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Senate Bill 167 is

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TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Scattered morning showers. Maybe some flakes mixed in. Some afternoon sunshine. Breezy, with temps steady in the mid to low 30s. Fonight: Mostly clear and much colder. 📆 Chills near zero. HIGH: Steady in 30s LOW: 13



Indiana lawmakers debate how to teach race in schools

By Aleksandra Appleton Chalkbeat Indiana

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ters at ckbe.at/newsletters.

Proponents and opponents squared off on Jan. 5 over a any student from feeling unsweeping bill to regulate how comfortable because of personal Indiana schools teach about race characteristics or feel responsiand racism. The full text of

The hearing, the first of likely many about **Senate**

Bill 167, covered the basics of the prevent white students from bill and included several hours of testimony. It would ban educators from teaching eight specific and materials online.

It also would require schools to obtain parental permission to survey students about social and emotional needs and to offer about lessons that his bill seeks them mental health services.

The bill echoes the measures other conservative-led why the bill did not include genstates have taken to excise from classrooms discussion about race. Some critics have seized on a university-level concept called critical race theory to stop schools from discussing racial history and events.

does not include that theory, nor does the Senate bill mention it explicitly.

The legislature likely won't vote for weeks on the bill.

Its proponents argue that it ucation in creating the proposal. would codify parental say over what their children learn in in the midst of the national fu-

teaching of divisive ideas and political ideologies.

Criticism of the bill ranged from its detailed requirements like the burden on teachers to post lesson plans and materials online – to the chilling effect it could the history of racism.

Several students in particular spoke of the effects that such a law would have on their classes and peers, warning of the harm of taking mental health services away from students or

teaching freely.

"Saying this bill is not intendtory is like slashing funding for road maintenance and saying you don't intend to create potholes," said Tilly Robinson, a senior at Bloomington High School South in Bloomington, Ind.

Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville), the author of the bill, asked many speakers to specify which of the eight points identified as divisive in the bill they objected to.

Among those points is that any individual is superior or inferior to another based on sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation, or should be discriminated against based on those factors.

The bill also seeks to protect

ble for actions of those who share their traits phrasing meant to

feeling blamed for slavery and persecution of people of color.

In response to questions ideas, would give parents a say in from Sen. J. D. Ford (D-Indiregulating curriculum, and would anapolis) about how often the require schools to post lessons eight points identified in the bill are taught in Indiana, Baldwin said he had received stacks of materials and hundreds of emails and calls complaining to outlaw.

> Ford also asked Baldwin der identity and sexual orientation in its list of protected characteristics. Baldwin replied that the Republican caucus would not support such language.

Ford objected. "I think leaving out those particular folks Indiana K-12 curriculum sends a very loud and clear message to students that their existence is not worth bothering to put in the bill," he said.

Baldwin said he had not consulted the Department of Ed-

He denied drafting the bill school and would prevent the ror over

teaching race in the classroom, saying he had written an early version at the start of last year's legislative session after hearing from concerned constituents.

Speaking in support of the bill, Center Grove parent Cara Cecil said the existing

have on teaching and learning recourse for parents to pull their children out of lessons has failed her family.

Baldwin

When she tried to prevent her daughter from undergoing a social and emotional evaluation, she said the sixth grader was surveyed anyway and would have preventing their teachers from had to voice opposition to her teacher to avoid taking the survey.

Cecil said she removes ed to prevent the teaching of his- her elementary-aged son from school every other week during social and emotional lessons she disagrees with, but as a result she has received a warning about his attendance. Those lessons can help students deal with emotions and interpersonal relationships, but opponents fear that teachers also use sessions to address inequity.

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Statement from State Sen. J. D. Ford

The REPORTER

Minority Caucus Chair Senator J. D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) released the following statement:

"Senate Bill 167 seems to be a solution looking for a problem. As

theory is not part of Indiana's academic standards. I believe part of an overall extreme political effort to control teachclassrooms by making school board races partisan and implement government-mandated censorship of our colleges and universities. As a result, we heard concerns that this would a time when Indiana is strug-



and recruitment. "Instead spending our time on this egregious government overreach into our children's lives, we should instead focus on actually helping our students. Re-

cently, the US Sur-Governor Holcomb and the geon General shared that our Indiana Department of Edu- nation's youth are in a mental cation have said, critical race health crisis due to the stresses of the previous few years. That's why I filed Senate Bill that transparency and parent 174 to help address student involvement is paramount for mental health and implement our students to be successful. programs aimed at suicide However, this legislation is prevention. If we want to help schools, students and families, let's instead focus on addressers, insert politics directly into ing student mental health, bullying and long-term ways to address learning loss."

Sen. Ford represents Indiana Senate District 29 which encompasses Boone County's Eagle Township, Hamilhandcuff teachers and have a ton County's Clay Township, chilling effect on educators at and Marion County. Marion County communities include gling with teacher retention Pike and Wayne Township.

Word of the week: "It's complicated"

Life is not complicated unless it is made complicated by circumstances you cannot control ... Hello, Customer Service.

We are experiencing a large volume of calls; your wait time may be longer than normal. (Define "normal.")



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Please listen carefully as our menu choices have recently changed. (Same choices I have had for the past several years.)

Your issues may be due to service that was recently done in your area to enhance your viewing pleasure. (Define "enhance.")

Your call is important to us, please hold for the next available advocate to assist you. (Define "important.")

Forty-five minutes on Hold when I was in Tampa and Chuck was in Noblesville struggling with our cable TV issues. (I might add this was during the Purdue football game.) Two hours later ... mission accomplished. I was able to talk with our cable provider/representative all the while texting Chuck what was needed to do to restore our cable. The issue? It's complicated.

As I write this week's column, I am on Hold with my Medicare benefits/catalog people. It seems that to register with the new catalog, I need a 17-digit number that I don't have because they changed catalogs and my number has been deactivated. Kinda like being up a creek without a paddle. I'm glad I'm not having a medical emergency.

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Fishers teacher objects to neutrality on Nazism

The REPORTER

During a more seven-hour hearing this week about SB 167, Fishers High School Social Studies teacher Bockenfeld said he is concerned about what could be required of teachers

under this legislation. "For example, it's the second semester of U.S. history, of Nazism right now," Bockenfeld said at the hearing. "And I'm just not neutral on the political ideology of fascism. We condemn it, and we condemn it in full, and I tell democracy, of understanding can combat it."

Bockenfeld also said he is one interpretation of SB 167 could require.

"Of course, we're neutral on political issues of the day," Bockenfeld said. "But we're not neutral on Nazism. We we do."



Bockenfeld

Baldwin he doesn't think should teachers take a stand on "any of those isms out there."

"I have no prob-

lem with the education system providing instruction on the existence of

those isms," Baldwin said. "I believe that we've gone too far when we take a position on so we're learning about the those isms ... We need to be rise of fascism and the rise impartial ... I'm not sure it's right for us to determine how that child should think and that's where I'm trying to pro-

vide the guardrails." Baldwin has since backpedaled on his position, going my students the purpose, in a on record to say SB167 was intended was to ensure teachthe traits of fascism is so that ers are being impartial when we can recognize it and we discussing "legitimate political groups."

Bockenfeld has also spounwilling to teach every topic ken publicly after the hearing, in a neutral manner, as at least saying on social media, "I want to be really clear that this language can be fixed. If the senator misspoke, then let's fix the language and move on. No need to pile on. But it needs to be clear in the bill take a stand in the classroom that teachers can take a stand against it, and it matters that against hateful ideologies in our classrooms."

Carmel, Fishers to commemorate MLK, Jr. Day

The REPORTER

Join the City of Carmel for a free commemoration program at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17 in the Tarkington at the Center for the Performing Arts.

A livestream will also be available on several platforms:

- Spectrum Cable Channel 340
- AT&T Cable Channel 99
- Digital antenna Channel 64.45
- Carmel.IN.gov Click on the Carmel TV icon at the bottom of the homepage
 - Carmel's YouTube channel
 - Carmel's Facebook page

Join Fishers in celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy

The City of Fishers invites residents to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community celebrations, volunteer opportunities, and supporting local nonprofit organizations during the nationwide holiday on Monday, Jan. 17. For a full list of ways to get involved, visit ThisIsFishers. com/MLK and follow #FishersMLK on social media.

Community Celebrations

Residents can learn more about the life of Dr. King and celebrate his legacy through special programming hosted by community partners including Conner Prairie, Hamilton East Public Library, and Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Virtual and in-person opportunities are available. For program information, visit ThisIsFishers.com/MLK.

Volunteer Opportunities

In honor of the National Day of Service, residents are invited to give back to their community through volunteer opportunities throughout the city. On Saturday, Jan. 15, help Fishers Department of Public Works (DPW) spread mulch created from recycled Christmas trees at Billericay Park (12690 Promise Road) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. On Monday, Jan. 17, sand and paint picnic tables at the Fishers AgriPark (11171 Florida Road) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Also on Monday, join Fishers Parks for a crushed limestone spread at the Cyntheanne Park Community Gardens (12383 Cyntheanne Road) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Residents can also take the digital #VolunteerFishers pledge and share how they plan on giving back in the community in 2022.

Nonprofit Support

Get a jump start on your spring cleanwork over the last and townhome community in ing while supporting local food pantries Estridge owns Estridge 40 years has contributed to the Westfield on Ditch Road south and nonprofits who need assistance refilling their shelves after a busy holiday season. For more on the winners or From canned goods to personal hygiene items, an assortment of supplies is needed to help those in the community. Check out the full list at **VolunteerFishers.com**.

Westfield's own Paul Estridge earns Lifetime Achievement award from OneZone Chamber

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber of Com- Russell. "I have gotten merce recently released its to know Paul over the Business Excellence Awards years and have always Paul Estridge won the Lifetime connect and give back Achievement award and will to the community. It be recognized with the other is amazing how many award winners during a lun- people he has impactcheon at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, ed across this county Jan. 26 at 502 East Event Cen- and region." tre in Carmel.

Achievement Award," said One- TAB Indy North.

Zone President Jack Westfield resident enjoyed his ability to

"Paul has made such an in- Homes – the area's "Hometown ultimate objective of 'Building of State Road 32. credible impact in Hamilton Builder" of more than 50 years Community." County, and we are excited to - and is the owner of Monterey award him with our Lifetime Coastal Cuisine in Carmel and Estridge and his team at Monte- cellence Awards luncheon, visit



rey Coastal Cuisine recently an- onezonechamber.com.

"Shock and dis- nounced plans to open a sister belief is my response restaurant called Tiburon Coastto this recognition. al Cuisine in Fishers this year. It's really difficult for Also, Estridge Homes will bring me, as I'm sure it is two new neighborhoods to Hamfor others, to see their ilton County in 2022, including lives in a way as to be One46Monon, a townhome deserving of such rec-neighborhood in Carmel on ognition," Estridge 146th Street at the Monon Trail, said. "I hope all our and Midland, a single-family

As far as what's next for him, to register for the Business Ex-





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SB 167

"I don't want him to be the course of one day. told he's guilty of the sins of other people," Cecil said.

Rokita supports the bill. However, it doesn't go far enough for Purple for Parents, a parent group that has ities, and video clips, and voiced opposition to topics like critical race theory at need to get approval from school board meetings last the curriculum review comsummer.

At Wednesday's hearing, teachers raised issues cized provisions seeking to with the proposal to post their lesson plans online. The plans are often guidelines for veteran teachers, Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, ly. Several educators disand can change even over puted that historical events

In testimony, Brownsburg teacher Christianne Attorney General Todd Beebe said that for just one week of lessons, she'd be required to post 75 books, presentations, labs, activquestioned whether she'd mittee for every one.

> Opponents also critiprotect students' feelings as too vague and open to unwarranted complaints.

Baldwin said the bill said Robert Taylor of the is not intended to stop the teaching of history neutralfrom Page 1

like Nazism could be taught neutrally.

Justin Ohlemiller of Stand for Children Indiana said a lesson could devolve into a he-said, she-said dispute and involve threats of legal action that might deter teachers and schools from attempting to cover certain topics.

"We need to consider that this bill could have a freezing effect on teaching race and racism unless we make sure there's a clear lane for them to do that without fear of retribution," Ohlemiller said.

Chalkbeat (chalkbeat. org) is a nonprofit news organization covering public education.

It's Complicated

Recently, upon apply- listened to it for almost an who has been looking foring for COVID Death Fu- hour ... and still waiting. neral Benefits, I found out The band plays on. Finally, I get an advocate

my application number and to answer. I am immediatemy name and the last four ly sent to take a survey. No way to get back to advocate. ty number. AFTER a trip I call again.

One hour and nine minutes later, I am being helped. surance information, I was The young man is so patient with me as he guides me to where I need to go to order my \$40 in health products at no charge. I ask/beg him to please stay with me as though he is my lifeline. The catalog gave an in-

approximately 14 days ... correct website. Nowhere in the instructions in the cata-After I got home from log is it mentioned that you Tampa, this week I woke must use Chrome and not any issues with the system, Safari as your browser to get I have to be honest. I give WTHR. What? No Today to the correct website when you are finally given the address to the correct website. The nice man apologizes. nel 13. They rebooted my He stays with me until I am able to register ... without the 17-digit number.

I have him on speaker so Chuck can hear everything that is being said. Chuck watches my expressions. My looks speak volumes. I have to wonder who grouchiness isn't heard in Instagram. Her first book my voice.

I try so hard to be espe-Obviously, they have never cially nice to the one person *summer book launch*.

ward to reassuring me of my importance. After an hour of being on **Hold**, my niceness is pretty much worn down to a prickly stubble. I remind myself that my advocate must encounter more than a few grouchy people, so I

continue thanking him for

his help.

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Then I am asked, "Would you like to participate in a brief survey at the end of your phone call?" Trust me when I say they do not want my opinion; however, I give them my opinion. I make sure to give the nice man

who helped me a 10/10. When asked if I had them a 0/10. Then I am asked to tell them why. I leave a very nice, but definitely frustrated, message.

Let's just say it has been quite the week with my frustration being 10/10. What is the word with which I have started the year? It's compli-

Contact Janet at janethartleonard@gmail.com. I hold my tongue so the Find her on Facebook and is nearing completion and hopefully will have a late

Victims of Crime and Abuse prevailinc.org

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

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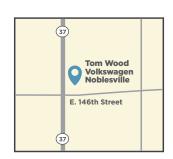


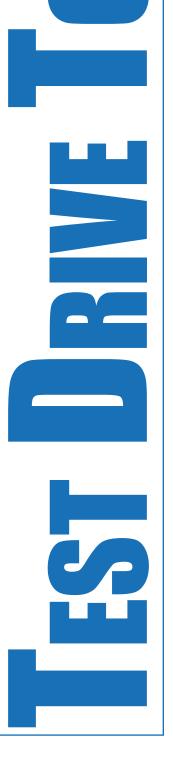
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Indiana State Health Department shortens school isolation policy

By DEMIE JOHNSON

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COVID-19 will spend less time out of the classroom under new back to school after five days as mandates. long as they are asymptomatic or

dents who tests positive for COVID-19 to go back to school after five days as long as they

at all times, and if they can't, not showing symptoms. Kids who test positive for they'll have to stay home for the full 10 days.

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state guidance. Students can go schools with and without masks at least five days after the expo-

their symptoms start to improve. ent rules for schools without until they test negative. The update allows stu- masks policies when it comes with mask mandates can stay aren't showing symptoms. Once in the classroom even if they're virus and are asymptomatic can wide mask mandate for schools.

The Indiana State Depart-That policy is the same for those students should get tested sure. If the child develops symp-

For schools without mask

they're back in the building, exposed to someone with only stay in a school without a they are required to wear a mask COVID-19 as long as they're mask policy if that student is fully vaccinated.

Unvaccinated or partially ment of Health (ISDH) said vaccinated students will need to stay home for five days after exposure. If they're not showing symptoms, they can go back on However, there are differ- toms, they'll need to stay home the sixth day, but will still have to wear a mask.

ISDH recommends students to close contacts. Under the new mandates, the rules vary de- and staff wear masks in schools, guidance, students in schools pending on vaccination status. but so far, state health officials Students who are exposed to the have made no mention of a state-

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

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The REPORTER

Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. If you have a police officer as a friend or family member, today is the perfect time to show them you understand how difficult their job is. It's important to show law enforcement officers how much their sacrifice and risk are appreciated.

Whether it's civil unrest, strikes, sporting events, or just helping a cat get down from a tree, law enforcement officers are a critical part of our lives, woven into the everyday fabric of living in America. They keep neighborhoods safe and help ensure that whatever it is you need to do, you can do with peace of mind.

Noblesville First UMC's GriefShare starts Jan. 23

The REPORTER

Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each new day?

Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., announces its next GriefShare program, which is open to everyone in scholarships are available. the community.

will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 Christ-centered program the healing process. Griefp.m. on Sundays beginning Jan. 23. The meetings will be held at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. You are invited to join in-person or via Zoom anytime during the 14 weeks of meetings. A one-time registration fee seen on the DVD. Dai- or email her at coleen.alof \$20 is appreciated, but ly work in the GriefShare bright58@gmail.com.



of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, GriefShare, visit noblesfollowed by a small group villefirst.com, call Coleen discussion about what was Albright at (317) 773-2500

workbook also helps one GriefShare is a 14- look thoughtfully at their The weekly sessions week non-denominational grief experience and helps in focusing on grief topics Share is led by caring peoassociated with the death ple who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives.

To learn more about

Fishers road construction updates, week of Jan. 10

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map here.

State Road 37 & 131st Street

131st Street at SR 37 is currently closed as work progresses on the interchange. SR 37 will remain open both northbound and southbound. Click here to view the detour map.

The anticipated completion of the 131st Street work that will allow right in/right out movements for southbound SR 37 and 131st Street is scheduled for January.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, there will be moving single lane closures along the SR 37 corridor between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to fill the remaining potholes within the corridor limits.

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

116th Street & **Maple Street**

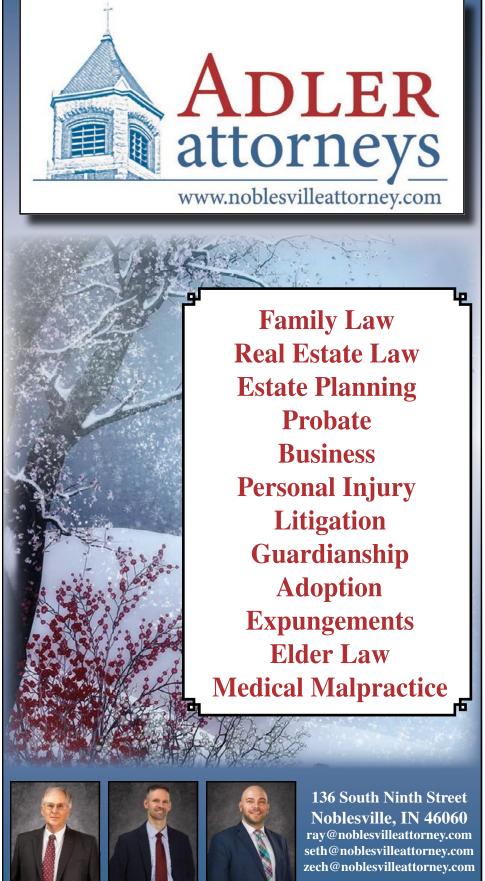
The westbound outside lane of 116th Street between Maple Street and Municipal Drive will be restricted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. from Monday, Jan. 10 through Friday, Jan. 14 for sidewalk work. Arrow boards will be in place.

Technology Drive (Northeast

Commerce Park)

The inside lane of Technology Drive is currently closed to traffic to allow for construction of new pavement in the inside lane. One-way traffic will be in place in the outside lane as shown here. Access to all businesses will be maintained during the construction.

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Governor's Workforce Cabinet director steps down to work with Carmel nonprofit

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The executive director of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet (GWC), PJ McGrew, has stepped down from his role. Governor Eric Holcomb, who made the announcement Friday, says McGrew is taking a position with Carmel-based nonprofit INvestEd.

than seven years in various they need to proseducation and workforce per," roles. Holcomb's office said. "Workforce says he began work with development has the GWC in 2018 as policy been a pillar of director when the cabinet my administration was formed and later took from day one and the role of executive direc- PJ has been at the

an invaluable resource, many key initia-McGrew worked with helping to ensure Hoosiers tives, including the Next tion system, and directing place where Hoosiers of all rector and chair will be anthe state of Indiana for more have the skills and training Level Jobs program."

Holcomb forefront, driving "PJ McGrew has been our progress on



Grew's

workforce recovery efforts backgrounds have the edu-nounced at a later date.

Holcomb's during the COVID-19 pan-cation and training needed office says Mc- demic, among others.

complishments Indiana under Governor they need to succeed." imple- Holcomb has been a trementing the Next mendous honor," McGrew Level Jobs pro- said. "I'm grateful to have gram, leading the worked with many dedicatredesign of Indi- ed public servants to move ana's career and the needle in several import-

to prosper and employers "Serving the state of have the skilled workforce

The cabinet will continue to be chaired by Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers until her departure in March. Holcomb's office technical educa- ant ways to make Indiana a says a new executive di-



Attorney General Todd Rokita: Indiana took the fight to robocallers in 2021

The REPORTER

Following a year of successful actions against robocallers, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has

said he will continue his ag- lated defendants gressive leadership in protecting Hoosiers from such charges that they annoying and illegal interruptions.

"We in Indiana took the donating to charfight to robocallers in 2021," Rokita said. "Hoosiers are sick and tired of being harassed, and that includes Kathy and me. Beyond be- Rokita's office cooften aimed at scamming in the case Lindenbaum v. would-be victims out of their Realgy, in which a federal hard-earned money. We will appeals court ensured Hoostay on the offensive to protect Indiana consumers and bring wrongdoers to justice."

In October, Rokita filed a first-of-its-kind lawsuit against an Indiana company that allegedly acted as a gateway into the United States for robocallers in India, the Philippines and Singapore. The robocallers allegedly made more than 5 million phone calls to Hoosiers and hundreds of millions of calls to other states.

In August, Rokita, as part of a coordinated multistate action, called on the Federal Communications Comthe deadline for small telerequired anti-robocall ID authentication technology. In November, the FCC foland shortened the deadline

In March, Rokita, in an-relatively small staff." other coordinated multistate nity Services (ACS) and re- to the prosecution of mil- Text complaint here.

agreed to settle duped generous Americans ities that failed to provide services they promised.

2020.

In February, **Rokita** ing a nuisance, robocalls are authored a winning brief siers were protected by federal telephone privacy laws that a district court had ruled unenforceable from 2015 to

> Further, Rokita revolutionized his office's investigations by working with the telecommunications industry and implementing new technologies. These include You-Mail robocall-tracking software and a ZipDx program for filtering, sorting and drilling down into data collected through the FCC's Robocall Mitigation Database.

"An investigation that would have taken years now mission (FCC) to shorten takes weeks," Rokita said. "The members of our Data phone companies to use Privacy and Identity Theft team have been excellent stewards of taxpayer dollars by efficiently and effectively lowed the recommendation handling cases. Hoosiers get a tremendous value from a

action, stopped a massive states and federal agencies 1-888-834-9969 or donottelefunding operation that for joint investigations and call@atg.in.gov bombarded Hoosiers with enforcement actions have more than 12 million decepproven steadily productive, Indiana Do Not Call List at tive charitable fundraising Rokita added. Now, concalls. Associated Commu- sumer complaints can lead

lions of violations. Throughout 2021, Rokita has continued Indiana's role as a leader in telephone privacy. This includes coordinating monthly call on privacy issues

with all 50 states, different federal agencies and several international agencies.

Working with industry partners, Rokita is also actively pursuing ways to stop robotexts before they become a bigger problem.

Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams and unwanted calls:

· Be wary of callers who specifically ask you to pay by gift card, wire transfer, or cryptocurrency. For example, the Internal Revenue Service does not accept iTunes gift cards.

• Look out for prerecorded calls from imposters posing as government agencies. Typically, neither the Internal Revenue Service nor the Social Security Administration make phone calls to individuals.

· If you suspect fraudulent activity, immediately terminate the communication, and do not provide any personal information.

· Contact the Consum-Partnerships with other er Protection Division at

• Add your number to the indonotcall.org.

• File a Do Not Call or



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Indiana State Police seeks recruits for Capitol Police Sections

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police (ISP) Capitol Police Section is now accepting applications. Individuals who are interested in beginning a rewarding career as a Capitol Police Officer may apply online at governmentjobs. com/careers/indianasp. This website will provide a detailed synopsis of the application process as well as information on additional career opportunities with the Indiana State Police Depart-

Applications must be received via online submission by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022. Applications received after the deadline

will not be accepted.

Police Officer:

1. Must be a United States citizen.

2. Must be at least 21 years of age when appointed as a police employee. (Appointment date is Aug. 12,

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

4. Must possess a valid driver's license to operate an automobile.

5. Must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma or general equivalency diploma

The academy begins on Monday, May 2. The start-Basic Eligibility Re- ing salary for a Capitol Poquirements and consider- lice Section Probationary

The ISP Capitol Police Section also offers an excellent health care plan, which includes medical, dental, vision, and pharmacy coverage for both current and retired employees along with their families.

The State maintains short-term and long-term disability plans for full time employees after six months of continuous employment. As an ISP Capitol Police Officer, you are automatically enrolled in the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF). The State will contribute to your retirement account.

Interested applicants can obtain additional information about a career as a Capitol Police Officer by visiting in.gov/isp/career-opportunities/capitol-police.



Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel offers several arts education events in February

The REPORTER

Zach Brock Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 The Palladium

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series Tickets from \$25 (\$15 for students)

Heralded as "the pre-eminent improvising violinist of his generation," Zach Brock is a Grammy Award-winning musician and composer best known for his role in the instrumental supergroup Snarky Puppy. Brock was named DownBeat Magazine's Rising Star Violinist of 2013 and has recorded and toured with such jazz greats as Stanley Clarke, Phil Markowitz and Wycliffe Gordon.

Intro to Stand-Up Comedy 6 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 7-28 The Palladium

Cost: \$110 for all sessions Professional comedian Mat Alano-Martin leads the class through the history, theory and mechanics of stand-up comedy, guiding each student in the development of an original five-minute comedy set to be performed in the March 4 graduation show.

Performing Arts Connect: The Roots of Black Music in America

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 Online via Zoom Tickets: \$12

New York-based musician Karlus Trapp's educational and entertaining performance/presentation is a 100-year journey through time with the music of America's Black musical giants. The material comes alive through audience participation and interaction, including singing, call and response, percussion playing and Q&A.

JazzTalk: A Conversation with Wynton Marsalis

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 Online via Zoom Free

Acclaimed trumpeter, bandleader and jazz standard bearer Wynton Marsalis discusses his life and work with JazzTalk host Todd Williams (a former bandmate) in advance of his Feb. 27 Palladium performance with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra.



The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra returns to Carmel on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Viewers can pose questions after the conversation.

Piaf! The Show

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 The Palladium **Telamon Passport Series** Tickets from \$35

Inspired by the award-winning film La Vie en Rose, this program celebrates the life and career of legendary French chanteuse Edith Piaf through her most popular songs. Internationally acclaimed vocalist Nathalie Lhermitte, who has portrayed Piaf in this and other stage productions, is accompanied by live musicians and historical images for an unforgettable multimedia experience.

Child & Adult Music Class: Things That Go

Fridays, Feb. 18-March 25; 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. session available The Palladium Cost: \$60 for six sessions

Local musician Michelle Marti of Shoo-BeeLoo Music and Movement leads toddlers and their caregivers through interactive songs, stories and activities with toys and percussion instruments. Recommended for ages 10 months to 5 years.

The Company Men

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 The Palladium Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series Tickets from \$25

The Company Men weave today's Top 40 hits with reimagined classics of the past, blending songs by artists including Sam Smith, the Four Tops, Michael Jackson, Katy Perry, Adele, the Temptations, Sam Cooke, The Weeknd, Billy Joel, Prince, Meghan Trainor, Bruno Mars, Michael Bublé, the Eagles and many more.

Live at the Center: Zach DuBois

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 Online and at the Palladium Free livestream; \$5 on site

Singer-songwriter Zach DuBois spent several years working out of Nashville, Tennessee, and sharing stages with the likes of Turnpike Troubadours, American Aquarium, Jack Ingram, and Radney Foster before returning to Indiana. Lauded by CMT and Billboard, he has released three studio albums and places his music "somewhere between John Denver and John Mellencamp."

Polish Wieniawski

Philharmonic Orchestra 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 The Palladium **Printing Partners Classical Series** Tickets from \$25

Principal Conductor Wojciech Rodek leads the acclaimed Polish orchestra, founded in 1944, on its first U.S. tour. Featuring violin soloist Sara Dragan, winner of many international competitions, the program will include works of Rossini, Wieniawski and leads a preconcert Classics in Context discussion from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. in the Robert Adam Room.

Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam: Animal

Athletes with Silly Safaris 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

The Studio Theater Tickets: \$10 per child, includes up to two free adult admissions

What is the fastest animal on earth? Who can jump the farthest? Who can squeeze the strongest? Join us for Animal Athletes and compete for the gold medal with your favorite Silly Safaris stars. Let's get moving with reptiles, mammals, birds, amphibians and bugs! Recommended for ages 1 to 7.

Jazz at Lincoln Center

Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 The Palladium

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series Tickets from \$45

Dedicated to preserving America's jazz heritage, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra returns to the Palladium with 15 of the finest soloists, ensemble players and arrangers in jazz music today. Founded in 1988 and led since 1991 by world-renowned trumpeter and artistic director Wynton Marsalis, the big band performs a vast repertoire that ranges from new commissioned compositions to rare historic works.

About the Center for the Performing Arts

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DNR Division of Forestry to hold virtual open house Jan. 13

The REPORTER

The DNR Division of Forestry will host a virtual open house from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13.

This event will be much like past in-person open houses, but on Microsoft Teams. Division personnel will deliver a brief state forest overview of 2021 and what to

can be submitted at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/ forest management. I encourage everyone available during normal business hours, state-forest-management/public-comment/submit.

"These open house events provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how the state forests are working to provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportuniexpect in 2022. Those attending will have ties," State Forester John Seifert said. "They the opportunity to ask questions and com- also allow us to receive valuable feedback ment on ideas and issues. Written comments from our neighbors and users about state

who has an interest to participate." The virtual open house can be attended

by using the information below: • Join on your computer or mobile app:

Click here to join the meeting.

• Join with a video conferencing device: indiana@m.webex.com

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which are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. See dnr.IN.gov/forestry/properties for contact information.

The DNR Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational and cultural resources on Indiana's public and private forest lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and Property staff members are also often future generations.

Let God Help You Turn 2022 Into the Very Best Of Years!

Entering a new year is like turning the page of a book, where new beginnings and unexpected twists await. Instead of dreaming of a loftier New Year turn to the Bible for guidance instead and soar through 2022!

> "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary." — Isaiah 40:31

2022 may be hard, but with the Lord, you can fly with eagles, run, walk and face whatever 2022 has in store for you with confidence and optimism. With God beneath your wings lifting you to greater heights you can go into this new year with the power of God behind you. You will be stronger, happier, more contented and peaceful flying under the wings of God.

The good folks at the Stony Creek Church of Christ would delight in helping you find the peace that can only come from our great God.

You are invited to study with us, grow with us and turn to God in 2022. A warm welcome awaits you at the Stony Creek Church of Christ!



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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Philippians 4:21-23 (NIV)

Roberto Garcia

October 6, 1932 – January 8, 2022

Roberto Garcia, 89, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at Westminster Village North in Indianapolis. He was Pharr, Texas.

born on October 6, 1932, to Guadalupe and Adela (Rivera) Garcia in Roberto owned a trucking business. He enjoyed traveling, gardening flowers, and tending to his koi pond.

Roberto was a jokester and a social bug

who never knew a stranger. He is survived by his children, Sonia Martinez (Chris), Robert Garcia (Lisa), Lupe Garcia (Julie), Ida Aspling (Steve), and Lana Garcia (Ken); grandchildren, Devin, Amber, Cynthia, Andrea, Stephen, Isabella, Gianna, Lucie, Jett, Jordan, Keely and Milo; great-grandchildren, Blake, Stella, Mila, Jaxon, Jacob, Myles and Kayla; and many brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews in Texas.

In addition to his parents, Roberto was preceded in death by his wife, Ernestina Garcia.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with his care.

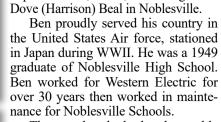
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Ben Beal

September 13, 1931 - January 6, 2022

Ben Beal, 90, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on September 13, 1931, to George and Dove (Harrison) Beal in Noblesville.



Those who had the honorable pleasure to know "Benny Boo," as nicknamed by his wife Judy and great-grandchildren, knew his fascina-

tion with the Indianapolis Colts football team. He enjoyed traveling south in the winter months and was devoted to his relationship with the Lord and reading the Bible. He will be missed by many, as he was hardly a stranger

to those in his company. Many times, you could find Ben sparked by his humorous and ornery ways. In his later stages of life, he was thankful for the care, love, and sweet treats, like the Banana "Ben" Bread, that surrounded him. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Judy Carson-Beal;

brother, Al (Nancy) Beal; sister, Marcella Snyder; children, Bruce Beal, Rick (Carolyn) Hicks, Carla (Mark) Burtron, Marcia Daniels, and Pamela (Michael) Moon; grandchildren, Heather (Marcos) Gonzalez-Pacheco, Christopher (Kelli) Moon, Janette (Roberto) Vallecillo, Jaimie (Jeremy) Foreman, and Lisa (Ryan) Rusher; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ben was preceded in death by his previous wife of 30 years, Linda A. Beal; and his sister, Betty Morris.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Pastor Don Janis officiating. Burial with Military Rites will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Harbour Manor Care Center, "In remembrance of Ben Beal", 1667 Sheridan Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

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Who built the Indy **Motor Speedway?**

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's

1825 – The first session of the Indiana General Assembly convened in the new state capital of Indianapolis. The seat of government had moved from the original capital of Corydon. The Marion County Courthouse served as the home for the state legislature until the new Statehouse opened in

1864 – Alvah C. Roebuck was born in Lafayette. He became a watchmaker who lived in Hammond. He joined Richard Warren Sears to open the Sears and Roebuck Department Stores and Sailors' Monument on across the country.

1874 – Carl Fisher was born in Greensburg. He became an entrepreneur who built the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, inspired the Lincoln National Highway, and pioneered the development als in the nation.

of Florida.

1910 – A statue of Lew Wallace was unveiled in Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol. Indiana Governor Thomas Marshall, Poet James Whitcomb Riley, and Lew Wallace, Jr., were among those who attended the ceremony.

1951 - Brenda Gail Webb was born in Kentucky. At the age of four, her family moved to Wabash, Ind. The younger sister of singing star Loretta Lynn, she began a career of her own and, as Crystal Gayle, has had at least 20 number-one

2017 - The Soldiers' the Circle in Indianapolis was designated a National Historic Landmark by the United States Department of Interior. Dedicated in 1902, it is the largest of the more than 200 Civil War Memori-

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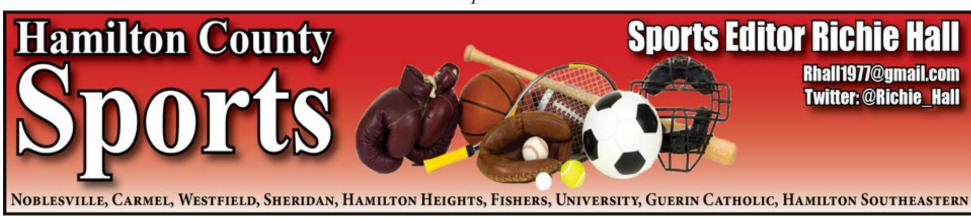
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Boys basketball

'Rocks win showdown with 'Hounds

By RICHIE HALL

WESTFIELD - The boys basketball game between Westfield and Carmel that took place Saturday at the Shamrocks' CSI Gymnasium will go down in the record books as one of the best high school contests in Indiana this season.

It was a true tug of war between the Shamrocks and the Greyhounds, with Westfield prevailing 43-42 in front of a sold-out crowd. The victory ran the Shamrocks' win streak to seven games in a row, and it was the first time Westfield had beaten Carmel since Jan. 9, 2016.

"It's been a while," said 'Rocks coach Shane Sumpter. "We've had some close ones and we've had some not-so-close ones with them. They've beat us four out of the last six years in the sectional, so it's tough. They're a very good basketball program, very good team, very well-coached. Just really proud of our guys and our effort tonight.'

While the Carmel-Westfield rivalry is big enough to stand on its own, this game took on new significance when the first high school basketball polls of the New Year came out last Monday, and the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association's one-class poll had the Greyhounds at No. 1 and Westfield at No. 3. The Associated Press had Carmel at No. 1 in its Class 4A poll, with the 'Rocks at No. 7.

DEFENSIVE PLAYS

Neither team led by more than seven points on Saturday, as both squads played defense strong enough to not allow the other to escape their gravitational pull. Thus, it seemed appropriate that defensive plays wound up deciding the game.

With 59.4 seconds left, the Greyhounds' Jared Bonds made two free throws to get Carmel ahead 42-41. Westfield took the ball to its side of the floor, patiently waiting for a good shot. That opportunity came with around 14 seconds left, when Braden Smith drove to the basket and made a layin. The Shamrocks were now up by one point.

Carmel called a timeout to set up a play, and Westfield followed with its own timeout. When play resumed, the Greyhounds



Reporter photos by Richie Hall ABOVE: Westfield's Cam Haffner (3) scored 13 points for the Shamrocks in their win over Carmel on Saturday. At right is Westfield's Braden Smith, who led all scorers with 28 points.

RIGHT: Carmel's Jared Bonds reached double-double status with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

quickly got the ball to their side of the court, but were forced out of bounds.

The Shamrocks now had the ball with 7.5 seconds left. Carmel had a foul to give, so it fouled the 'Rocks twice to put Westfield on the free-throw line for a one-andone. The 'Rocks missed the front end, and the Greyhounds got the ball, then called

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Tuesday January 11, 2022

6:00 | Girls Basketball Junior Varsity | Mount Vernon vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports

7:00 | Government | Noblesville Common Council Meeting

7:30 | Girls Basketball Varsity | Mount Vernon vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports

Friday January 14, 2022

6:00 | Girls Basketball Varsity | Hamilton Southeastern vs Westfield | HCTV Sports

6:00 | Girls/Boys Basketball Varsity Dbl Header| Brownsburg vs Fishers | Fishers Sports 6:00 | Boys Basketball JV & Varsity | Lapel vs Hamilton Heights | Husky Sports Network

7:20 | Boys Basketball Varsity | Covenant Christian vs Guerin Catholic | Indiana SRN 7:30 | Boys Basketball Varsity | Hamilton Southeastern vs Westfield | HCTV Sports













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Four in double figures . . . Millers beat Bearcats

road swing Saturday with a 66-46 win at floor for Noblesville scored. Muncie Central.

The Bearcats led 13-10 after the first them all the time," said McClelland. quarter, but the Millers took control in the second period, outscoring Muncie 19-6 for a 29-19 halftime lead. Five different players scored for Noblesville in that second quarter, with Cooper Bean and Luke Almodovar both adding five points. Aaron Fine scored seven points in the first period, and he made a 3-pointer in the second for 10 first-half

Both teams scored 14 points in the third quarter before Noblesville pulled away in the fourth with 23 points. Preston Roberts had seven, including a 5-of-6 effort from the free-throw line.

"Nice second quarter," said McClelland. "Fourth quarter wasn't too bad, either. Good road win for us."

Four Millers finished in double figures. Fine led with 15 points, followed by Roberts with 14, Bean with 12 and Almodovar

Noblesville continued its three-game with 11. All eight players that took to the

"Twenty-point road wins, we'll take

The Millers are 5-5 and return to Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Friday with a game at Zionsville.

NOBLESVILLE 66. MUNCIE CENTRAL 46

Noblesville		FG	FT	TP	PF
Aaron Fine		6	1-3	15	0
Cooper Bean		5	0-0	12	1
Preston Roberts		4	6-9	14	2
Hunter Welston		2	1-1	5	2
Cam Karns		1	1-2	3	0
Luke Almodovar		4	2-2	11	5
Luke Wilson		1	2-2	4	5
Evan Wright		1	0-0	2	0
Totals		24	13-19	66	15
Score by Quarters					
Noblesville	10	19	9 14	23 -	66
Muncie Central	13	6	3 14	13 -	46
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odovar 1.					

Big third quarter sends Warriors past HSE

Hamilton Southeastern dropped a 64-56 home game to Warren Central on Saturday.

The two teams played to a 14-14 tie after one quarter, then the Royals led 28-26 at halftime. But the Warriors took over in the third period, going on a 19-3 run to lead 45-31 late in the quarter. Warren led 48-38 after three periods.

Sam Jacobs led the Royals with 19 points, while Reph Stevenson scored 13 points and collected six rebounds, also blocking three shots. Donovan Hamilton and Caleb Smock both scored eight points, with Smock making two 3-pointers. Hamilton and Michael Griffith both pulled four

Southeastern is 4-6 and plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Westfield on Friday.

WARREN CENTRAL 64, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 56

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Southeastern		FG	FT	TP	PF
Donovan Hamiltor	n .	3-7	1-4	8	3
Reph Stevenson		5-7	3-4	13	3
Caleb Smock		2-6	2-2	8	2
Joshua Jones		0-0	1-2	1	1
Sam Jacobs		6-13	6-7	19	2
Michael Griffith		1-1	0-1	2	2
Tyler Lacy		1-3	2-2	5	3
Deion Miles		0-1	0-0	0	1
Alex Troutman		0-0	0-0	0	1
Eli Robinson		0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals		18-38	15-22	56	19
Score by Quarters	3				
Warren Central	14	12	22	16 -	64
Southeastern	14	14	10	18 -	56

Southeastern 3-point shooting (5-16) Smock 2-6, Hamilton 1-4, Lacy 1-3, Jacobs 1-3. Southeastern rebounds (21) Stevenson 6, Hamilton 4, Griffith 4, Smock 1, Lacy 1, Jones 1, Troutman 1, team 3.

'ROCKS

timeout with 5.8 seconds remaining.

Carmel tried to inbound, but Smith rushed in to deflect the ball back out of bounds. Now there were 4.1 seconds left. The 'Hounds inbounded, but were unable to get a shot off in time.

"How big was that tip that Braden got at the end that took another second and a half off that clock?" said Sumpter. "In hindsight, that ended up being a huge play."

The Shamrocks got off to a good start, leading 13-9 after the first quarter. Smith had 11 of those points, and it was his second 3-pointer of the period that gave Westfield a

Bonds, who earlier made a dunk, hit his own triple to pull Carmel within four going into the second quarter. Sam Orme opened again, scoring 12 points for the 'Rocks. that period with a 3, and the Greyhounds Smith made three 3-pointers, in addition to

were within 13-12.

Carmel was just getting started. After free throws pushed the Shamrocks' lead back up to 16-12, the 'Hounds went on a 9-0 run. Peter Suder started it with a layin, Jake Griffin drained a 3, and Garwey Dual scored consecutive baskets, the second one off a steal.

With that, the Grevhounds held a 21-16 lead. Cam Haffner scored five points, including a 3-pointer, to keep Westfield close, but two Bonds free throws and another triple from Orme gave Carmel a 28-21 advantage. Haffner hit one more 3 in the half, and Dual's free throw made the score 29-24 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Smith took over

a traditional three-point play. Meanwhile, Westfield held Carmel to three points in the quarter, a free throw and a layin from Bonds.

With that, Westfield entered the fourth quarter with a 36-32 lead. Orme scored the first basket of the fourth, but a Haffner 3 and Smith layin moved the 'Rocks ahead 41-34. Carmel then embarked on an 8-0 run, with Griffin, Orme and Dual all making baskets and Bonds hitting the two free throws with just under a minute left.

NO SECRETS

"Two good defensive teams," said Sumpter. "There's no secrets. You know both teams are going to play half-court man. They're going to grind. Very similar styles. There's no secrets about that. That's what they do, that's what we do. We knew it was going to be a grind-it-out."

Smith led all scorers with 28 points, including five 3s, and six rebounds. Haffner had 13 points, hitting three triples, and made

Orme scored 16 points for the Greyhounds, with Bonds reaching double-double status by scoring 12 points and collecting 10 rebounds. Dual finished with eight rebounds, seven points and four assists. Spencer White had two blocked shots.

"I'm proud of the way we competed," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. The 'Hounds were still missing starters Josh Whack and Charlie Williams, so other players had to step into different roles, and Osborn was pleased with how they did just that.

"We got better tonight, and I don't want to confuse that," said Osborn. "Our guys

competed. Pete battled foul trouble all night,

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played 14 minutes. Had two starters out. And I'm not making excuses. We still had a chance to win at the end of the game."

Westfield is 9-2 and hosts Hamilton Southeastern Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader. Carmel is 9-3 and plays Wednesday at Cathedral.

WESTFIELD 43, CARMEL 42

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Garwey Dual	3-6	1-3	7	4		
Peter Suder	1-3	0-0	2	4		
Sam Orme	6-11	2-2	16	1		
Burke Weldy	0-0	0-1	0	0		
Jared Bonds	3-5	5-6	12	0		
Spencer White	0-2	0-0	0	3		
Jake Griffin	2-5	0-1	5	1		
Josh Rauh	0-0	0-0	0	1		
Totals	15-32	8-13	42	14		
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Carmel rebounds (26) Bonds 10, Dual 8, White 3, Suder 2, Orme 2, Weldy 1.

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	10-19	3-6	28	3
Cam Haffner	3-13	4-4	13	2
Trey Dorton	0-0	0-0	0	2
Nic Depasquale	1-6	0-0	2	2
Alex Romack	0-2	0-0	0	2
Trey Buchanan	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kai Butterworth	0-1	0-0	0	3
Totals	14-41	7-10	43	14

Westfield 3-point shooting (8-17) Smith 5-8, Haffner 3-8, Depasquale 0-1 Westfield rebounds (19) Smith 6. Depasquale

4, Haffner 3, Romack 3, Buchanan 1, Dorton Butterworth 1.

Score by Quarters

Carmel 20 3 10 - 42 Westfield 13 11 12 7 - 43







January 3-31, 2022

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Reporter photos by Kent Graham

ABOVE: Westfield's Chesney Tebbe had eight points and six rebounds for the Shamrocks during their Saturday win over Hamilton Heights.

RIGHT: Heights' Kaylee Rhoton made two 3-pointers.



Shamrocks pull away from Huskies

By RICHIE HALL

WESTFIELD - Even when Westfield's shots weren't falling during its Saturday afternoon game, Shamrocks coach Ginny Smith believed that they would - at some another triple, then Olivia Robey nailed

That point began at the end of the third quarter and continued well into the fourth quarter. Westfield broke out of a tight game with Hamilton Heights with a 15-0 run that bridged the third and fourth periods, and soon the Class 4A No. 6 Shamrocks were heading home to a 41-30 victory over the 3A No. 7 Huskies at CSI Gymnasium.

Neither team led by more than three points for the entire first half, and for all but the last few seconds of the third quarter, when a 3-pointer by Alyssa Crockett gave Westfield a 25-21 lead going into the fourth. Then, the floodgates opened.

"It's kind of become a thing for us lately, we're just not shooting the basketball well in the first half," said Smith. "Tonight was lead. no different, we just didn't shoot it well in the first half. We were getting great shots. second quarter, so Heights led 12-11 at I believed at some point those shots were halftime. Kaylee Rhoton drained 3 for the

going to fall, I just wasn't sure what it was Huskies. going to look like or when. Fortunately for us, it came in a batch."

Crockett opened the fourth period with a 3. Just like that, the 'Rocks were ahead 31-21. Westfield scored two more baskets after that, jumpers by Crockett and Hailey Remaks, to open up a 14-point lead.

"First of all, one 3's big in a game that's as tight as that, then you get two and you're able to get stops on the other end," said Smith. "And we needed a little bit of a cushion, and that cushion gave us the ability to play a little bit freer, too."

The offensive explosion in the fourth quarter was in direct contrast to the first three periods, which were about as defensive as they could get. Heights led 7-6 after the first quarter; Mia Shields scored four points and Camryn Runner hit a free throw with 2.2 seconds left to give the Huskies the

Both teams scored five points in the scored eight and collected six rebounds.

Robey opened the second half with a jumper, which was answered by two free throws by Runner and a MyKayla Moran layin, putting Heights ahead 16-13 for its largest lead of the game. Westfield regained the lead after Robey hit a 3 and Chesney Tebbe made a layin.

The back-and-forth continued with Rhoton nailing a triple, then the Shamrocks' Ellie Kelleher hit two foul shots. Runner made two of her own free throws to give the Huskies a 21-20 lead, which Kelleher answered with a jumper. Westfield now led 22-21 and would not trail again, as the next basket was Crockett's big 3.

Crockett finished the game with 11 points and eight rebounds. She also had three blocked shots; Smith credited her with protecting the rim well.

"That allows our guards to be aggressive," said Smith.

Robey added nine points, while Tebbe

Runner led Heights with 11 points, with Ella Hickok pulling five rebounds and handing out four assists.

"I thought overall there in the first half, we were able to control pace a little bit, limit possessions and had a lead there at halftime," said Huskies coach Keegan Cherry. "And then in the second half, our baskets were coming at a premium and then they went on a little spurt there. Crockett took over a little bit with a couple of 3s. But credit to our girls. We fought for 32 minutes."

The Shamrocks are 15-3 and host Ham-

ilton Southeastern Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader. Heights is 13-4 and hosts Western Tuesday in a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

> WESTFIELD 41, **HAMILTON HEIGHTS 30**

TIAMILION TILIGITIS 30							
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF			
Ella Hickok	0-2	0-0	0	3			
Mia Shields	2-6	2-2	7	2			
Camryn Runner	2-4	7-8	11	1			
Hadleigh Cherry	0-1	0-0	0	0			
MyKayla Moran	3-8	0-0	6	4			
Kaylee Rhoton	2-7	0-0	6	2			
Totals	9-28	9-10	30	12			
Heights 3-point sho	ooting (3	3-13) R	hotor	1 2-7			
Shields 1-5, Hickok	0-1.	,					

Heights rebounds (17) Hickok 5, Shields 4, Runner 3, Moran 3, Rhoton 1, Cherry 1. Westfield Ellie Kelleher Alyssa Crockett

Chesney Tebbe Olivia Robey 3-9 1-2 Hailey Remaks Emmrey Collinsworth 1-3 Mikayla Rudolph Kiki Loveless **Aubrey Crockett** 0-0 0-0 Totals 14-39 9-12 41 13 Westfield 3-point shooting (4-17) Robey 2-5,

Al. Crockett 2-4, Kelleher 0-2, Collinsworth 0-2, Tebbe 0-2, Rudolph 0-1, Remaks 0-1.

Westfield rebounds (29) Al. Crockett 8, Tebbe

6, Remaks 4, Kelleher 1, Collinsworth 1, Rudolph 1, Robey 1, Loveless 1, team 6. Score by Quarters

Heights Westfield 14 16 - 41

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Tigers fall to Panthers, 45-43

Fishers was dealt a tough loss to North ference game. Central, falling 45-43 Saturday at the Tiger

The Class 4A No. 7 Tigers jumped out to a 14-7 lead after the first quarter, with Joirdyn Smith scoring five points. The 4A No. 9 Panthers cut that advantage to 29-27 by halftime; Hailey Smith and Olivia Smith each had five points to help keep Fishers in front.

North Central took the lead in the third quarter, going up 39-34 by the end of the period. The Tigers came back to tie the game at 43-43, but the Panthers won by making a basket with 1.5 seconds left.

Olivia Smith led Fishers with 11 points. The Tigers are 13-4 and host Brownsburg Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Con-

ris 1, O. Smith 1.

NORTH CENTRAL 45, FISHERS 43 Fishers FG FT Karina Scott 2 6 Joirdyn Smith 0-0 7 3 Kate Thomas 2 3 2 Hailey Smith 8 Olivia Smith 11 Talia Harris Morgan Roberts 0 Alycia Triplett 6 3 Ava Carter 0-0 0 **Totals** 4-13 43 Score by Quarters North Central 20 12 6 - 45 Fishers 14 15 5 9 - 43 Fishers 3-pointers (5) Scott 2, J. Smith 1, Har-



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Sheridan wrestlers win Tipton Super Six



Photo provided

The Sheridan wrestling team won the Tipton Super Six tournament on Saturday. The Blackhawks triumphed at the tournament with wins over Carroll, Indianapolis Lutheran, Northwestern, Pendleton Heights and Tipton. Sheridan had five individual champions: Noah Ehrie at 145 pounds, Presten Weir at 152, Gabe Holler at 170, Jacob Jones at 182 and Peyton Cross at 220. Ehrie won his 100th career match at the tournament.

Blackhawks JV boys basketball celebrates Alexandria Classic victory

Photo by Dwight Casler

The Sheridan junior varsity boys basketball team showed its trophy for winning the Alexandria Classic over Winter Break. The Blackhawks beat Alexandria 55-37 in their first game. Scoring was as follows: Bell 14, Aleman 10, Barker 7, Alexander 6, Woodhouse 6, Hinshaw 6, Voege 5 and Stout 1. In its second game, **Sheridan beat Cascade** 48-34. Scoring was as follows: Bell 19, Hinshaw 12, Voege 5, Aleman 5, Baker 4, Woodhouse 2, Alexander 1.



'Hounds beat Fort Wayne

Carmel cruised to its fifth consecutive win on Saturday, beating Fort Wayne South Side 77-44 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds blasted through the first quarter to a 25-8 lead. The Archers made a comeback in the second period, cutting Carmel's lead to 33-24 by halftime, but the 'Hounds poured in 28 points in the third quarter, giving them a 61-33 lead and putting the game out of reach.

Kate Clarke led the way for Carmel, scoring 19 points. Mackenzie Thomas had 16 points and nine rebounds, while Hannah Lach added 15 points. Laura Valiente had nine rebounds and eight assists, while Emily Roper had seven rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots. Sophie Shepherd pulled five rebounds.

The Greyhounds improved to 10-6 and play Thursday at Columbus North.

FORT WAYNE SOUTH SIDE 44 Carmel FT Mackenzie Woods

Laura Valiente	1-5	0-0	3	1
Hannah Lach	5-11	2-4	15	2
Mackenzie Thomas	7-9	2-3	16	2
Emily Roper	1-7	3-6	5	1
Kate Clarke	8-10	0-0	19	0
Ava Carter	1-4	4-4	6	2
Sophie Shepherd	1-3	0-0	2	2
Jamie Elliott	1-4	0-0	3	0
Maya Berglund	1-1	1-2	3	0
Bethany Ducat	1-1	0-0	3	1
Taryn Fisher	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	28-59	12-20	77	14
Score by Quarters				
FW South 8	16	9	11 - 4	14
Carmel 25	8	28	16 - 7	77
Carmel 3-point sho	oting ((9-23)	Lach	3-7,
Clarke 3-4, Elliott 1-3				t 1-1,
Carter 0-3, Shepherd				
Carmel rebounds (43				
Roper 7, Shepherd 5	, Clarke	3, Lac	h 3, 0	Carter

3, Berglund 1, Woods 1, Elliott 1, Ducat 1.

Sheridan boys drop HHC game to Rossville

Sheridan dropped a 56-41 Hoosier Heartland Conference game to Rossville Saturday at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks fell behind 18-5 after the first quarter. Sheridan played the Hornets more even in the other periods, but trailed 28-14 at halftime. In the second half, Ethan Moistner scored 11 points, including a 9-of-9 effort from the free-throw line. Caleb Wright scored 12 points in the fourth

Wright finished the game with 14 points, followed by Moistner's 11 points.

Sheridan is 0-5 in HHC play and 2-10 overall. The 'Hawks play at Elwood next Saturday.

ROSSVILLE 56, SHERIDAN 41						
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF		
Caleb Wright	4	4-6	14	2		
Evan Grinstead	3	0-0	7	2		
Tyler Garner	2	0-2	4	3		
Cole Watts	0	0-0	0	0		
Ethan Moistner	1	9-9	11	1		
Carsen Aleman	1	1-1	3	1		
Nathan Hinshaw	1	0-0	2	2		
Brant Barker	0	0-0	0	0		
Evan Knapp	0	0-0	0	0		
Owen Bell	0	0-0	0	0		
Totals	12	14-18	41	11		
Score by Quarters						
Rossville	18 10	13	15 -	56		
Sheridan	5 9	11	16 -	41		
Sheridan 3-pointer	rs (3) Wri	aht 2. G	rinste	ead 1		

Double-double for Chikamba . . .

South for fifth straight win 'Blazers cruise past **Covenant Christian**

Saturday afternoon at Covenant Christian and came away with a 57-24 win to improve their record to 12-2.

ble-double for the Trailblazers with a also added four steals and three rebounds. University three players in double figures as each scored 14 points.

Covenant Christian had an early 6-4 Blazers turned up the defensive intensity and held Covenant Christian without a field goal for the next 20 minutes of game

Chikamba tied the game at 6-6 off an assist from Emily Adamowicz. DuBois fed Patterson for an easy basket to put University ahead for good. Chikamba had 12 points in the first quarter, including an old fashioned three point play off an assist from Patterson with 42 seconds left to give University a 16-8 lead after the opening stanza.

The Trailblazers scored the first 9 points on the second quarter to put the game out of reach. Chikamba split two free throws, Alex Feeney and Patterson each went twofor-two at the charity stripe before DuBois knocked down a three pointer. A DuBois foul shot ended the 9-0 run. University stretched the lead to 37-11 at halftime on a deep three pointer from Patterson just ahead of the buzzer.

University pulled down 35 rebounds. In addition to Chikamba's 10 caroms, Adamowicz had five rebounds and DuBois, Abby Hannon and Arrion Sherrod each

The University girls returned to action four steals with Adamowicz and Sherrod having three each.

Covenant Christian fell to 4-11.

University will be back in action Tues-Patty Chikamba had another dou- day night when they travel to Warren County to take on Seeger Memorial. The 20-point, 10-rebound effort. Chikamba Patriots will bring a 14-3 record in to the contest. It will be the first of three games Kelsey DuBois and Jordan Patterson gave next week for the Trailblazers, who will host the 17-0 Indianapolis HomeSchool Wildcats on Thursday and will play for the Pioneer Conference championship Saturlead before University called timeout. The day against the PAAC South champion (to be determined).

> University's game with Class 3A No. 4 Benton Central (19-0), originally scheduled for this week, has been rescheduled for Jan. 18 at The U Center. The Blazers' postponed game with Yorktown has been rescheduled for Jan. 22 as a road game at

UNIVERSITY 57,

COVENANT CHRISTIAN 24							
University		FG	FT	TP	PF		
Kelsey DuBois		4-10	4-6	14	3		
Patty Chikamba		5-9	9-12	20	3		
Jordan Patterson		3-9	6-6	14	1		
Arrion Sherrod		1-5	0-0	3	0		
Abby Hannon		0-1	0-0	0	3		
Anne Gibboney		0-0	0-0	0	2		
Emily Adamowicz		1-8	0-1	2	1		
Anyah Jordan		1-6	0-0	2	1		
Alex Feeney		0-1	2-2	2	1		
Totals		15-49	21-27	57	15		
Score by Quarters							
University	16	21	11	9 - 57	,		
Covenant	8	3	9	4 - 24			
University 3-point	sh	ooting	(6-22)	Patte	rson		
2-7, DuBois 2-3, C	hik	amba	1-5, SI	herrod	1-3,		

Adamowicz 0-4. University rebounds (35) Chikamba 10, Adamowicz 5, DuBois 4, Hannon 4, Sherrod 4, had four. DuBois and Chikamba each had Feeney 3, Gibboney 2, Patterson 2, Jordan 1.

NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	24	13	.649	-
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	2.5
Toronto	19	17	.528	4.5
Boston	19	21	.475	6.5
New York	19	21	.475	6.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	26	10	.722	-
Milwaukee	26	16	.619	3.0
Cleveland	22	17	.564	5.5
Indiana	15	25	.375	13.0
Detroit	8	30	.211	19.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	25	15	.625	-
Charlotte	21	19	.525	4.0
Washington	19	20	.487	5.5
Atlanta	17	21	.447	7.0
Orlando	7	33	.175	18.0

Saturday's games Memphis 123, L.A. Clippers 108 Charlotte 114, Milwaukee 106 Detroit 97, Orlando 92

Indiana 125, Utah 113 Boston 99, New York 75 Miami 123, Phoenix 100

Western Conference

Western conference								
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB				
Utah	28	12	.700	-				
Denver	19	18	.514	7.5				
Minnesota	19	20	.487	8.5				
Portland	14	24	.368	13.0				
Oklahoma City	13	25	.342	14.0				
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB				
Phoenix	30	9	.769	-				
Golden State	29	9	.763	0.5				
L.A. Lakers	21	19	.525	9.5				
L.A. Clippers	19	21	.475	11.5				
Sacramento	16	25	.390	15.0				
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB				
Memphis	27	14	.659	-				
Dallas	21	18	.538	5.0				
San Antonio	15	23	.395	10.5				
New Orleans	14	25	.359	12.0				
Houston	11	29	.275	15.5				

Carmel swim teams sweep MIC meet

politan Conference meet, which took place Davis 66. Saturday at the Greyhounds' aquatic center.

The Carmel girls scored 558 points and won all 11 of the swimming events. Eight different swimmers won an individual race: Lynsey Bowen (200 freestyle), Alex Shackell (individual medley), Meghan Christman (50 free), Hayley Reed (butterfly), Gretchen Lueking (100 free), Lexie Ward (500 free), Berit Berglund (backstroke) and MacKenna Lieske (breaststroke). The Greyhounds also swept all three relays.

In the boys meet, Carmel won by scoring 491.5 points. The 'Hounds won six events; Ryan Malicki was a double winner in the IM and breaststroke. Other first-place swimmers were Chris Holmes in the butterfly, Gregg Enoch in the 500 free, Leo Han in the backstroke and the medley relay.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Carmel 558, Center Grove 375, North Central 368.5, Lawrence North 278, Warren Central 203.5, Swingewood 5:22.36.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Berit Berglund, MacKenna Lieske, Alex Shackell, Meghan Christman) 1:45.80.

200 freestyle: 1. Lynsey Bowen 1:53.21, 2. Gretchen Lueking 1:56.03, 5. Hayley Reed 2:01.06.

200 individual medley: 1. Shackell 2:05.87, 2. Keira Kask 2:10.84, 3. Alvssa Street 2:11.31.

50 freestyle: 1. Christman 24.82, 2. Lieske 24.90, 3. Grace Dougherty

One-meter diving: 4. Melaina Munson 313.50, 7. Greta Griffin 281.30.

100 butterfly: 1. Reed 58.32, 2. Parker Kurzawa 59.34, 3. Savannah Irizarry

100 freestyle: 1. Lueking 52.99, 5. Kayla Barr 56.29.

500 freestyle: 1. Lexie Ward 5:08.88, 2. Erin Cummins 5:12.14, 4. Ashlea

The Carmel swim teams won the Metro- Lawrence Central 114, Pike 109, Ben 200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Dough- 200 individual medley: 1. R. Malicki erty, Lieske, Lueking, Christman) 1:55.87, 3. Connor Lathrop 1:59.21, 5.

1:38.30. 100 backstroke: 1. Berglund 56.79, 3. 50 freestyle: T3. Holmes 21.85, 6. Grason 1:01.74.

100 breaststroke: 1. Lieske 1:08.17, 2. Vivian Wilson 1:08.18, 4. Ally Ng

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Bowen, Reed, Cummins, Berglund) 3:36.17.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Carmel 491.5, North Central 405.5, Center Grove 393, Lawrence North 273, Lawrence Central 139, Warren Central 131, Pike 110, Ben Davis

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Sean Sullivan, Ryan Malicki, Chris Holmes, AJ Robertson) 1:34.57.

200 freestyle: 2. Riki lwase 1:46.26, 3. Carson Szotek 1:48.05, 10. Colin Cammack 1:54.47.

Michael Gorey 2:01.99.

Kiarra Thomas 1:00.10, 5. Rachel Daw- ham Seaver 22.97, 10. Shannon Wright II 24.03.

> One-meter diving: 4. Henry Summers 216.60.

> 100 butterfly: 1. Holmes 51.49, 2. Leo Han 52.46, 3. Seaver 53.73.

> 100 freestyle: 2. Sullivan 47.59, 3. Robertson 48.12, 6. Iwase 48.56

> 500 freestyle: 1. Gregg Enoch 4:42.01, 2. Lathrop 4:51.21, 6. Anderson Kopp 5:02.39.

> 200 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel (Seaver, Iwase, Holmes, R. Malicki) 1:26.60. 100 backstroke: 1. Han 52.49, 3. Nich-

> olas Plumb 53.88, 5. Emile Haig 55.09. 100 breaststroke: 1. R. Malicki 58.25, 2. Brandon Malicki 58.6, 10. Tommy Fagan 1:08.94.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel (Han, Iwase, Enoch, Sullivan) 3:10.97.

Fishers scores sweep at HCC swim meet

sier Crossroads Conference meet, which took place Saturday at the Tigers' aquatic center.

In the girls meet, Fishers scored 501 points and won six events. Jo Jo Ramey was a double winner in the 200 freestyle and backstroke, while Nalanie Cortez took first in the 100 free and Kate Mouser won the 500 free. The Tigers also won the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Hamilton Southeastern scored 428 points to finish as team runner-up. Kennedy Fisher won the 50 free, Audrey Crawford was first in the 100 butterfly and the Royals also won the medley relay.

points; Macy Hogalan took second in the 200

The Fishers swim teams swept the Hoofree. Noblesville scored 131 points to finish **GIRLS TEAM SCORES** in seventh; Maya McDonald took sixth in the breaststroke.

> In the boys meet, Fishers won out over Zionsville 470-429. Kyle Ponsler won the 200 and 500 freestyles for the Tigers, with Connor Carlile placing first in the 100 free.

> Hamilton Southeastern finished in fourth place, with Noblesville in sixth and Westfield seventh. Matt Truxall was fourth for the Royals in the breaststroke; Aidan Biddle was fifth for the Millers in the breaststroke and Noah Brauer took third for the Shamrocks in the individual medley.

Team scores and county winners now Westfield placed fourth with 195.5 follow. Full results will appear in a later edi-

Fishers 501, Hamilton Southeastern 1:38.23. 428, Zionsville 352.5, Westfield 195.5, Brownsburg 180, Avon 143, Noblesville 400 freestyle relay: Fishers (Cortez, 131, Franklin Central 128.

GIRLS WINNERS

200 medley relay: Hamilton Southeast- BOYS TEAM SCORES Audrey Crawford, Ash Saple), 1:46.93. 200 freestyle: Jo Jo Ramey (Fishers)

50 freestyle: Fisher (HSE) 24.16. 100 butterfly: Crawford (HSE) 57.66. 100 freestyle: Nalanie Cortez (F) 52.82. 500 freestyle: Kate Mouser (F) 5:08.35. 200 freestyle relay: Fishers (Avery Stein, Kalli Agapios, Cortez, Mouser)

100 backstroke: Ramey (F) 58.35. Mouser, Agapios, Ramey) 3:31.00.

ern (Grace Newton, Kennedy Fisher, Fishers 470, Zionsville 429, Brownsburg 357, Hamilton Southeastern 193 Avon 180, Noblesville 171, Westfield 165, Franklin Central 138.

BOYS WINNERS

200 freestyle: Kyle Ponsler (Fishers) 1:40.12.

100 freestyle: Connor Carlile (F) 47.59. 500 freestyle: Ponsler (F) 4:39.14.

Stephenson, Sabonis help Pacers snap losing streak

By BRENDAN ROURKE

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

When life gets tough, a boost from a friend can help.

Carrying a six-game losing streak and staring down a tough opponent, the duo of Lance Stephenson and Domantas Sabonis put on a show for fans at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Pairing up several times, Sabonis recorded a career-high 42 points on 18-of-22 shooting, Stephenson finished with 16 and a career-high 14 assists, and Indiana (15-25) came away with a 125-113 victory over the Utah Jazz (28-12) Friday night. The duo fended off a 36-point return from Donovan Mitchell, who sat out last night against the

Throughout the game, the tandem worked as one. With Rudy Gobert out due tonight," he said. "I had to get the fans into health and safety protocols, Stephenson diced up the Jazz's interior, drawing defenders and placing passes with pinpoint precision. He also made buckets when needed, speeding up the offense with driving layups and quick jumpers. He brought the crowd to

its feet several times on a cold night in Indianapolis.

"Lance has given us a different vibe as a team," praised Rick Carlisle postgame. "The spark that he has provided - the personality...there's a change in our team."

"He's great. He's my guy," Sabonis added. "Me and him have a chemistry in the pick-and-roll. He does a great job in reading the game."

Using that energy, Justin Holiday (15 points) capped the night with two clutch fourth-quarter triples to stop the opponents from coming back late – a sight seen far too often this season for Pacers fans. When the game was in hand, Stephenson tugged at his jersey and roared with the crowd.

"I was just so excited we got the win volved because that's like family.'

Early on, Utah's potent 3-point shooting earned the visitors an early advantage. Mitchell knocked in three early triples, including a 28-footer at the 8:19 mark that gave the visitors a 14-8 lead.

the Pacers' bench began closing the gap. Fresh off his memorable night, Stephenson dished a beautiful bounce pass to Sabonis for an easy bucket. With 3:03 to play, Stephenson nailed his first shot – a triple – to grab a 24-23 Indiana lead.

Down the stretch, the defense limited the high-scoring Jazz to four additional points. Meanwhile, Stephenson and Sabonis combined for five straight in the final minute, and the Blue & Gold took a 33-27 lead into the second. Sabonis finished with 18 in the

The Pacers continued to control the lead early in the second. Stephenson tallied a steal-and-finish, while Holiday buried a trey to extend the edge to 40-31 with 8:37 to go.

Later, a Pacers youngster heated up to extend the lead to double digits. Leading 42-36, Duane Washington Jr. knocked in nine points – all from deep – of an 11-3 Indiana run to give the squad a 53-39 advantage with 6:01 remaining. After a Jazz timeout, Sabonis added a left-handed flush to stretch the

late in the second with a 9-0 spree. The Pacers' offense suffered a 2:38 scoreless streak before Chris Duarte's bucket first bucket dropped with 1:55 to play. The 18-footer pushed Indiana's lead to 57-48.

The jumper sparked the Blue & Gold, as Myles Turner tallied his third swat of the half, and Stephenson drilled another one to extend their lead to 11. The squad led 61-52 at halftime.

Threes by Keifer Sykes and Holiday in the first two minutes helped give the Blue & Gold two 11-point leads early in the third. The squad led by as many as 13 before the Jazz rattled off seven straight to cut the gap to 70-63 with 7:36 remaining. Former Packnocked in threes to cut the lead to one.

Yet, the Pacers held on. Stephenson and Duarte found buckets to keep the squad in front. Then, Sabonis went back-and-forth

Trailing 20-15 and with 6:17 remaining, with Bogdanovic to maintain an 81-78 edge

with 4:03 left. Down the stretch, the energy of Stephenson kept the Pacers ahead. He started with a stepback jumper with 2:29 left. Attacking the rim, he drew a foul and knocked in a free throw. With 1:31 left, he picked off Bogdanovic's pass and launched the ball to an open Osahe Brissett down the court for his seventh assist. Sabonis capped the third with a hook shot. The Blue & Gold led 90-86 going into the final frame.

Sabonis' three-point play quickly pushed Indiana's lead to seven. But, Jordan Clarkson closed the gap quickly with five unanswered in 24 seconds.

Nonetheless, the Blue & Gold made the plays needed to stay in front. Turner collected his fourth block, and Keifer Sykes defended the Jazz's guards well up top to keep Utah from erupting. On offense, the Pacers got a few points from Jeremy Lamb. After hitting a pair of free throws, the veteran banked in a finger-roll layup to earn a 99-95 lead with

1:02 later, Stephenson fired a no-look However, the Jazz started climbing back pass – with some added flair – to Sabonis for another easy finish. It pushed Indiana's lead to six and forced a Utah timeout.

Then, the squad closed it out.

Leading 101-97, the Pacers rattled off eight unanswered points in an exciting fashion. First, Holiday buried back-to-back threes. Then, Sykes – the smallest guy on the floor – soared for an offensive putback among the trees to push the lead to 12 with 5:17 remaining.

Mitchell tried to bring the Jazz back for a spell. But, Stephenson fed Sabonis once again for another easy bucket with 2:29 left. Sykes then added a pair of free throws to give Indiana a 117-107 lead.

With 1:19 remaining, Stephenson found er Bojan Bogdanovic and Mitchell then Sabonis one more time for a jumper. The big man then hit 1-of-2 at the line to stretch the lead to 120-113 with 53.5 seconds remaining. The Blue & Gold easily held on from

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