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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny morning.
Mostly sunny afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly clear.

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Heights Impact Awards celebrate accomplishments of 12 students

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program celebrated the success of 12 amazing students at the fifth annual Impact Awards Dinner held Tuesday at Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta. The event drew in students, their families, Hamilton Heights School Corporation personnel, and local dignitaries from the greater Hamilton County area and beyond for this special celebration of accomplishment.

The program recognizes one student per grade (K-12) who successfully maneuvered through a challenge in their life. Students can be nominated by a teacher, guidance counselor, administrator, or any staff member who feels a student is deserving of the award.



The 2022 Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program Impact Award recipients include Landon Brasky, Leilah Killmon, Mason Roehrich, Joseph Hook, Noah Miller, Elam Brock, Jackson Getchell, Maggie Engle, Peyton Hansen, Samantha Perez-Martinez, and Kyrsten Harber. Not pictured: Breanna Shirey.

Elementary School, with the 2022 Tony Etchison Memorial Award. Sowers is described as always having a smile on her face and is always willing to help.

"You can tell how much she's loved by the kids when you see them passing her in the hall," Haymaker added. "Joyce

is a genuinely good person who does good things. She really embodies what Tony was about, being kind and making a difference just by being who she is."

"The IMPACT awards are a time where we as educators can reflect on those students who have overcome obstacles and

achieved personal triumph," said Denise Funston, Special Education Resource Teacher at Hamilton Heights Elementary School. "We live in a world that is not always kind and/or easy for some of our learners."

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Vietnam War love letters teach lasting power of handwritten correspondence

Editor's note: Delaney just earned her bachelor's degree in English from Indiana University Southeast. This week, she is filling in for her father, Reporter columnist Scott Saalman.



One August afternoon, I discovered my father and his then-girlfriend (now my stepmom) hidden in the back conference room of a local restaurant. All around them, seemingly covering every surface, were meticulously preserved envelopes. Letters were scattered across the room and sorted into many piles. Upon further investigation, these piles were dated. Bright pink sticky notes marked them, careful to not damage their fragile exteriors. One pile was labelled *May*. Another, *July*. Individual piles for the remaining months too: *August through December*.

The letters documented the summer of 1967.

I sorted through a few of them and felt I was touching pieces of history.

These letters, written by Bill and Nancy Young, documented their love story. A love story that stretched all the way from Newburgh, Ind., to Vietnam. In 1967, Bill was on active duty in Vietnam when a freshly-graduated Nancy Market decided to express her support to the brave men fighting for their country by joining a pen pal program. As fate would have it, she became connected to Bill, a Pennsylvania native serving a three-year enlistment. What started as a young girl hoping to express a sort of patriotism ended in not only scores of correspondences, but a marriage spanning 50 years and counting.

Bill and Nancy graciously offered my father their letters. The language that they used was powerful, and the unique insights that they both offered on life and love still

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Westfield GOP welcomes Lt. Governor



The Westfield GOP welcomed Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt for its club meeting held Thursday night at Wolfies. (Above left) Crouch (left) and Heirbrandt discuss Hamilton County as it relates to the wellbeing of the entire state. (Above right, from left) Hamilton County GOP Vice Chair Lisa Everling, Westfield GOP Board Member Tami Wanninger, Lt. Gov. Crouch, and Westfield GOP Board Member Sheryl Clifford. See more photos online at ReadTheReporter.com.

Pre-recount meeting set for Indiana House District 32 race

The REPORTER

The pre-recount meeting for the Indiana House District 32 race is set for 10 a.m. on Monday, June 13.

The meeting will include attorneys, the candidates, the recount commission, state police, and other interested parties. They will familiarize themselves with Hamilton County's voting machines and any other recount items.

After the meeting, those present will set the date for the actual recount.

Shamrock Sully Hill helps raise cash for cancer patients



Maple Glen Elementary third grader Sully Hill of Westfield recently participated in St. Baldrick's Be Brooks Brave & Shave event. This is the fourth year he has participated, and in total he has raised \$1,850 for pediatric cancer research. Keep being brave, Sully!

Noblesville police arrest two men who fired several shots in residential areas

The REPORTER

At 5 p.m. Thursday, officers from the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) responded to the 600 block of Washington Street after hearing what sounded like multiple gunshots in the area.

Officers also received reports of gunfire from citizens in the area, and callers were able to provide responding officers with a vehicle description from which the gunfire reportedly came.

A short time later, officers located the suspect vehicle identified as a silver Nissan occupied by at least two male subjects. Officers initiated a traffic stop in the 8600 block of Terrace Place in Fishers. Officers initially took all occupants into custody, who were two adult males, one adult female, and a juvenile female. After further investigation of the suspect vehicle, officers were able to locate a handgun along with several spent shell casings scattered throughout the front passenger compartment.

Assisting officers re-

sponded to several scenes in an area between 4th and 6th streets and Washington and Division streets where residents had reported seeing and hearing gunfire coming from the vehicle. Officers collected several shell casings and interviewed all reporting parties. Officers located damage to at least two residences and one vehicle. There were no reported injuries because of the gunfire, and no one in particular seems to have been targeted.

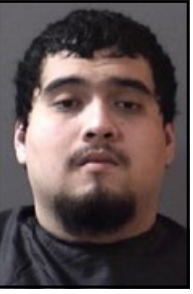
The driver and front seat passenger were identified and interviewed by detectives and booked at the Hamilton County Jail on the following preliminary charges:

- **Anthony N. Sanchez**, 23, Noblesville, was arrested and charged with Criminal Recklessness (Shooting into

Dwelling), I.C. 35-42-2-2(b)(1)(a) (Level 5 Felony); Criminal Recklessness w/ Deadly Weapon, I.C. 35-42-2-2(b)(2)(a) (Level 6 Felony); Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (Prior Conviction), I.C. 9-30-5-3 (Level 6 Felony); and Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (Endangerment), I.C. 9-30-5-2(b) (Class A Misdemeanor).

- **Jesus A. Sanchez**, 42, Noblesville, was arrested and charged with Criminal Recklessness w/ Deadly Weapon, I.C. 35-42-2-2(b)(2)(a) (Level 6 Felony).

This remains an ongoing investigation. Citizens are encouraged to contact Detective Mike Haskett at mhaskett@noblesville.in.us if they have any additional information regarding this case.



IMPACT

IMPACT awards allow us to recognize and celebrate those who have demonstrated strength, resilience and overcome difficulties. I believe that is something to really celebrate and show them it is a big deal.”

“I have had the privilege of being part of the Impact Awards since its inception,” said Jane Shields, HHHS Spanish Teacher and Adjunct Professor at Ivy Tech Community College. “At first, I got involved because I knew of Youth Assistance and the positive impact that it has on the youth throughout Hamilton County. I wanted to support the efforts of this program and Hamilton Heights’ excellent Youth Advocate, MaryAnn Haymaker.”

“Because I teach upper-level Spanish, at first

I thought that I would not have the population that the Impact Awards was looking for,” Shields continued. “But, when MaryAnn first invited the teachers to nominate someone, I started to think differently about my students and what they might have going on in their lives outside the classroom. It is hard for teachers to know all the things that could potentially have an adverse effect on school performance. Trying to gain that insight as I sought out a nominee every year in April has helped me to have a different level of awareness of the personal needs of all my students throughout the entire school year.”

The event’s emcee, Hamilton Heights School Corporation Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood, said

Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance IMPACT Award Recipients for 2022

- Kindergarten:** Elam Brock, presented by Erin Spaulding
1st Grade: Leilah Killmon, presented by Amy Alt, Denise Funston, and Elizabeth Douglas
2nd Grade: Noah Miller, presented by Denise Funston, Chelsea Kleyla
3rd Grade: Mason Roehrich, presented by Marianne Collar
4th Grade: Jackson Getchell, presented by Denise Funston and Michelle Day
5th Grade: Maggie Engle, presented by Heather Greider
6th Grade: Kyrsten Harber, presented by AJ Robinson
7th Grade: Breanna Shirey, presented by Rebecca Guthrie
8th Grade: Samantha Perez-Martinez, presented by Kari Beery
10th Grade: Peyton Hansen, presented by Debbie Reeves
11th Grade: Landon Brasky, presented by Jane Shields
12th Grade: Joseph Hook, presented by Jessica Cantlon

the purpose of this event is to celebrate the accomplishments of students who have overcome significant challenges in their lives and demonstrated success.

“These are no ordinary students,” Dr. Arrowood said. “The adversities these students have faced did not

limit their ability to succeed inside and outside the classroom. Their examples can be a lesson to all of us that anyone can overcome challenges in their life and become an inspiration to others.”

“One of the many blessings of being an educator

is the impact students have on my life to help me be the better version of me than I was yesterday,” Funston said of the joy of participating in the annual recognition program.

The memorable evening was made possible, in part, thanks to the generous support of this year’s sponsors: Arcadia Christian Church, Ayers Real Estate, Beck’s, Big Dawg’s Smokehouse, Bolden’s Dry Cleaners, Church Church Hittle + Antrim, Cicero Pool & Spa, Delaware Glass, Doak Financial, Erika’s Place, Fred Woodruff and Winona Dings, Gatewood Vegetable Farm and Greenhouse, Gymies Fitness Center, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, Harbourshores Church, Jackson Township Trustee’s Office, Lehman

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A special thank you to the Youth Assistance Program Board: Tricia Akers, Dr. Derek Arrowood, Sarah Buckner, Judge Michael Castaic, Jeanann Dodson, Judge Paul Felix, Jessica Heiser, Jeremy Hunt, Syd Loomis, Zach Smith, and Perry Williams; and the 2022 Youth Assistance IMPACT Committee Members: Toby Etchison, Jeanann Dodson, Michelle Heiser, and Melissa Martin.

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LOVE LETTERS

ring true even today, inspiring my father to compile and transcribe these letters into book form. He enlisted me to co-edit and design the book, *Vietnam War Love Story: The Love Letters*

of Bill and Nancy Young (1967), [which is now available on Amazon](#).

Their story of falling in love across the world from each other without ever having met is certainly ro-

mantic. But what makes their story as special as it is can be found in the very letters that united them. Their letters are beautiful. They’re articulate, prettily honest, and express a deep yearning for connection.

In the months that I worked on this book, I became struck with the notion that I’ve never carefully saved hundreds of text messages or emails the way that Bill and Nancy saved their handwritten letters – though technology makes this easy – nor do I communicate to others through electronic means the way that Bill and Nancy so eloquently spoke to each other through their letters, which are filled with vibrant, earnest, descriptive writing:

- “Seven hours ago, I took the locket from your letter. Four hours ago, we fought our way out of a sniper’s ambush. It was hanging on my neck among

my dog tags flowing among the sweat on a bare chest, next minute it was floating in rice paddies, water and mud ... I kid you not, while I fired a 100 rounds and was changing ammo, all I could think of was your next letter and when I could feel a hand instead of paper ... Those four big letters, that one word on the front, makes me want to wear it to hell and back.”

- “The one thing I do have is love for you and a need that rivals that of flowers needing rain.”
- “The words and feeling you’ve given me ... the love I’ve fallen into ... has done more for me than anything in my life.”
- “With every letter I receive, I seem to only love you more. I’ve never been this way before. I don’t know what I’ve ever done without you. You’ve got to come home – it’s all I live for.”

It was due to this intense use of language that Bill and Nancy were able to fall so deeply in love with each other without even having met. Their use of letter writing as the only way to reach each another created a mode of communication so potent that it diminished all barriers that kept them apart until they knew that they were destined for each other.

Bill and Nancy’s love story seems to be living proof of the sheer power that letter writing holds as a communicative tool, as it joined two complete strangers on opposite sides of the world in a marriage spanning half a century.

In the time that I spent editing this book compiled of cherished letters from decades ago, it was made clear to me that something is missing from how we communicate. Something that we started losing the moment that we began to

neglect the art of letter writing in favor for our modern methods. I fear that the masterfully expressive use of language demonstrated by Bill and Nancy is something that is largely missing from how we communicate with those around us today.

Though we can now text or call a loved one at a moment’s notice, we should still find time to craft a letter that details what they mean to us, a letter for them to find in their mailbox as a loving surprise, reminding them of simpler times and the beauty of handwritten sentiment. They’ll probably keep that letter for decades to come. I know I would. The Bill and Nancy of 1967 convinced me of this.

(Editor’s Note: This is an abridged version of her senior dissertation. She can be reached at delaneyaby1957@gmail.com. Or better yet, write her a letter.)

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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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Kidtown capitalists care about Ukraine

Third-grade students at Oak Trace Elementary Schools in Westfield recently concluded their economics unit by opening up Kidtown for two days. With the help of parent investors, students created businesses selling goods or services. Other students and parents were able to purchase these goods and services. The students chose to send the profits from Kidtown to Ukraine for medical care for children with special needs.



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At Logan St. Bridge
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This year the Lions have added optional chicken breast to the menu.
Dinners come with pie and a drink.
Pre-Event Tickets available from any Lions Club Member.

Public input requested on new Noblesville/Westfield Duke Energy substation

The REPORTER

Duke Energy will soon kick-off a series of virtual and in-person information sessions for Noblesville and Westfield residents regarding the construction of two new transmission lines and one new substation near the intersection of State Road 32 and Moontown Road/North Gray Road between Noblesville and Westfield.

[Click here](#) to read a three-page fact sheet on the project, or find some more information below.

Project background

According to the latest U.S. Census, Hamilton County is the fastest-growing county in the state. This rapid growth is expected to continue and is demanding more of Duke Energy's local electric transmission system.

The backbone of this area's electric system is a 230-kilovolt (kV) line that runs north to south, parallel to Moontown Road/North Gray Road. This high-voltage power line is feeding the local 69-kV transmission grid, which powers area distribution substations that bring electricity to homes and businesses.

Project overview

A new substation and two new 69-kV electric transmission lines will be built to help meet the growing demand for electricity in the Noblesville and Westfield areas and to help maintain the reliability and resiliency of local power lines and infrastructure.

The new substation will be built near the intersection of State Road 32 and Moontown Road/North Gray Road on land that Duke Energy purchased in 2019. Two new power lines will originate from this new substation and connect to an existing 69-kV transmission line to the south and a substation – Westfield Northeast – to the north. The new northern line will be approximately three miles long and the new southern line will be approximately two miles long, depending on the final routes selected.

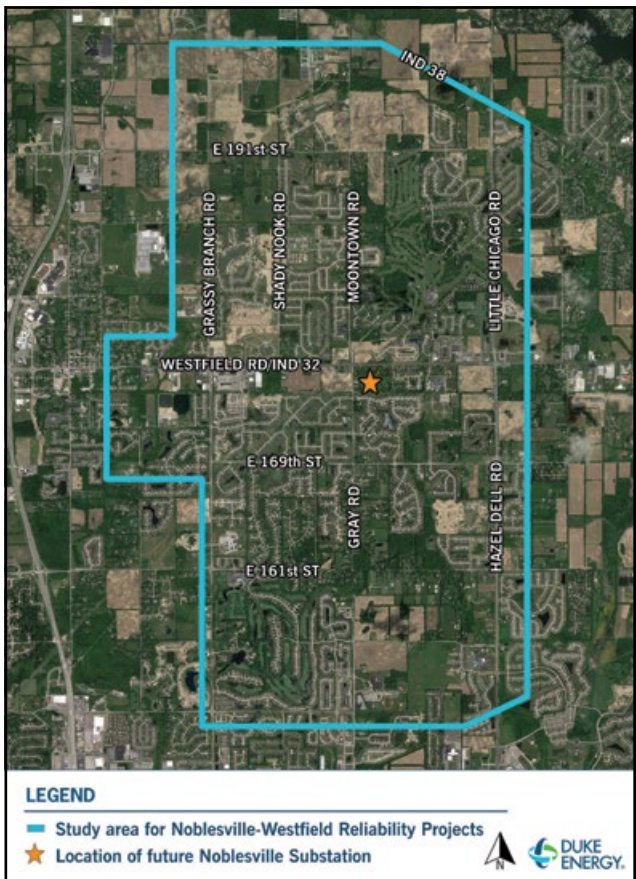
Construction is expected to begin in 2023 and be completed in 2024. Open house meetings will be held in June with a public comment period in July. Over the summer of 2022 the preferred route will be announced.

Preconstruction including surveying and vegetation management is expected to begin in 2023-2024. This will be followed by substation and transmission line construction. In 2025 restoration activities will include removing equipment and restoring the impacted area as closely as possible to its original condition.

A number of route segments are currently being considered for the northern and southern transmission lines. All of the route segments are available for viewing by using the "Interactive Map" feature.

- [Click here to view the interactive northern map](#)
- [Click here to view the interactive southern map](#)

The final routes selected will be a combination of these numbered segments but will not include all of them. The route selection is based on multiple factors, including



Graphic provided by Duke Energy

Join an information session

Hear details about the Noblesville-Westfield Reliability Projects from the transmission project team and ask your questions.

Virtual meetings

Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. (Southern Line)

Tuesday, June 7 at 7:15 p.m. (Northern Line)

Thursday, June 9 at 6 p.m. (Southern Line)

Thursday, June 9 at 7:15 p.m. (Northern Line)

In-person meeting

For your convenience, in addition to the virtual meetings, Duke Energy will hold an in-person meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21 at Grand Park Sports Campus, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield. Registration for the in-person meeting is not required.

Community Benefits

These improvements will support Duke Energy customers' growing energy needs now and in the future:

- Help maintain a reliable system for supplying and delivering electric service
- Help improve the system's resiliency and ability to reroute power during planned and unplanned outages
- Help enhance our ability to help provide safe electric service to homes, schools, hospitals and businesses
- Provide a robust system to supply and deliver electric service, helping promote continued economic growth

public input, land use, land cover, occupied buildings, safety, reliability, cost, and cultural, natural, visual and water resources. The preferred routes for the northern and southern transmission lines are expected to be announced in late summer 2022.

Duke Energy asks you to look at the potential route corridors under consideration for the two new trans-

mission lines and leave your public comments. Duke Energy encourages feedback from the community and intends to evaluate all input received during this public comment period as part of the route selection process.

Duke Energy has prepared a sheet of frequently asked questions and answers. [Click here](#) see the document.

‘Round up’ for Westfield students

The REPORTER

The Good to Go gas station and convenience store on the corner of State Road 32 and Ditch Road is allowing its patrons to round up to donate to Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) in order to help

purchase school supplies for kids in need.

The next time you buy gas or something from the store, tell them to round up for students and they'll round your order up to the next whole dollar and donate the difference to WWS.

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Ahead of the curve: Westfield Washington Schools provides important information on student enrollment, changes to lunch program

The REPORTER

Re-enrollment is required for every student who is currently enrolled and plans on continuing to attend Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) for the 2022-23 academic year. This enables the district to maintain current medical and emergency information as well as give students access to field trips, and technology.

It is extremely important that WWS has updated medical information. This information is used if your child needs over-the-counter medication from the school nurse or in case of a medical

emergency.

Please use the Power-School Parent Portal from a computer to access the Returning Student Registration. If you have not set up an account for your student, please contact your student's school for instructions and your access ID and access password.

From the Parent Portal:

1. Select the student you wish to register along the top
2. Select the 2022-23 Returning Student Registration Icon
3. Enter the student's birthdate
4. Agree to the terms and

conditions

5. Click Begin Forms
Please note: Schedules and classroom assignments are from last year (2021-22). New schedules and classroom assignments (2022-23) will be posted after Monday, Aug. 1.

[Click here](#) to re-enroll your child.

Changes to school lunch program

The free meals program will no longer fund free meals for all students.

The school meals program is funded by the Unit-

ed States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, school corporations across the country have been operating with the use of a federal waiver that allowed them to feed every child for free through the end of this school year.

The use of this waiver will not be available after this school year and corporations will return to the traditional eligibility requirements for free, reduced and paid meals. This means that for 2022-2023, WWS will process free and reduced-price meal benefit

applications.

Free and reduced lunch applications for the 2022-23 school year will be available starting July 1. Households are encouraged to apply before the start of the school year to avoid unpaid meal charges.

Students who are not approved for free or reduced-price meal benefits before the start of the school year will be classified as "paid" status, and meal charges may begin to accumulate starting the first day of school. Meal charges accrued before the approval of a meal benefit application will be the responsibility of the household.

For assistance with a free and reduced meal application please contact Stacy Leudke at leudkes@wvs.

k12.in.us or visit Central Office.

You do NOT need to complete an application if:

- You receive notification that your child(ren) are directly certified.

- You know your household does not qualify for meal benefits. (Please have money in your child's account on the first day of school.)

Need help paying for supplies?

Tools for School is a program, sponsored by Merciful Help Center, that helps families with the purchase of school supplies based on their financial need. If you would like help, [click here](#) and you will be contacted to make an appointment.

Letter to the Editor

Westfield reader questions Health Board appointment

Dear Editor:

During the April 14 Hamilton County Health Department Board meeting, Rene Dillinger was introduced as a new member of the health board.

While Mrs. Dillinger's background in the health care arena does deem her a viable candidate for the role, as the spouse of County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, I would question the appropriateness of her appointment. Mrs. Dillinger is quick to point out that her spouse did not participate in her appointment, yet one might wonder what conversations occurred amongst the three Commissioners in advance to settle on this appointment.

Because the County Commis-

sioners are responsible for overseeing many aspects of the functions of Hamilton County (hamilton-county.in.gov/635/Commissioners-Purpose-and-Duties), including the distribution of funds and authorization of grants, it seems that there would be a conflict of interest, even an element of nepotism in this appointment.

Taxpayers should be assured that there is the upmost effort made to ensure that conflicts of interest, and/or the appearance of conflicts are avoided at all times.

Since there are three Commissioners, it does not seem practical that anytime a decision needs to be made regarding health department issues that Mr. Dillinger recuse

himself; who would break the tie in the event that the remaining two commissioners differ in their opinions? What influence will Mr. Dillinger have on his peers even if he disengages from decision-making? What assurances can be made that decisions will be made without Mr. and Mrs. Dillinger impacting each other's considerations for the other's roles?

Unless there can be clear assurances that conflicts will not occur, it would seem responsible for the County Commissioners to identify a different, neutral and unrelated individual to fill the previously unfilled seat on the health board.

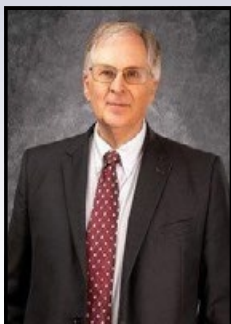
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Fishers Health Dept. increases COVID community to ‘medium’

The REPORTER

The Fishers Health Department (FHD) has moved the CDC COVID-19 Community Level from Low to Medium, driven by the increased spread of COVID-19 in the local community.

While FHD continues to observe an increase in reported cases due to more transmissible Omicron subvariants, there is no evidence yet of increased severity of the disease.

New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 individuals increased from 158 to 203. New COVID-19 admission per 100,000 increased from

4.7 to 5.8 and the percent of staffed beds occupied by individuals with COVID-19 increased from 1.3 percent to 1.5 percent.

Additional guidance

Talk with your health-care provider about appropriate precautions if you are at high risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19. If you live with or have social contact with some-



one at high risk for severe outcomes, consider self-testing for COVID-19 before making contact and consider wearing a mask when indoors with the individual.

Practicing mitigation measures for yourself, your family, and the Fishers community is important, including staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines.

[Click here](#) to watch the full metrics report.

Memorial Day: Honoring the fallen

Memorial Day is a time of remembrance for the brave heroes who gave their lives defending the United States of America. No amount of gratitude can ever fully repay the debt owed to these servicemen and women, and to their loved ones. Whether it's May 30 or any other day, we owe a special salute to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.

On Memorial Day, Americans will pay tribute to the fallen men and women who served in our armed forces. Unlike Veterans Day honoring all veterans, this holiday is reserved for commemorating those who died while on active duty, in battle or as a result of wounds sustained while serving.

In addition to placing



CHRIS JETER
State Representative

flags at gravesites of our fallen heroes, there are other ways to honor Memorial Day. The city of Fishers will honor the servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom at a special ceremony from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, May 30 at the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in front of Fishers City Hall. After the ceremony, visitors are encouraged to take a walk around the Central Green and Nickel Plate District Amphitheater to see the new light pole banners honoring local veterans and active-duty service members from the Fishers community. For more information, visit [fishers.in.us](#).

As a veteran, I know the pain of serving alongside

friends who are no longer with us. In their memory, I offer my deepest respect and extend my sincerest sympathy to their families and loved ones. Please join me this Memorial Day in reflecting upon those who sacrificed so much and laid down their lives to serve our country. Thank you to every Hoosier and American who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Your dedication to our country will never be forgotten.

Families of fallen heroes and veterans, please feel free to reach out for assistance with navigating earned benefits and resources by calling (317) 234-0931 or emailing [h88@iga.in.gov](#).

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

DNR establishes Next Level Conservation Trust

The REPORTER

The Department of Natural Resources announced Thursday the establishment of the Next Level Conservation Trust, a program which will acquire property that will become part of the public trust and be protected for future generations of Hoosiers to use and enjoy.

The state will initially invest \$25 million in the program, which is as an extension of the Bicentennial Nature Trust program and will

incorporate elements from the President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust.

“The Next Level Conservation Trust will continue the DNR’s legacy of preserving Indiana’s rich natural heritage,” said DNR Director Dan Bortner. “Outstanding natural features, unique habitats, significant historical and archeological sites, and areas for conservation, restoration, and recreation will be protected for Hoosiers today and for

future generations.”

An additional 25 percent of funding will come through a private funding match program.

Property protected under NLCT will be open to the public. The program is flexible to allow local ownership and management of acquired properties through a conservation easement.

Additional information on the program can be found at [on.IN.gov/next-level-conservation-trust](#).

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‘Spoke & Memories Ride’ culmination of father & daughter’s passionate fight for Alzheimer’s cure

The REPORTER

Every 65 seconds, a person is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

Father-daughter duo Ned and Sara Broadwater are fighting back by raising money for Alzheimer’s research with their Spoke & Memories Ride. The fourth annual 65-mile ride is set for Saturday, June 25 through the back roads of Boone and Hamilton counties. The ride will begin at 8 a.m. at Moontown Brewery, 345 S. Bowers St., Whitestown.

Four years ago, Ned and Sara created the Spoke & Memories Ride to raise funds for the Alzheimer’s Association. Their charity has grown quickly to become the second-largest Alzheimer’s fundraiser in Indiana, raising more than \$27,000 in 2021. The goal this year is to become the top fundraiser and bring in

over \$40,000.

“This is a passion project for my entire family. I lost three of my four grandparents to Alzheimer’s, and my dad lost both of his parents to this horrible disease,” Sara said. “My sister, Olivia Broadwater, founded Singing for Smiles, a music therapy platform for her work in the Miss Indiana program. Over the last 12 years, our family has raised over \$100,000 for the Alzheimer’s Association and have no intention of slowing down.”

Over 110,000 Hoosiers are living with Alzheimer’s and more than 216,000 Hoosiers are acting as unpaid caregivers. Yet there is currently no cure. For additional perspective, Alzheimer’s kills more people than breast and prostate cancer combined. Over the past 20 years, Alzheimer’s deaths have increased by

over 145 percent.

The Broadwaters are grateful for the sponsorships they have received to help make Spoke & Memories a success. This year, Moontown Brewing Company, Nature’s Choice Landscape & Supply, Gray Goat, and Papa Murphy’s – all businesses in the Carmel, Zionsville and Whitestown areas – have agreed to sponsor the event. Of course, additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Email nbroadwater7@gmail.com for more information.

For more information on participation, visit spoke-andmemories.com. Please note that all riders must raise or donate a minimum of \$200 to participate.

If you have a question not answered on the website, call Ned Broadwater at (317) 617-7046 or Sara Broadwater at (219) 263-8946.

State Police welcomes K-9 Hank to Special Operations Command

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police Special Operations Command (EOD) has added a new K-9 partner to its capabilities with the graduation of one-year old Labrador, K-9 Hank.

Senior Trooper Jason Allford and K-9 Hank just completed a 10-week training program that culminated in an Explosives Detection Canine (EDC) certification. The team training prepares them for building searches, vehicle searches, explosive detection, luggage searches, and open area searches. More than 300 hours of training takes place in a variety of conditions and environments prior to the handler and K-9 being certified.

The new team will assist EOD by responding to bomb threats, unattended articles, participating in high profile



Photo provided

special events, and dignitary protective sweeps.

EDC teams play a critical role in protecting people and infrastructure from explosive threats. The Indiana State Police EDC teams attend special events like the State Fair, Indy 500, and

they routinely check state-owned properties.

Senior Trooper Allford has been a member of the EOD team for 13 years. His previous K-9 partner, Chief, retired in March 2022, and lives with the Allford family.

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Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation. God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:9-20 (NIV)



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Sen. Braun's bill will let members of Congress say no to taxpayer-funded pensions for themselves

The REPORTER

Legislation introduced by Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Senator Rick Scott (R-Fla.) to allow members of Congress to opt-out of receiving a taxpayer-funded pension advanced out of committee in the Senate on Wednesday.

"Our job in Congress is to serve the American people, not to enrich ourselves with special taxpayer-funded pensions," Sen. Braun said. "That is why I'll never accept my Senate pension and members who do not wish to receive a pension

at the taxpayers' expense should not be forced to. If we remove the luxurious perks from Congress, we'll get better leaders and fewer career politicians who decide how they'll vote by just trying to stay in power. This legislation would bring us one step closer."

Background

• Sen. Braun first introduced the Members of Congress Pension Opt-Out Clarification Act in 2019,



Braun

Act would allow members of the House of Representatives to opt-out of the Federal Retirement System (FERS). It does so by repealing a line added to the 2004 Appropriations Act that eliminated the option for Members of the

U.S. House of Representatives to opt-out of FERS. This bill passed the Senate in the 116th Congress, but stalled in the House of Representatives.

• The Member of Congress Opt-Out Clarification Act would allow members of the House of Representatives to opt-out of the Federal Retirement System (FERS). It does so by repealing a line added to the 2004 Appropriations Act that eliminated the option for Members of the

U.S. House of Representatives to opt-out of FERS.

• Additionally, it amends the definition of a Member under 5 U.S.C. 8401 (20) to specify that Members who opt-out of FERS may still participate in a Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), which is the government equivalent to a 401(k), allowing Members to save for their retirement like their constituents without contributing to a plush pension program. Currently, Senators who opt-out of FERS also lose their TSP.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to start their search engines at IndianaUnclaimed.gov

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to race over to IndianaUnclaimed.gov to search and claim their funds and/or property. You might recover enough to buy a lot of milk in Victory Lane.

"With Indiana as the only state in which the attorney general oversees unclaimed property, I'm waving the green flag to all Hoosiers to search today and recover what is rightfully theirs," Rokita said. "This race day is the perfect time to search unclaimed property and see

if you're a winner."

Recovering your unclaimed property is safe, secure, and simple. Search for your name at the IndianaUnclaimed.gov database – which, by the way, includes some Hoosiers who share a name with some pretty famous racers such as Mario, Foyt, Andretti, and who still have funds waiting to be claimed.

In 2021, Rokita's office returned over \$48 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners.

To keep track of all your assets, Rokita recommends Hoosiers get in the driver's seat and:

• Keep a record of all bank accounts.



Rokita

received.

• Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.

• Cash all checks promptly no matter how small.

• Update your address with all businesses when you move.

• Talk to loved ones about any safe deposit boxes you own.

Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division

at Rokita's office conducts outreach efforts to locate the rightful owners or heirs.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Just this year, \$19,505,033 has been returned to Hoosiers. \$746,413,505.22 is waiting to be claimed – and you could be next to cross the finish line.

Make a pit stop and see what you are missing at IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family or business.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmal@atg.in.gov.

You may also like and/or follow the Unclaimed Property Division on [Facebook](#).

Meeting Notice

The Carmel Plan Commission Residential and Commercial committees will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.



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Girls on June 17, Boys on June 18 at Brownsburg . . .

Twenty-two county players to participate in IBCA/IHSAA Underclass Showcase

A total of 22 Hamilton County basketball players (10 girls and 12 boys) will be a part of the 20th IBCA/IHSAA Top 100 Underclass Showcase basketball events. The Showcase will June 17 and June 18 at Brownsburg High School.

Staged by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association with support from the Indiana High School Athletic Association and presented by Ballogy, the Underclass Showcase events are designed to give exposure to approximately 244 of the top basketball prospects (123 boys and 121 girls) from across the state to colleges across the state and nation.

The 2022 Girls' Showcase will be on Friday, June 17, and the 2022 Boys' Showcase will be on Saturday, June 18. Both days are divided into two sessions.

The first session begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs until about 1:40 p.m. each day. The second session starts at 2:30 p.m. and runs until about 5:40 p.m. each day. The Boys' Showcase is being held during the NCAA's "scholastic viewing period," which allows coaches from NCAA Division I programs to attend in person.

All Hamilton County players will participate in the first session.

County girls players expected to participate are:

Olivia Brown, Hamilton Southeastern
Kelsey DuBois, University
Talia Harris, Fishers
Hannah Lach, Carmel
Camryn Runner, Hamilton Heights
Payton Seay, University
Hailey Smith, Fishers
Olivia Smith, Fishers
Meredith Tippner, Noblesville
Reagan Wilson, Noblesville

In addition, the local girls coaches will be members of the coaching staff: Sheridan's Jaidlin Bradshaw, Hamilton Southeastern's Brian Satterfield and Carmel's Erin Trimpe.

County boys players expected to participate are:

Luke Almodovar, Noblesville

Jared Bonds, Carmel
Sabien Cain, University
Garwey Dual, Carmel
Aaron Fine, Noblesville
Jalen Haralson, Fishers
Taden Metzger, Fishers
Sam Orme, Carmel
Preston Roberts, Noblesville
Rephaim Stevenson, Hamilton Southeastern
Myles Stringer, Fishers
Spencer White, Carmel
Noblesville coach Scott McClelland will be a member of the coaching staff.

The Showcase events are open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person per day for spectators. IBCA-member coaches will be admitted at no charge by showing their IBCA membership card.

The planned agendas for each day, players who are expected to participate and coaches who are expected to work the events are listed below. (Note: The list of players is subject to change if a player is injured or if his/her personal schedule is modified for some reason. The list below is the most up-to-date available, as of May 19, 2022.)

Again, please note that the 2022 Showcase events are at Brownsburg High School, 1000 S. Odell St., Brownsburg, IN 46112. (The Showcase events are not at Ben Davis High School, as in years past).

The schedule is identical for both girls and boys, and runs as follows:

10 a.m. – Registration / check-in for players and coaches
10:30 a.m. – Welcome and announcements
10:45 a.m. – Stretching and Warmups
11 a.m. – Stations, 5 minutes at each station (all teams)
11:45 a.m. – First session of scrimmages (Red vs. Blue; Green vs. Purple; Black vs. Orange)
12:45 p.m. – Second session of scrimmages (Green vs. Blue; Orange vs. Purple; Black vs. Red)
1:40 p.m. – Approximate conclusion



Kent Graham/ File photo

Noblesville's Reagan Wilson, shown here at the Logansport girls semi-state, is one of 10 Hamilton County girls basketball players scheduled to participate in the IBCA/IHSAA Top 100 Underclass Showcase on June 17 at Brownsburg High School. Also, 12 county boys players will participate in the Boys Showcase on June 18.

Huskies golf wins regular-season finale

The Hamilton Heights boys golf team won its regular-season finale Thursday at Bear Slide Golf Club.

The Huskies scored 167 to Lapel's 179 and Sheridan's 232. Vincent Harley led the

Huskies by carding a 40, earning him medalist honors. Lance Jones and Nathan Cox both added 42s, followed by Ethan Millsaps with a 43. Garrett James scored 44 and Josh Steffen had a 45.

Post-season schedule update

Here are the latest schedule updates and changes regarding this week's post-season events.

The Class 4A Sectional 8 softball championship game at Fishers between Carmel and Noblesville was postponed again. The Greyhounds and the Millers will now play at 11 a.m. this morning.

At 3A Sectional 24 at Delta, Guerin Catholic will play its semi-final game with New Castle at noon today. The winner will then play the championship game at 5 p.m., between the winner of Delta and Yorktown, who will play in the first semi-final at 10

a.m.

In baseball, Hamilton Heights will take on New Castle in a first-round game at 2 p.m. at 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown. The Tigers and Jay County will then play at 4 p.m. The winners advance to the Monday semi-finals to face each other at 10 a.m., followed by the second semi-final between Delta and Guerin Catholic at noon. The championship game is at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Up at 1A Sectional 54 at Tri-County, the semi-final between Sheridan and Rossville is now scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday. South Newton and Clinton Central will play the second semi-final at 1 p.m., with the championship scheduled for later that day.

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Kanaan leads three Ganassi cars in top four on Miller Lite Carb Day

Chip Ganassi Racing continued its dominance of this Month of May at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as Tony Kanaan was the fastest overall and led three of the team's drivers in the top four of the speed chart Friday during Miller Lite Carb Day practice for the 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

2013 Indy 500 winner Kanaan's top lap in the 90-minute session – which was shortened and started two hours late due to morning rain – was 227.114 mph in the No. 1 The American Legion Chip Ganassi Racing Honda. His teammate Marcus Ericsson was second at 227.004 in the No. 8 Huski Chocolate Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

"We've been happy with the car all week," Kanaan said. "That is no secret that the cars are good. We did a few pit stops there, run a couple things. But honestly, we didn't change anything."

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Takuma Sato broke up the Ganassi speed show by clocking in at third at 226.839 in the No. 51 Nurtec ODT Honda.

NTT P1 Award winner Scott Dixon, who set the fastest pole speed in "500" history last Sunday, was fourth at 226.696 in the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing Honda. Sage Karam was the fastest Chevrolet driver and fifth overall at 226.517 in the No. 24 AES Indiana DRR Chevrolet.

Ganassi's strength wasn't limited to just the top four spots, as all five of the team's drivers ended up in the top 14. Jimmie Johnson was the fastest "500" rookie and seventh overall at 225.974 in the No. 48 Carvana Chip Ganassi Racing Honda, while reigning NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Alex Palou ended up 14th at 225.435 in the No. 10 NTT DATA Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

The results further validated the speed the Ganassi team showed during qualifying last Sunday, as all five of the team's drivers will start in the first four rows of the 200-lap race Sunday.

This was the last action on the 2.5-mile oval before "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" on Sunday (live coverage starts at 11 a.m. on NBC, Telemundo Deportes on Uni-



verso and the INDYCAR Radio Network). But Andretti Autosport and Dale Coyne Racing with HMD will face a busy Friday evening and Saturday after two crashes during the session.

At 2:05 p.m., Colton Herta's No. 26 Gainbridge Honda fielded by Andretti Autosport with Curb-Agajanian wiggled in Turn 1 and made right-rear contact with the SAFER Barrier at the exit of the turn. The car overturned and slid through the short chute between Turns 1 and 2, making secondary contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 2 with the nose of the car.

Herta climbed from the car after the AMR INDYCAR Safety Team carefully turned the car onto its wheels. The car suffered extensive damage.

At 1:44 p.m., Rookie David Malukas did a half-spin and hit the SAFER Barrier in Turn 1 with the left side of his No. 18 HMD Honda after side-by-side contact with the No. 23 Palermo's Screamin Sicilian DRR Chevrolet driven by Santino Ferrucci entering the turn. Malukas was unhurt, but his car suffered extensive damage.

Ferrucci was held in his pit box for 20

minutes after the incident in a penalty for avoidable contact levied by INDYCAR officials.

All 33 drivers in the starting field participated in the final practice. The field combined to turn 1,590 laps, with rookie Callum Ilott leading the laps completed column with 68 in the No. 77 Juncos Hollinger Racing Chevrolet.

Team Penske, Newgarden Win Pit Stop Challenge

Team Penske earned its record-extending 18th career victory in the Ruoff Mortgage Pit Stop Challenge, this time with two-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Josef Newgarden in the No. 2 Shell Team Penske Chevrolet.

The No. 2 Team Penske crew earned \$50,000 in awards from a prize pool of \$100,000.

This was Newgarden's first victory and the third for chief mechanic Travis Law, who led the No. 3 crew to wins in 2015 and 2016 with Helio Castroneves. Team Penske's last victory came in 2017 with the No. 12 Verizon Team Penske crew and driver

Will Power.

"Everybody showed up, and we did what we had to do," Law said. "Hats off to everybody involved, the guys back at the shop to get the equipment ready. Can't thank them enough."

Team Penske swept the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing Honda crew and driver Scott Dixon in the best-of-three final round. It was the first sweep by a team since the best-of-three format was adopted in 1972.

The last team and driver to win the annual competition between the best NTT INDYCAR SERIES crews and the Indianapolis 500 in the same year was Team Penske and Castroneves, in 2009. Team Penske also earned its first Indy 500 victory 50 years ago this year, with Mark Donohue in 1972.

"Maybe a little good mojo," Newgarden said. "Like Travis said, we had a little slower lane there, and they made the difference on that final stop to get it done. I'm always thrilled to show up at the race-track because I know I have the best of the best behind me."

Shell, INDYCAR to introduce 100% renewable race fuel for NTT INDYCAR SERIES in 2023

Shell and INDYCAR are continuing their sustainability journey together by announcing a lineup of additional energy solutions for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) ahead of the prestigious Indianapolis 500. Together and separately, the organizations have designed a variety of sustainability initiatives that will help to reduce the carbon footprint within INDYCAR and power progress toward more sustainable motorsports in North America.

"The fuel and lubricant, and energy solutions developed through our strategic relationship with INDYCAR and Penske Corporation can ultimately help accelerate reduced carbon emissions from transport in many sectors of the economy," said Carlos Maurer, executive vice president of Sec-

tors and Decarbonization at Shell. "Shell's motorsports technical alliances around the world provide a testing ground for fuel and lubricant technologies and products in demanding road conditions."

Building on the sponsorship contract renewal and extension announced on May 26 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Shell will be the official fuel, motor oil and lubricant sponsor of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES.

Beginning in 2023, Shell will produce a new race fuel for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. This new product consists of a blend of second-generation ethanol derived from sugarcane waste and other biofuels to create a fuel that is 100 percent comprised of feedstocks categorized as "renewable" under the applicable regulatory frameworks.

The fuel developed by Shell is set to

make the NTT INDYCAR SERIES the first United States-based motorsports series to power racing with 100 percent renewable race fuel3 and enables at least 60% greenhouse gas emissions reduction compared to fossil-based gasoline4.

"This race fuel development for INDYCAR is a great example of how fuels technology is pivotal in helping decarbonize the sport," said Dr. Selda Gunsell, president of Shell Global Solutions. "Today's development takes us one step closer to that goal."

The second-generation ethanol will be sourced from Raizen, a Brazilian Joint-Venture created in 2011 by Shell and Cosan. Raizen is one of the largest sugarcane ethanol producers in the world and owner of the first commercial second-generation ethanol plant.

"It is an honor for Raizen to contribute advanced ethanol to this renewable race fuel, and it's an exciting introduction to one of the most iconic motorsport categories," said Ricardo Mussa, Raizen CEO.

"Motorsports has always been at the forefront of innovation and technology, and today INDYCAR is furthering this tradition in a very important and transformational way," said Mark Miles, president & CEO of Penske Entertainment Corp. "We are proud to become a leader in sustainability and decarbonization as we work towards becoming the first U.S. motorsport series to run on renewable fuel. With industry-leading organizations like Shell and Penske sharing the same ambition for a cleaner energy future, remarkable progress can be made."

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Major League Baseball standings

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	33	13	.717	-
Tampa Bay	26	19	.578	6.5
Toronto	25	20	.556	7.5
Boston	21	24	.467	11.5
Baltimore	19	27	.413	14.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	28	18	.609	-
Chi. White Sox	22	22	.500	5.0
Cleveland	18	23	.439	7.5
Detroit	16	28	.364	11.0
Kansas City	15	29	.341	12.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	29	17	.630	-
L.A. Angels	27	20	.574	2.5
Texas	21	23	.477	7.0
Seattle	19	27	.413	10.0
Oakland	19	29	.396	11.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	30	17	.638	-
Atlanta	22	24	.478	7.5
Philadelphia	21	25	.457	8.5
Miami	18	25	.419	10.0
Washington	16	30	.348	13.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	29	17	.630	-
St. Louis	25	20	.556	3.5
Chi. Cubs	18	26	.409	10.0
Pittsburgh	18	25	.419	10.0
Cincinnati	15	30	.333	13.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	31	14	.689	-
San Diego	29	16	.644	2.0
San Francisco	24	20	.545	6.5
Arizona	23	24	.489	9.0
Colorado	20	24	.455	10.5

Fever beat Sparks in Knox's first game as interim coach

In his first game as interim head coach and in the arena where his retired No. 34 IUPUI jersey hangs from above, Carlos Knox earned the first win of his WNBA head coaching career in a 101-96 Indiana Fever win against the Los Angeles Sparks on Friday night at Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Indiana snapped its five-game losing streak to improve to 3-7 this season. The Sparks fell to 1-6 in its last seven games and 3-6 overall.

Fever guard Kelsey Mitchell got off to a hot start in the first quarter, hitting three of her first five shots, and passed Briann January for third all-time in franchise history for most made field goals. Mitchell capped the night with 726 made field goals for her career, trailing only Tamika Catchings (2,385) and Katie Douglas (899) with the most ever made in a Fever jersey. Mitchell was one of five Fever players to end the night in double figures with a team-high 22 points on 7-of-14 shooting. Friday was Mitchell's 99th career game finishing in double figures and the 40th game of her career scoring at least 20 points.

Fever forward Emily Engstler was also clicking early on offense, scoring nine points on 4-of-4 shooting to help the Fever gain a 26-22 lead after the first quarter. Engstler led all reserves with a career-high 13 points to go along with nine rebounds and also tied a career-best with seven offensive rebounds. Rookie forward NaLyssa Smith, who missed the previous four games with an ankle injury, picked up where she left off with 17 points in 24 minutes for Indiana.

The Fever opened the second quarter on a 13-4 run to increase the lead to 13 at the 6:02 mark. Los Angeles would respond with an 11-5 run of its own and would head to the locker room trailing the Fever, 55-47. Indiana knocked down seven of the team's 11 3-point field goals, which tied a season-high, and shot 63 percent from beyond

the arc in the first half alone.

Fever guard Danielle Robinson also dished out six assists in the first half, finishing with 11 total and earning her first double-double of the season with 10 points.

The Fever continued the streaky trend right out of the half with a 15-5 run to open the third quarter, which included two more Kelsey Mitchell three-pointers to help push the Fever lead to 18 at the 6:07 mark — its largest lead of the night.

Los Angeles opened the fourth quarter on a 13-6 run to cut into an 88-84 Fever lead with 5:12 remaining. The Sparks then made four of its next five shots to cut the deficit to just two at the 2:41 mark. After getting fouled, Robinson hit two clutch free throws with one minute left to put the Fever up 97-93. Sparks forward Nneka Ogumike hit a three-pointer with 11.1 seconds to go, but a blocked shot on Sparks forward Katie Lou Samuelson from Fever forward Victoria Vivians sealed the game. Vivians would finish with 17 points, surpassing the 15-point threshold for the sixth time in her last seven games.

For the Sparks, Nneka Ogumike led all scorers with a season-high 30 points on 12-of-18 shooting and finished with 10 points for a double-double. Katie Lou Samuelson also pitched in a season-high with 19 points on 8-of-13 shooting. Despite shooting 2-of-11 and not making her first field until the fourth quarter, Liz Cambage tallied 13 points and nine rebounds.

Indiana also outgained Los Angeles 19-3 on second chance points.

The two teams will meet for the final time during the regular season on July 19 in Los Angeles.

The Fever return to Indiana Farmers Coliseum on Tuesday at 7 p.m. against the Washington Mystics.

Tuesday's game will be streamed on the official Indiana Fever Facebook page in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

WNBA update

Friday scores
Indiana 101, Los Angeles 96
Seattle 79, New York 71

Overall standings

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Las Vegas	7	1	.875	-
Washington	6	2	.750	1.0
Connecticut	5	2	.714	1.5
Chicago	4	2	.667	2.0
Dallas	5	3	.625	2.0
Atlanta	4	3	.571	2.5
Seattle	4	3	.571	2.5
Los Angeles	3	6	.333	4.5
Phoenix	2	5	.286	4.5
Indiana	3	7	.286	5.0
Minnesota	2	6	.250	5.0
New York	1	6	.143	5.5

Today at the Track Legends Day

Information about Legends Day presented by Firestone track activity Saturday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

SCHEDULE

8 a.m.-1 p.m.: Public gates open
9-10 a.m.: Full-Field Autograph Session
10:30 a.m.: Public Drivers' Meeting, Tower Terrace
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Veteran Driver Autograph Session A
12:45-1:30 p.m.: Veteran Driver Autograph Session B

TICKETS

General Admission tickets are \$10 for Legends Day Presented by Firestone. Children 15 and under are admitted free with paying adult.

PUBLIC GATES OPEN (8 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Gate 2, Gate 4, Gate 6S, Gate 7S, Gate 7, Gate 10, Gate 10A.

PARKING

Free parking for Legends Day presented by Firestone is located inside at 5th and Hulman, in the South Carousel Lot for motorcycle parking and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum Lot for ADA parking.

CASHLESS OPERATIONS

All IMS concession stands and merchandise locations are cashless this year. Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. Cash-to-Card machines, which convert paper money onto a temporary debit card, will be located throughout the facility. These funds can be spent inside the venue, outside the venue, online or anywhere in the world where Mastercard/Visa debit cards are accepted. Parking and gate locations will accept cash.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY MUSEUM HOURS (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for guests over the age of 62 and \$8 for guests ages 6-15. Free Museum shuttles will run during IMS gate hours between the Museum and the corner of 6th Street and Hulman Boulevard in the Speedway's infield. Museum visitors must possess an event ticket or credential to enter the Museum. Museum guests must possess an event ticket or credential to Legends Day presented by Firestone and purchase a Museum admission ticket at the Museum to visit. Visitors should park in open IMS parking lots and use the 6th Street and Hulman Boulevard shuttles to access the Museum.

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