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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Local grads gain experience at Statehouse

The REPORTER

Local high school graduates are gaining experience as interns with State Rep. Kathy Kream Richardson (R-Noblesville) and fellow members of the House of Representatives during the 2018 legislative session.

Christine Schulte, a resident of Fishers and a Fishers High School graduate, is the daughter of Mike and Jean Ann Schulte. She is a student at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis pursuing a degree in computer engineering.

As an intern in the House Majority Communications Office, Schulte helps create legislative handouts, writes blog posts and assists the social media

and technology specialist with daily tasks.

Dayton Jennings, a resident of Noblesville and a Noblesville High School graduate, is the son of Kevin and Christy Jennings. He is a Wabash College graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in financial economics.

As a fiscal policy intern, Jennings corresponds with staff on issues that directly relate to the state's finances.

Each year, the House of Representatives offers paid internship opportunities to college students, law-school students, graduate students and recent college graduates for the duration of each legislative session.

"I love meeting and working with young peo-

ple from our community," Richardson said. "Christine and Dayton are valuable members of our team and it's exciting to watch them grow as professionals."

Visit IndianaHouseRepublicans.com/internship for more information about the House Republican internship program.

Student pages join

Richardson

State Rep. Kathy Kream Richardson recently welcomed student pages to the Statehouse.

As a House page, these participants toured government offices, helped staff with daily duties and joined Richardson on the House

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Noblesville resident Dayton Jennings (left) and Fishers resident Christine Schulte (right) join State Rep. Kathy Kream Richardson in the House Chamber. Jennings and Schulte are interning with the House of Representatives throughout the 2018 legislative session.

Downtown Noblesville sewer work beginning this week

The REPORTER

Noblesville Utilities will begin work this week to clean, televise and reline the sewers running through downtown. The work, contracted through Inland Waters Pollution Control, Inc., will take place overnight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

to cause as little disruption to businesses and traffic that takes place downtown.

The process begins with cleaning of the lines, which should take three to four days and will be the noisiest portion of the sewer line rehab. After cleaning is completed, the

remaining work will last approximately six weeks as the city uses cured-in-place pipe.

"By using cured-in-place pipe we are able to repair the existing pipelines without having to dig up streets and sidewalks," said Noblesville Utilities

Director Ray Thompson. "Cured-in-place pipe forms a jointless, seamless pipe within the old pipe. This is proactive work we are doing downtown because the existing sewer is brick and 100 years old."

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Carmel clears beetle-battered trees for trail, community center

WISH-TV
[wishtv.com](http://www.wishtv.com)

Five hundred trees are coming down near West Park, after Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation officials say they've been irreparably damaged by the Emerald ash borer.

The invasive species came to the United States from Asia and has been known to eat Ash trees from the inside out. Michael Klitzing, CEO of Carmel Clay Parks and Rec, says the beetles hit the 40 acres west of West Park some years ago.

"Some of the trees are so compromised that a windstorm could actually cause the entire tree to fall," Klitzing said, giving

24-Hour News 8 a tour of the park and the forest.

Klitzing explained his department is embarking on a \$30 million, five-to-seven-year development plan for West Park that includes building an 8,000-square-foot community center, new nature trails, an additional parking lot and an adventure low ropes course and playground in the woods. To do that, Klitzing says they'll need to do a lot of ash borer spring cleaning.

"Five hundred trees is a lot of trees, and obviously we prefer to plan trees and preserve trees as opposed to take them out," he said. "We have a playground that's going to be incorporated into the



Rendering provided

woods. We don't want to have a tree that's at risk of falling on a kid or a member of the public on the playground."

The forest has 2,000 documented trees, so the project will clear 25 percent of the forest. Klitzing says the department does not plan on planting new trees but will use the space to forge new trails through the woods for park visitors. He also says the parks department has

done their due diligence, calling in outside experts to confirm the 500 trees already dead or infected.

"Ash declines really quickly after an Emerald ash bore kill. It gets brittle," explained Joe Rainwater, a certified arborist, already working on felling trees Monday afternoon.

"We could take a walk through the woods; you'd see things that are 10-, 12-,

See Trail . . . Page 2

Fishers diving coach resigns amid OWI arrest

WISH-TV
[wishtv.com](http://www.wishtv.com)

A coach in charge of two separate diving teams in Fishers has resigned after he was arrested for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

Officials were dispatched out to the area of 126th Street and Cumberland Road on Feb. 4 to check the welfare of a driver when a caller reported him to be asleep behind the wheel of his vehicle in traffic.

Upon arrival, authorities observed a strong odor of alcohol from the vehicle and noticed signs of intoxication. 37-year-old James Davidson was later taken into custody after failing numerous sobriety tests and was confirmed to have had a .15 BAC.

24-Hour News 8 learned that before his arrest that Davidson attended a Super Bowl party at a house where a student diver lives. 24-Hour News 8 has been told by the party host that there were no students present.

Davidson was an

assistant dive coach employed with Hamilton Southeastern Schools at Fishers High School. He's also the head coach for the Fishers Diving

Tigers Club, a club sport based out of FHS's Natatorium that competes in USA Diving and AAU Diving competitions.

He had only been employed with HSE schools for a few months. Before this he worked for the Dominion Dive Club in northern Virginia.

HSE released this statement:

"We are aware of the OWI arrest against one of our assistant dive coaches. After reviewing the matter, we have accepted his resignation effective immediately. HSE Schools has high standards for the conduct of employees and is addressing this matter with the utmost seriousness."

Fishers Diving Tigers Club has not replied to questions about their head coach, but their website states the following:

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Davidson

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floor during the legislative session:

- Izzy Alexander, Fishers, attends Fishers High School
- Emily McKinley, Angola, attends Angola High School
- Erin Zuchristian, Cicero, attends Hamilton Heights High School

Richardson said students aged 13 to 18 should consider participating as a page during the 2019 session.

For more information, visit indianahousepublicans.com/pageprogram.

Rep. Kathy Kragg Richardson (R-Noblesville) represents House District 29, which includes portions of Hamilton County.

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Izzy Alexander (right), Emily McKinley (below) and Erin Zuchristian (bottom right) all had the recent opportunity to page with Rep. Kathy Richardson at the Statehouse.



SEWER

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The sewer lines involved start at the southwest corner of 10th and Conner streets, west to Ninth Street, north to Logan Street and then west to the river. There will be traffic and parking restrictions

at times involved with the process. Businesses and homes that may be disrupted during this process were previously notified. For more information, call Noblesville Utilities at (317) 776-6353.

TRAIL

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16-inch diameter that have just broken and fallen in the time between when we came and initially looked and we started our work here. We don't want anybody playing in here with that kind of weight just waiting to fall."

Unfortunately, when Rainwater showed up at the West Park forest today, he discovered hundreds of additional trees had been marked with the same distinct pink paint professional crews used earlier.

"We have had a problem with vandalism," Rainwater said. "Somebody came in and marked

a bunch of trees that weren't a part of the contract, so I'm going to go through one at a time as I cut and verify I'm getting the right trees."

Rainwater says kids will be kids, but he is already putting in extra time to keep to the city's schedule of clearing the 500 trees by March 31.

If all goes as planned, the multi-purpose community center and wooded playground should be complete by spring of 2019, with the remaining developments to follow in the following four to six years.

COACH

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"At Fishers Diving we strive to have the best and safest coaching staff around. Your athlete's mental, physical and emotional well being are our primary concern. As such, all of

our coaches under go a background check before they are allowed to work with any athletes. In addition, all of our coaches are either USA Diving or AAU certified. In addition,

we are constantly learning and teaching the latest and greatest techniques to all of our coaches."

Davidson bonded out of jail at 9 p.m. on Monday evening.

He faces one count of operating while intoxicated. HSE Schools say they've called in a former dive staff member to coach the team through competitions this month.

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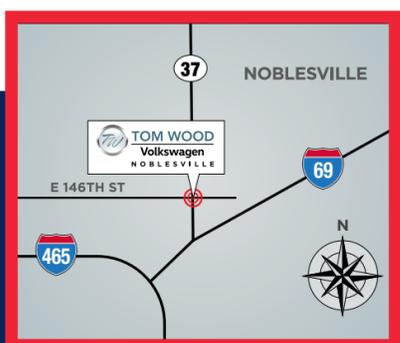
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House passes Huston's workforce development bill

The REPORTER

The Indiana House of Representatives on Monday voted in favor of State Rep. Todd Huston's (R-Fishers) proposal that would help restructure Indiana's workforce programs and funding.

According to Huston, Indiana's workforce development system spends roughly \$1 billion per year through nine state agencies across 30 different programs. **House Bill 1002** would reorganize the state's workforce development system using return-on-investment metrics to evaluate areas in need of improvement. The bill also calls for consolidation of overlapping efforts into programs that are both accessible to workers and aligned with employer needs.

"Our goal is to ensure taxpayer dollars are being directed into successful workforce programs that support individuals looking to skill-up and connect them with employers," Huston said. "This would not only benefit our state's economic development efforts, but more importantly, also help Hoosiers grow their house-



Photo provided

State Rep. Todd Huston's bill, HB 1002, was approved by the House Monday.

hold incomes and provide employers with the skilled employees they need."

The proposal would create the Next Level Workforce Training and Development Fund to ensure there is a dedicated source of money every year invested into programs. The bill also proposes the Indiana Department of Workforce Development establish two employees at each WorkOne center, which connects Hoosier employers and jobseekers with state resources, to in-

form local schools on available grants and programs. Students enrolled in career and technical courses may permit schools to release information to potential employers looking to recruit students.

The proposal can now move to the Senate for further consideration. For more information, visit iga.in.gov.

State Rep. Todd Huston (R-Fishers) represents House District 37, which includes portions of Hamilton County.

Local legislators provide updates from 2018 session

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Legislative Breakfast, scheduled to take place from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 at Conner Prairie, welcomes a panel of local legislators to provide updates on the session and respond to questions from attendees.

Cost is \$20 for members of any Hamilton County chamber and \$30 for non-members. Reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, Feb. 14 and can be made online at onezonecommerce.com or by calling 317-436-4653.

The Legislative Breakfast Series is presented by the Hamilton County Business Issues Committee and includes representation from the four chambers of commerce in Hamilton County. Breakfast events will also be held with local legislators on March 9, with a session wrap-up on April 13.

Presenting sponsor of the Legislative Breakfast Series is Church Church Hittle + Antrim, with support from Charter Communications, Duke Energy, Hamilton County Farm Bureau and Martin Marietta.

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Bragg announces run for Sheridan Town Council

The REPORTER

On Friday, Daniel Bragg announced his campaign for one of the two At Large seats on the Sheridan Town Council. Bragg, 28, is a 2008 graduate of Sheridan High School and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Bragg stated in his campaign announcement, "My focus for Sheridan is centered around moving toward the future. Sheridan has remained stagnant in the county, while other communities have flourished in my lifetime. I want to work

on a platform focused on growth, while at the same time wanting to restore some of the lost luster of Sheridan. I want to directly work with the young people of Sheridan to get ideas on their needs as far as work, leisure, and possible living in the future. I want to make Sheridan a place that people come to, rather than just pass through. We have unique opportunities being at the intersection of both State Road 38 and State Road 47, as well as being the final stop for the Monon

Trail. We can use these opportunities to our advantage to see Sheridan make a comeback, and move toward a future where Sheridan is thriving. We also can benefit from the proximity of Grand Park, and all the great things that are happening out there."

"Sheridan is a great town, but is often forgotten," Bragg said. "This needs to change, and I sincerely hope that the people of Sheridan give me the opportunity to work toward a bright future with them."

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NPD welcomes local grad to force

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Police Department is happy to announce the recent graduation of Probationary Officer Blake Pagel from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). While at the ILEA, Probationary Officer Pagel was selected by the academy staff to be one of five squad leaders for their class of 149

attendees. His first day of employment was Oct. 9, 2017 and he attended the ILEA from Oct. 23, 2017 to Feb. 2, 2018. Officer Pagel is currently receiving transition training and will soon enter the Field Training and Evaluation Program.



Pagel

where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology. Pagel enlisted in the Army National Guard in 2013 and recently graduated from Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course (IBOLC) and is commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. Pagel is also awaiting orders to attend U.S. Army Ranger School in the very near future. He is single and has no children. Pagel's hobbies include hunting, shooting and archery.

Hiring career fair seeking vendors

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program, along with partners in industry, education and government, is endeavoring to expose underemployed and unemployed adult populations to the opportunities available in skilled labor. This is because in the modern Hoosier economy, middle-skill occupations make up the majority of workers and vacant positions. Hoosiers need to be exposed to these opportunities, and more and more of them are needed in the skilled labor pool every day to keep the economy running efficiently.

Hamilton County Youth Assistance will be hosting an Adult Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 at Ivy Tech in Noblesville, in order to help these individuals find living-wage career pathways in their own community.



The Youth Assistance Program has allied with local and regional community organizations to help ensure that the highest quality candidates as possible can be provided for any position. If your company is hiring permanent, full-time workers with an annual salary over \$27,000, you are invited to attend. This will be a great opportunity to have direct face-to-face communication with potential employees.

For more information, please contact Lisa Samuels at lisa.samuels@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or 317-758-4431 ext. 4400.

To register, please visit youthassistance.org/fair.

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Everitt Neil (Jim) Adams
July 30, 1926 – January 10, 2018



Everitt Neil (Jim) Adams, 91, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Wellbrooke of Westfield. He was born on July 30, 1926 to Ray and Vera (Sanders) Adams in Austin, Ind.

Jim proudly served his country in the United States Navy and was a self-employed financial executive for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Doris Catherine (Smith) Adams; sons, Christopher R. (Janet) Adams, Mark (Marcia) Adams and Jay (Kathy) Adams; brother, Bob Adams; son-in-law, Phil Hilger; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his daughter, Diana Jo Hilger; three brothers; and one sister.

Jim and Doris wish to thank the kind help given by their neighbors in Indiana and Florida these past few years.

Services will be held at noon on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation begins one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield. A celebration of life will be held immediately after the services at Pebble Brook Golf Club in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements
Calling: 11 a.m. to Noon Feb. 10
Service: Noon Feb. 10
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Margaret J. (Driscoll) Hopkins
August 24, 1939 – February 3, 2018

Margaret J. (Driscoll) Hopkins, 78, passed away on February 3, 2018 in Indianapolis. Margaret was born on August 24, 1939 to the late John and Sarah Driscoll in Newfoundland, Canada.

Margaret adored playing the piano. Her family loved listening to her play. She enjoyed knitting and assembled many beautiful items for her family and loved ones. Margaret looked forward to being outdoors to work in her garden and watch the wildlife, especially the rabbits play in her yard. Margaret never missed a garage sale because she never knew what she would find or miss. Margaret's most valuable hobby was spending time with her family and friends. Margaret was a member of Radiant Life Christian Church.

Margaret met her late husband, Gerald "Gabby" Hopkins in Canada. They both moved to Indiana where they were married and started their family of three children. Gerald Hopkins preceded her in death in 2013. Margaret is survived by her children: Rick (Sue) Shaw of Canada, John (Denise) Hopkins of Sheridan and June Simms and her boyfriend Dickie of Sheridan; five loving grandchildren; David (Aja) Hopkins, CJ (Jordan) Hopkins, Zachery Hopkins, Stephanie and Bill Shaw. Margaret was a proud great grandmother to Leo, Indiana Elizabeth and Memphis Aubrey Dean. Also preceding Margaret in death is her granddaughter Sarah in 1988.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at Fisher Family Funeral Services, 508 E. 6th St., Sheridan, IN 46069. Family and friends are invited to gather from 11 a.m. till time of services. Rev. George Cooper will be officiating Margaret's service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Online condolences may be made at fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Hopkins family.

Arrangements
Calling: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 8
Service: 1 p.m. Feb. 8
Location: Fisher Family Funeral Services
Condolences: fisherfunerals.com

Noblesville Main Street announces annual meeting

The REPORTER

Noblesville Main Street will hold its annual meeting at 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 at Forest Park Inn, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville. The organization will use this time to honor contributors from 2017, highlight the success of the past year and unveil 2018 plans, along with a new three-year Strategic Plan.

"I am very happy to present the product of hard work in 2017 as our board looked critically at sustainability of our organization in order to shape

a three-year vision seeking to maximize our impact and outreach," said Chris Owens, chief executive officer. "We received great input from stakeholders and are encouraged by the growth of our operations, as well as the overall viability of downtown Noblesville."

The Annual Meeting will feature the release of the full Main Street calendar of programs including highlights like the Farmers Market from May 5 through Oct. 13, the Street Dance on July 14 and the

Duck Race on Sept. 8.

"We looked critically at several programs or events from which we decided to move on, several Noblesville-favorites which may be revamped and some programming that will go unchanged," stated Craig Crosser, board president. "2018 will still feature more than fifty events to engage residents and visitors with vibrant our downtown."

Seating is limited and guests are encouraged to register at noblesville-mainstreet.org.

Meeting Notices

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, at the Delaware Township Government Center to discuss outstanding checks, the investing officer's report and the annual report.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Public Safety Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Main Conference Room, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of public safety policies and procedures.

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Olinda J. Hancock

September 9, 1939 – February 4, 2018

Olinda J. Hancock, 78, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at Riverview Health. She was born on September 9, 1939 to Charles and Ruby (Webb) Burnett in Pittsburg, Ill.

Olinda loved and cared for her family so much. Her favorite was Christmas and always every year was the best one yet. Olinda loved getting together as a family for Sunday dinners, playing games and singing karaoke. She worked for Turtle Creek Nursing Home as a medicine aide, for Aero Drapery and for Alexander's Downtown as a cook. Olinda loved the town of Noblesville with all the events and the Street Dance.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Rodney Hancock; daughter, Patti Hancock (Joe) Dickman; son, David (Pamela) Hancock; grandchildren, Jeremy Dickman, Holli Hilt, Whitney Hancock, Kylee (Joseph) Hartley and Abbie Hancock; great-grandchildren, Andrew Cruzan, Hailee Dell, Brick Hartley and Ellie Mae Rowland; and siblings, Wendall Burnett and Nancy Burnett Deason.

In addition to her parents, Olinda was preceded in death by her sisters, Edith Null and Diane Burnett.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from noon to the time of service. Rev. Jess Stone will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

Matthew 20:20-21 (KJV)

David E. Gunn

February 7, 1946 – February 4, 2018



David E. Gunn, 71, Poland, Ind., passed away on February 4, 2018. He was born on February 7, 1946 to the late Warren and Mina Jane (Wilkinson) Gunn in Noblesville.

He was a US Army veteran during the Vietnam War. He was an officer with the Noblesville Police Department from 1972 to 1976 and later with the Westfield Police Department from 1976 to 1979. He became a Special Deputy Sheriff for the Marion County Sheriff's Department from 1988 to 1992. From 1990 to 1993 he was with the Stilesville Police Department and from 1992 to 2009 with the Coatesville Police Department. He was also a school bus driver for the Mill Creek School Corporation from 1992 to 2014.

He was a member and an elder with the Stilesville Christian Church.

David is survived by his wife, Diane E. Gunn; a son, David E. (Vickie) Gunn; a daughter, Dawn E. Welliver; five grandchildren, David Edmonson, Samantha Gunn, Joshua Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn and Matt Donaldson; and two great grandchildren, Aaron Lee David and Isaac David Edward. He was preceded in death by a brother, James Gunn.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2018 in the Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield, where friends may call on Sunday from 2 p.m. until service time at 4 p.m. Condolences: hamptongentry.com.

Arrangements

Calling: 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 11
Service: 4 p.m. Feb. 11
Location: Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield
Condolences: hamptongentry.com

Ruby I. Spurlock

August 27, 1926 – February 4, 2018

Ruby I. Spurlock, 91, Indianapolis, passed away on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on August 27, 1926 to Daniel L. and Ida May (Johnson) Losey in North Vernon, Ind. She grew up on a 100-acre farm in Jennings County.

Ruby was a homemaker and a 1944 graduate of North Vernon High School and worked for the Veteran's Administration from 1944 to 1952. She had also worked the election polls. Ruby and her late husband, Ben, owned a Burger Chef in Wheeling, Ill., in the late '60's and early '70's.

She was a faithful member of Egle Dale Baptist Church from 1959 to 1988 and attended, and was a member of, Burge Terrace Baptist Church and Lighthouse Baptist Church.

She is most known for her love of cooking and volunteered for decades with her church, making and serving food for the congregation and those in need. She also enjoyed sewing and creating crafts. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family. Her husband lovingly referred to her as 'his jewel', because she had a sweet spirit that shined when she entered a room. In her last years, she lived at Green House Cottages in Carmel, where she was known as 'Ruby Jewel'. Thank you to all who helped care for Ruby in her last years.

She is survived by her four children, Deborah (Richard) Leasure, Janis (Daniel) Calvert, Jeffrey Spurlock and Brian L. Spurlock; grandchildren, Natalie (Joe) Thompson, Nicole (Graham) Whitlock, Ryan (Tracy) Leasure, Heath (Aleque) Calvert, Tarah M.C. (Joe) Baldwin, Spencer, Savannah and Sierra Spurlock; great-grandchildren, Sophie Thompson, Savannah Thompson, Reid Calvert, Benjamin Baldwin, Hudson Leasure and Nora Leasure.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin L. Spurlock, Jr. who passed away in 2014; three brothers, Eli Losey, Vernon Losey and Fred Losey; and a sister, Sarah Johnson.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Associate Pastor Mike White-sell from Grace Church officiating. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lincoln Memory Gardens in Whitestown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shepherd's Ministries, 1805 15th Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements

Calling: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 9
Service: 10 a.m. Feb. 10
Location: Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Suzanne Merideth

January 14, 2018

Suzanne Merideth, 93, Noblesville, passed away on January 14, 2018.

She was an invaluable member of the community from an early age. A dedicated parent to Sharon and Michael, she made it a point to be very involved with her children's education. Her soft-spoken nature meshed well with her husband's laid-back demeanor. They were a model couple.

In 1969, she and her husband Charles opened Aunt Bee's Fried Chicken. They served some of the best fried chicken and homemade sides in Hamilton County for 20 years. She and her husband donated their hard-earned money to a variety of charities, most notably Gleaners Food Bank.

The world lost one of the most honest people you might ever have met; God gained a great angel. She has longed to be reunited with her husband since his passing and God granted her wish.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles and son Michael. She is survived by her sister Marilyn, daughter Sharon, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Arrangements

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Boys basketball

Top-ranked 'Blazers shoot hot, beat Gryphons

It was a cold night outside The U Center Tuesday, but it was raining 3-pointers inside as the top ranked Class 1A team in Indiana, the University Trailblazers, made a season-high 15 long distance shots in rolling to a 88-62 win over The International School of Indiana Gryphons.

The Blazers shot 67 percent from the field, including 58 percent on 3-pointers in racking up a season high point total. Senior David Howard led the way with 24 points and six 3-pointers. University had four others in double figures. Josh Watson had 16 points on perfect 6-for-6 shooting with four 3-pointers. Ethan Sickels had a pair of 3-pointers in his 14-point effort. Max Greenamoyer came off the bench for a trio of 3-pointers in a 42-second span and 11 points while Foster Flamion had 11 on perfect 5-for-5 shooting.

"It's definitely about as good as we can shoot it," said UHS coach Brandon Lafferman. "It came from ball movement and guys sharing the ball and playing unselfish."

Zack Hodgkin pulled down a team high nine rebounds and dealt eight assists as University improved to 13-0 all time against International.

"It's been the recipe all season is seniors get us going and everybody else comes in and does their job," said Lafferman. "I thought we did a really good job on guarding Mawich (Kachjaani) most of the game. International made a good job making some shots, but the energy was definitely huge."

The teams traded baskets early before the first of three consecutive three pointers from Howard gave University the lead for good at 8-5. Howard's fourth triple of the opening quarter came at the buzzer as the Blazers led 19-15 after one.

The Blazers opened up a 40-24 halftime lead as Watson heated up in the second quarter making three triples in period. University stretched the lead to 23 midway through the period and cruised home with a 27-point fourth quarter.

The 6-11 Kachjaani led the Gryphons with 22, just off his 23.3 average. International falls to 8-10.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

University's Zack Hodgkin (31) and Quinn Steiner (11) set up the defense during the Trailblazers' game with International Tuesday at the U Center. Class 1A No. 1 University beat the Gryphons 88-62. Pictured in the background are David Howard (5) and Foster Flamion (15).

University 88, International 62

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
David Howard	9-15	0-0	24	2
Quinn Steiner	0-1	0-0	0	0
Ethan Sickels	6-11	0-0	14	1
Foster Flamion	5-5	1-1	11	2
Eyal Friedman	1-2	0-0	2	1
Nate Shatowski	0-0	2-2	2	1
Max Greenamoyer	4-4	0-0	11	1

Josh Watson	6-6	0-0	16	1
Zack Hodgkin	2-5	2-3	6	2
Eric Major	1-2	0-0	2	2
Totals	34-51	5-6	88	13

Score by Quarter
 International 15 9 20 18 - 62
 University 19 21 21 27 - 88
 University 3-point shooting (15-26) Howard 6-11, Watson 4-4, Greenamoyer 3-3, Sickels 2-7, Steiner 0-1.
 University rebounds (18) Hodgkin 8, Flamion 4, Sickels 2, Watson 2, Howard 1, Friedman 1.

The Trailblazers continue their busy week Friday by hosting Covenant Christian before travelling to Greenwood Christian Saturday in the Pioneer championship game. Game time Saturday has been moved up to 4 p.m. due to the University girls participation in the 1A Regional tournament at Southwestern (Shelbyville).

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No. 4 Frankton pulls away from Huskies

Hamilton Heights gave a tough battle to Class 2A No. 4 Frankton on Tuesday before the Eagles pulled away for a 73-68 victory at the Husky Dome.

Frankton led 23-17 after the first quarter before the Huskies came back to lead 40-39 at halftime. Heights was still ahead 57-56 after three periods, but Frankton took control in the fourth.

AJ Field scored 14 points to lead the Huskies, followed by Gus Etchison, Tyler Wiltermood and Hudson Hochstedler all scoring 12 points each. Wiltermood had six rebounds.

Etchison dished out eight assists, while Drayden Thomas handed out four.

Heights' junior varsity team won 52-35. Blake Webel scored 18 points, followed by Issiac Hickok with 12 and Brent Pennington with eight. Kray Leinenger pulled six rebounds, while Cory Vonfeldt handed out six assists.

The Huskies are 9-8 and play at Westfield on Friday.

Frankton 73, Heights 68

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gus Etchison	4-10	3-4	12	4
Camron Knott	4-13	0-0	8	2
Drayden Thomas	2-7	1-2	5	2
Tyler Wiltermood	5-5	2-2	12	3
AJ Field	5-7	1-2	14	5
Hudson Hochstedler	4-7	2-3	12	4
Caleb Bean	1-2	0-2	2	1
Dawson Phifer	0-1	0-0	0	1
Grant LePoidevin	0-0	3-3	3	1
Totals	25-52	12-18	68	23

Score by Quarters
 Frankton 23 16 17 17 - 73
 Heights 17 23 17 11 - 68
 Heights 3-point shooting (6-25) Field 3-5, Hochstedler 2-5, Etchison 1-4, Knott 0-8, Thomas 0-3.
 Heights rebounds (22) Wiltermood 6, Thomas 4, Bean 4, Knott 2, Field 2, Etchison 2, Hochstedler 2.

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Anderson stuns Fishers

Fishers found itself on the wrong side of a fourth-quarter comeback on Tuesday, as Anderson stunned the Tigers 64-62 in an away game.

Fishers got out to a good start, leading 19-10 after the first period. The Tigers were then up 38-27 at halftime and kept that advantage after three quarters, leading 51-40. But the Indians overwhelmed Fishers in the fourth, outscoring the Tigers 24-11.

Four Fishers players reached double figures. Terry Hicks scored 17 points, including an 8-of-8 effort from the free throw line. Josiah Matthews added 12

points, with Jeremy Szilagyi throwing in four 3-pointers for 12 points. Willie Jackson scored 11 points.

The Tigers are now 8-9 and travel to Pendleton Heights on Friday.

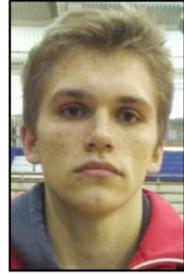
Anderson 64, Fishers 62

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josiah Matthews	5	0-0	12	1
Willie Jackson	5	1-2	11	3
Jeremy Szilagyi	4	0-0	12	1
Brendhan Russon	2	4-5	8	3
Terry Hicks	3	8-8	17	2
Bryce Gee	0	0-0	0	1
Alex Szilagyi	0	0-0	0	2
Craig Yoho	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	20	13-15	62	13

Score by Quarters

Fishers	19	19	13	11	62
Anderson	10	17	13	24	64

Fishers 3-pointers (6) J. Szilagyi 4, Matthews 2.



Szilagyi

Royals fall to No. 2 Trojans

Hamilton Southeastern nearly came all the way back against Class 3A No. 2 New Castle Tuesday before the Trojans closed out a 68-61 win over the visiting Royals.

New Castle led 30-19 at halftime and 49-34 after three quarters. Class 4A No. 6 Southeastern made a push in the fourth period, scoring 27 points, but the Trojans were able to hang on for the win.

Aaron Etherington scored 19 points to lead the Royals, with Chaz Birchfield contributing 15 points and Chris Grubbs adding 11. Etherington pulled seven rebounds, while Birchfield and Mabor Majak each collected six. Grubbs had five

rebounds. Nick Bowman handed out four assists. Southeastern is 16-3 and hosts 4A No. 9 Carmel on Friday.

New Castle 68, Southeastern 61

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nick Bowman	1-6	0-0	3	5
Chaz Birchfield	6-11	3-3	15	1
Aaron Etherington	6-8	5-6	19	3
Kole Hornbuckle	0-0	0-0	0	4
Noah Smith	3-9	1-2	7	3
Chris Grubbs	4-10	3-5	11	3
Bradley Beemon	0-0	0-0	0	0
Mabor Majak	3-7	0-0	6	1
Totals	23-51	12-16	61	20

Score by Quarters

Southeastern	12	7	15	27	61
New Castle	15	15	19	19	68

Southeastern 3-point shooting (3-10) Etherington 2-4, Bowman 1-5, Smith 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (29) Etherington 7, Birchfield 6, Majak 6, Grubbs 5, Smith 2, Bowman 1, team 2.



Etherington

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Tigers drop close game to Harrison

Westfield dropped a 65-60 game to Harrison Tuesday at The Rock.

The game was close in the first half, with the Shamrocks leading the Raiders 21-17 midway through the second quarter. Harrison came back to lead 24-22 at halftime, and then led throughout the second half, eventually going up by as much as 55-45 with 1:53 remaining.

Caleb Welch scored 15 points, including four 3-pointers. Chris Chin added 11 points, while Garrett Pollard scored 10.

Westfield is now 6-10 for the season and continues its homestand on Friday by hosting Hamilton Heights.

Harrison 65, Westfield 60

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Zach Banks	3	0-0	6	5
Chris Chin	2	5-6	11	3
Josh Van Dyke	2	3-4	7	3
Sam Eaton	0	0-0	0	1
Garrett Pollard	3	2-2	10	1
Benji Welch	2	0-0	6	2
Caleb Welch	5	1-2	15	5
Camden Simon	2	0-0	4	5
Jack Reinhoehl	0	1-2	1	2
Totals	19	12-16	60	27

Score by Quarters

Harrison	16	8	13	28	65
Westfield	16	6	13	25	60

Westfield 3-pointers (10) C. Welch 4, Chin 2, Pollard 2, B. Welch 2.



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Smith, Trexler win high school bowling state titles



Hamilton County crowned two high school state bowling champions after the finals took place Saturday at Championship Lanes in Anderson.

Noblesville's Nathan Smith won the Indiana High School Bowling boys state title, while Hamilton Heights' Keagan Trexler won the girls state championship. Both bowlers began their state quest by finishing in the top four in the qualifying round, then worked their way through the stepladder round to place first.

Smith was the No. 4 qualifier, so he had to climb all the way up the stepladder to win state. He scored a 664 in the qualifying round, which put him into a match with the third seed, Lance Williams of Homestead. Smith won that match 209-155.

Next up for Smith was Warren Central's LaVon Hampton, the second seed. Smith won 246-203, which advanced him to the final to take on top seed Scotty Kramer III of Muncie Central. Smith beat Kramer 206-192 to claim the state title.

Meanwhile, Trexler was the second seed out of qualifying with a 650. She first awaited a match between the third seed, Portage's Makayla Himden and fourth seed Madison Murello of Franklin Central, with Himden winning 183-182.

Trexler beat Himden 186-161 to advance to the final, where she took on top seed Katie Fraser of Elkhart Central. Trexler won the state championship by defeating Fraser 168-153.

Smith won the Lafayette semi-state, which took place at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl, and led the Noblesville boys team to a fifth-place finish at the semi-state. Trexler finished ninth in the semi-state to advance to state.

In the team event, Portage won the girls state championship and Ben Davis won the boys state title.

In the first playoff match, Portage defeated Franklin Central 386-306. The championship match was a close battle all the way to the end but Portage came out on top with a 359-346 win over Michigan City.

On the boys' side, Ben Davis and moved on with a 349-292 victory in the first championship match. The Giants then defeated Huntington North by a score a 412-368.

In the championship match, Ben Davis won the first game 196-129. Merrillville didn't quit. The Pirates roared back with a 276 and 405 total but the Giants responded with their own 235 for a 431 total and the state crown.

Photo provided

Noblesville's Nathan Smith and Hamilton Heights' Keagan Trexler won state titles at the Indiana High School Bowling state finals, which took place Saturday at Championship Lanes in Anderson.

After placing in top eight at regional...

Five county divers qualify for state

Hamilton County will have five divers at the state meet on Saturday after all of them finished in the top eight at the Fishers diving regional on Tuesday.

The county contingent was lead by Hamilton Southeastern junior Halli Siwik, who placed second with a score of 445.40 points. Fishers freshman Morgan Casey took fifth by scoring 414.20, then HSE sophomore Sarah Ballard placed sixth with 406.85.

Two freshmen rounded out the qualifying list. Fishers' Grace Mossing took seventh with 397.55, while Carmel's Alaina Heyde placed eighth with 393.10.

Homestead's divers took three of the top four spots. Junior Jackie Brenn won the championship by scoring 485.15 points. Junior Mallory Walker was third with 429.75 and senior Kayla Luarder took fourth with 421.95.

Hamilton Heights sophomore Jordyn Feiwell placed ninth with 392.15 points. Carmel senior Emma Toomey took 11th with 374.75.

The divers will begin their state competition Saturday morning at the IUPUI Natatorium, with the first round at 9 a.m. and the semi-finals immediately following. The finals will take place that afternoon during the swimming finals.

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Brooklyn	19	36	.345	20.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	30	22	.577	-
Milwaukee	30	23	.566	0.5
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Detroit	26	26	.500	4.0
Chicago	18	35	.340	12.5
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Charlotte	23	30	.434	7.5
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Atlanta	17	37	.315	14.0

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Oklahoma City	31	24	.564	2.5
Denver	29	25	.537	4.0
Portland	29	25	.537	4.0
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L.A. Lakers	22	31	.415	18.5
Phoenix	18	37	.327	23.5
Sacramento	17	36	.321	23.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	39	13	.750	-
San Antonio	34	21	.618	6.5
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Memphis	18	35	.340	21.5
Dallas	17	37	.315	23.0

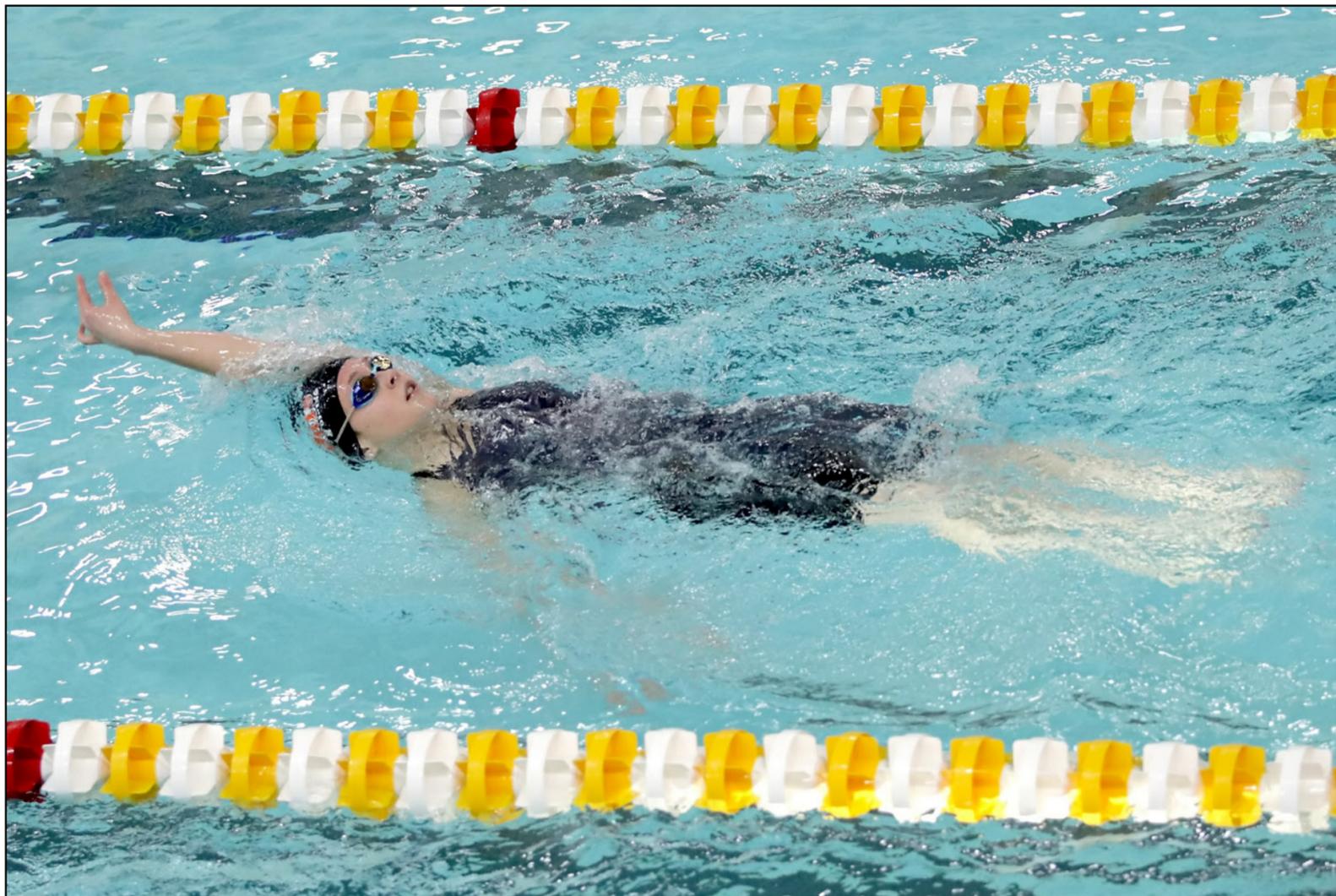


Photo by Doug Sanquetti

Hamilton Heights' Rachel Sanquetti earned a callback to the state meet in the backstroke event.

Thirteen more county swimmers headed to state

Thirteen Hamilton County swimmers received callbacks to the state swim meet over the weekend.



Marshall

The list includes Hamilton Heights junior Rachel Sanquetti, who will compete in the backstroke event. Sanquetti's time was fast enough to fill the 32-woman field in that event after all the sectional champions and state cut times were placed. Sanquetti is seeded 21st in the backstroke.

Fishers has the most callbacks with five. The Tigers got two additional swimmers into the 200

freestyle race: Sophomore Abigail Jahns and junior Morgan Booth. They will join sophomore Hannah Pratt, who won the 200 free at the Hamilton Southeastern sectional on Saturday. Pratt is seeded sixth.



Huff

Sophomore Corinne Yorkman earned two callbacks, in the individual medley and backstroke while junior Kara Robeson got a place in the butterfly event. The Tigers will now have 16 swims at state.

Hamilton Southeastern got three callbacks. Sophomore Kayleigh Witt has a place in the 200 free, while freshman Olivia Harter earned a spot in the IM. Harter joins her sister, sophomore Olivia Harter, and junior Hannah Pugh in the

event. Senior Victoria Vicory also is in, with a place in the breaststroke, bringing the total of Royals swims to 15 at state.

Noblesville's two callbacks are both freshmen: Sammy Huff made it in the IM, while Caitlin Marshall has a place in the 500 free, where she will be the 17th seed.

Westfield also has two callbacks, both in the relay events. The Shamrocks made it in the 200 free and 400 free relays. The Millers will now have six swims at state, with Westfield getting five.

Carmel qualified all 27 of its swims to state during Saturday's sectional finals.

All the state swimmers will begin their competitions at the preliminary round, which begins at 6 p.m. Friday at the IUPUI Natatorium. The top 16 advance to the finals, which start at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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