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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy.
HIGH: 53 LOW: 35



Hamilton County moves to 'Blue' COVID advisory level

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Health has revised Hamilton County's weekly 2-metric score from Yellow to Blue.

The Indiana Department of Health added 213 newly-reported COVID-19 positive cases to the county's dashboard

on Saturday, March 6. Upon further review, the state found that some of the test results dated back as far as January. However, color status is based on the date the test is reported, not the date the test was taken. The state has adjusted Hamilton County's level to Blue to

reflect this change.

Being that this is the second week that Hamilton County has been under Blue status, its advisory level has now been lowered to Blue as well. That means events and social gatherings may take place at up to 100 percent capacity so long as participants social distance and wear masks. This includes K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, community recreational sports, and college and professional sports. Social gatherings should be no more than 250 people.

Live audience can enjoy Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" from Carmel Symphony Orchestra tonight

The REPORTER

Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" will resonate through the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 13 as violin virtuoso Zachary DePue joins the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) for a combination live audience and streaming event.

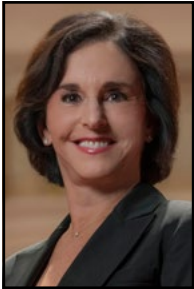
The 7:30 p.m. program also features a special appearance by the Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre performing during the "Winter" concerto, plus the CSO presenting Schubert's Symphony No. 5 D. 485 in B-flat Major.

Palladium seating is limited to just over 300 patrons, and tickets sold out within the first 48 hours. Due to the limitation, the evening's performance also will be livestreamed. Tickets for the livestream are available at carmel-symphony.org, and can be purchased until the show begins.

"You can't imagine how excited we are to be playing in front of a live audience again," said CSO Artistic Director Janna Hymes. She noted that the Carmel Symphony is one of the few musical organizations in the area that has continued to perform throughout the pandemic. "Our orchestra members cannot wait to take the stage on March 13 and perform the 'Four Seasons' for our fans and friends, inside the Palladium as well as those joining us via the live stream. And, of course, having Zach with us as our guest artist makes it even more special."



DePue



Hymes

Noblesville Lions Club welcomes Diane Turner at March meeting



Photo provided

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Diane Turner from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conversation District to speak at the meeting. Turner enlightened the group about the ways the HCSWD can help county residents. Lion Bill Lynch (right) presented Turner (left) with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Teamwork credited in AAA rating Only county in Indiana to hold the designation

The REPORTER

Hamilton County has received the highest possible credit rating, AAA, from Standard & Poor's. It is the only county among the 92 counties in the state to receive such a rating.

"Even during this difficult economic downturn caused by the pandemic, the county remained fiscally strong, disciplined, and resilient," said County Council member Fred Glynn. "These fundamentals show the county is positioned for more growth in the future."

The rating agency uses four categories of criteria: Economy/Tax base, Finances, Man-

agement, and Debt/Pensions. It affirms Hamilton County's ability to pay its debts and weather uncertain economic times.

"This rating saves our residents money, by providing a lower cost of borrowing to finance capital projects. This also makes the county more attractive to businesses and signals a sound and stable economic



Glynn



Heirbrandt

climate," said Mark Heirbrandt, president of the Hamilton County Commissioners. "It certainly speaks to the hard work and teamwork of our county commissioners, county council, and finance team over the past three months."

In assigning its AAA bond rating, S&P analysts noted the county's "strong population

growth, high effective buying incomes, and low unemployment rates" among its key attributes.

It also noted the county's Local Income Tax as "stronger than that of the U.S. Government (AA+)," remarking that Hamilton County "can maintain better credit characteristics than the U.S. in a stress scenario."

"To improve our credit rating, while we continue to recover from the effects of the pandemic, ramp up numerous projects, and provide pandemic-related assistance to our residents and businesses is simply exceptional," Heirbrandt said.

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Severe weather preparation begins Sunday

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Emergency Management is getting ready for this year's severe weather preparedness week, March 14 to 20.

The statewide tornado drill will be on Tuesday, March 16, between 10 and 10:30 a.m. To prepare for the statewide tornado drill, Hamilton County Emergency Management resumed weekly testing of the county's outdoor warning sirens at 11 a.m. on Friday.

The National Weather Service in Indianapolis scheduled the following

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CrossRoads Church at Westfield seeking applications for home repairs

The REPORTER

CrossRoads Church at Westfield is bringing 200 to 300 high school students to Westfield this summer for a week to provide free home repair for those in need. This program is being offered in partnership with [Group Mission Trips](#), a youth mission organization based in Ft. Collins, Colo., and has a long history.

CrossRoads is seeking applications from any who need home repairs. Applications are due by April 1, 2021.

Building or repairing wheelchair ramps, constructing decks, doing mobile home skirting, or painting the exterior of homes are the home repair services being offered for free this summer. This program is geared primarily toward older adults, veterans, and any low-income families who live in the community

and own their own homes.

"The qualification is very simple," said Eric Lohe, who is the lead pastor of CrossRoads Church at Westfield. "If you are in need of housing repair so you can live in your house, we want to help. We are not checking your bank statements or any of that. Once you submit an application, we have people from our congregation and the community who will go assess the needed repairs and determine if we have the skills and people power to meet the need."

"To help people stay in their homes is the reason for doing the home repairs," Lohe told the Re-



porter. "This summer from June 21-25 we are going to have up to 300 high school kids, church kids, and their adult leaders come into the Westfield community, to live at Westfield Middle School, and go out in smaller groups of six people to serve. They will go to 35 to 45 home sites where each of those small groups will spend a week doing repairs for those people in need."

Applications are available both as an online form at [this link](#) and in a [downloadable PDF format](#) and are due by April 1, 2021.

"Group Mission Trips goes to 20 to 25 communities in the Unit-

ed States each summer and does a week-long youth mission home repair camp," Lohe explained. "I have been attending these camps since 2005 working as staff and a volunteer. Our church has sent a number of students and adults to these work camps."

The current focus toward this goal is the free home repair program coming to Westfield, Noblesville and northern Hamilton County this summer.

"Since folks in our church are in Westfield, Noblesville, Cicero, and Sheridan, we decided for this round of doing this camp we were going to focus in those four communities," Lohe said. "This effort is one of four church initiatives called, 'For Our Neighbor.' We are trying to meet, know, enjoy, and serve the needs of our local neighbors."

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Fatal car crashes doubled last year in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The number of fatal crashes in Hamilton County last year was twice what it was in 2019 despite stay-at-home orders and a decrease in traffic. A total of 26 people died in 24 crashes in Hamilton County in 2020.

"People faced stressors last year like they wouldn't normally face," said Monica Greer, executive director of the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs. "Job losses, food insecurity, and evictions. Unfortunately, we saw that play out on our roads in the form of drunk and drugged driving."

According to a survey released by the RAND Corporation, American adults sharply increased their consumption of alcohol during the shutdown triggered by the



Greer

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LIVE AUDIENCE

Violinist Zachary DePue has established himself as a favorite at concert venues around the world with his trademark high-energy performances. He is well-known and popular with Central Indiana audiences, having served for over a decade as concertmaster with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO). He also is a founding member of the ISO’s first ensemble-in-residence, the international sensation Time for Three, with whom he performed for 15 years.

“The ‘Four Seasons’ is

the ideal vehicle to showcase Zach’s versatility and musical enthusiasm,” Hymes said. “These four violin concertos always are huge audience hits, and Zach never fails as a hit with our audience, as well.”

Saturday’s event is part of CSO’s Masterworks Series. The series continues on Saturday, April 24 with a CSO performance featuring pieces from Mozart, Faure, Ravel, and Bizet. Programming for a Mother’s Day Weekend concert on Saturday, May 8 will

be announced soon. The orchestra then will embark on its exciting and diverse summer concert schedule from June through September at a variety of area venues – leading to its 2021-22 season kick-off in October.

United Fidelity Bank is sponsor of the March 13 performance. CSO season sponsors are the City of Carmel, the Center for the Performing Arts, and the Palladium. Additional information about upcoming performances will be announced soon at carmelsymphony.org.

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WEATHER

topics for each day:

- **Sunday:** Kick-off – Discuss roles in severe weather
- **Monday:** Severe Weather Outlook and Watches
 - Weather outlooks to know what is coming
 - Watches – time to get ready
- **Tuesday:** Warnings
 - Taking action when warnings are issued
 - Statewide tornado

drill day

- **Wednesday:** Response
- **Thursday:** Recovery
- **Friday:** Weather-Ready Nation
- **Saturday:** Wrap-up

Some of the activities Hamilton County Emergency Management is taking to be prepared for severe weather include:

- Updated the free HCEM app with weather information, live weather

radio feed, and preparedness activities.

- Conducting refreshing training on preparedness, response, and damage assessment for staff and dedicated volunteers.
- Providing training to municipalities on damage assessment.
- Testing generators at emergency shelters.
- Conducting drills in the Emergency Operations Center.

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CROSSROADS

CrossRoads wants to both be good neighbors and also involve others in helping community neighbors.

“In addition to seeking work group sites, we are also seeking businesses or service organizations to be a part of this,” Lohe said. “If a Rotary Club asks, ‘What can we do?’ I’d say, ‘The kids come back really hungry in the afternoons. Could you cook up some hot dogs and have them available

when the kids come back from camp?’ Or a business could take out popsicles to a group or to a couple work sites during the week to say, ‘Thank you. We’re glad you are here and thanks for what you are doing.’ It is not just about us as a church trying to do something for our neighbor, it’s also about helping people be the best neighbors we can be.”

If you would like to help, email [fourourneighbor](mailto:fourourneighborinfo@gmail.com)

borinfo@gmail.com or call Eric Lohe at (317) 402-6574.

If you need home repairs and think you may qualify, [click here](#) to fill out an online application or [click here](#) to download a PDF copy.

Go to [ForOurNeighbor.Life](#) for more information on all of the Westfield CrossRoads Church “For Our Neighbor” community outreach programs.

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pandemic. The results, published in the journal *JAMA Network Open*, found that the overall frequency of alcohol consumption increased by 19 percent among adults aged 30 to 59.

“The stay-at-home orders caused more people to drink at home and fewer sought a sober driver,” Greer added. “We’re also finding a lot of bars and restaurants making the false assumption that patrons are calling an Uber or Lyft. We all need to be more cognizant of those around us and help them find the support they need right now.”

According to the Criminal Justice Institute, 25 percent of all drivers involved in fatal collisions in Indiana are legally impaired.

Deputy Ryan McClain with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office says empty roads also invite

faster speeds, which in turn increases the chances of a fatal crash. He says fewer traffic stops in early Spring, when there was a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the virus, could also be to blame.

“We didn’t know what we were up against,” McClain explained. “Our deputies had to balance the safety of our citizens with the safety of their lives. As a result, law enforcement agencies made fewer traffic stops in the first few months of 2020, only pulling over drivers for egregious infractions.”

This weekend, the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership (HCTSP) will set up a sobriety checkpoint in Hamilton County in an effort to curb drunk driving. St. Patrick’s Day weekend is traditionally one of the busiest nights for law enforcement agencies. Sobri-

ety checkpoints allow police to briefly stop vehicles at specific, highly visible locations to see if the driver is impaired. Breath tests may be given if police have a reason to suspect the driver is intoxicated. It is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content at or above 0.08 percent in Indiana.

About HCTSP

The HCTSP is comprised of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department, Fishers Police Department, Carmel Police Department, Noblesville Police Department, and Westfield Police Department, with the assistance of the Indiana State Police. Officers staffing the sobriety checkpoints work on an overtime basis paid by grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

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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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From the desk of Heights Superintendent Arrowood

Update #52 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

March kicks off our annual Kindergarten Round-Up. This is where we conduct our kindergarten screening assessment, register, and ready a special welcome for our littlest Huskies. Our kindergarten educators are phenomenal in providing an exceptional blend of engaging, inspiring, and fun learning experiences that are the building blocks of early literacy, numeracy, socialization, independence, and success in school. Due to current conditions, registration will be conducted online. To enroll for Kindergarten for the 2021-22 year, children must be five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2021. [Click here](#) for more information on what you need to know to be-



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

gin your child's educational journey at Hamilton Heights Elementary School. March is also Women's History Month. This month is dedicated to the limitless contributions women have made to the history of the United States. According to [History.com](#), the celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history, and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, Calif., in 1978. [Click here](#) for more information about Women's History Month. Also, this month on Monday, March 15, our partners at the Hamilton County Trustees Association (HCTA) will begin accepting applications for the Hamilton County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (HC ERAP). The program provides rent and

utility assistance to residents struggling with a loss of income due to COVID. [Check out this important video](#) explaining how the HC ERAP will provide assistance or [click here](#) to visit the HCTA website for more details. Speaking of partners, our friends at the Cicero United Methodist Church have generously offered their facilities and Wi-Fi to students who may need a place to sit and do their online work. The church, located at 100 E. Jackson St., can host up to a dozen students to work on their assignments between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Should there be a need to extend on a specific afternoon for multiple students, Pastor Jesse Mullins will work to find a way to accommodate. To make arrangements, parents are encouraged to call the church office at (317) 984-4971 or email rethinkchurch@ciceroumc.org. We remain optimistic and positive as we ready

for the final nine weeks of the academic school year. We have learned a great deal about operating a school system during a pandemic. We know the importance of being flexible, relying on science, collaborating with our local health partners, communicating with other school districts, rising to incredible challenges, and working together for the greater good. The decisions and adjustments we have made throughout and will continue to make to best meet the moment, are based on new and changing information, careful review, input from our local health department, and always in the best overall interests and well-being of our students and staff. We are grateful for our staff, community, and parents who continue to pull together with patience and resilience as we navigate through the dynamic nature of the extraordinary times we are in. Be well, stay safe. **#WeAreHuskies**

CCHA welcomes Emily Schmale

The REPORTER

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA) welcomes Emily Schmale to the firm's Family Law Practice Section. A native of Hamilton County, Schmale graduated from Carmel High School and Saint Mary's College in South Bend. She received her law degree from IU McKinney School of Law.



Schmale

"We are excited to welcome Emily to the firm and look forward to her contributions with our family law practice group, where she will help guide our clients to reach their goals," said CCHA Managing Partner David Day. "I am excited to join such a well-respected and committed firm," Schmale said. "I look forward to providing expertise to those in need of a trusted family law advisor." In addition to her legal practice, Schmale says she enjoys spending time with her husband, Trent, and their children, as well as growing flowers. An active

volunteer in her community, she recently completed a three-year term as a board member of Adoptions of Indiana. [Click here](#) to read more about Schmale on the CCHA website. **About CCHA** Founded in 1880, CCHA is the oldest law firm in Hamilton County. As a full-service law firm, CCHA provides a myriad of legal services to clients across a wide variety of practice areas, including: Complex litigation, personal injury, governmental entity and municipal law, education, business formation and representation, divorce and family law, estate planning and administration, real estate law, criminal law, labor and employment law, mediation services and appellate litigation. Church Church Hittle + Antrim serves clients across the state with offices in Noblesville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Tipton, Merrillville, and Westfield. Learn more about CCHA at cchalaw.com.

Modernizing how local governments do business

Whether it is sitting in a staff meeting, teaching middle school math or connecting with a loved one, many Hoosiers now utilize Zoom or other teleconferencing software due to COVID-19.



TONY COOK
State Representative

Just as educators and private businesses had to make adjustments, local governments had to make changes too. However, during the early parts of the pandemic some concerns arose as to whether local units had the authority to host meetings virtually. Under a bill I authored this session, these entities would be given more flexibility to modernize their processes, including how

they communicate and conduct business. In the spring of 2020, Gov. Eric Holcomb issued an executive order allowing local governments to meet virtually to help flatten the curve; however, that authority will expire in the future. That's why I authored [House Bill 1437](#). I believe we should provide local governments the option to allow a limited number of members to attend virtually. This legislation would require these entities to develop policies and procedures for electronic participation. During the pandemic, local governments did see

an increase in public input in part because they could attend and participate virtually. Under this bill, the public and the media would still have access to these meetings whether they are held in person or not. If Indiana is under a state of emergency, these units would be allowed to meet completely online. While this bill does provide local governments with flexibility as to how they conduct business, I understand how crucial it is for elected leaders to meet in person and represent their constituents. This legislation would only allow a certain number of members to participate virtually if Indiana is not under a state of emergency. It also requires members to be physically present to discuss certain

issues, such as budgetary and taxation matters. Using Zoom and other teleconferencing software has become the new normal for Hoosiers. This bill would make it possible for local governments to continue this progress and make decisions in a wide range of situations by using these resources to hold public meetings. If you have any questions about this moving legislation or have any input about how I can better serve you as your state representative, please contact my office at H32@iga.in.gov. *State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) represents House District 32, which includes all of Tipton County and portions of Hamilton, Madison, Delaware, Howard and Grant counties.*

Fishers looking to hire staff this summer

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

If you know anyone looking for summer work, the City of Fishers has a number of jobs open. More than 50 positions are open at the Parks Department and Public Works Department. These are seasonal positions. Here is the list, as provided by the city:

Camp Counselors

25-plus openings
Join the dynamic City of Fishers Parks staff this summer by working as one of their Camp Counselors. The purpose of this position is to provide an exciting and safe environment for youth and preschool campers by leading games, songs, crafts, and other activities. Each counselor will work with other counselors to provide weekly camp activities for a total of eight weeks. Experienced candidates will be considered for Head Counselor positions. Head Counselors act as primary liaisons between parents and camp staff and are responsible for supervising and evaluating Counselors to ensure all campers receive quality care.

Seasonal Laborer

25-plus openings
This temporary summer position performs general labor to supplement the non-seasonal workforce to ensure city streets, rights-of-ways, park grounds and facilities are maintained. Positions will be required to work some evening, weekend, and holiday hours. Fishers Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all municipal assets. These responsibilities include maintaining 400 center-lane

miles of roads and associated right-of-way, which includes snow removal, crack sealing, patching, irrigation needs, traffic signals, striping, and street cleaning. DPW also maintains 1,300 acres of parks and school grounds that includes over 60 baseball/softball fields, over 60 athletic fields, and over 500 acres of common area. From concerts to 5K runs, DPW staff is on the scene to provide setup and support.

Fishers Parks Street Team

Summer Staff (1-3 openings)
The City of Fishers is seeking summer staff to assist the Fishers Parks Department. This is a part-time position that will last from May to August 2021. The Parks Street Team will assist Experience Coordinators and Marketing Staff for Summer events. Most of the work for this position will be conducted during Tuesday and Friday evenings and on Saturdays.

Intern for the Fishers AgriPark

1-3 openings
The City of Fishers Parks Department is seeking a seasonal Intern for the Fishers AgriPark. This internship will offer a high school or college student interested in the study of agriculture, farming, or related field an opportunity to learn about the daily operations of the AgriPark. The AgriPark pays homage to Fishers' agricultural roots, while inspiring future generations of farmers, scientists, agronomists, robotics engineers, chefs, and more. [Click here](#) to apply and learn more about job opportunities with the City of Fishers.

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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, has been canceled.

The Carmel Clay School Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Hamilton Heights Middle School, 25150 State Road 19, Arcadia.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet via videoconference at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. The meeting will be broadcast live on the city's website and on local access television. Prior to the meeting, an executive session will be held at 5:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5).

The Hamilton County Communications Operations Board meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021 and Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, at the Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero.

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Paul will be sleepless in HamCo when we spring ahead Sunday

Spring is on the way today at Meet Me on Main in Carmel

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel begins a new three-year partnership with Allied Solutions this weekend as sponsor of many of the city’s events, including this month’s Meet Me on Main. The Saturday evening gallery walk will feature the love of art experienced in shades of Irish green, along with virtual interviews and a special online gallery of art to celebrate National Disability Awareness Month.

If you’re planning to venture out to Main Street, don’t forget to bring the kids to the Chocolate Café (43 W. Main St.) for the complimentary St. Patrick’s Day craft. This fun “to go” art craft will be available from 5 to 8:30 p.m., while supplies last.

You are still urged to wear a mask as you enter galleries and stores or when you are walking in a crowded group. Please try to maintain proper physical distancing as well.

If you’re not quite ready to venture out to an event, but still want to experience the District, you can tune in to the **Carmel Arts & Design District’s Facebook page** for virtual interviews with Matt Nichols from Carmel Chocolate Café, John Einsfeld with SubZero, and Diane Cannon with Juniper on Main. Interviews will be streamed at 5 p.m. on the District’s Facebook page.

Celebrate National Disability Awareness Month virtually. Visit the **Carmel Arts Council’s website** to view the amazing artists’ contributions to the virtual gallery, including “Wonder,” by the artist Emily, shown above.

The Meet Me on Main monthly giveaway will be held on the District’s Facebook page. Each month, three \$100 gift cards to



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businesses in the District are given away. Please visit the Arts & Design **Facebook page** for more information. There is no purchase necessary to participate.

March’s special gallery exhibits include:

• **Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery:** A hot flame, a lot of talent and a great eye for design is the winning combination Fran Carrico uses to create her delicate glass jewelry. “I try to capture themes of nature in my pieces, as well as that range of glass color,” says the artist from Pendleton. “We are surrounded by nature’s beauty in our Indiana countryside and I try to interpret that in glass.” Meet Fran and be mesmerized as she creates wearable art at Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery. (22 N. Range Line Road)

• **Evan Lurie Gallery:** The Evan Lurie Gallery will feature two boutiques Come check out Karma Candles & Kinds and Carter Greenwalt Jewelry. The gallery also has a Red Price Sale on several works of art. (30 W. Main St.)

• **Carmel Art on Main:** Carmel Art on Main will hold the "Emerging Artists Show," showcasing student work by gallery artists and instructors Randall Scott Harden, Deb Slack, and

Nancy Keating. The gallery also announces the permanent addition of emerging artist Marcie Couet and accomplished blown and fused glass artist Lisa Pelo. The gallery continues to feature the works of approximately 20 Indiana artists, including jewelry, pottery, fine art photography, purses, textiles, greeting cards, candles, soaps, and more. (111 W. Main St., Suite 140)

• **CCA Gallery:** March featured artists include Susan Bertocci (contemporary expressionist) and Jennifer Barnett (illustration artist). The gallery also extends a warm welcome to the newest gallery member, Cathy Patrick, an interior designer whose talents spill over into the world of painting. The CCA Gallery is now accepting applications from 2D and 3D artists. Stop by to learn more. (111 W. Main St., Suite 135)

• **All Things Carmel:** Time to celebrate the green of St. Patrick’s Day with several new seasonal offerings at the store, which features local artists and crafters who produce exclusive gift items for sale. In conjunction with the Carmel Brews & Barrels Trail, the store will sample some of the best Danny Boy brews along with some assorted

snacks. (110 W. Main St., Suite 104)

• **Bask on Main:** Specials include: Lashes, \$119 classic lashes extensions; massage, free wellness consultation; microblading, \$150 off services; skin, \$125 for microdermabrasion with a glycolic or lactic peel; injections, \$50 gift card with \$300 injection purchase. (336 W. Main St.)

• **Papa Fattoush Restaurant:** Free appetizer with a purchase of \$25 or more. Valid 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. No code needed, just mention the offer. (15 E. Main St., Suite 100)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about Meet Me on Main activities can be found at **CarmelArtsAndDesign.com**.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or on-street. **Click here** to download the Arts & Design District parking map may be downloaded.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District
The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest’s premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

Loved ones given the okay to embrace at last

The REPORTER

The latest CDC guidelines on residents in senior communities who have been fully vaccinated and are wearing a well-fitting mask are deemed safe to have close contact with

a loved one during a visit. While thorough handwashing both before and after having close contact is strongly encouraged, loved ones have finally been given the okay to embrace at last.

Community News

Have fun with art during Spring Break

If you’re looking for a creative outlet for your child, sign up for a two-day art camp doing painting, drawing, and mixed media in a safe, relaxing environment taught by a certified art teacher at her studio, offered by Westfield Washington Township. This program is for children ages 10 and older. **Click here** to register.

Sen. Braun introduces fix to stop attempted ban on state tax cuts

The REPORTER

In the early morning hours of March 6 as the Senate voted on the \$1.9 trillion COVID package ended, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) introduced a final amendment which included text that would ban states from cutting taxes until 2024 if they take any federal funds from the package.

Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) on Thursday introduced the Let States Cut Taxes Act, a bill to make sure Americans can keep

more of what they earn through state-level tax cuts.

“Democrats are trying to ban states from cutting taxes with a sneaky amendment to the \$1.9 trillion so-called COVID relief package,” Sen. Braun said. “Not only did this blue state bailout bill penalize states for reopening by calculating state funds based on unemployment, now they are trying to use it as a back door to ban states from cutting taxes. My bill would make sure they don’t get away with it.”



Braun

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Sign up for reserved youth turkey hunts from March 15 to 26

The REPORTER

Youth hunters may apply for reserved turkey hunts during the special youth wild turkey hunting season on DNR properties March 15-26.

The youth turkey season is April 17-18. Youth hunters who are under age 18 on the day of the hunt are eligible to apply. A limit will be placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a respective property on each hunting day in order to improve the quality of hunts for participants. Interested hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone during the normal

office hours for the property they wish to hunt. Hunters are limited to registering for one property.

To register a youth for one of the hunts, the following information is needed:

- Hunter’s name
- Type of license and license number
- Date(s) for which applying

- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Parent or guardian’s name, address, and phone number

Participating Fish & Wildlife Areas include Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Deer Creek, Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Goose

Pond, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Pigeon River, J.E. Roush Lake, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Wabashiki, Willow Slough and Winamac. Two reservoir properties, Mississinewa Lake and Salamonie Lake, will also take part in the hunts.

Hunters interested in signing up for the Chinook FWA or Wabashiki FWA hunts may register at Deer Creek FWA. Those interested in signing up for Fairbanks Landing FWA or Hillenbrand FWA hunts may do so at Goose Pond FWA.

A drawing will be held on Wednesday, March 31 at

properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available. A youth hunter may be drawn for either one or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

Turkey hunting hours for DNR properties are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. Youth hunters who are selected for a hunt may check in at any time each day until the end of legal hunting hours for that property. Properties will not have a daily “no-show” drawing. Hunters interested in possible unfilled quotas at a property should call that

property for more information before arriving.

Applicants must possess a 2021 Youth Consolidated Hunting & Trapping License, a 2021 Non-Resident Youth Spring Turkey License with a gamebird habitat stamp privilege, or a Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting License. Apprentice hunting licenses of the types named above also may be used.

Youth hunters can take a bearded or male wild turkey. The youth must be accompanied by someone 18 or older. The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow. The adult accompany-

ing the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The accompanying adult must be licensed if they are assisting by calling or if the youth is using an apprentice license.

Find more information about reserved youth turkey hunts at **wildlife.IN.gov/9713.htm**. For property contact information, visit **on.IN.gov/dfwproperties**. To purchase a license, visit **on.IN.gov/inhunfish**. For resources related to turkey hunting, including previous seasons’ harvest numbers, processing videos, safety tips, and more, visit **wildlife.IN.gov/8695.htm**.

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Buell Haven Dillon July 14, 1926 – March 9, 2021

Buell Haven Dillon, 94, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at his home. He was born on July 14, 1926 to Claude and Lelia (Wethington) Dillon in Lebanon.

Buell proudly served in the United States Army during WWII as a military policeman. He was the co-owner of Economy Elevator Enterprises in Carmel, where he worked for 30 years before retiring in 1988. Buell was a member of the Carmel Masonic Lodge #421. He loved to travel and was a former member of Ambassador Air Travel Club. Buell was an avid fisherman and bowler.

He loved to follow Carmel High School sports and Indiana University.

He is survived by his stepson, David V. Sutton, Broad Ripple; stepbrother, Fred Whitlow, Indianapolis; half-sisters, Virginia Ray, Cicero, and Norma Dunn, Hohenwald, Tenn.; half-brothers, Claude Dillon, Jr., North, S.C., Virgil Dunn, Hohenwald, Tenn., Albert Dillon, North, S.C., David Dillon, West Columbia, S.C., and Danny Dillon, Hohenwald, Tenn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Rose (Swaynie) Dillon, and special friend, Ann Nattier.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

June S. Fisher April 15, 1941 – March 11, 2021

June S. Fisher, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at her home. She was born on April 15, 1941 to Floyd and Margaret (Hess) Say in Lamartine, Pa.

June grew up in Pennsylvania and married her high school sweetheart, Burt Fisher. June worked for many years in the human resource office at Marsh and also worked in the banking industry. June enjoyed sewing, traveling, the symphony, and was passionate about Rock Steady Boxing. She volunteered at Pack Away Hunger and St. Vincent DePaul. June was a strong woman of faith and loved by everyone.

She is survived by her children, Susan Fisher (Brad Bucknam) and Chris Fisher (Rae Anne Galarneau); grandchildren, Courtney, Hailey, Jordan, and Taylor; and siblings, Floyd Say and Patricia Say.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Burt Fisher.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. An additional hour of visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 with the service following at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

The family requests that those attending wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pack Away Hunger, 5230 Park Emerson Drive, Suite A, Beech Grove, IN 46203, Spirit of Joy Church, 3535 Kessler Blvd. East, Indianapolis, IN 46220, or Rock Steady Boxing, 7440 N. Shadeland Ave., Suite 202, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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AG Todd Rokita warns against March Madness ticket scams

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning basketball fans to watch

out for fake ticket scams ahead of the NCAA men's basketball tournament in Indiana. High-profile sporting events are often prime targets for scammers trying to take advantage of desperate last-minute buyers or those looking for a good deal.

"As Indiana prepares to play host to the biggest basketball tournament of the year, Hoosiers should do their research and exercise caution before making any online ticket purchases," Rokita said. "I am committed to protecting Indiana consumers and our Office's Consumer Protection Division is ready to assist consumers if they become victims of fraud."

Rokita and the Office of the Indiana Attorney Gen-

eral's Consumer Protection Division offer the following tips to avoid ticket scams:

- Buy tickets from a trusted vendor or official website.

- Understand what the vendor's refund, exchange, or return policy is before purchasing tickets.

- Use a credit card to purchase tickets and avoid using cash, gift cards, or wire money for tickets you have found online.

- Be wary of advertisements with extremely discounted prices. If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General regarding any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers may file a complaint online by visiting indianaconsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516.



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Roundtripper Academy celebrating new facility ahead of 2021 baseball season

By RANDALL NEWSOME
WISH-TV

Roundtripper Sports Academy has been the place “Where the Pros Come to Practice” for 28 years. Chris and Sue Estep’s training school has been molding players from their youth all the way up to the major leagues.

The facility used to have locations in Brownsburg, Fishers/Geist and Carmel, but once the COVID-19 pandemic hit they decided to bring everything under one roof in Westfield.

“There was definitely a need and it ended up being a huge blessing during all the shutdowns and the capacity issues that a lot of businesses had, because we were able to divide kids into pods, letting them have as normal childhood experiences as we could let them have,” said Sue Estep.

As a part of the new expansion, they added a second floor to the facility where families can comfortably and safely watch their kids practice.

“We’ve got a lot of second-generation families that come here and we noticed that Grandma and Grandpa wanted to come with Mom, Dad and the kids,” Sue said. “We knew it was time.”

Chris looks at kids like 9-year-old Little Leaguer Sebastian Robles showing off his skills inside the facility and practicing with his dad, James, and can’t help but think about how the pandemic impacted players in 2020. He says it gets him even more pumped up about the upcoming spring.

“You had your seniors that lost that senior year of high school and possibly didn’t go on to play in college, you had all the college kids that lost years, but for us to get back on the field and get after it is really exciting,” Chris said.

Sue is looking forward to seeing boys and girls get back on the diamond in April.

“[They] have been waiting a long



WISH-TV photo

Chris and Sue Estep are celebrating the expansion of Roundtripper Sports Academy, which has been training players from youth to pros for 28 years. The expansion includes a new second floor that allows families to comfortably and safely watch their kids practice.

time to get out on the field and represent their schools,” she said.

University High School and Trader’s Point will call Roundtripper Academy home in 2021. [Click here](#) for more information.

Spring sports post-season assignments announced

Spring sports are indeed happening this year in Indiana, a welcome sign after last year’s cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The IHSAA released the post-season assignments for its spring competitions during the organization’s Feb. 19 Executive Committee meeting. As it turns out, there are few changes from 2019, the last time spring sports were played.

Here is a look at the post-season assignments for Hamilton County teams in each sport.

TRACK AND FIELD

The first sectional of the season, girls track and field, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18. All county schools will compete at Hamilton Southeastern, with Lebanon and Western Boone also joining the roster.

The boys track and field athletes will compete at Carmel on Thursday, May 20. This sectional will also feature all nine Hamilton County schools, plus Lebanon and Western Boone.

All girls and boys athletes that qualify will advance to their respective regionals, both of which will take place at Lafayette Jefferson. The girls regional is on Tuesday, May 25 and the boys regional is set

for Thursday, May 27.

The state meet is scheduled for the following weekend, with the boys meet on Friday, June 4 and the girls meet on Saturday, June 5. The location of state is not known, as Indiana University informed the IHSAA this week that it will not be hosting this year’s meet.

UNIFIED TRACK AND FIELD

Noblesville will again host the Unified Track and Field sectional, which takes place Saturday, May 22. Fifteen teams will compete in this sectional; joining the Millers will be Carmel, Fishers, Franklin County, Hamilton Southeastern, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, Mount Vernon, New Palestine, Pendleton Heights, Richmond, Warren Central, Westfield and Zionsville.

Teams that advance out of the sectional will compete at the Kokomo regional, set for Saturday, May 29. The state finals take place Saturday, June 5; the location is to be determined.

GIRLS TENNIS

Two county schools will host girls tennis sectionals. Noblesville will welcome Fishers, Hamilton Heights and Hamilton Southeastern, while Carmel hosts Guerin

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Noblesville athletic college signings

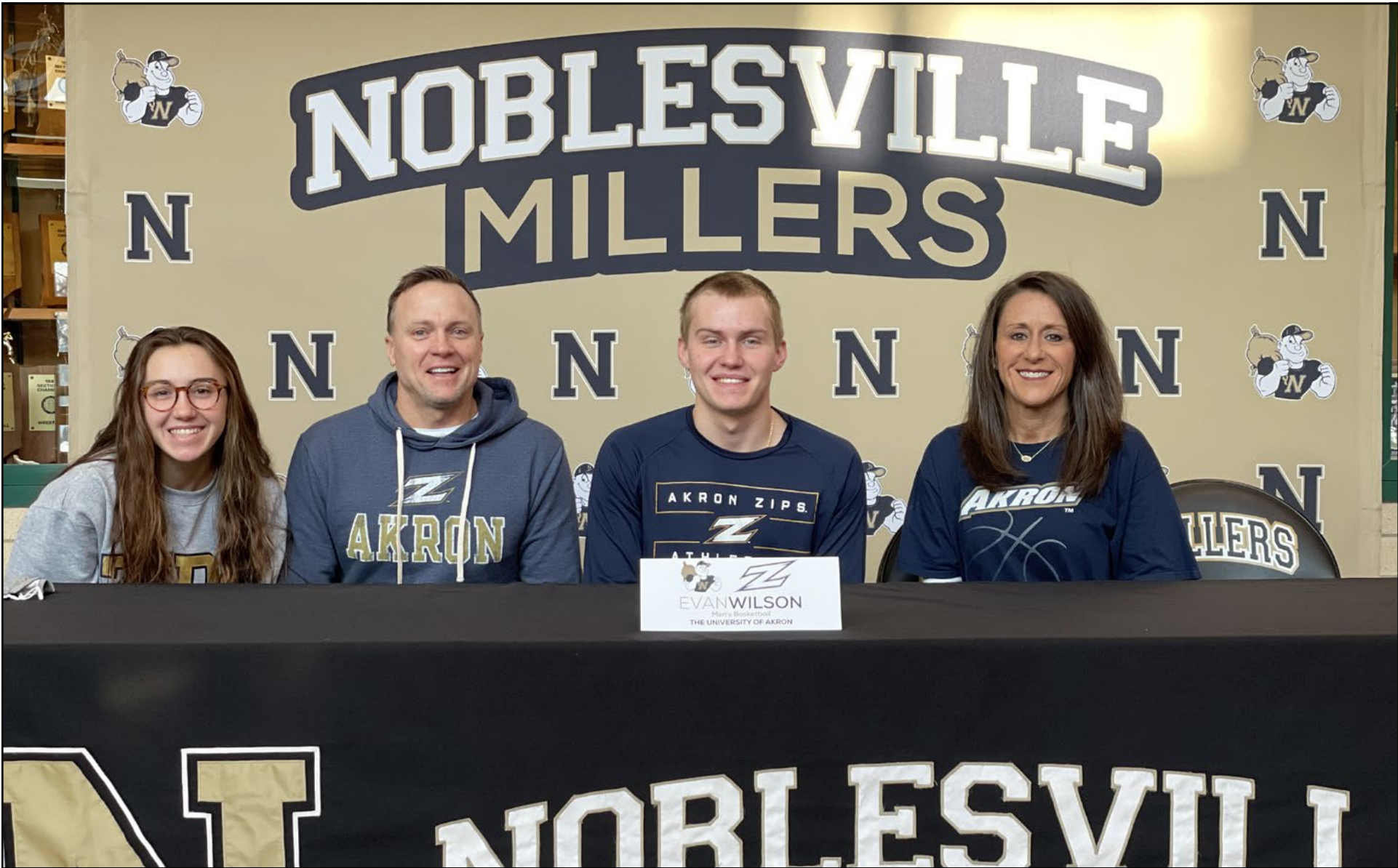


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Noblesville's Evan Wilson has committed to play football at the University of Akron. Pictured: Reagan Wilson (sister), Dean Wilson (father), Evan Wilson, Angie Wilson (mother).

SPRING

Catholic, University and Westfield. Sectional competition can begin on Wednesday, May 19; historically, both sites have played the first round that Wednesday and the championship on Thursday.

At the regional level, the winner at Noblesville will play at North Central, while the Carmel winner heads up to Kokomo. Regionals will be played on Tuesday, May 25 and Wednesday, May 26. Semi-state sites were not announced.

SOFTBALL

Sectionals take place the week of May 24. Carmel will host Class 4A Sectional

8, welcoming Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville.

Hamilton Heights is the host of Class 3A Sectional 24, with Guerin Catholic also playing there. Other schools competing are Delta, Jay County, New Castle and Yorktown.

Sheridan will travel to Rossville to play in Class 1A Sectional 54, also joining Carroll, Clinton Central, Frontier, South Newton and Tri-County. (University will not field a softball team this season.)

Regional championships will take place on Tuesday, June 1. All three sectional champions from the above-mentioned sectionals will go on the road, as the odd-numbered sectionals are slated to host the regionals this year: The winner at Sectional 8 plays at Sectional 7 for the Regional 4 championship, Sectional 24 at Sectional 23 for the Regional 12 title and Sectional 54 at Sectional 53 for the Regional 27 championship.

At the semi-state round, the Regional 4 winner plays at Harrison, the Regional 12 champion goes to Twin Lakes and the Regional 27 winner plays at Frankfort. Semi-states take place on Saturday, June 5.

The state finals are set for Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12. Purdue University informed the IHSAA that it, too, would not be hosting, so a state site is to be determined.

BASEBALL

The baseball sectionals can begin on Wednesday, May 26 and are set to be finished by Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. Westfield will host the big schools in Class 4A Sectional 8. The Shamrocks will welcome Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville and Zionsville to its baseball stadium.

In Class 3A, Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights will continue to play at Sectional 24, hosted by Yorktown. Other schools competing there will be Delta, Jay County and New Castle.

University, winner of the Class 1A state championship in 2019, will finally get to try its hand at Class 2A this year. The Trailblazers will compete in Sectional 43, hosted by Cascade. Other schools playing there will be Covenant Christian, Monrovia, Park Tudor and Speedway.

Sheridan will play in 1A Sectional 54 at Frontier. That sectional also includes Clinton Central, Rossville, South Newton and Tri-County.

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At the regional level, the Westfield sectional winner travels to Kokomo, while the Yorktown sectional champion heads to Bellmont. The Cascade champion will play either at Park Tudor or Cascade, while the Frontier winner will compete at the Carroll regional. Regionals are scheduled for Saturday, June 5.

The baseball semi-states, set for Saturday, June 12, will take place either at La Porte or Kokomo for the north schools and at Mooresville or Jasper for the south schools. The Park Tudor/Cascade winner goes to the south semi-state, everyone else mentioned played in the north semi-state.

The state finals will again take place at Victory Field. Games will be played on Monday, June 21 or Tuesday, June 22.

BOYS GOLF

Two sectionals will feature Hamilton County teams. Westfield will host the 10-team competition at Ulen Golf and Country Club in Lebanon, welcoming Bethesda Christian, Carmel, Frankfort, Guerin Catholic, Lebanon, Sheridan, University, Western Boone and Zionsville.

Noblesville will host a 12-team sectional at Purgatory Golf Club. Other teams competing are Alexandria, Anderson, Daleville, Elwood, Fishers, Frankton, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Lapel, Pendleton Heights and Tipton. Sectional dates are Friday, June 4; Saturday, June 5 or Monday, June 7.

Regionals are set to take place on either Thursday, June 10 or Friday, June 11. Qualifying teams from Ulen will play the Lake Central regional at Sandy Pines Golf Course in, while Noblesville qualifiers advance to the Muncie Central regional at The Players Club in Yorktown.

The state finals will once again take place at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel on Tuesday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 16.

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Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	26	12	.684	-
Brooklyn	25	13	.658	1.0
Milwaukee	23	14	.622	2.5
Miami	20	18	.526	6.0
Boston	19	18	.514	6.5
Charlotte	18	18	.500	7.0

New York	19	19	.500	7.0
Atlanta	17	20	.459	8.5
Toronto	17	20	.459	8.5
Indiana	16	20	.444	9.0

Chicago	16	20	.444	9.0
Washington	14	22	.389	11.0
Cleveland	14	23	.378	11.5
Orlando	13	25	.342	13.0
Detroit	10	27	.270	15.5

Friday games	
Philadelphia 127, Washington 101	Miami 101, Chicago 90
Denver 103, Memphis 102	San Antonio 104, Orlando 77
New Orleans 116, Cleveland 82	Utah 114, Houston 99
	L.A. Lakers 105, Indiana 100

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	28	9	.757	-
Phoenix	25	11	.694	2.5
L.A. Lakers	25	13	.658	3.5
L.A. Clippers	25	14	.641	4.0
Denver	22	15	.595	6.0
Portland	21	15	.583	6.5

San Antonio	19	15	.559	7.5
Dallas	19	17	.528	8.5
Golden State	19	19	.500	9.5
Memphis	17	17	.500	9.5

Oklahoma City	16	21	.432	11.5
New Orleans	16	22	.421	12.5
Sacramento	15	22	.405	13.0
Houston	11	25	.306	16.5
Minnesota	8	29	.216	20.0

Teams in positions 7-10 in their respective conferences will compete in a play-in tournament at the end of the season.

Lakers rally to beat Pacers, 105-100

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers had been playing from behind too often heading into the All-Star break, dropping five of six contests to end the first half.

That wasn't the case on Friday night at Staples Center, where Indiana had a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter. But the Lakers (25-13) rallied to hand the Pacers (16-20) a 105-100 defeat in the first stop of a three-game Western Conference road trip.

The Pacers led for much of the night on Friday and had an 86-74 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the contest. But Kyle Kuzma scored 12 points during a subsequent 24-7 Lakers run to give the hosts a 98-93 lead with 4:38 to play.

Neither team scored over the next two-plus minutes of game time until Malcolm Brogdon's jumper with 2:02 remaining broke the drought and made it a one possession game.

But Montrezl Harrell converted a three-point play on the other end to push the Lakers' lead back to six. Domantas Sabonis and Dennis Schröder traded baskets on the next two possessions before Sabonis hit one of two free throws with 1:10 remaining to make it 103-98.

After a Schröder miss, Sabonis again got to the foul line, this time hitting both shots with 36.8 seconds to play. The Lakers went to the hot hand on the other end, but Myles Turner challenge Kuzma at the rim, forcing a miss. The Pacers secured the rebound and took a timeout with 9.9

seconds left to try to set up a look to force overtime.

But they couldn't even run their set, as Kentavious Caldwell-Pope intercepted Brogdon's inbound pass intended for Sabonis and then hit both free throws with 8.5 seconds remaining to effectively seal the win.

Brogdon finished with 29 points on 12-of-20 shooting (4-of-7 from 3-point range), seven rebounds, and six assists in the loss. Sabonis added 20 points, 14 rebounds, and eight assists.

Brogdon looked refreshed to start the game, coming out on fire early in Friday night's contest. Brogdon scored 18 of Indiana's first 24 points in the first quarter, going 7-for-10 from the field and 3-for-3 from 3-point range, as the Blue & Gold took a 28-20 lead into the second quarter.

The Lakers surged ahead early in the second quarter, however. Wesley Matthews and LeBron James each converted three-point plays on consecutive possessions. Goga Bitadze was then whistled for goaltending James' layup attempt to tie the game at 28 and then Kyle Kuzma drained a 3-pointer to complete an 11-0 Lakers run over the first 2:01 of the frame.

Pacers coach Nate Bjorkgren took a timeout and his team quickly regrouped, as Aaron Holiday and T.J. McConnell converted two buckets each as Indiana reeled off eight straight points out of the break to retake the lead.

Indiana's starters returned shortly thereafter and used a 9-2 run to stretch

their lead to double digits at 49-39. Brogdon added another three and a runner before the break to help the Pacers take a 54-46 lead into the intermission.

The Pacers led 57-46 following Myles Turner's fastbreak dunk 1:18 into the third quarter before James scored six points during a 15-2 Lakers run to give the hosts a brief lead. Once again, the Pacers had an answer, promptly rolling off nine unanswered points, with old-fashioned three-point plays by Doug McDermott and Sabonis sandwiching a Justin Holiday 3-pointer.

The Blue & Gold maintained the lead for the remainder of the third quarter, taking a 79-71 lead into the final frame.

The Pacers led 86-74 following Goga Bitadze's 3-pointer with 10:04 to play, but the Lakers charged back with a 12-2 over the next 2:14.

That prompted another Pacers timeout, but this time it didn't turn the tide. Kuzma's jumper tied the game at 88 with 7:07 to play. Brogdon answered with a bucket of his own on the other end to put Indiana briefly back in front, but Kuzma

knocked down back-to-back threes on the next two Laker possessions and then James added a layup.

Just like that, the Lakers were up 96-90 with 5:28 remaining, a lead they would not relinquish.

"I feel like we had the game in control," Sabonis said after the game. "Those two, three minutes in the fourth, it felt like the game got away from us."

McDermott finished with 13 points and four rebounds, while Aaron Holiday added 10 points off the bench on 5-of-8 shooting for Indiana.

Kuzma had a team-high 24 points and 13 rebounds off the bench for the Lakers. James added 18 points and 10 assists, while Schröder tallied 11 points, five rebounds, four assists, and four steals.

The Pacers will have to regroup quickly, as they play again on Sunday night in Phoenix against a Suns team that is currently ahead of the Lakers and in second place in the Western Conference standings. Caris LeVert plans to make his debut in a Pacers uniform on Saturday.

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