expect to return their top five scorers from a 22-7 4A regional finalist squad that was ranked No. 5 in the final statewide IBCA poll of the season.

Sophomore K.J. Windham, at 6-3, led the Giants in scoring at 12.7 points per game, 6-8 junior Zane Doughy averaged 11.3 points, 11.0 rebounds and 2.9 blocks, junior Sheridan Sharp contributed 9.9 points, 4.9 assists and 3.5 rebounds per

contest, 6-1 junior Clay Butler averaged 7.7 points and 6-5 junior Shaun Arnold 7.0 points and 5.9 rebounds.

Head coach Don Carlisle has a 65-41 record in four seasons at Ben Davis, including three 4A sectional titles and a 2019 4A runner-up finish. Including three seasons at Indianapolis Arlington, Carlisle has 111 career wins in seven years overall with four sectional titles.

Ben Davis makes their third appearance in the Boys Classic. The Giants were champions of the 1984 event and runners-up in the 1994 event to Al Rhodes' Warsaw team.

Penn – Led by a dynamic scorer, the Kingsmen return nearly 90 percent of their scoring and four starters from their 24-3 4A regional finalist team that finished the season ranked 4A No. 6 in the AP poll.

Six-foot junior Markus Burton was among state leaders in scoring at 26.9 points per game, along with averages of 6.0 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 3.0 steals. Burton set the single-season Penn scoring record (734) and has compiled 1,364 career points through three seasons.

Junior guard Joe Smith, at 5-11, contributed 12.7 points, 6-1 junior Joey Garwood averaged 9.2 points and 6-7 junior Josh Gatete held averages of 5.3 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.

Head coach Al Rhodes, a 2010 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, is the 11th winningest coach in Indiana boys high school basketball history. His career mark of 665-318 (.677), includes a 211-126 record in 14 seasons at his alma mater, Penn.

Penn makes their second appearance in Boys Classic history. Led by Rhodes, the Kingsmen went 1-1 in the 2014 Classic, winning the consolation game. Rhodes will coach in his third Classic – his Warsaw squad won the 1994 event, defeating eventual state champion Ben Davis.

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