

Noblesville Lions Club is back to student eye testing



Recently, the Noblesville Lions Club started up KidSight, which is eye testing at the local elementary schools. The COVID-19 pandemic put a damper on this work the past year. Lately, club members tested at the Play School at Arbor Village, and 46 students were screened for vision impairment. (Pictured) Lions John Grimes, Dale Unger and Robert Guilkey.

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Biden's 'American Rescue Plan' provides \$19.8 million for Fishers

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

The American Rescue Plan (ARP), the \$1.9 trillion in spending recently enacted by Congress, provides local governments money, and Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness says his city is receiving \$19.8 million. The mayor wants to work with the city council on how the funds should be spent.

According to Fadness, there are some restrictions in the federal law as to how the money can be spent, and he wants to sift through all the provisions before working with council members on spending the cash.

"We are in a very good financial position, so Fishers



Fadness

including:

- Reimbursement and ex-

penses related to the coronavirus pandemic

- Grants to assist small businesses, nonprofits and industries impacted by the pandemic
- Water, sewer and broadband projects

All ARP funds must be spent by the end of 2024 and the money cannot be used to lower taxes or to pay into municipal pension funds.

Westfield Washington Township offering three art camps for kids



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Your kids need a creative break in a stress-free, fun environment. Westfield Washington Township is offering art camps for youth ages 10 and older. The two-day spring break camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on April 6 and 7. There are also two week-long art camps in the summer. You can register online at the [Westfield Washington Township catalog](#). On the website, click "Youth Activities," then under the "Youth Enrichment" category, click "Art." From there, you can select from any or all of the three upcoming camps. **Hurry – registration for the spring break art camp ends at noon on Monday, April 5.** Camps are taught by a certified art teacher, and activities are age-appropriate.

Mr. Basketball: It's time to support the arts, Carmel Symphony Orchestra

Submitted

Editor's note: The following message is from Dave Shepherd, who serves as the 2020-2021 Honorary Campaign Chair for the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO). Shepherd was an Indiana Hall of Famer and Mr. Basketball in 1970.

I have always been known as an athlete and businessman, not necessarily as a man of the arts, but I do believe passionately that the arts are very important to our community. Now is the time for us to support the CSO and teach our children and grandchildren, our younger generation, about the role the arts can and should play in our lives. Will you join me and become either a Pledge Patron or a Pledge Partner with a recurring gift over the next year?

Funding the Future Together

Even in pandemic, the Orchestra has creatively and appropriately navigated circumstances to respond to restricted live audience size and even the number of musicians who might safely play together. Sally and I are proud of their resilience and continued commitment in the most challenging of circumstances to continue bringing excellent music to our community.

At the same time, the Orchestra needs support from families and households like yours and ours to thrive and prepare for a great 2021 with first class music making and creative leadership. I urge you to join me and commit to being a part of 'Funding the Future Together' with your monthly gift.

As an additional incentive, a generous and enthusiastic supporter of the CSO and friend of this community will match your gift, up to \$50,000. It's this kind of leadership that makes our city exceptional and you can double your impact by making that gift of support today.

Join Dave and his wife Sally and join other Carmel-minded folks in Pledge 45 by [clicking here](#).

You can also buy tickets for the upcoming April 24th concert at [this link](#).



Dave Shepherd

If you're ready to return to normal, don't hesitate to get vaccinated

"Vaccine, vaccine, vaccine ... I'm begging of you please don't hesitate." – Dolly Parton, to the tune of "Jolene"

Well, you cannot get more "American" than Dolly Parton! And who cannot love Dolly! (I did not end that sentence with a question mark because there is only one answer!) Seriously, she really is not only an outstanding performer, but her honest rhetoric, self-deprecating humor and charitable giving have made her a beloved figure.

Although most of Dolly's charitable giving goes unannounced and unknown, many people know by now that she gave \$1 million to Vanderbilt University Medical Center's efforts to combat COVID-19, which included Moderna's vaccine trial and clinical research. Additionally, Dolly recently did a tongue-in-cheek commercial ad as she received her own vaccine and sang the lyrics noted above to her song "Jolene." A great public service by a notable public servant.

This article will not go down the "political road" in discussion of why people may or may not receive the vaccination based upon their political ideologies; that is discussion for other people at other times. (Although it should be noted that EVERY former and the current President has been vaccinated, as well as their spouses.) However, as my husband and I are eager to have a life outside our home again, we opted to become vaccinated and have had no side effects or issues. I look forward to teaching my classes again in person, attending meetings and events, and having the ability to see smiling faces once again. (Your decision to be vaccinated should be discussed with your physician, particularly if you have co-morbidities.) Knowing that if for some reason we should still contract the virus that it will not incapacitate or hospitalize us is very reassuring.

Many people may not realize that research has been ongoing for years to develop vaccines against coronaviruses which have been evolving and will continue to evolve over the years. While it may appear, as we have all been laser-focused on the vaccine issue, that the research and development was initiated and completed in a short amount of time, that is not the case. This article will not present specific research data, but that detailed data is readily available for those who wish to do the research.

Speaking for myself, while getting a shot in the arm is not my favorite activity, it is definitely worth it to me to have some semblance of normal in the near future. I will continue to wear my mask when required and when the situation warrants, and I look forward to a more reasonable feeling of security similar to knowing that I will not get smallpox or polio as I have been vaccinated against both of those terrible diseases many years ago.

Be prudent, be informed, and be WELL!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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The REPORTER
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“From violets to trilliums, phlox to bluebells, trout lilies to wild geraniums, Teter Retreat & Farm boasts a wonderful display of wildflowers that you can take in on your own or in a guided tour,” said Emma St. Dennis, coordinator of the event.
“The Wildflower Walk is one of our favorite events of the year,” explained Lead Pastor Jerry Rairdon at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, which owns the retreat center and farm. “Especially after this long winter, spending an afternoon in the woods is an incredible treat.”
The event is free and open to the public. Teter Retreat & Farm is located at 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville. In the event of lightning or downpours, the event will be held on Sunday, April 25.
Questions? Contact Emma St. Dennis at (317) 432-7146 or threeelsmom@hotmail.com.


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– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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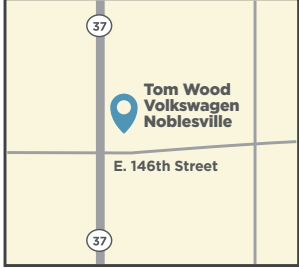


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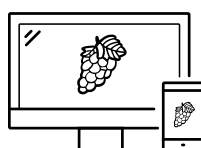
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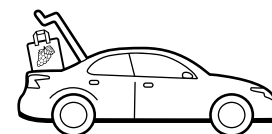
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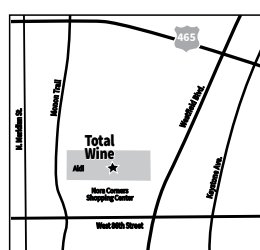


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Actors Theatre of Indiana’s Drive-Ins return this summer

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana’s Drive-Ins are returning. Due to the success of last year’s Drive-In live performances, ATI will again play host to Drive-In events on May 14, June 18 and July 16.

Last September, Actors Theatre of Indiana began a series of three Drive-In performances in the Monon Square Shopping Center in Carmel. These shows allowed ATI to interact with fans while providing a fun and entertaining night out for those who enjoy live music.

The live shows will each feature a special theme. The Drive-In format allows for patrons to socially distance and maintain the required safety measures issued by the state and the City of Carmel. Area restaurants are within close distance to purchase food and beverages, but just like the Drive-Ins of long ago, patrons are invited to bring their own refreshments, as well.

The following is a list of the themes and music selections for each show:

Start Your Engines
Friday, May 14

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines and drive on over to experience the first ATI Drive-In of 2021. It’s time to rev up for the Indy 500 and the gang’s back together again to bring you the music of the highways and by-ways of America. From “King of the Road” to the surf music of the 1960s, it’s going be some high-octane fun, fun, fun till your daddy takes your T-Bird away.

Our Fathers’ Favorites
Friday, June 18

It’s June and that means honoring Dad. The ATI Co-Founders put together a night with songs inspired by their own dads. It’s a real mix of country, folk rock, tight harmonies and the stuff that makes you move your feet. So, grab a dad and join ATI.

Summer Fun
Friday, July 16

Dwight Lightning and the Conch City All-Stars join ATI for this summer

Drive-In. Enjoy some island/beach tunes in the heartland of America. A little Jimmy Buffet, a little John Fogerty, a little Doobie Brothers ... and much more, these songs will take you to that roadside haunt or beach destination in your mind.

Note: All the ATI Drive-Ins will feature special guests along with the ATI Co-Founders.

These Drive-In opportunities allow fans to engage in a fun, safe, and unique way. Shows run from 7 to 9 p.m. and provide patrons with an atmosphere which adheres to mandated safety measures and social distancing. Visit atistage.org for updates and ticket information, or go the [ATI Facebook page](#).

ATI looks forward to these events and many more as the organization welcomes new board members in 2021. These new board members are Leah Mosley, Brian Frost, and Muniver Singh.

United Fidelity Bank continues its support of ATI as the 2021-2022 Season Sponsor. A special thanks

from ATI to United Fidelity Bank for this ongoing support.

About Actors Theatre of Indiana

Actors Theatre of Indiana was co-founded in 2005 by Cynthia Collins, Don Farrell, and Judy Fitzgerald with a mission to celebrate the power of theater and contribute to the quality of life in Central Indiana by offering high quality professional theater performances and programs that engage, inspire, educate, and entertain. An award-winning Equity Professional Theater company, Actors Theatre of Indiana is the resident professional theater company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, now in its 16th season of high-powered musical theater productions, world premieres, and innovative community works.

Visit ATI on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). For more information on schedules, educational initiatives and ways you can order tickets, visit atistage.org.

AG Todd Rokita: Payments coming for Hoosiers harmed by Equifax data breach

The REPORTER

Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Tuesday that his Office is preparing to distribute payments to 236,616 current and former Indiana residents who filed eligible claims for restitution following the massive 2017 Equifax data breach.

Each person who filed an eligible claim for restitution at IndianaEquifax-Claims.com will receive approximately \$79. The Office will begin distributing digital and check payments on March 31. Claimants will receive their money in the manner they requested at the time of their claim.

“This Office’s years-long efforts to put money into the pockets of Hoosiers harmed by the Equifax data breach are finally coming to fruition,” Rokita said. “I am very proud of the attorneys in my Office who worked tirelessly to achieve a positive outcome in this case. We will always fight tooth and nail for Indiana consumers.”

Under former Attorney General Curtis Hill, the Office of the Attorney General [sued Equifax](#) – one of the world’s largest credit-reporting bureaus – in May 2019, two years after the company suffered

a data breach that impacted approximately 147 million Americans, including roughly 3.9 million Hoosiers. Social Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, driver’s license numbers and credit card information were compromised in the data breach, which an investigation by the United States House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform concluded was “entirely preventable.”

Last year, the Office announced that Indiana would receive \$19.5 million under a [settlement with Equifax](#). Indiana was one of two states that opted not to participate in a multistate settlement in July 2019, choosing instead to file its own lawsuit and ultimately negotiate its own settlement.

Indiana’s \$19.5 million settlement exceeds the amount received by any of the 48 states that participated in the multistate settlement, which distributed \$175 million to participating states.

For more information about Indiana’s settlement with Equifax and answers to frequently asked questions, visit IndianaEquifaxClaims.com.



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Ball State will not change COVID-19 protocols, still requiring masks on campus

By JESS VERMEULEN
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Ball State University will continue to require masks on campus after April 6. The school will also not change current COVID-19 safety protocols, the president of the

university announced. “While I am encouraged by the low rate of infection among the members of our campus community, I think it is prudent for us to maintain our current protocols throughout the remainder of the Spring semester, including

during our Commencement exercises in early May,” said BSU President Geoffrey Mearns in an email to students on Thursday.

On April 6, Indiana’s [mask mandate will turn into a mask advisory](#) and it will be up to counties,

local health departments and individual businesses to require people to wear a mask.

Mearns said he sought advice from the school’s representative committee before making the decision to not change current health and safety protocols at BSU. The committee is working to create a proposal for a phased plan to safely bring the BSU community back to normal. That plan is expected to be presented to the school’s Board of Trustees on May 7.

In the meantime, Mearns is urging all students, staff, and faculty to get a coronavirus vaccine.

“We are developing plans to incentivize all faculty, staff, and students to be vaccinated before the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester,” he said.

Mearns said anyone who receives a vaccination before the plan is finalized will still be eligible for the incentives.

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The Reporter

Will investors change their behavior after the pandemic?

The COVID-19 pandemic may end up changing our lives in some significant ways.

To cite one example, it's likely we'll see a lot more people continue to work remotely, now that they've seen the effectiveness of tools such as videoconferencing. Education, too, may be forever changed in some ways. Perhaps just as important, though, is how many people may now think more about the future – including how they invest.

If you work with a financial professional, you may have connected with this individual over the past several months through a videoconferencing platform, rather than in person. Some people like this arrangement because it offers more scheduling flexibility and eliminates the time and effort of traveling to and from an appointment. Others, however, still prefer face-to-face contact and look forward to when such arrangements will again be practical and safe for everyone involved. But if you're in the first group – that is, you prefer videoconferencing – you may now wish to use this communication method in the future, at

least some of the time.

But beyond the physical aspects of your investing experience, you may now be looking at some changes in your investment strategy brought on, or at least suggested, by your reactions to the pandemic.

For example, many people – especially, but not exclusively, those whose employment was affected by the pandemic – found that they were coming up short in the area of liquidity. They didn't have enough easily accessible savings to provide them with the cash they needed to meet their expenses until their employment situations stabilized. Consequently, some individuals were forced to dip into their long-term investments, such as their 401(k)s and IRAs.

Generally speaking, this type of move is not ideal – these accounts are designed for retirement, so, the more you tap into them early, the less you'll have available when you do retire. Furthermore, your withdrawals will likely be taxable, and, de-



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pending on your age, may also be subject to penalties.

If you were affected by this liquidity crunch, you can take steps now to avoid its recurrence. Your best

move may be to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the funds held in a separate, highly accessible account of cash or cash equivalents. Of course, given your regular expenses, it may take some time to build such an amount, but if you can commit yourself to putting away a certain amount of money each month, you will make progress. Even having a few hundred dollars in an emergency fund can help create more financial stability.

Apart from this new appreciation for short-term liquidity, though, the foundation for your overall financial future should remain essentially the same. In addition to building your emergency fund, you should still contribute what you can afford to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans. If you have children

you want to send to college, you might still explore college-funding vehicles such as a 529 plan. Higher education will still be expensive, even with an expansion in online learning programs.

Post-pandemic life may contain some differences, along with many similarities to life before. But it will always be a smart move to create a long-term financial strategy tailored to your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC.

Anti-discrimination amendment proposed for House education bill

The REPORTER

State Senator Shelli Yoder (D-Bloomington) on Wednesday proposed an amendment to **House Bill 1549** which would have added language to Indiana code prohibiting charter schools from engaging in discrimination on the basis of gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status.

March 31 was International Trans Visibility Day – a day dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people, while also raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve

trans justice.

Sen. Yoder had the following statement on the amendment:

"Today of all days, we should be providing for the safety of Indiana's most vulnerable populations. We call our schools the great equalizer, but that doesn't apply to people who are trans or people who aren't heterosexual. Schools should be a safe place for all students regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation, and the Chair of the Senate Education committee refusing to call a vote on my amendment today is a failure to protect young people."

Obituary

James A. Smith

February 27, 1936 – March 30, 2021

James A. Smith, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on February 27, 1936 to Edward and Marjorie Smith in Anderson.

Jim was a life-long resident of Noblesville and graduated from Noblesville High School in 1954. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and attended Butler University. Jim retired from the Teamsters and Wonder Bread in 2004. He was truly a jack of all trades, working as a paper boy, at a Texaco station, as a Noblesville fireman, as a demerit clerk for the railroad, as a charter employee of Household Hazardous Waste, and as an insurance agent, just to name a few. In addition to his many talents, Jim was a belly dancer and also played a mean one-string bass.

Jim belonged to the Noblesville Friends Church where he served as a trustee and member of the ministry and counsel. He was a Sunday School teacher. Jim helped his wife in her preschool and adored all kids. He was a member of the Do-Si-Squares square dancing club and served two terms as their president. Jim enjoyed his membership with the Noblesville Jaycees and loved the companionship of his fellow members of the Noblesville Lions Club. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and enjoyed Lodge 54.

Jim was a lover of life and his humor permeated his life. He will be sorely missed, but we're sure he is telling God some pretty good stories!

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Charlotte Smith; daughter, Jamie Isaacs; son, C.E. James (Melanie) Smith; grandchildren, Alex (Cory) Smith, Sam (Courtney) Smith, Robert Smith, and Ben (Jessica) Isaacs; great-grandchildren, Eli, Sawyer, Gavin, Adeline, and Lynlee; as well as many nieces and nephews, and many loving friends.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his grandson, Wes Isaacs.

Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Noblesville Friends Church, 1055 E. Division St., Noblesville. A Masonic Service will begin at 1:30 p.m., with the Funeral Service at 2 p.m. Pastor Katherine Murray will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Friends Church, P.O. Box 375, Noblesville, IN 46061.

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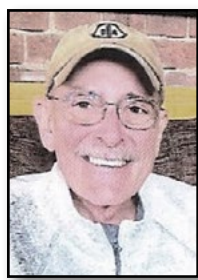
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Ronald Cooper

September 25, 1949 – March 23, 2021



Ronald Cooper passed away on March 23, 2021, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Beech Grove, Ind., on September 25, 1949 to Osborne and Jewell (Miller) Cooper. A Southport High School graduate, he also attended Indiana University before he set out to conquer the world.

He was a salesman, and a very good one, helping to "make people happy spending their money."

After many years working for Certified Floor Covering, he moved onto the Housing Sign business. But 17 years ago, going to work for himself, he built His & Hers Target Sports selling guns. He became known for his black rifles! He found his arena and was happy and blessed.

Being in the gun business brought him into the action shooting sport, USPSA. He supported the sport every year as a sponsor. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Conservation Club and is the longest known member there.

Previous to his gun hobby he was an expert boater. While living on Morse Lake he spent many hours on the water enjoying good times with friends. He loved to travel and spent time in Mexico, the Bahamas, and Belize where he went scuba diving. He checked off a lot of places on his list of vacations but never did see the cactus bloom. He loved going to museums and studied history and fossils. He dreamed of being a substitute teacher or mentor for young men after retirement.

Ron will be forever remembered by his wife and best friend, Mary Ann; his son, Nick; his brothers and sister, Larry, Gary, and Michelle; and granddaughter, Sydni. He will also be remembered fondly by his numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and good friends.

Family and friends will gather for a Celebration of Life at Big Hoffa's Barn in Westfield at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 11.

Darrell Parks

October 29, 1954 – April 2, 2021



Darrell Parks, 66, Elwood, passed away on Friday, April 2, 2021 at his home. He was born on October 29, 1954 to Rev. John E. and Gladys M. (Ely) Parks in Monongahela, Pa.

Darrell had a love for church. He gave God the praise for all His Blessings. The Lord blessed Darrell with good health, a family he truly loved and many good friends. He raised his children to have a love for church, love others, and have respect and compassion. Darrell loved spending time with his family. He had a special bond with his grandchildren, letting them ride and drive the tractors, being around horses, and putting up hay. Darrell taught his granddaughter how to throw a lasso. He was a hard worker and provider. We are truly blessed.

Darrell is survived by his wife of 44 years, Evelyn Napier Parks; daughter, Stephanie Parks, Elwood, who had her daddy wrapped around her little finger; son, Darrell W. Parks, Pickard, Ind., who was always Dad's right-arm man; daughter-in-law, Amanda Parks, who Darrell truly loved as his own and always ready to help; grandchildren, MaKayla Parks and Brantley Parks, who both had a special bond with their Papaw; two brothers, Alfred Parks, Strawtown, and John D. and Rhonda Parks, Indianapolis; two sisters, Claretta and Curt Monday, Strawtown, and Velma Turner, Noblesville; nephews and nieces, Michael and Nikki Turner, Frankton, Tonya and Michael Ridsen, Noblesville, and Justin Parks, Indianapolis; and great-nephews, Jonathan and Joshua Ridsen.

In addition to his parents, Darrell was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Mike Turner. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Paris and Maggieleen Ely Parks, Pucketts Creek, Va., with whom he spent most of his childhood and young adult life; and his grandparents, Ray and Pauline Ely, Cooney Hollow, Va.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, with the funeral service beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Clifton Smith will officiate. Burial will follow at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Darrell's best friend, Jim Cook.

Darrell touched many lives throughout his life and many more throughout his sickness. May everyone remember to put God first and foremost in their lives.

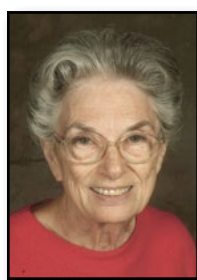
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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."
1 Corinthians 1:18-19 (NIV)

Nancy Josephine Parsons

February 10, 1936 – April 1, 2021



Nancy Josephine Parsons, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at her home. She was born on February 10, 1936 to Van Roy and Mary M. (Goode) Marple in Atterson, Ky.

Nancy was a member of the United Pentecostal Church Noblesville. She worked for over 30 years as an administrative secretary at Fort Harrison. Nancy was a Godly, Christian woman, who was a caregiver, helper, and nanny to everyone. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, traveling with her family and spending time in Florida.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Christine (Hardy) Stephens; son, Jeff Parsons; siblings, Billye Meadows, Rodney Marple, and JoAnne Millikan; grandchildren, Brittney Parsons, Lydia Parsons, Jerrod Stephens, Tyler Chastain, and Danielle Stephens; and great-grandchildren, Isaiah Gilbert and Maliah Parsons.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Parsons; siblings, James Harold Marple, Mary Frances Marple, Betty Lou Marple, and Janie Lancaster; and infant sisters, Joyce Marie Marple and Carolyn Sue Marple.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021 at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument St., Noblesville, with Pastor Chapman officiating. A celebration of life and meal will be held at the church immediately following the graveside service for anyone wishing to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Nancy's name to United Pentecostal Church Noblesville, 1516 Morton St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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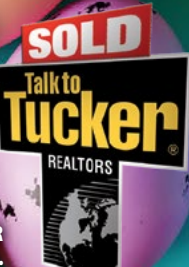
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Baseball Millers hosting their own Invitational

Instead of traveling down to Tennessee for Spring Break, the Noblesville baseball team is staying home this year.

The Millers are keeping active, though, as they're hosting the Noblesville Invitational. The Millers played their first game of the tournament Friday night, falling to Mount Vernon 8-4.

Noblesville is dealing with a situation that many teams are: "We return zero starters," said Millers coach Justin Keever.

The last time high school baseball was played in Indiana, this year's senior players were sophomores. The juniors were freshmen. As a result, these players have been thrown into varsity competition without much varsity experience.

"And we've started off a little bit different than we've had in the past, so not only are the players a little bit out of sorts, the coaches are out of sorts, because we haven't coached games and stuff like that in two years," said Keever.

But the Noblesville tradition is still there, and this year's Millers are trying to add to that.

"We've got a really good group of kids," said Keever. "They're very coachable, they want to learn."

Noblesville scored a run in each of the first two innings. The Millers' first run was walked in, as they drew three walks to load the bases, then Jacob Weiler got the fourth walk of the inning, which sent Dean White home.

White scored again in the second inning, but this time he got on base with a single, then got home on a double from Drew Niswonger. That put Noblesville up 2-1.

But the Marauders took the lead in the top of the third with three runs, then added three more runs in the fifth inning to lead 7-2. The Millers scored runs in the fifth and sixth innings, both times due to wild pitches. Kolbi Kazmierski ran home in the fifth, while Josh Kern scored in the sixth.

Three Noblesville players finished with two hits: White, Niswonger and Mason Bohland. White hit a double in the fifth inning. Ethan Leslie got the start on

the mound for the Millers, striking out seven in four and a third innings.

"We've got some ability, we've got some athletic ability, we've got some guys that are capable," said Keever. "Just got to get there and we're not there right now."

Noblesville is 0-2 and will play Zionsville in its second tournament game at 10 a.m. today.

MOUNT VERNON 8, NOBLESVILLE 4

Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Dean White	4	2	2	0
Drew Niswonger	4	0	2	1
Mason Bohland	3	0	2	0
Bryce Adams	2	0	0	0
Josh Kern	4	1	0	0
Jacob Weiler	3	0	0	1
Kolbi Kazmierski	2	1	1	0
Caden David	3	0	1	0
Bryce Riggs	3	0	1	0
Austin Hastings	1	0	0	0
Keegan Speck	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	4	9	2

Score by Innings

Mount Vernon 103 031 0-8 6 1

Noblesville 110 011 0-4 9 5

2B: Niswonger, White. SB: Niswonger, Kazmierski, Bohland, White. HBP: Kazmierski, Kern, Adams.

NHS pitching

	IP	R	ER	H
Ethan Leslie	4.1	7	2	5
Ty Haley	2.2	1	0	1

Strikeouts: Leslie 7, Haley 3. Walks: Leslie 4, Haley 1.

Fishers endured a frustrating day at the Noblesville Invitational on Friday, dropping both of its games.

First, the Tigers lost a tough one to Franklin Community 6-5. Fishers got ahead early, scoring in the top of the first inning when Joey Brenzewski got home on an error.

After absorbing 11 strikeouts in a row, the Tigers got another run in the fourth inning. JP Preston hit a two-out single, and he was soon back home after Jack Braun nailed a double into left field. Fishers now led 2-0.

Franklin scored a run in the bottom of the fourth, but the Tigers responded with three in the top of the fifth. With the bases loaded, Caulin Brown got home when



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Dean White (right) is met by Noah Bennington after scoring a run during the Millers' game with Mount Vernon Friday at the Noblesville Classic. The Millers will play two games at the Classic today.

Carson Dunn hit into a fielder's choice. That kept the bases loaded when Dom Oliverio came up to the plate, and he hit a double into center field, scoring Bryant and Brenzewski.

But that would be it for Fishers. Franklin scored a run in the fifth and two runs in the sixth to get within 5-4. A single tied the game with two outs, then with the bases loaded, Franklin hit a walkoff single for the victory.

The Tigers had five hits, and four of them were doubles. Caulin Brown and Bryant joined Braun and Oliverio in getting extra-base hits for the game. Tate Warner pitched five innings, striking out eight.

Fishers played Columbus East in its second game and lost 10-0 in five innings. The Tigers were held to two hits, one each from Preston and Jack Brown.

Fishers is 1-2 and will play at 1 p.m. this afternoon, with its opponent to be determined.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY 6, FISHERS 5

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Joey Brenzewski	2	2	0	0
Carson Dunn	4	0	0	1
Dom Oliverio	3	0	1	2
JP Preston	4	1	1	0
Jack Braun	4	0	1	1
Jack Brown	3	0	0	0
Caulin Brown	3	1	1	0
Kaden Gorak	1	0	0	0
Matt Bryant	3	1	1	0

Gavin Kuzniewski	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	5	5	4

Score by Innings

Fishers 100 130 0-5 5 4

Franklin 000 112 2-6 8 1

2B: Braun, C. Brown, Bryant, Oliverio. SB: Brenzewski 2, Bryant, Oliverio, SAC: Gorak.

Fishers pitching

	IP	R	ER	H
Tate Warner	5	2	1	6
Evan Allbright	0.1	2	0	0
Mason Sweeney	1.1	2	2	3

Strikeouts: Warner 8, Sweeney 1. Walks: Sweeney 3, Allbright 2, Warner 1.

COLUMBUS EAST 10, FISHERS 0 (5 innings)

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Joey Brenzewski	2	0	0	0
Carson Dunn	2	0	0	0
Dom Oliverio	2	0	0	0
JP Preston	2	0	1	0
Jack Braun	2	0	0	0
Jack Brown	2	0	1	0
Caulin Brown	1	0	0	0
Grant Moritz	0	0	0	0
Jack Backofen	2	0	0	0
Zach Cox	2	0	0	0
Kaden Gorak	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	0	2	0

Score by Innings not available

SB: Gorak. HBP: Moritz.

Fishers pitching

	IP	R	ER	H
J. Brown	2	6	6	5
Cody Jones	1	3	3	0
Kyle Manship	1	1	0	0

Strikeouts: J. Brown 3, Jones 2, Manship 1. Walks: Jones 5, J. Brown 2, Manship 2.

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Baseball roundup: HSE overwhelms Pike

Hamilton Southeastern opened play at its own Royal Classic on Friday by overwhelming Pike in five innings, 16-1.

The Royals scored one run in each of the first two innings. Colin St. Clair drew a bases-loaded walk to send Noah Wolf home for Southeastern's first run, then Jason Dettman hit a second-inning single to score Griffin Haas.

The Royals got their offense going in the third inning, scoring six runs. J. Bush hit a two-RBI double, then Wolf singled in two runs. Hunter Dilts followed that with his own two-run double.

Southeastern continued to roll in the fourth innings, pouring in eight runs. The Royals hit five straight RBI singles, including a two-RBI hit from Wolf. Haas, Dettman, Dilts and J.T. Mutchner all batted in one run with their hits. Garrett Dettman drew a bases-loaded walk and Peyton Lusby was then hit by a pitch with the bases still loaded.

Wolf totaled four RBIs for the game, with Dilts driving in three. Bush had three hits, including two doubles. Ty Bradle pitched three innings for the win.

The Royals are 1-0-1 and play two more games at their Classic today, hosting DeKalb at 10 a.m. and McCutcheon at 7 p.m.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 16, PIKE 1 (5 innings)					
Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI	
Noah Wolf	3	3	2	4	
Jason Dettman	2	2	2	2	
Hunter Dilts	4	1	2	3	
J.T. Mutchner	4	1	1	1	
Landon Riekhof	2	1	1	0	
Colin St. Clair	0	1	0	1	
Henry Kerr	1	0	0	0	
Garrett Dettman	0	0	0	1	
Peyton Lusby	2	2	0	1	
J. Bush	3	2	3	2	
Christian Beal	1	0	0	0	
Payton Hilfiker	2	1	0	0	
Griffin Haas	2	2	1	1	
Totals	x	x	x	x	
Score by Innings					
Pike	000	10	-	1	5 2
Southeastern	116	8x	-	16	12 1
2B: Bush 2, Dilts. SB: Wolf 2, Dettman, Dilts, Riekhof. HBP: Lusby, Riekhof.					
HSE pitching	IP	R	ER	H	

Ty Bradle (W)	3	0	0	2
Eli Lantz	1	1	1	3
Logan Callaghan	1	0	0	0
Strikeouts: Bradle 6, Callaghan 3, Lantz 2.				
Walks: none.				

University opened its season on Friday with two wins over Kentucky teams at the Super Prep 2021 Tournament.

In their first game, the Trailblazers beat Pikeville 11-4 in five innings. University scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning, starting with two runs when Adam Oxley reached on error. Seth Hogg then batted in Matt Moore on a sacrifice fly.

Pikeville came back to tie the game in the top of the second, but University scored a run in the bottom of the inning when Hooker scored on an error. The score stayed at 4-3 until the fourth inning, when the 'Blazers erupted for seven runs.

Galyean hit an RBI single for the first run, then Hogg sent home two runs with a left field hit. University loaded the bases, then Grady Hay drew a walk to bring in Oxley. Finally, Hooker blasted a triple into center field to score three runs.

Hooker went 3-for-3 at the plate, scoring three runs and driving in three more. Hogg also had three RBIs. Galyean and Moore both scored twice. Moore also got the pitching win, going four innings and striking out seven.

University had to come from behind to win the second game, but did so over Louisville Ballard 5-4.

The Trailblazers scored the first run of the game in the top of the second inning when Thomas Price got home on a wild pitch. Ballard scored twice to take the lead in the bottom of the second, both times hitting an RBI single.

Moore got his own RBI hit in the third inning, sending in Hogg to tie the game at 2-2. But Ballard added two runs, one each in the third and fourth innings, to take a 4-2 lead.

With two outs in the top of the seventh, University rallied. Weber Morse got on base with a double, then Hooker drew a walk after the 'Blazers absorbed a strikeout. Galyean then hit a single to score Morse. Moore was next, and his left

field hit sent Hooker and Hogg home.

Ballard threatened in the bottom of the seventh, getting runners at second and third with no outs. But University held firm, getting fielder's choices for the next two outs, then Moore made a catch at right field to end the game.

Moore totaled three RBIs, while Owen Schellhase was 2-for-3 at the plate. Hay got the win in relief, with Oxley pitching the seventh inning for the save.

The Trailblazers are 2-0 and play Lafayette (Ky.) and North Oldham today.

UNIVERSITY 11, PIKEVILLE 4 (5 innings)					
University	AB	R	H	RBI	
Jake Hooker	3	3	3	3	
Thomas Price	3	0	0	0	
Tyler Galyean	1	2	1	1	
Matt Moore	2	2	1	0	
Adam Oxley	2	1	0	2	
Seth Hogg	1	1	1	3	
Grayson Knight	1	1	0	0	
Gabe Mervis	2	0	0	0	
Owen Schellhase	1	0	0	0	
Grady Hay	2	1	0	1	
Totals	18	11	6	10	
Score by Innings					
Pikeville	030	01	-	4	6 3
University	310	7x	-	11	6 2
3B: Hooker. 2B: Hooker. SB: Galyean 3, Hooker 3, Knight, Price, Moore, Hogg.					
SAC: Hogg.					
University pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
Moore (W)	4	3	2	4	
Weber Morse	1	1	1	2	
Strikeouts: Moore 7, Morse 2. Walks: Moore 3.					

UNIVERSITY 5, LOUISVILLE BALLARD 4					
University	AB	R	H	RBI	
Jake Hooker	3	1	1	0	
Seth Hogg	4	2	2	0	
Tyler Galyean	4	0	2	1	
Matt Moore	4	0	2	3	
Adam Oxley	3	0	1	0	
Thomas Price	2	1	0	0	
Brady Redman	1	0	0	0	
Owen Schellhase	3	0	2	0	
Mitchell Price	1	0	0	0	
Weber Morse	1	1	1	0	
Quincy Harper	3	0	0	0	
Cam Greenawald	0	0	0	0	
Totals	29	5	11	4	
Score by Innings					
University	011	000	3	-	5 11 4
Ballard	021	100	0	-	4 10 0
2B: Oxley, Hogg, Morse.					
University pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
Grayson Knight	4	4	3	7	
Grady Hay (W)	2	0	0	1	
Oxley (S)	1	0	0	2	
Strikeouts: Knight 3, Hay 3. Walks: Knight 1, Hay 1, Oxley 1.					

Hamilton Heights dropped two games at the DeMarini Tennessee Tournament on Friday.

The Huskies dropped their first game 13-1 against Hardin Valley Academy. Heights scored its run in the fourth inning

when Drew VanOeveren singled in Erik Malott. Brayden Elkin and Malott also got one hit.

In their second game of the day, the Huskies lost to Bearden 11-3. Heights scored its first run in the second inning, with VanOeveren getting home after Isaac Tuma reached on error. The Huskies then got two solo home runs in the later stages of the game, one from Nate Hulen in the sixth inning and one from Guy Griffey in the seventh.

Sam Allen also hit a seventh-inning double, one of his two hits. Brayden Elkin threw four innings of relief, striking out nine.

Heights is 0-3 and plays Christian Academy of Knoxville this morning.

HARDIN VALLEY 13, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 1 (5 innings)					
Heights	AB	R	H	RBI	
Sam Allen	1	0	0	0	
Jared Michael	3	0	0	0	
Erik Malott	2	1	1	0	
Nate Hulen	1	0	0	0	
Brayden Elkin	2	0	1	0	
Drew VanOeveren	2	0	1	1	
Lucas Letsinger	2	0	0	0	
Joe Mayo	1	0	0	0	
Dean Mason	1	0	0	0	
Isaac Tuma	1	0	0	0	
Cooper Vondersaar	1	0	0	0	
Totals	17	1	3	1	
Score by Innings					
Heights	000	10	-	1	3 2
Hardin Valley	433	3x	-	13	9 0
HBP: Hulen.					
Heights pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
Guy Griffey	1.1	6	4	2	
Harrison Hochstedler	2.0	7	6	7	
Brody Piel	0.2	0	0	0	
Strikeouts: Hochstedler 1. Walks: Griffey 4, Hochstedler 2.					

BEARDEN 11, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 3					
Heights	AB	R	H	RBI	
Sam Allen	4	0	2	0	
Jared Michael	3	0	0	0	
Erik Malott	1	0	0	0	
Dean Mason	2	0	0	0	
Nate Hulen	3	1	1	1	
Drew VanOeveren	2	1	0	0	
Brayden Elkin	1	0	0	0	
Lucas Letsinger	3	0	0	0	
Brody Piel	2	0	0	0	
Alex Eubanks	1	0	0	0	
Guy Griffey	2	1	1	1	
Isaac Tuma	2	0	0	0	
Cooper Vondersaar	1	0	0	0	
Totals	27	3	4	2	
Score by Innings					
Heights	010	001	1	-	3 4 3
Bearden	350	003	x	-	11 9 2
HR: Griffey, Hulen. 2B: Allen. HBP: Malott.					
Heights pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
VanOeveren	2	8	2	6	
Elkin	4	3	3	3	
Strikeouts: Elkin 9, VanOeveren 2. Walks: Elkin 4, VanOeveren 2.					

Fishers softball cruises past Mavericks, 10-2

The Fishers softball team cruised to a 10-2 win over McCutcheon in a Friday away game.

The Tigers got on the board in the top of the first inning when Sophie Schoch hit a two-run single into center field. The Mavericks tied the game in the bottom of the inning, and the score would stay 2-2 until the fifth inning, when Fishers got going for four runs.

Hannah Mays got the Tigers back in front with an RBI hit into right field to send in Olivia Latimer. Later, Nyah Duplessis and Kaylee Kardash scored after Emily Walsh reached on error. Abby Gavin hit a double to score Walsh.

Latimer blasted a home run over center field in the sixth inning to get Fishers ahead 7-2. The Tigers then added three more runs in the seventh inning: Walsh doubled home Kardash, then was scored by a Sydney Abel hit. Brooke Johnson came in to run for Abel, and would score on Latimer's single.

Latimer finished 4-for-5 at the plate, including a homer and two doubles.

Kardash was 3-for-4 and also hit a double. Mays pitched a complete game, striking out 10.

The Tigers are 2-0 and play Bloomington South and Columbus East today.

FISHERS 10, MCCUTCHEON 2					
Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI	
Olivia Latimer	5	3	4	2	
Karyn Trice	4	1	0	0	
Hannah Mays	4	0	1	1	
Kaylee Kardash	4	2	3	0	
Sophie Schoch	4	0	1	2	
Emily Walsh	4	2	2	1	
Abby Gavin	4	0	1	1	
Sydney Abel	2	0	1	1	
Kamara Walker	1	0	0	0	
Ashtin Grubb	4	0	1	0	
Nyah Duplessis	0	1	0	0	
Brooke Johnson	0	1	0	0	
Totals	36	10	14	8	
Score by Innings					
Fishers	200	041	3	-	10 14 0
McCutcheon	200	000	0	-	2 6 3
HR: Latimer. 2B: Latimer 2, Kardash, Gavin, Walsh. SB: Trice, Walsh. SAC: Trice.					
Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
Mays	7	2	2	6	
Strikeouts: Mays 10. Walks: Mays 1.					



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NBA standings

Friday games			Charlotte 114, Indiana 97	Phoenix 140, Oklahoma City 103
Toronto 130, Golden State 77			Memphis 120, Minnesota 108	Milwaukee 127, Portland 109
Boston 118, Houston 102			Atlanta 126, New Orleans 103	L.A. Lakers 115, Sacramento 94
Dallas 99, New York 86			Utah 113, Chicago 106	

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	34	15	.694	-
Philadelphia	33	15	.688	0.5
Milwaukee	30	17	.638	3.0
Charlotte	25	23	.521	8.5
Atlanta	25	24	.510	9.5
Miami	25	24	.510	9.0

New York	24	25	.490	10.0
Boston	24	25	.490	10.0
Indiana	21	26	.447	12.0
Chicago	19	28	.404	14.0

Toronto	19	30	.388	15.0
Washington	17	30	.362	16.0
Orlando	17	31	.354	16.5
Cleveland	17	31	.354	16.5
Detroit	14	34	.292	19.5

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	37	11	.771	-
Phoenix	34	14	.708	3.0
L.A. Clippers	32	18	.640	6.0
L.A. Lakers	30	18	.625	7.0
Denver	30	18	.625	7.0
Portland	29	18	.617	7.5

Dallas	26	21	.553	10.5
San Antonio	24	22	.522	12.0
Memphis	23	23	.500	13.0
Golden State	23	26	.469	14.5

Sacramento	22	26	.458	15.0
New Orleans	21	27	.438	16.0
Oklahoma City	20	28	.417	17.0
Houston	13	35	.271	24.0
Minnesota	12	37	.245	25.5

Major League Baseball standings

Friday scores		
Baltimore 3, Boston 0		
Tampa Bay 6, Miami 4		
L.A. Dodgers 11, Colorado 6		
Chicago White Sox 12, L.A. Angels 8		
Houston 9, Oakland 5		
San Diego 4, Arizona 2		
San Francisco 6, Seattle 3		

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	2	0	1.00	-
Baltimore	1	0	1.00	0.5
Toronto	1	0	1.00	0.5
Boston	0	1	.000	1.5
N.Y. Yankees	0	1	.000	1.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	1	0	1.00	-
Kansas City	1	0	1.00	-
Chi. White Sox	1	1	.500	0.5
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1.0
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	2	0	1.00	-
L.A. Angels	1	1	.500	0.5
Seattle	1	1	.500	0.5
Texas	0	1	.000	1.5
Oakland	0	2	.000	2.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	1	0	1.00	-
N.Y. Mets	0	0	.000	0.5
Washington	0	0	.000	0.5
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1.0
Miami	0	2	.000	1.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	1	0	1.00	-
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.00	-
St. Louis	1	0	1.00	-
Chi. Cubs	0	1	.000	1.0
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Diego	2	0	1.00	-
Colorado	1	1	.500	1.0
L.A. Dodgers	1	1	.500	1.0
San Francisco	1	1	.500	1.0
Arizona	0	2	.000	2.0

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

With just 26 games remaining in the regular season, Indiana is looking to climb up the tightly compacted Eastern Conference standings. The trek started tonight with a bout against the Charlotte Hornets inside Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Unfortunately, it was a similar story for the shorthanded Pacers down the stretch. After the squad cut Charlotte's lead to 97-91 with 5:50 remaining, the Hornets outscored the hosts 17-6 in crunch time. The visitors (25-22) walked away with a comfortable 114-97 win over the Blue & Gold (21-26). The Pacers have now been outscored in the fourth quarter in five of their last six games.

When the final buzzer rang, Indiana found itself down three of its usual starters – two due to injury. Malcolm Brogdon was a late pregame scratch due to a sore right hip. Domantas Sabonis, who ended the night with eight points and 10 boards, left early after suffering a sprained right ankle. Myles Turner (seven points, eight rebounds, one block) fouled out late in the fourth quarter. Although six Pacers did finish in double figures, it was simply not enough. Caris LeVert ultimately led the squad with 16 points. But, he was just 5-of-13 from the floor.

“Obviously, we’re frustrated,” LeVert said postgame. “We’re competitors. We’re losing games right now. But honestly, we didn’t play well tonight with our effort. That can’t happen.”

Despite having plenty of games to make up ground in the Eastern Con-

ference standings, the Pacers now find themselves on the short end of one of the NBA’s first tie-breaking statistics – regular-season series records. After Charlotte’s win tonight, four teams now own 2-1 series advantages over the Blue & Gold.

“(We’re) trying hard, man,” coach Nate Bjorkgren said. “The team’s trying hard. The guys that are out there are trying hard...when we just needed that good push or good surge, we just couldn’t quite get it.”

A scorching start on both sides saw four lead changes over the first four minutes of the game. But, Charlotte soon earned an edge thanks to Gordon Hayward. The Brownsburg, Indiana native notched seven of Charlotte’s first 15 points and four assists to earn a three-point advantage with 6:47 to play.

After Charlotte extended the lead to 19-14, Indiana used quick hands on defense to rattle off six straight to regain a lead. Turner and Sabonis clogged the passing lanes in the paint, leading to steals and back-to-back triples from Justin Holiday and Doug McDermott with 3:45 to go.

However, the visitors outscored Indiana 9-4 to finish the frame to take a 28-24 lead into the second. The Blue & Gold had a chance to trim the lead in the final 11 seconds after securing a couple of offensive rebounds but came up empty.

The unconventional lineup of Aaron Holiday, Edmond Sumner, McDermott, JaKarr Sampson, and Goga Bitadze gave Charlotte fits to start the second. Two

buckets by the youngest Holiday sandwiched a nifty reverse layup from Bitadze in a 6-0 spree to earn a 30-28 Indiana lead with 9:41 remaining.

Indiana’s lead fluctuated between four points and one over the next several minutes as both teams went cold from the floor. Sabonis’ cutting finger roll layup pushed the lead to 41-38 before consecutive layups from Brad Wanamaker and Cody Zeller bumped Charlotte ahead at the 4:33 mark.

The Hornets then turned to Miles Bridges to extend the lead before half-time. The former Michigan State forward notched three triples in a 2:06 span to earn a 54-46 lead with 1:22 left in the half. He added a fourth with just 1.9 seconds remaining to extend Charlotte’s lead to 60-49 before the break. 16 of Bridges’ game-high 23 points came in the second quarter alone.

Three Pacers turnovers in their first four possessions of the third led to a 7-2 Hornets run that extended the lead to 67-51 at the 10:10 mark of the frame.

After, Indiana did little to chew into the lead until the squad managed a 9-2 run – seven from LeVert – after getting a few stops. A bucket and a free throw from the new Pacer trimmed the lead to 12 with 6:04 to go. After Wanamaker answered, the former Michigan standout notched four more en route to cutting the Hornets’ lead to 72-62 at the 5:35 mark.

Aaron Holiday attempted to take over the scoring duties for the Blue & Gold, notching five straight to trim the deficit to 76-69 with 2:46 to go. However, Devon-

te’ Graham quickly erased the spree with five of his own.

But, the Pacers kept on fighting to close the frame.

Trailing 82-69 with 1:55 to go, Indiana used a 7-0 run, including five from Bitadze, to close the gap to 82-76 with 10.2 seconds remaining. Although, an errant foul from Aaron Holiday in the closing second sent Terry Rozier to the free-throw line. He sank 2-of-3 to extend Charlotte’s lead back to eight heading into the final period.

A couple of speedy buckets from T.J. McConnell helped trim Indiana’s deficit to six, twice in the opening two minutes of the fourth. However, Charlotte pushed its lead back to double digits, 95-82, behind a string of seven unanswered – four from second-chance points.

But, the crafty point guard continued to pilot the offense for Indiana, recording six more as part of a 9-2 run. With 5:50 to go, he snapped a pass to a wide-open McDermott for a triple along the left baseline. The surge trimmed the deficit to 97-91. Charlotte called a timeout to slow things down.

Unfortunately, the tactic worked. Zeller, Wanamaker, and Rozier connected on three consecutive Hornets possessions to extend the lead back to 103-91 with 4:43 remaining. To make matters worse, Turner then collected his fifth and sixth foul, sending him to the bench. With both starting big men sidelined, the visitors had no problem extending the lead by getting to the paint and finished out the game with ease.

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