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World-renowned Budweiser Clydesdales to parade down streets of Carmel this Friday

The REPORTER

The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, the symbol of tradition for Anheuser-Busch since 1933, are scheduled to make several appearances in Carmel on Friday, Nov. 19, including a parade of sorts through the Carmel Arts & Design District and Midtown.

Eight of these beautiful horses will be harnessed and hitched to the famous red beer wagon at the Kroger store on Range Line Road and be in place for visits and photo opportunities at 4 p.m. Shortly afterward, these "Gentle Giants" will parade through the streets of Carmel.

If you want to see the parade of horses along the route, the following locations will offer good visuals: Payless Liquors, Cancun Mexican Restaurant,

Midtown Plaza and Old Town Tavern. Please note that the route will be dependent on timing and weather.

The Clydesdales last visited Carmel in August 2016, one of hundreds of visits made annually by the traveling hitches. Canadians of Scottish descent brought the first Clydesdales to America in the mid-1800s. Today, the giant draft horses are used primarily for breeding and show.

Horses chosen for the Budweiser Clydesdale hitch must be at least three years of age, stand approximately 18 hands – or six feet – at the shoulder, weigh an average of 2,000 pounds, must be bay in color, have four white legs, a blaze of white on the face and black mane and tail.



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Rep. Spartz introduces CRA resolution to nullify federal COVID-19 vaccine mandate

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, along with Rep. Fred Keller, Republican Leader of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee, have introduced a Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution to nullify the Department of Labor's "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard."

This standard would mandate that companies employing over 100 people must require their employees be fully vaccinated or show a negative test at least once a week.

"This burdensome and unconstitutional federal regulation would infringe on the rights of private employers and employees," Rep. Spartz said. "It also reaches far beyond the scope of the Administration's authority and should be nullified by Congress."

Read the text of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution below:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to 'COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard' and such rule shall have no force or effect."



Spartz

Several local elected officials gather in Fishers for state legislative update



Reporter photos by Denise Moe

State Senator Kyle Walker and State Representative Chris Jeter on Wednesday gave an update on what's happening in the Statehouse. They were joined by Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness and several members of the Fishers City Council and other local elected officials at Peterson's restaurant in Fishers.

Indiana teachers association calls for more bargaining power

By JASMINE MINOR
WISH-TV | wish-tv.com

The Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA) has called for more bargaining power for Hoosier teachers, including on things such as pay raises, class sizes and preparation time for curriculum.

"We're seeing increases in teachers with depression, anxiety, sleeping difficulties and work-life imbalance," said Jenny Whitaker, a teacher at Warren Central High School.

During the ISTA press conference, teachers highlighted their concerns with handling the increasing workloads that have stemmed from the pandemic and staffing shortages.

"We have teachers working 12-hour days or longer on top of second and sometimes even third jobs," said ISTA President Keith Gambill.

Gambill pointed out that 97 percent of schools in Indiana are reporting teacher shortages, according to a recent study by Indiana University.

New abundance of parking in Noblesville will support Small Business Saturday

All parking at The Levinson remains free until early 2022

The REPORTER

Small Business Saturday, Nov. 27, will see increased traffic in all shopping districts, including downtown Noblesville. This year, however, historic downtown Noblesville boasts an additional 199 parking spaces which has been added to the public parking supply through the Levinson project.

"We have all the exciting Small Business Saturday events in place: shopping, carolers, sales, and free gift wrapping," said Bob DuBois, CEO of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. "But it's wonderful to be able to offer abundant parking at the Levinson parking garage this year."

The Levinson, located at the corner of 8th Street and Maple Avenue, features one- and two-bedroom apartments as well a covered parking garage with 199 parking spaces for the public. Approximately 100 spaces are earmarked for the apartment residents and clearly designated.

Parking at the Levinson is free for the first



DuBois

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The ISTA says one way to help the issue is to raise pay for teachers. The group is calling on political leaders to require that teacher pay start at \$40,000.

For places like Pike Township, they say they already do that. But currently, no deal has been reached between the district and the ISTA on pay raises.

"Someone that just got hired is paid \$1,000 less than me, so I make \$41 a paycheck more than a first-year teacher and I've been there for 12 years," said Brad Leatherman, a Pike physical education teacher.

In a statement to I-Team 8, the district said: "We are currently waiting on information from the IEERB (Indiana Employment Education Relations Board)."

The ISTA pointed out the number of districts meeting the goal of \$40,000 for starting teachers went from 79 to 212 as of Friday.

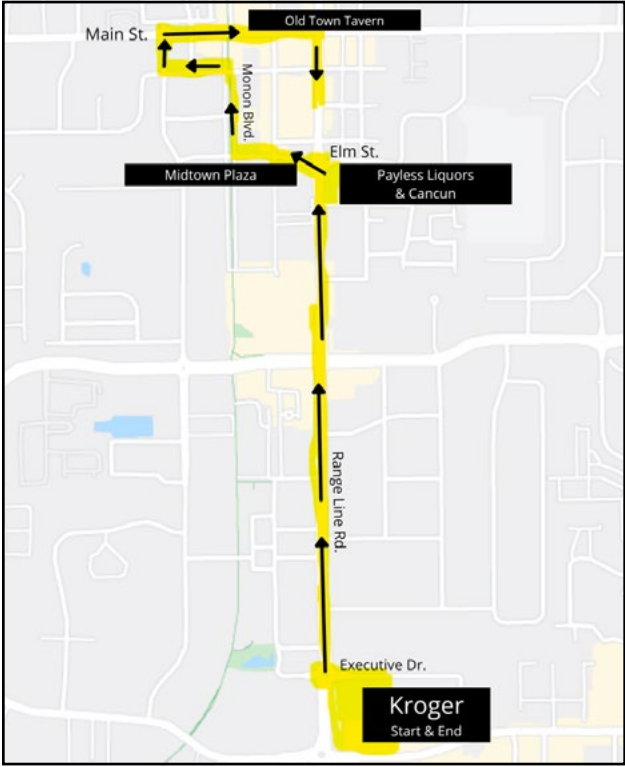
CLYDESDALES

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You will also see a dog on board. Each hitch travels with a Dalmatian, a breed that in the early days of brewing were trained to protect the horses and guard the wagon when the driver went inside to make deliveries.

If you miss the event on Friday, the Budweiser Clydesdales can also be viewed at Anheuser-Busch breweries in St. Louis, Mo.; Merrimack, N.H.; and Ft. Collins, Colo. They also may be viewed at Grant's Farm in St. Louis and at Warm Springs Ranch, the 300-plus acre Clydesdale breeding farm located near Boonville, Mo.



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PARKING IN NOBLESVILLE

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four hours and then \$2 each hour afterward. However, until the exit gate hardware materials arrive in early 2022, the parking remains free.

“People might not know that the Levinson is open for parking,” said Kate Baker, Executive Director of Noblesville Main Street. “We wanted to bring a bit of fun and goodwill to the parking solutions. So for all of Small Business Saturday, we will be randomly placing gift cards on windshields of select cars. Many of our downtown businesses have donated gift cards

for this purpose.”

The gift card incentive will be offered on Small Business Saturday only.

Small Business Saturday starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27 with several holiday activities planned including:

- Impactful shopping
- Decorated storefront windows
- Discounts and sales
- Roaming carolers
- Entertainment in the alleyways
- Popup shops in the



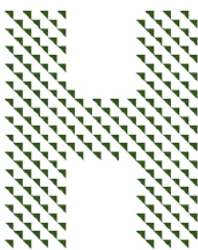
Baker

Mainstreet Community Room

- Free gift wrapping

The day is capped off with the Lighting of the Square ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m. on the courtyard square.

Prior to the Levinson's opening on Oct. 1 there were 1,197 downtown parking spots. The addition of 199 parking spots at the Levinson and the upcoming county garage will add significantly to the parking supply.



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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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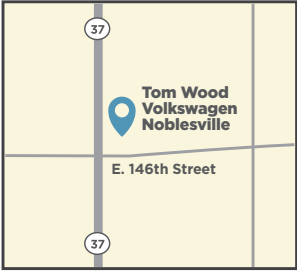
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Guerin Catholic president issues letter following passing of boys soccer coach Chris McGrath

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Guerin Catholic families on Wednesday afternoon regarding the passing of head boys soccer coach Chris McGrath. The letter appears in its entirety below.

To our Guerin Catholic Family,

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Guerin Catholic Head Boys Soccer Coach, Chris McGrath (top row, far right).

Please join us in prayer for the repose of his soul, and for peace and strength for the McGrath family, including Chris' wife, Shari, daughters Emily ('17) and Julia ('19), and son Ryan. Finally, please pray for the GC faculty, staff, students, and most especially the boys soccer program, as these young men move forward during this challenging time.

The McGraths are members of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Westfield.

We will share funeral arrangements when they are available.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Chris' soul and all of the souls for the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

Peace,
Deacon Rick Wagner
*President
Guerin Catholic High School*

Light the tree, welcome holiday season in Carmel

The REPORTER

Holiday at Carter Green, sponsored by Allied Solutions, is Carmel's annual holiday lighting ceremony presented. This event will feature jugglers, carolers, balloon artists, face painters and a visit from Santa, his reindeer and other North Pole animals.

The tree lighting will take place at dusk – approximately at 5:30 p.m. – on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Christkindlmarkt and the Ice at Carter Green.

City Councilman Jeff Worrell will emcee with Actors Theatre of Indiana members Don Farrell, Judy Fitzgerald and Cynthia Collins and a host of amazing entertainers including:

- ATI Holiday Revue
- Civic Theatre
- Indiana Ballet Conservatory
- The Carmel Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet
- Central Indiana Dance Ensemble
- Carmel Middle School Choir
- Blair Clark and students from Coach Blair Voice and Performance Studio

The children visiting with Santa will receive free goodie bags filled with surprises donated by event sponsors.

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Investing in our veterans

As a U.S. Air Force veteran, I had the privilege of serving with men and women who put personal priorities aside to serve and protect our country.

As I saw firsthand, our service members are trained to do more with less. We make sacrifices and step in front of harm's way when duty calls and pack up personal belongings on command. We are trained to solve problems, often with few resources, because the mission is critical, and our personal comfort or convenience must take a back seat.

When I was on active duty, we took care of each other like it was our job, because it was. Being stationed away from home put us all in a similar situation. When my husband developed a life-threatening illness, it was my fellow service members who cleaned our house, mowed our lawn, collected our mail – for months. We watched each other's kids without giving it a second thought. Getting it done was just second nature and there was no such thing as "not my responsibility." When something had to be done, we did it.

That work ethic remains the foundation of our military today, and there remains an element of stress of the unknown – not knowing where you will live next, whether your family will be permitted to accompany you to your next post, or when you will be reunited. As service members roll up their sleeves and continue to innovate to accomplish their missions, they often must abandon traditional support systems with bravery, adding significant levels of stress which penetrate their personal lives. This requires them to be intensely resourceful to secure support and manage the stress of uncertainty.

In my post-military career, stress management and resourcefulness proved valuable as I began supporting Hoosiers receiving Medicaid benefits. Many of these Hoosiers face significant stress and resource



DR. KIMBERLY ROOP

limitations. That is why my company has placed an increased focus on engaging veterans to join our team, in service to Hoosiers who face stressful challenges on a daily basis with limited resources.

As our military cultivates doers, our lived experience drives many in the business community to embrace the hiring of veterans as they transition out of the military. At Anthem, our business resource group, Veterans of Anthem, brings together more than 1,000 associates who work to enhance our ability to recruit and develop associates with prior military service since they have unique experiences and skills that can be put to good use on behalf of our members. Anthem employs hundreds of veterans who have chosen to self-identify, along with many other military spouses and family members. Our mission is to foster an inclusive and supportive work environment for military veterans and their families.

It is also why Anthem is proud to support Governor Eric Holcomb's Next Level Veterans initiative as we seek to recruit veterans so we can welcome them and their families to Indiana.

It is my hope that businesses across our state will continue their efforts to engage these men and women as we build our workforce of the future. By becoming a state who respects and embraces the qualities and skills demonstrated every day by our veterans, we set ourselves up to be a state where commitment is the norm, selflessness is revered, and innovation in Indiana soars.

Dr. Kimberly Roop is a U.S. Air Force Veteran and Carmel resident who currently serves as the Medicaid Plan President for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana which serves more than 650,000 Medicaid members through the state's Hoosier Healthwise (HHW), Hoosier Care Connect (HCC) and Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) health insurance programs.

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Anti-tobacco advocates mark Great American Smokeout by calling for increased state tobacco taxes

The REPORTER

Cancer patients and survivors across the state are marking the American Cancer Society's 46th annual Great American Smokeout today by calling on elected officials to implement strong tobacco control legislation in an attempt to protect the health of all Hoosiers.

"The Great American Smokeout is about helping people quit, and we know that significantly increasing Indiana's tobacco tax and dedicating some of the revenue to tobacco control programs is one of the best ways to encourage quitting," said Bryan Hannon, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network government relations di-

rector. "A tax increase of \$2 per pack of cigarettes with an equivalent tax on all other tobacco products is a win-win. In addition to increasing revenue for public health, a significant increase in the cigarette tax would save lives and prevent thousands of kids from a lifetime of tobacco addiction."

"As we get ready to gather for the Thanksgiving holiday, there's so much to be thankful for this year as we begin to gather with family and friends," Hannon continued. "For those whose loved ones have been affected by tobacco, we are grateful we can utilize our voices to prevent others from tobacco-related illness and death. One

of the most effective ways to do this is by significantly increasing our state's low tobacco tax. Let's celebrate the holidays and mark this annual day of action by starting action to save adult and young lives from deadly tobacco products."

If you or someone you know is trying to quit using tobacco products, call 1-800-Quit-NOW and visit cancer.org/Smokeout.

About ACS CAN at 20

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) makes cancer a top priority for policymakers at every level of government. ACS CAN empowers volunteers across the country to make their voices heard to influence ev-

idence-based public policy change that saves lives. The group believes everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to prevent, find, treat, and survive cancer. Since 2001, as the American Cancer Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, ACS CAN has successfully advocated for billions of dollars in cancer research funding, expanded access to quality affordable health care, and made workplaces, including restaurants and bars, smoke-free. As ACS CAN marks its 20th anniversary, the organization is more determined than ever to stand together with volunteers and save more lives from cancer. Join the fight by visiting fightcancer.org.

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Conner Prairie prioritizes accessibility at this year’s ‘A Merry Prairie Holiday’

The REPORTER

Conner Prairie on Tuesday announced Huntington as the 2021 presenting sponsor of “A Merry Prairie Holiday.”

The third annual festival kicks off on Friday, Nov. 26, running daily through Sunday, Dec. 19, and on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 21 and 22. Conner Prairie’s grounds will be transformed into a winter wonderland of lights and warm holiday fun from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. nightly, inviting guests to step into the story of holidays past and explore traditions from yesteryear, while also creating new memories with their families sock-skating at Frosty’s Skating Rink, flying down the Polar Bear Plunge tubing hill, or taking a spin around

Kringle’s Carousel.

New experiences are planned for 2021. For example, the William Conner House will be transformed into a magical 3D projection mapping holiday show that will spark the nostalgia of the holidays. Guests can immerse themselves in a new, timeless story as the house comes to life in an imaginative and heartwarming show.

Also new are two initiatives to make “A Merry Prairie Holiday” accessible to more Hoosiers.

First is the expansion of Conner Prairie’s Access Pass program, which allows families who receive support from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Hoosier

Healthwise Insurance, Commodity Supplement Food Program, or the Healthy Indiana Plan to visit Conner Prairie and other museums and cultural attractions for just \$2 per family member. Thanks to Huntington and other community supporters, Conner Prairie has been able to expand its Access Pass program to include reduced-price admission to Conner Prairie’s festivals in addition to general admission. This new policy allowed the museum to welcome more than 1,000 guests to the Headless Horseman festival under the program.



Burns

Huntington’s support has also made “A Merry Prairie Holiday” more accessible to guests who are deaf or hard of hearing. The sponsorship funds a new series of American Sign Language tours, available at 6, 7, and 8 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 18. These interpreted tours will help guests with hearing disabilities more fully enjoy and experience the festival.

“Our DEAI promise is critical to making Conner Prairie more accessible to more people,” said Conner Prairie President and CEO Norman Burns. “With the generous support of our pre-

sending sponsor Huntington, we’re living this promise more fully than ever before during this year’s ‘A Merry Prairie Holiday’ celebration.”

“Huntington is proud to be part of making new traditions and removing barriers to more Hoosiers celebrating ‘A Merry Prairie Holiday,’” said John Corbin, regional president for Huntington. “We’re excited to sponsor this event, and create pathways for more people to more fully experience all the festival has to offer in 2021.”

Learn more about “A Merry Prairie Holiday” and other exciting events on the horizon at [ConnerPrairie.org](#).

About Conner Prairie

Spanning more than 1,000 wooded acres in Cen-

tral Indiana, Conner Prairie welcomes more than 400,000 visitors of all ages annually. As Indiana’s first Smithsonian Institute affiliate, Conner Prairie offers various outdoor, historically-themed encounters and indoor experiential learning spaces that combine history and art with science, technology, engineering and math to offer an authentic look into history that shapes society today. Conner Prairie is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization – accredited by the American Alliance of Museums – that relies on grants and philanthropic donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations for sustainability and growth. For more information visit [ConnerPrairie.org](#).

State Bank joins Carmel Education Foundation’s Taste of Carmel as VIP sponsor

The REPORTER

On Oct. 28, Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) President Tricia Reynolds was honored to receive a \$5,000 donation from State Bank during the dedication ceremony for their new Car-

mel location at 126th Street and Gray Road.

State Bank will be recognized as the First Taste VIP Sponsor at Taste of Carmel, presented by CEF, on Thursday, March 3, 2022. The First Taste VIP Party

features a chef presentation, signature cocktail, entertainment, and special gift for up to 200 guests. VIP attendees will join more than 1,000 other community members at the main event immediately following the VIP reception.

CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix says she is enthusiastic about this partnership that extends beyond Taste of Carmel, one of two annual CEF fundraisers. State Bank will also present a unique “shark tank” type of scholarship that will recognize a Carmel High School senior with an entrepreneurial spirit. This scholarship will be presented in May 2022, with the application opening in December 2021.

“The partnership between State Bank and CEF

is integral to our mission of supporting Carmel Clay students in lifelong learning,” Penix said. “The team members at State Bank are focused on creating connections and having a positive impact in our community, and their presence at Taste of Carmel, as well as their engagement in our scholarship process, is a testament to their values. We look forward to growing our partnership and benefiting even more kids and families in Carmel.”

As the non-profit funding partner of Carmel Clay Schools, CEF raises funds through events like Taste of Carmel to provide teacher grants, scholarships, and programs benefiting Carmel Clay students, staff, and families. The CEF Board of Directors has been working

to broaden the scope of the scholarship program which currently awards over 100 annual scholarships. The State Bank scholarship will be a unique addition and will encourage students to go beyond a typical application process.

Visit [TasteOfCarmel-Indiana.com](#) for event information and additional sponsor opportunities. Tickets will go on sale in January 2022 and are \$100 for the State Bank First Taste VIP Party, \$60 for general admission, and \$1,000 for a table for 10. Guests will enjoy food and drink from more than 40 vendors, “sail away” entertainment, a premiere silent auction, raffle, and the spirit of the community supporting public education.

About the Carmel Education Foundation

One of the oldest foundations of its kind, the Carmel Education Foundation was created to help Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. Since 1966, the Foundation has awarded over \$2.1 million in college scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and over \$850,000 in education grants to inspire lifelong learning for Carmel Clay students. The Carmel Education Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation’s mission by funding grants, awarding more than 80 scholarships annually and expanding resources for Carmel Clay Schools.



196th Street opens between Promise & Summer roads

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Utility scam attempts are on the rise

The good news: Fewer customers are falling for them

The REPORTER

A call comes in. The caller I.D. says it's Duke Energy. An urgent voice insists that your electric service is being disconnected in 30 minutes unless you pay over the phone right now.

If you get a call like this, hang up because Duke Energy never disconnects customers like this. Instead, call Duke Energy at the number on your bill (800-521-2232), or check your balance online or via the Duke Energy app. And just like that, you've beaten the scammer.

In the first 10 months of 2021, more than 1,700 Duke Energy customers in Indiana reported scam attempts. Across all states served by Duke Energy, the COVID-19 pandemic has triggered a record number of scam attempts – nearly 30,000 scam attempts were reported by Duke Energy customers in 2020 alone. The good news: Only about 4 percent of customers have fallen for the scam in the last year, down from more than 9 percent before Utility Scam Awareness Day began in 2016.

Education works. That's why Duke Energy has again joined forces with utilities across the United States and Canada to bring awareness to these criminal tactics on the sixth annual Utility Scam Awareness Day on Nov. 17. Utility Scam Awareness Day is part of the week-long International Scam Awareness Week, an advocacy and awareness campaign focused on educating customers and exposing the tactics used by scammers.

"Scammers have not shown compassion for small businesses and private citizens enduring the trying circumstances of the last two years," said Jared Lawrence, Duke Energy's vice president of metering services and customer service transformation. "In fact, they have intensified their criminal activity with high-pressure tactics and increasing use of technology. For that reason, utilities continue to unite to combat scammers by spreading awareness, and we are working with telecom partners to remove access to phone lines and encouraging policymakers to adopt stronger public protections."

Recognized annually, Utility Scam Awareness Day was created by **Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS)**, a consortium of more than 150 electric, water and natural gas companies and their respective trade associations.

End the call.

End the scam.

Duke Energy – a founding member of UUAS – and the consortium's other member companies have seen an increase in scams attempting to take advantage of the uncertainty of the pandemic. Other scammers are preying on fears over nationwide natural gas price spikes. Many are attempting to use mobile banking apps to emphasize the "ease" of avoiding disconnection. (Duke Energy does not take customer payments via mobile banking apps.)

While the techniques continually shift, the easiest way to defuse the pressure is to stop before you act. That's why this year's awareness theme is "End the Call. End the Scam."

"It's perfectly acceptable for the customer to hang up the phone," said UUAS Executive Director Monica Martinez. "The scammer's initial goal is to pressure their targets and convince them that they work for the utility. Scammers are extremely sophis-

ticated in their tactics, and by simply ending the call, you can end their scam. If you are unsure, you can always call back the utility by dialing the number found on your bill or on their website, and they will provide you with the correct information."

UUAS advises customers who suspect they have been victims of fraud or who feel threatened by a scammer to contact their local utility or law enforcement authorities. Here are tips to protect yourself from falling victim to utility scams.

What to look for

Common scam tactics include:

- **Threat to disconnect:** Scammers may aggressively tell a customer their utility bill is past due, and service will be disconnected – usually within 30 minutes – if a payment is not made.

- **New meter refund:** After Duke Energy temporarily suspended disconnections in response to COVID-19 and offered extended payment plans, scammers adapted. Rather than focus on overdue bills, they tell the homeowner they need to pay a deposit for a new meter, which will later be refunded – again, insisting on immediate deposit.

- **Mobile banking apps:** Customers are instructed to send immediate payment through a mobile app. Duke Energy does not accept payments through the Cash App, Venmo or Zelle apps. (Customers can make payments directly on Duke Energy's mobile app, available in the Apple App Store for iOS and the Google Play Store for Android.)

- **Personal information:** Criminals promise to mail refund checks for overpayments on a customer's account if they can confirm their personal data, including birthdays and, in some cases, Social Security numbers.

Protect yourself

Customers with past due accounts receive multiple advance notices, typically by mail and in their regular monthly bill, and Duke Energy will always offer a variety of ways to pay a bill, including online payments, phone payments, automatic bank drafts, mail or in person. Duke Energy will never:

- Threaten immediate service interruption, call to demand payment about money owed without first sending you a notification by mail, or show up at your door demanding payment.

- Specify using a pre-paid card or mobile banking app for payment.

- Ask for personal information or credit or debit card numbers over the phone, by email or in person – either for a payment or a refund.

Remember: If customers suspect someone is trying to scam them, they should hang up, delete the email or shut the door. Contact the utility immediately at the number on the most recent monthly bill or on the utility's official website, not the phone number the scammer provides. If customers feel they are in physical danger, they should call 9-1-1.

More information is available at Duke Energy's website: duke-energy.com/StopScams.

Latest COVID-19 data from State Department of Health

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

New COVID-19 data has been released by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH).

ISDH says 3,481 more Hoosiers have tested positive for COVID-19; those tests were recorded between Nov. 12 and Nov. 16. A total of 1,061,791 Hoosiers have tested positive for COVID-19 since March 2020.

The ISDH coronavirus dashboard reported 41 additional deaths from COVID-19 in Indiana from Sept. 30 to Nov. 16. A total of 16,618 Hoosiers have died from COVID-19. Another 573 "probable" deaths have occurred, but a positive test is not on record.

The seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals stands at 18.1 percent. The seven-day positivity rate for all tests is 9.3 percent. A total of 15,030,546 tests have been administered to 4,450,894 Hoosiers.

New study finds deer are carriers of COVID-19, raises question if they can transmit virus to humans

By DR. MARY GILLIS, D.Ed.

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Scientists have found white-tailed deer are carriers of the coronavirus. This is according to a **new study** by researchers at Penn State University.

Scientists assessed 283 white-tailed deer for COVID-19. A total of 151 were wild while the remainder were held captive. Of the 283 samples, 33 percent tested positive for COVID-19.

This raises the question of whether it's possible for animals to infect people. News 8 spoke with Dr. Wendy Beauvais, assistant professor at Purdue University

College of Veterinary Medicine, who says the answer is no ... for now.

"The study authors did write that there was evidence supporting transmission between deer as well as from the human population," Beauvais said. "We don't have clear evidence that I am aware of that the virus can be transmitted to humans yet."

Another question remains: Can deer spread the virus to other animals? Again, Beauvais said, that is still a mystery.

But one thing is for certain. Beauvais advises taking all sanitary precautions when preparing to eat deer meat. This includes wearing gloves, washing hands and quickly removing the carcass.

There are currently 1,483 Hoosiers hospitalized with COVID-19.

ISDH says 7,442,290 vaccination doses have been administered to Hoosiers, and 3,405,785 Hoosiers are fully vaccinated.

According to the **Regenstrief Institute**, 986,155 Hoosiers are estimated to have recovered from the virus.

According to the **Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns**

Hopkins University, there have been more than 254,753,000 confirmed cases worldwide, with more than 5,120,000 deaths.

More information, including interactive graphs, can be found **here**.

Looking for this season's hot toy? Beware of these latest scam tactics

The REPORTER

Every year, there's always a few "must-have" toys on most kids' holiday wish lists. The toy sells out fast and becomes expensive and hard to find. On top of that, the **microchip shortage** has parents worried about getting their deliveries on time. This year's hot picks, **according to Amazon** (a BBB Accredited Business), include Galactic Snackin' Grogu Animatronic (aka Baby Yoda); game consoles, such as Nintendo Switch and Playstation; LEGO; and L.O.L. Surprise dolls. Scammers are using the toys' popularity to trick parents out of their money.

How the scam works

You are looking for these toys, but they are sold out at every store you visit. So you decide to look online. A quick search takes you to a page that miraculously has the toy in stock. The site may look professional and have original images of the product. It may even offer the product at discounted prices, claiming a "last-minute deal" or "flash sale."

Unfortunately, many such offers are fake. In many cases reported to **BBB.org/ScamTracker**, buyers thought they were ordering a high-quality, animatronic toy. Instead, they received a cheap counterfeit version. In other cases, the products never shipped at all and the websites vanished. In either case, when the dissatisfied customers tried to follow up with the company, they found that the staff either didn't respond or refused to provide a refund.

For example, one shopper reported on **BBB Scam Tracker** that they fell for a phony deal on gaming consoles.

"I was online searching for an in-stock Nintendo Switch OLED," the consumer reported. "The Nintendo site did not have any in stock. I searched on Google for Nintendo switch OLED and found this site [redacted] for \$99.99. I thought, 'Wow, that is cheap, and let's go for it!' I also bought a PlayStation 5 for the same price with a different email (since only one promotional item per email). They emailed me a confirmation and it said to wait 24 to 48 hours for shipping information. I go to

check today on order status and they took their website down. I tried emailing them and the email just returns back to me undeliverable."

Another shopper found what they thought was a great deal on LEGO, but the product never shipped.

"[They] gave me the run-around for three months saying it was on the way," the consumer told BBB. "I checked the tracking number they gave me with the USPS, and they didn't have anything with that number ever. It was a fake to begin with."

Tips to avoid toy scams

- Only buy toys from

reputable stores and websites. The best way to avoid getting scammed when purchasing toys is to buy them directly from a seller you know and trust.

- **Don't be fooled by extra-low prices.** Unreasonably low prices are a red flag for a scam on many products. Avoid making a purchase from a retailer you aren't familiar with just because the price sounds too good to be true – it probably is!

- **Research before you buy.** If a company seems legitimate but you aren't familiar with it, be extra careful with your personal information. Before offering up your name, address,

and credit card information, make sure the company has a working customer service number.

For more information

See **BBB.org/online-shopping** for more online shopping tips. For more about avoiding scams this holiday season, check out **BBB.org/Holiday**.

If you've spot a scam (whether or not you've lost money), report it to **BBB Scam Tracker**. Your report can help others avoid falling victim.

If you see a questionable ad, report it to **BBB AdTruth** so it can be investigated.

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Indiana State Police now accepting applications for Recruit Academy

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police is accepting applications for the 83rd Recruit Academy. Individuals who are interested in beginning a rewarding career as an Indiana State Trooper must apply online at IndianaTrooper.com. This website will provide a detailed synopsis of the application process as well as information on additional career opportunities with the Indiana State Police.

Applications must be submitted electronically by **11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Sunday, March 27, 2022**. Applications submitted after the deadline will **not** be accepted for the 83rd Recruit

Academy. The first 200 applicants to successfully pass all phases of the application process (Physical Ability Test, Written Examination, Oral Interview, Polygraph Examination, and Background Investigation) will be reviewed by the Superintendent for consideration of employment. It is imperative interested applicants engage in the selection process early.

Basic Eligibility Requirements and consideration factors for an Indiana State Trooper:

1. Must be a United States citizen.
2. Must be at least 21 and less than 40 years of age when appointed as a police

employee. (Appointment date is Dec. 15, 2022.)

3. Must meet a minimum vision standard (corrected or uncorrected) of 20/50 acuity in each eye and 20/50 distant binocular acuity in both eyes.
4. Must possess a valid driver's license to operate an automobile.
5. Must be willing, if appointed, to reside and serve anywhere within the State of Indiana as designated by the Superintendent.
6. Must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED).

The current starting salary for an Indiana State Po-

lice Department Recruit is \$1,615.39 bi-weekly during the academy training. At the completion of academy training, the starting salary is \$48,000 a year. Effective July 1, 2022, an approved budget will increase the Trooper pay matrix. This will impact the Trooper Trainee (proposed increase to \$45,000) and First-Year Trooper salary (proposed increase to \$51,000).

Recruits of the 83rd Recruit Academy are offered an excellent health care plan, which includes medical, dental, vision and pharmacy coverage for both current and retired employees, along with their families,

until reaching age 65. The Indiana State Police pension program provides a lifetime pension after 25 years of service. Additionally, the Indiana State Police Department provides comprehensive disability coverage and a life insurance program. Student loan forgiveness programs are being offered at this time.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Current law enforcement officers

Current law enforcement officers having a minimum of three continuous years of merit full-time law enforcement service as of May 26, 2022, if they choose, will be assigned to the District

where they currently reside.

Current out-of-state law enforcement officers having a minimum of three continuous years of merit full-time law enforcement service as of May 26, 2022, if they choose, may be afforded their District of choice, if their home state certification is determined equivalent to the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board standards.

Interested applicants can obtain additional information about a career as an Indiana State Trooper by visiting IndianaTrooper.com. Applicants can also contact a recruiter at isp recruiting@isp.in.gov.

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State Sen. Kyle Walker says he will seek re-election

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State Senator Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) on Monday announced his campaign for re-election to serve Hoosiers in State Senate District 31, which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties. Walker was elected to the Senate one year ago by a Republican caucus.

During the 2021 legislative session, Walker supported the balanced, two-year state budget that makes historic investments in K-12 education and expands school choice to support Hoosier families. The budget increases K-12 education funding by \$1.93 billion, including \$1 billion in increased tuition support and \$150 million dedicated to student learning loss due to the pandemic. It also expands Indiana's successful Choice Scholarship program to give parents the freedom to choose the school that is best for their children, and establishes a new Education Scholarship Account (ESA) specifically to support special-needs students.

As part of the budget, Walker also worked to successfully advance funding to support technology, innovation and entrepreneurial efforts in his district. He secured \$1 million for the Indiana Internet of Things (IoT) Lab, based in Fishers, which will be used to increase programming and development of IoT labs across the state.

Walker underscored that the biennial budget continues Indiana's commitment to fiscal responsibility by paying down \$1 billion in debt and shoring up a projected \$2.5 billion in budget reserves for fiscal year 2022. Taxpayers will also be receiving an automatic refund for 2022 totaling \$545 million.

"I'm proud of our work this session to continue Indiana's strong record of fiscally responsible, conservative leadership that allows our economy to flourish," Walker said. "This year's budget is balanced and pays down debt while investing in key priorities like education, economic development, infrastructure improve-


ments and public safety. It also supports innovative programs and initiatives based in Fishers that are fueling growth and improving quality of life in Senate District 31."

Walker also sponsored legislation in the 2021 session to reduce violent crime in Central Indiana by establishing the Indiana Crime Guns Task Force ([HEA 1558](#)). The Task Force expands a successful, innovative effort led by the Fishers Police Department and IMPD to trace guns used to commit violent crimes across the region and get more violent criminals off of the streets. Since July, the Task Force has already worked to make 78 arrests and seize 83 guns used to commit violent crimes in the Indianapolis area.

Additionally, Walker co-sponsored the landmark bipartisan law enforcement reform package to provide resources and support for police officers and improve public safety ([HEA 1006](#)). The new law supports transparency and accountability in policing and also invests \$70 million to improve law enforcement training facilities and programs.

Walker is supported by the mayors of Fishers, Lawrence and Noblesville.

"Senator Walker has proven he's a tireless and results-driven advocate for Fishers families and businesses," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "In 2021 alone, he helped secure funding for the Fishers-based Internet of Things (IoT) lab to support our growing tech and entrepreneurial community. He also sponsored legislation to expand a pioneering Fishers Police Department and IMPD program that's helping to reduce violent crime in the region and keep our community safe. Kyle understands the challenges and opportunities facing our community and embraces innovative ideas to propel Fishers forward. He is exactly the kind of leader we need in the Senate to ensure Fishers' continued success."



Walker is focused, passionate and committed to helping our region succeed. The constituents of Senate District 31 are well served by his leadership and efforts to fuel economic development in our area, and support improvements to education, infrastructure and public safety."

Walker has generated robust financial support for his re-election campaign. In the one year since his election, Walker's campaign has raised over \$305,000.

"The Central Indiana communities I represent, including Fishers, Lawrence and parts of Noblesville, are seeing tremendous growth and momentum, and we can't let up now," Walker said. "In the Senate, I will continue to focus on creating the best environment to start and operate a business, grow jobs and bring investment to our region, as well as improve quality of life for our residents. I'm grateful for the support we've received and eager to continue working together to ensure our communities, businesses and families in Senate District 31 thrive."

Walker is the Senior Vice President of MO Strategies, Inc. and the owner of Kyle Walker Consulting, LLC. He previously served on the Lawrence City Council and as President of the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority, Deputy Director of the Indianapolis Department of Public Works, and Chairman of the Marion County Republican Party. He is the former Republican Vice Chair of the 5th Congressional District and now serves as the Republican Chair of the 7th Congressional District. He is a graduate of Lawrence North High School and Indiana Wesleyan University.

Walker lives in Lawrence with his wife Jennifer and has two sons, Chase and Cameron.



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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:17-24 (NIV)

Loretta G. (Cooper) Hess

April 17, 1944 – November 16, 2021

Loretta G. Hess, 77, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on April 17, 1944 to Hubert and Ossie (Jones) Cooper in Pennington Gap, Va.

While living in Virginia, Loretta worked for a clothing factory, some restaurants, and for the Lee County Clerk's Office. After moving to Noblesville, she worked for King Systems. Loretta enjoyed playing bingo and watching cooking videos. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and playing games with her grandkids.

Loretta is survived by her children, Dohna Smith (Henry), Hershel Lee Cox Jr., Ricky Allen Cox Sr. (Angela), Denny Cox (Beth), and April Dawn Cox (Britany); siblings, Jewell Siler, Audrey Stapleton, and Gary Cooper (Victoria); 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and her best friends, Arlene Hasselhoff and Andrea Stewart.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sons, Jeffrey Lynn Cox and Michael Hess; grandsons, Marty Lee Webb and Ricky A. Cox Jr.; first husband, Hershel L. Cox Sr.; second husband, Joe Milton Hess; and her siblings, Eugene Cooper, Anna Mae Ball, Shirley Cooper, Garvie Cooper, Richard Cooper, and Bobby Cooper.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the funeral home, with Pastor Darrell Jones officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Evelyn Ann Coverdale

November 3, 1936 – November 16, 2021

Evelyn Coverdale, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin. She was born on November 3, 1936 to Marvin and Edna (Evans) Coverdale in Hamilton County.

Evelyn attended Noblesville Schools until she was 18. The classes of 1955, 1956 and 1957 all claimed her as their own. She worked for Janus Services, but found her calling as one of the original employees of Originals by Deb where she sanded spoons before retiring. Evelyn was featured in the book "Spoon Lady" by Deb Wofford. Evelyn was a member of Hamilton County 4-H and won a blue ribbon for her canned peaches. She was a member of the First Friends Church of Noblesville and Sunshine Friends at Noblesville First UMC. Evelyn was honored by Evan Bayh at the Capitol as a member of "Debbie's Kids." She loved Disney, beaches, fishing, Miller basketball, making cookies, doing puzzles and holding babies. Evelyn was a treasure to her family and all who knew her. She spread joy and lived her life well.

Evelyn is survived by her brothers, Robert E. (Ruth) Coverdale, Richard Coverdale, and Edgar (Jessie) Coverdale; nieces, Rebecca (Brian) Harger and Elizabeth (Jim) Wilson; nephews, Ronald (Dawn) Coverdale, Kipp Coverdale, Danny (Lynne) Coverdale, Andrew (Milli) Coverdale, and Brad (Melissa) Coverdale; six great-nephews; five great-nieces; and two great-greats.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Sally Hale Coverdale.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10 a.m., on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Pastor Katherine Murray officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

The family would like to thank the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin for the 12 years of excellent care they gave Evelyn.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Friends Church, 1055 E. Division St., P.O. Box 375, Noblesville, IN 46060; or Special Olympics for Hamilton County, P.O. Box 730, Noblesville, IN 46061; or Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, 525 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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Marcella Ruth Moore

October 7, 1930 – November 15, 2021

Marcella Ruth Moore, 91, Westfield, and formerly of the Arcadia and Sheridan areas, passed away on November 15, 2021 at Wellbroke of Westfield.

She was born on October 7, 1930 in Atlanta to Raymon Fred and Cleo Hannah (Caldwell) Overdorf. She attended Jackson Township schools and graduated from Jackson Central High School with the Class of 1948.

Marcella then became employed at Public Service Indiana that later became Duke Energy. She worked there over 40 years as an engineering clerk.

She was an active member of Arcadia Christian Church where she served many years as a youth group leader and Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and Hamilton County Senior Citizens. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, traveling and eating out with family and friends.

She married Lamar Ellis Moore on December 31, 1966, who preceded her in death. Together they enjoyed camping for many years at Old Mill Run Campground at Thorntown, Ind.

Marcella loved people and was very generous and giving to friends and family. Her family was very important to her, especially her nieces, nephews and their families.

Surviving her are nieces, Sharon (Long) Marcotte, Jackie (Kleyle) Ogle, Kathi (Overdorf) Knight, Mary Ann (Overdorf) Madauss and Melodie (Long) Briscoe; and nephews, Rand Overdorf, Rick Overdorf, Bob Long and Ed Kleyle.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by sisters, Margaret Kleyle and Betty Long; a brother, James David Overdorf; a niece, Marcia (Kleyle) Brown; and nephews, Tom Long and Mike Kleyle.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastors Mark Knapp and Michael Smith officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of the service. Burial will follow at Boxley Cemetery near Sheridan. Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton County Senior Citizens, 18336 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Westfield Building Corporation will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

A regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. and will be streamed live on the Carmel Clay Schools [YouTube channel](#).

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Wrestling

Millers open with dual win over Tigers

By RICHIE HALL

NOBLESVILLE - The 2021-22 wrestling season began in Hamilton County on Wednesday, as Noblesville hosted Fishers in an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference dual meet at The Mill.

And the Millers were ready. Noblesville started its season with a bang, winning 10 of 14 matches over the Tigers for a 51-17 victory. The Millers have several solid wrestlers in their upperweight divisions, and the middle and light weights are pretty good, too.

Noblesville coach Michael Weimer, beginning his fifth year with the Millers, said his team was ready "because last year this dual came down to the final match and a triple overtime rideout, and then we lost on criteria." Needless to say, that had been on the team's mind ever since.

The meet began at 152 pounds, and Carter Richardson started it off with a first-period pin. Caleb Saylor then won at 160 by technical fall, and Noblesville had an 11-0 lead just like that.

James Carroll got Fishers on the board with a decision victory at 170, but the Millers reeled off four more wins, starting with a pin by 182-pounder Cesar Sierra. Austin Hastings (at 195) and Jacob Long (at 220) followed with victories, then Jacob Etchison was victorious by fall at 285 pounds.

Noblesville then got two huge wins in the lightweights, both by newcomers to the team. Freshman Josh Koszlick won his first-ever varsity match at 113 pounds by getting a second-period pin. Then Tori Kitko, at 120 pounds, won a tough 3-2 decision.

"I said, 'You go be a junkyard dog,'" said Weimer. "'Go out there and just grind this thing out and battle.' And she did. And I was so proud of her. Just her fight."

The Millers' final two victories were both by fall, from 132-pounder Keaton Sepiol and 138-pounder CJ Livingston. It was a solid all-around effort from a Noblesville team that Weimer said "believes in themselves."

"It was a fun dual to coach and it was



Noblesville's Tori Kitko won her 120-pound match during the Millers' dual meet with Fishers on Tuesday, getting a tough 3-2 victory. Noblesville won the dual 51-17.

fun to watch these kids be excited to be in it," said Weimer. The coach was pumped up, too.

"I'm excited to see what this team can do this year," said Weimer.

Meanwhile, Fishers is in what coach Frank Ingalls said is a rebuilding year. The Tigers only have two seniors, with the squad consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores.

After Carroll's 170-pound victory, Fishers also got wins from Chance Yant at 106, Griffin Ingalls by fall at 126 and Zachary Strueder at 145.

Frank Ingalls said the meet "was a learning experience for us," and noted that in addition to the young wrestlers, the Tigers had some starters not wrestling. The coach also said an opening meet like this will make the team "grow up fast."

"They went out there tonight and figured out what they got to start working on," said Ingalls. "They got to start working a little harder."

Noblesville is back in action Saturday when it travels to Hamilton Heights for

the annual Huskies Super 6. Fishers will wrestle its first home meet Monday when it takes on another HCC team, Franklin Central.

- NOBLESVILLE 51, FISHERS 17**
Meet started at 152 pounds
152: Carter Richardson (N) def. Zach Pence (F) by fall, 0:51
160: Caleb Saylor (N) def. Aiden Collins (F) by technical fall, 18-1
170: James Carroll (F) def. Caleb Dean (N) by decision, 9-3
182: Cesar Sierra (N) def. Arnold Tucker (F) by fall, 2:21
195: Austin Hastings (N) def. Colin Carson (F) by major decision, 12-3
220: Jacob Long (N) def. Jacob Carroll (F) by decision 3-0
285: Jacob Etchison (N) def. Mylan Erby (F) by fall, 3:44
106: Chance Yant (F) def. AJ Kramer (N) by technical fall, 19-2
113: Josh Koszlick (N) def. Aiden Lamb (F) by fall, 2:36
120: Tori Kitko (N) def. Jacob Lange-meier (F) by decision 3-2
126: Griffin Ingalls (F) def. Paxton Cook (N) by fall, 3:14
132: Keaton Sepiol (N) def. Teyon Leonard (F) by fall, 3:50
138: CJ Livingston (N) def. Sam Malcomb (F) by fall, 3:48
145: Zachary Streuder (F) def. Gage Gulley (N) by decision, 4-3



Fishers' Jacob Carroll won the 170-pound match by decision.

Elks Hoop Shoot set for Dec. 12

The 50th annual Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club.

The doors open at 10:30 a.m. for registration and warm-ups, with competition beginning at 11 a.m. Contestants compete in one of six divisions: Boys ages 8-9, Girls 8-9, Boys 10-11, Girls 10-11, Boys 12-13 and Girls 12-13. Contestants must be one of those ages on April 1, 2022 to compete in their prospective category. (For example, a contestant must be age 8 or 9 on that date to compete in the 8-9 age group, and so forth.)

The participants will shoot 25 free throws to determine a local Elks Lodge Champion. The six winners will qualify to advance to the District competition.

Six of the local Elks Lodge's winners have advanced from this level to win at the district competition, then advance to state, regional and national competition. Ryan Cline, a state champion at Carmel and star at Purdue University, won the national championship in 2010.

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Twenty-one Carmel High School student-athletes signed their national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college last week. Those students, listed alphabetically, are: Ella Bostic, North Carolina (volleyball), Ellie Cirrincione, Huntington (soccer), Paris Christie, St. Bonaventure (swimming), Kate Clarke, Michigan (basketball), Kylie Cunningham, Belmont (softball), Ava Hedrick, Marian (golf), MacKenna Lieske, Indiana (swimming), Lauren Littell, Northern Illinois (tennis), Gretchen Lueking, Notre Dame (swimming), Ryan Malicki, Notre Dame (swimming), Macarty McQueen, Adelphi University (volleyball), Ella Ohrvall, DePauw (softball), Hollis Rang, Central Michigan (lacrosse), Lauren Rainbolt, Hanover (soccer), Jessica Remm, Alfred University (softball), Matthew Rodgers, Anderson, S.C. (lacrosse), Emily Roper, Ball State (soccer), James Ross, Calvin University (baseball), JB Stroh, Olivet College (baseball), Charlie Williams, William & Mary (basketball).

Football preview

Westfield to take on Merrillville again for Class 6A semi-state crown

The 2021 IHSA Class 6A football north semi-state game will be a battle between two teams that got to know each other at the same level in 2020.

The only difference is the venue. Last year, Westfield traveled to Merrillville and won the semi-state, sending the Shamrocks to the state finals. This year, the Pirates are headed to Westfield for the big game, to be played at Riverview Health Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

After making such a long - although ultimately successful - trip for the semi-state championship last year, the Sham-

rocks are thrilled they get to play on their home turf this time.

"I love it," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. "I especially love that we get to play in front of our fans at home one more time. It's been such a special place to play for our seniors."

The Shamrocks are hoping for a repeat of last season's result. Westfield pulled away from Merrillville for a 41-23 victory. While both teams graduated a couple key players, many of them will play again on Friday.

"Some of our guys have been working for this for years," said Gilbert. "They are

ready to compete."

The Pirates will come to Westfield with a 12-0 record and have not been close to being challenged. Merrillville barreled through the regular season with a 9-0 record, including a Duneland Conference championship. The Pirates cruised past Andrean 47-21, Hobart 41-14, Crown Point 50-13, Portage 45-13, Michigan City 40-14, La Porte 54-19, Valparaiso 42-7, Lake Central 34-7 and Chesterton 40-6.

In the post-season, the Pirates won the Sectional 1 title with victories over Crown Point 29-13 and Lafayette Jeffer-

son 42-14. Merrillville then took care of Penn 39-7 to defend its Regional 1 championship.

"They are better," said Gilbert. The coach believes that Merrillville's returners "are even better this year," and the Pirates have a move-in player, junior Justin Marshall, who Gilbert calls "spectacular."

"We'll have our work cut out for us," said Gilbert.

Senior Angel Nelson returns as the Pirates' quarterback, and he is having an incredible season. Nelson has completed

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Cleveland	9	7	.563	1.5
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Charlotte 97, Washington 87		Milwaukee 109, L.A. Lakers 102
Detroit 97, Indiana 89		Minnesota 107, Sacramento 97
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Denver	9	5	.643	-
Portland	8	8	.500	2.0
Oklahoma City	6	8	.429	3.0
Minnesota	5	9	.357	4.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	12	2	.857	-
Phoenix	11	3	.786	1.0
L.A. Clippers	9	5	.643	3.0
L.A. Lakers	8	8	.500	5.0
Sacramento	6	9	.400	6.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Dallas	9	5	.643	-
Memphis	7	7	.500	2.0
San Antonio	4	10	.286	5.0
New Orleans	2	14	.125	8.0
Houston	1	14	.067	8.5

Pacers offense sputters late in loss to Detroit

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After falling to the Knicks on Monday, the Pacers had hopes of rebounding against a rebuilding Detroit Pistons team on Wednesday night at Little Caesars Arena.

However, the tale on Wednesday echoed Monday's story. Indiana (6-10) found themselves in a close game and led by six in the early moments of the fourth. Their defense was solid nearly all night. However, the offense sputtered down the stretch. The Blue & Gold were held to just 10 points over the final 8:53 of the game as Detroit (4-10) took home a 97-89 victory. It was mostly a struggle all-around against a young, fast, and physical Pistons squad. And head coach Rick Carlisle did not sugarcoat it during his postgame press conference.

"Playing like we did tonight is a losing recipe for NBA basketball," Carlisle said.

Indiana finished 33-of-79 (41.8 percent) from the field and 9-of-37 (24.3 percent) from deep. Malcolm Brogdon led the way with 20 but went 8-of-17 from the floor. Caris LeVert added 18 — all in the second half after starting 0-for-5. Domantas Sabonis tallied a 15-point, 11-rebound double-double. But they could not pull off the win down the stretch.

"We weren't as physical as Detroit tonight," Brogdon said. "That was the problem. But we have to be better."

While it was not the hottest of starts, Indiana did earn an early 8-4 lead using physical play in the paint over the first four minutes. Sabonis started the game 4-of-4 from the charity stripe, while Brogdon muscled in a layup around Killian Hayes.

However, Detroit began mounting a charge over the middle portions of the period. A 10-3 run from the hosts, including four from the 2021 first-overall draft pick Cade Cunningham, pushed the Pistons ahead 14-11 and forced a Pacers timeout with 4:40 remaining.

The Blue & Gold's shooting woes continued late into the quarter, with the squad misfiring on four possessions out of the timeout. Trailing 16-11, Brogdon finally ended the drought, drilling a three from the top of the key to bring Indiana to within two. The bucket started a 7-2 run that propelled Indiana in front, 19-18 with 35.3 seconds remaining. However, a late 3-pointer from Frank Jackson pushed Detroit ahead, 24-21, before time expired.

The Pistons' lead stretched to 34-25 after former Pacer Cory Joseph tallied seven early second-quarter points. On offense, everyone but Brogdon appeared to struggle from the floor. On one possession around the 8:30 mark, T.J. McConnell found a wide-open Sabonis for an easy put-in. But, Sabonis pushed his shot long.

Indiana finally found some offensive rhythm midway through the frame. Trailing 36-27, the squad mounted an 11-3 run, including five from Jeremy Lamb, to cut the

gap to one with 4:47 to play. It was a welcomed sight for Lamb, who had been struggling as of late. A three from Myles Turner at the 3:40 mark finally knotted the score at 41 apiece.

However, the rhythm was short-lived. Indiana succumbed to several misfires and miscues, leading to an 8-0 Pistons run to finish out the half. The squad hopes to rebound after the break.

Early in the third, the defense had trouble defending Detroit's drivers. Using shots all within 12 feet of the rim, the hosts pushed the lead to 57-46 with 8:55 remaining.

But, LeVert fought to keep Indiana close. After coming up empty in the first half, the guard made the first 12 Pacers points of the frame. His 26-foot triple from the right side cut the deficit to 57-53 at the 7:46 mark.

"I think I just saw one go in, and then tried to be aggressive," LeVert said of his run.

LeVert's energy then sparked Sabonis for a spell. Using second chance efforts and his physicality, the big man notched the next six points for the Blue & Gold to tie the game at 59 with 5:37 remaining in the third. The Pacers grabbed their first lead since 8-6 in the first period on Brogdon's third trey of the night — a deep 30-footer from straightaway center — with 4:00 left. The bucket started an 8-1 run that eventually pushed Indiana's lead to 69-64.

Eight straight from Saddiq Bey pushed Detroit ahead for a split second until T.J.

McConnell executed his patented inbounds steal-and-finish to give Indiana a 73-72 lead with 49.7 seconds remaining. Although, Bey added a single free throw before the buzzer to bring a 73-all tie into the fourth.

Indiana started hot in the fourth, knocking in six straight all from running layups. Torrey Craig, usually known more for his defense, used his physicality to muscle in two of them.

But Detroit fought back once again, using back-to-back and-one finishes to trim the gap to 81-80 with 8:38 remaining.

The score remained stagnant for the next 2:00 as both teams went cold. Sabonis earned two trips to the line in an attempt to stretch the lead further but made just 1-of-4 chances. The Pistons then tallied five straight, including a three from Joseph, to take an 85-82 edge with 5:47 remaining.

With Indiana trailing 90-85 and 2:40 to go, LeVert drained a three from the right side to cut the deficit to two. Grant responded with two free throws to stretch it back to four. The Pacers then had three opportunities to trim the lead once again but came up empty each time.

Grant then added a pull-up jumper to stretch the Pistons' lead to 94-88 with 1:00 to play. After an Indiana timeout, Sabonis lost the ball out of bounds on their next possession. Isaiah Stewart then sealed the deal at the charity stripe, handing the Pacers their second consecutive loss of this three-game road trip.

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120 of 180 pass attempts for 2,378 yards and 26 touchdowns. Marshall has the majority of those catches, with 52 receptions, including 18 touchdowns.

Another returning senior, Lavarion Logan, is dominating the rushing game with 2,087 yards and 36 touchdowns. On defense, senior Taijon Span has the tack-

les with 63. Senior Kenneth Gresham has made 17 tackles for a loss, with senior Kenneth Grant making 14.5 and senior Jordan Magee getting 11.

Westfield comes into the semi-state with an 11-1 record. The Shamrocks dropped their season-opener to Cathedral, but have won every game since then. Westfield beat Noblesville 49-6 and Hamilton Southeastern 24-22 to win Sectional 4, then ran away from Fort Wayne Carroll 37-14 to claim the Regional 2 championship.

Senior quarterback and Ball State commit Maximus Webster is having a great year, going 125-of-177 for 2,045 yards and 16 touchdowns. Freshman

Gabe Arambles is leading the receiving with 36 catches and four touchdowns. Seniors Ian Bruch and Jackson Wasserstrom have also caught four touchdown passes; Bruch has 24 overall receptions and Wasserstrom has 23. Senior Nic Depasquale has 23 catches, three of them for TDs.

Senior Micah Hauser continues to lead the rushing, with 1,045 yards and 20 touchdowns. Senior Trevon Hatchett has gained 465 yards and scored nine TDs. As for the defense, junior Tyler Dikos has 118 tackles to his credit, with Hauser making 105 stops. Senior Popeye Williams leads in tackles for losses with 15.5.

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