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Few people attended the first Fishers Council Connect session, but some big issues were discussed.

Small crowd discusses big issues at first Fishers Council Connect

By **LARRY LANNAN**
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The Fishers City Council leadership recently announced a series of monthly Council Connect meetings to allow a discussion with the public. The first session last Tuesday may have drawn a small crowd, but a lot of big issues were discussed.

The first question from the audience asked the council members what they hope to accomplish with Council Connect. Council Vice President replied he hopes to talk about “topical events,” such as the construction on State Road 37 scheduled to begin in the coming months. He also wants to have these meetings in different areas of the city to allow residents in that area to ask questions

of the council members. Mayor Scott Fadness said his communications staff is “constantly trying to figure out, how do you reach people, how do you connect with people?”

In his experience, most contacts with residents hone in on their neighborhood concerns, such as traffic control, crime or someone not mowing his grass. The turnout for broader policy discussions normally fail to stir interest.

The discussion then turned to social media. The mayor said his most popular social media posts deal with pictures of his family or food and restaurants. The mayor is concerned about public officials using social media contacts and adding them up as votes in the community. He tries to filter that through what is best for the city and is willing to let the chips fall where they may on

social media. “The things that are most popular (on social media) hands down are the things that people are entertained by – Portillo’s, Ikea, Topgolf, parks,” Fadness said. “The things that are most hotly debated in the small circle of political life are not the things that get the most consumption or energy or enthusiasm.”

The conversation then turned to mass transportation. The mayor said the Green Line, which would have been done on the Nickel Plate Rail Line, was last in line among the other transit lines in the Indianapolis metropolitan area, meaning local residents would be paying taxes for transit 10 years before seeing any benefit with mass transit services.

The state law would also require certain referendums be passed, and the polling in Hamilton Coun-

ty indicated little voter interest in approving a mass transit plebiscite, according to Fadness.

The mayor made his case that disruptive technologies are on the way that will dramatically change how we move around, and sinking large amounts of public money into traditional mass transit operations may not be the best policy at this time.

“I’m not supportive of raising people’s taxes to go buy into a technology that I don’t believe is going to be the future of how people move around,” said the mayor. That is one reason he chose to go with a trail along the Nickel Plate, the mayor said.

The mass transit discussion then turned to housing and how workers in businesses such as restaurants will find a place to live reasonably close to where they work. Many options were discussed.

Noblesville Schools recognized nationally for access to STEM

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Friday that six district schools have been nationally recognized as Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished Schools for providing broad access to transformative Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning opportunities for students.

The schools honored include Noblesville High School, Noblesville East Middle School, Noblesville West Middle School, North Elementary, Hinkle Creek Elementary and Stony Creek Elementary.

Noblesville East and West are the only middle schools in the state to receive the honor two years in a row. Noblesville High School is one of only three distinguished high schools in Indiana and one of only two to receive back-to-back recognition.

Noblesville Schools offers 14 different PLTW courses for middle and high school students, including classes like robotics, biomedical, cybersecurity and aerospace engineering. It is also one of only a few districts in the state to offer PLTW programming K-12, with elementary students exploring flight, energy, robotics and more.

“We’re committed to providing engaging opportunities for STEM learning at all grade levels and are honored to be named to this list of distinguished schools,” said Annetta Petty, Noblesville

Schools executive director of learning. “This type of curriculum is important in developing skills for future educational opportunities, and ultimately for a wide range of in-demand career paths.”

The Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW STEM programs. To be eligible for the designation, schools had to offer a variety of PLTW STEM courses and have a significant portion of students participating in them, while students had to demonstrate mastery in the content and continuation in the programming.

About Project Lead The Way

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the United States. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW’s teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 10,500 elementary, middle and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead the Way, visit pltw.org.

Key Bank to close location in downtown Noblesville

By **FRED SWIFT**
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Key Bank is leaving downtown Noblesville. In a surprise announcement, bank officials revealed they will close their Courthouse Square location by May 31. The building at 110 N. 9th St. has been home to a banking institution for more than 100 years.

The closing is one of 16 Key Bank locations that will be closing in central Indiana. Another Key branch on Pebble Center Drive will also be leaving Noblesville. The sudden announcement of the closings is brought about by a change in customers’ banking habits, with more fa-

voring online banking.

With the departure of Key from downtown, First Merchants Bank at 830 Logan St. will be the only bank on the Square.

The real estate at 110 N. 9th is owned by Keybank National Association, which lists Albany, N.Y. as its business address. There was no immediate indication of what will become of the building. It was built as a bank about 1910, and home to American National Bank, a locally owned firm, for decades prior to the wave of bank mergers that began in the 1980s.

Key branches at 480 Sheridan Road and in Hamilton Town Center will remain open as well as several other locations in Hamilton County.

Local leaders serve supper for Carmel Clay GOP Club



Photo provided by Denise Moe

The Carmel Clay Republican Club held its annual chili supper last Wednesday at the John W. Hensel Government Center. Primary candidates for Carmel city offices attended to meet club members and guests. Candidates – including Mayor Jim Brainard and his opponent, Fred Glynn – served chili to attendees. The Club also elected officers for the year. Paul Ayers will succeed Matt Snyder as president; Snyder will now serve as vice president. Dixie Packard and Barry Smith were re-elected as secretary and treasurer, respectively. (Above) Carmel City Councilors Kevin Rider (left) and Ron Carter (center), along with council candidate Adam Aasen, served chili to those in attendance. See more photos online at ReadTheReporter.com.

Carmel’s District Tax Rate fifth lowest in state of Indiana

The REPORTER

New data from the State of Indiana shows that Carmel continues to be one of best cities in Indiana to live when it comes to paying property taxes. Carmel’s District Tax Rate, which combines the City rate with other taxing units – including the school district, library, township, county and solid waste – adds up to \$2.0354 per \$100 assessed valuation – a rate that is the fifth lowest in the State of



Brainard

Indiana out of 118 cities.

“Previously, we received information that Carmel had the 11th lowest city-only tax rate in Indiana and that was excellent news for our residential property owners,” said Mayor Jim Brainard. “Now we have even better news to celebrate, thanks to our strategy of focusing on a high quality of life in order to attract corporate and commercial investment dollars that help keep our property taxes low.”

Taxes assessed on home value in Hamilton County’s four cities

Market Value of home	Carmel	Westfield	Fishers	Noblesville
\$200,000 home	\$1,990	\$2,357	\$2,269	\$2,517
\$300,000 home	\$3,309	\$3,595	\$3,600	\$3,861
\$400,000 home	\$4,433	\$4,832	\$4,839	\$5,205

Westfield foodies help GOP



Photo provided by Denise Moe

Last Tuesday, Nikki Helfin's Westfield High School FCCLA Foodies Rock catered an event held by Republican candidates from the Westfield area at Urban Vines, 303 E. 161st St., Westfield. Pictured are student members of the club along with Westfield Clerk Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Westfield City Council President Jim Ake.

Sheriff releases Home Place to Carmel Police

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has relinquished primary law enforcement responsibility of the Home Place area to the Carmel Police Department. This includes the areas in the southern portion of the county: old Home Place, College Meadows and Lexington Farms generally bounded by 96th Street to the south, Westfield Boulevard on the east, 111th Street to the north, and Pennsylvania Avenue on the west.

primary law enforcement agency for both emergency and non-emergency incidents.



Barlow

"The Carmel Police Department is excited about Home Place and their residents becoming part of the City of Carmel community," said Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow. "As we transition police services from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, we are prepared to provide dedicated and quality police response and protection. We look forward to building a great relationship with Home Place residents for years to come."

The City of Carmel officially annexed the Home Place area in 2018 but the Sheriff's Office retained primary responsibility during the transition. Friday, March 1 marks the end of the transition so those residents affected by the annexation will see Carmel Police responding as the

Requests for information and general assistance in the area should be addressed to the Carmel Police Department. As with all incorporated areas, the Sheriff's Office will maintain a presence.

Family Promise of Hamilton County hires first executive director

The REPORTER

Nancy Ramsey has been hired as the first Executive Director for Family Promise of Hamilton County. She began her duties on March 1. Nancy is a life-long Hamilton County resident with extensive experience in coaching individuals and families to achieve their goals for financial independence and home security. She has honed these skills in her work with WorkOne, JobWorks and Destination: College, a nonprofit she began.

by this spring," said Board of Trustees President Roger Crim. "In 2018, Hamilton County had 1,431 homeless households with 1,617 children, and no established program to assist them. We have 13 interfaith congregations ready to partner with us, and will soon have our day center ready, where families receive supportive services to move to permanent housing. Nancy's passion to help others and her ability to collaborate with others in the county will be indispensable to making a difference for our homeless families."



Ramsey

She is an active volunteer, currently serving as a board member of the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program and has volunteered locally with Girl Scouts, 4-H, Noblesville Schools PTO and Tri Kappa. She is finishing her master's degree in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University and has a BS in Organizational Leadership from Anderson University. She is a 2014 graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy.

About Family Promise® of Hamilton County
FPOHC's mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. The organization partners with local interfaith congregations who provide temporary shelter and food while Family Promise provides intensive case management. FPOHC is an affiliate of the national Family Promise which has helped 82 percent of client families find permanent housing in their communities. Learn more at fpohc.org.

"We are so excited to have Nancy help us open our doors to serve homeless children and their families

10 CCHA attorneys named Indiana "Super Lawyers"

The REPORTER

Super Lawyers has named 10 attorneys from Church Church Hittle + Antrim to its 2019 Indiana Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists. Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

CCHA attorneys among the top Indiana attorneys on the 2019 Super Lawyers list, including their identified primary practice areas:



- Liberty Roberts – State, Local Government
- Michael Antrim – General Litigation, Plaintiff
- Douglas Church – State, Local Government
- Leslie Craig Henderzahn – Family Law
- Jack Hittle – Estate Planning & Probate
- Andrew Manna – School & Education Law

CCHA attorneys who made this year's Indiana Rising Stars list, including their identified primary practice areas:

- Kyle Blowers – Creditors' Rights
- Brent Borg – Employment Litigation
- Séamus Boyce – School and Education Law
- Alexander Pinegar – General Litigation

About Church Church Hittle + Antrim
Founded in 1880, CCHA is the oldest and most established law firm in Hamilton County. CCHA serves clients across Indiana with offices in Fishers, Fort Wayne, Merrillville, Noblesville, Tipton, Zionsville and Westfield. Learn more about CCHA cchalaw.com.

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Town of Arcadia Now Hiring Street Laborer - Negotiable Salary

The Town of Arcadia is currently accepting applications for a dependable individual to fill the position of a General Laborer. This is an entry level position, duties include but not limited to, mowing, snow removal, water main repair, storm and sanitary sewer repair, tree removal, experience in running equipment (bobcat, backhoe and tractor) and other tasks as assigned.

Salary negotiable based on experience
Applicants must possess a valid Indiana Driver's License. Resumes submitted without an application will not be considered.

Applications are available at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 West Main Street Arcadia, Indiana 46030. Applications will be accepted at the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019.
Online application available at: www.arcadiaindiana.org/home/community-news

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Children are the future

Editor's Note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abigail Williams. This column originally appeared in the Sunday, March 3 edition of The Reporter.



CARTER BRAZZELL
Sheridan High School Student

educate them as much as we can, so they'll be able to make the right decisions?

Here's the thing about children: They have nearly unlimited potential while they're still children; they have the ability to do anything, to become anything. That's because while people are children, they can easily be shaped into anything, because nothing is certain for them yet. This is why it is important not to force anything upon children. If someone forces his beliefs and opinions upon a child, that child will grow up to be just like that person, instead of forming his own beliefs and becoming his own person. We can't force our views on children, or else they'll just be a repeat of previous generations, when in reality what we need is a new generation.

When I say we need to avoid forcing views on children, I'm not trying to tell you how to raise a child. As a 16-year-old kid in high school, I don't have any experience raising a child. All I'm trying to say is that today's children are the most important people in the world, and we need to be helping them as much as we can to reach their full potential. When someone forces beliefs on a child, that puts a restriction on his potential, because he just lost the chance to think for himself. This is why when we educate the children of the future, we must remain as unbiased as we can. We shouldn't always tell them what's right and wrong, because that is for them to decide. If we educate them and remain unbiased, they will make the right choices on what is right and what is wrong. And when they make the right choices for themselves, it just increases their potential in the future.

When people grow up, they often somewhat lose the ability to change. They become certain, they finish becoming a person, and who they are solidifies. And while they can still change, it becomes much harder the older people get. This is why children are the most important. If we do everything we can to help them, to teach them, to guide them, they will grow up to be the best people that they can be.

Today's children are responsible for taking care of the world in the future. They'll be making the big decisions – the important decisions – that will shape the world forever. With such a weight on their shoulders, our job is to support them in every way possible. We must educate them, so they will make the right choices in the future. We must do everything we can to help guide them. The fate of the world is in their hands, after all.

Encourage respect for flag and nation

At the risk of sparking a controversy, I want to make a suggestion on a subject you could call 'respect.' The type of respect I'm talking about is respect for the American flag by practicing the time honored tradition of placing the right hand over the heart during the playing of the national anthem.



FRED SWIFT
The County Line

At a recent high school basketball game I could not help but notice that members of the home team did not place their hands over the heart. Hundreds of fans likely observe team members during some part of the national anthem.

The U.S. Flag Code calls upon Americans to stand, face the flag and place their right hand over their heart during the playing of the anthem. There is no enforcement provision in the code. It's just a good recommended practice to

follow. Of course there are many folks who don't follow the tradition.

But, members of sports teams are representatives of their schools and role models for fellow students and younger people who will often do what they see team members do.

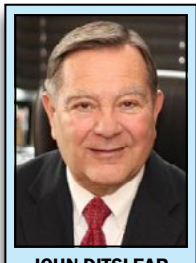
Most of our sports team members follow rules of good behavior, get good grades and are on the road to becoming successful, model citizens. So, it should not be difficult to incorporate this simple sign of respect into routine behavior.

Either in school or at home, you'd hope that youngsters would be taught this sign of respect for their flag and nation. If no one else encourages this simple but symbolic gesture, perhaps coaches should remind their team members of this practice.

New communications effort to get underway in March . . .

Noblesville prepares public for Levinson project construction

Since the Noblesville Common Council's approval of the Levinson mixed-use project on Feb. 12, my administration has continued developing a comprehensive communications plan for the downtown.



JOHN DITSLEAR
Mayor of Noblesville

We understand the public's concern about the coming challenges we face. As with any project of this size in an urban environment – 83 modern apartments, 5,100 square feet of commercial retail and a 300-space parking garage – there are bound to be disruptions. Our goal is to minimize any inconvenience for residents, businesses and visitors to ensure our downtown district continues to thrive throughout the Levinson's construction – and be-

yond. After all, downtown is "the heart of it all."

Thankfully, the city is not alone. We look forward to working with Noblesville Chamber, Noblesville Main Street and Nickel Plate Arts, in addition to local media, to reach the widest audience possible so everyone has the relevant information they need to enjoy our downtown.

Our plan will deploy several strategies, including but not limited to direct outreach by the economic development department to our businesses, social media and a microsite with project information – as well as a way to sign up to receive updates.

Until the city officially launches this campaign in

March, below is the latest information on the Levinson that I'd like to share based on the details we are aware of today:

- Construction will most likely be staged at a location outside of downtown.
- City Lot No. 3, where the Levinson will be built off Maple Avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets, will remain open until Friday, March 28. That's when the lot will close as preparations for construction get underway.
- Construction was initially planned to last from March 2019 until the parking garage opens in January 2020 and the apartments follow in fall 2020. The city will update the public if the targeted completion dates have changed.
- The Noblesville Police Department has already informed current Lot No. 3

permit holders of which lots they are to use during construction – at a reduced rate given the inconvenience.

Of course, the Levinson isn't the only project happening in Noblesville. We plan to use this platform across the entire community as other projects in the Noblesville NOW capital improvement plan get underway and continue to make progress, and possibly for updates on other downtown projects like the streetlight swap, alley activation, façade grant projects, trail extensions and more.

So stay tuned for many more updates to come from the City of Noblesville. We are excited for what the Levinson will add to our community, but we certainly appreciate the public's concerns. Together, we can help support the continued success of our downtown.

Heights announces kindergarten, preschool registration for 2019-2020

The REPORTER

Kindergarten registration and screening activities for children who will be attending kindergarten at Hamilton Heights Primary School in the 2019-20 school year will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 at Hamilton Heights Primary School, 25350 State Road 19, Arcadia.

Parents with students living within the Hamilton Heights school district can register their child and upload required information for the upcoming school year online starting on or around March 11 at hhschuskies.org. Computers will also be available to register during school

hours (9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) or at the March 14 Round Up.

To enroll for kindergarten, children must be five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2019. Parents/legal guardians need to bring the following to ensure registration:

1. Original birth certificate from the county health department (hospital or Xerox copies are not acceptable).
2. Immunization records (required by state law).
 - DTP/DTAP – 5 doses (4 doses are acceptable if the fourth dose was given on or after the fourth birthday)
 - IPV/OPV – 4 doses (if

the 4 doses are administered prior to age 4, a fifth dose must be given)

- MMR – 2 doses
- HEPATITIS B – 3 doses
- HEPATITIS A – 2 doses
- CHICKEN POX - 2 doses or written documentation of history of chickenpox disease (including month and year of the disease) **from a PHYSICIAN**
- 3. Any pertinent or safety information regarding your child (change of guardianship papers, restraining orders, etc.).
- 4. Proof of residency, such as a utility bill (gas, water, electric), lease, or mortgage. Must be current and show home service address. Please no cell phone

bill, car insurance, car registration or license.

In addition, Hamilton Heights' Little Husky Learning Center, located at the Primary Building, offers families preschool (ages 3 to 5), before and after care (Heights students enrolled in grades K-5) and summer camp services.

For more information contact:

Little Huskies Learning Center Preschool
Andrea Griswold, agriswold@hhschuskies.org / 317-984-1530 ext. 4063
Before/After Care/Summer Camp
Sara Cox, scox@hhschuskies.org / 317-984-1530 ext. 4062

Carmel Police to begin wearing new body cameras

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department has begun the process of deploying the use of new body cameras while on patrol. An \$80,000 federal grant was secured to help fund the first phase of a five-year, no-interest lease for 120 body cameras and 100 in-car cameras from the manufacturer, Axon.

As of this past week, all officers have been trained

on the use of body cameras and be issued their own, the culmination of a three-year process. Over the next five years, the Police Department will spend \$1.7 million on the body cameras, in-car cameras, new interview-room cameras and new tasers.

"For more than 20 years, the Carmel Police Department has used the latest technology to be as efficient and transparent

as possible," said Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow. "These new body cams, will help us increase transparency and efficiency, while offering greater protection to the community through increased evidence gathering."

The use of body cameras in America has grown in recent years. More than half of the 68 major city law enforcement agencies now utilize the cameras on

the Axon network. According to national surveys, this has resulted in a decrease in the use of force, fewer Driving While Intoxicated cases going to court (as video evidence typically leads to guilty pleas before trial) and fewer false complaints of abuse by police officers. The results also include increased cost savings for police agencies, enhancing public trust and creating safer communities.

A letter to myself

Dear Janet,

At 63 you would think you would have it all together ... but you don't. And that's okay.

You have come a long way but still have a ways to go. Keep going. Don't let anyone or anything discourage you. Your mind is the greatest big bad wolf.

Never use your age as an excuse. Okay, use it as an excuse when you do not want to do something. Like hot yoga or running a marathon. Or bungee jumping. Understand that it is okay not to be okay.

You can cry ugly tears, just buy lots of mascara. Your heart has become more tender with age. Allow it to feel more joy as well as sorrow. Tenderness tips over the "comfort and joy" bucket as well as the "I've had enough" bucket. Both produce tears. Let them flow.

If you are angry or hurt, figure out the reasons why. What can be done? What can you control? What can you change? Who can you avoid or delete from your life?

Walk away. You don't need drama in your life. Don't accept the invitation to the circus if it does not involve your monkeys.

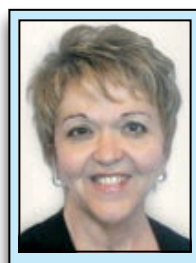
If it involves your monkeys, you must decide whether to become part of the three-ring circus and attempt to become the ringmaster ... or just stay in the audience and avoid the chaos. Choose wisely ... after much prayer.

And speaking of prayer. Pray more. And if you want to hear from God, read His words. Can you really ever get too much of the Psalms? What about the 34th and 37th chapters? Aren't those your go-to chapters when life gets messy and you are overwhelmed?

Do not try to figure everything out. It will work out. It may not be how you plan it or expect it ... but it will be okay. Remember your history with God.

You spend too much time worrying. Read that again. Worry is a waste of time, energy and the joy of the moment. Aren't you the one always telling others that God has got this? Hello!

There are things that are out of your control. You



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

can't gather the seeds of a dandelion any more than you can gather the opinions of others to your liking. In other words, let them go. Let them land where they may. They

will be revealed in the fruit or the weeds they produce.

Live in the moment. If you look ahead with fear and trepidation you will miss so much beauty in the day. The sign you are seeing in your mind may say 72 miles until the road ends but look at the scenery before you get there. Who knows, you may find a beautiful detour.

You don't have to keep score in what you achieve on a daily basis. If you do nothing but be kind to someone during the day you have made a difference. That is the total game changer.

Judge not. It's that simple. You don't know the battle someone is fighting. You don't know where their shoes have been. And mostly, you don't know their heart.

So much energy and time are wasted on what you cannot control. Let go! Take your hands as well as your heart off of it!

If someone does not like you it is their loss. You don't have to prove your worth to anyone. Always remember you are enough!

If someone asks your opinion you do not have to give it. Silence is not only golden but in your best interest at times.

It's okay just to sit and ponder. It's not just okay, but you need to do it more often.

You can't be everything to everyone. Trying to do so is like juggling, walking a tightrope and swinging on a trapeze, all at the same time. It does not work out well in the long run. You don't always have a safety net.

I have much more to say to you but that will be another time, another day.

I have some pondering to do. I have some people who need to be shown a bit of kindness. I have a bit of quiet to enjoy.

So my friend and dear self, just know you are loved. And that will always be enough.

Sincerely,
Janet

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Fishers kicks off Disability Awareness Month

By **LARRY LANNAN**
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The Council Chambers at Fishers City Hall were nearly full Friday morning as the city kicked off the month of March, Disability Awareness Month. Cecilia Coble and Stacey Oldham, co-chairs of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, handled the welcoming duties for the kick-off celebration.

There were two keynote speakers this year – Noah Malone and Jordan Dickey.

Noah is a junior at

Hamilton Southeastern High School and is a star runner on the track team. He contracted a medical condition that has severely limited his eyesight. That hasn't stopped Noah from continuing his athletic career and he is still a standout performer on the track squad.

Jordan has a severe disability that confines him to a wheelchair, but that hasn't stopped Jordan from being a wheelchair soccer player for 15 years. Jordan received a college degree and an MBA. He did an internship with a local

marketing company Statwax. Jordan illustrated for the company what he could do in crunching data and is now a valued full-time employee for Statwax.

Mayor Scott Fadness asked each of the keynote speakers what bothers them the most about how others deal with them, and both said they just want their fellow students and coworkers to treat them like anybody else in school or in the work place.

The Advisory Committee on Disability awarded the Life Without Limits Award to Conner Prairie

for the nonprofit group's work with the disability community. The award was accepted by Conner Prairie's Human Resources Director Shelby Slowik.

The bottom line message from the kickoff event was this: If given the proper tools and support, those with disabilities can be major contributors to society.

Larry Lannan recorded a podcast with Jordan Dickey, Stacey Oldham and Cecilia Coble about this year's Disability Awareness Month activities during March in Fishers. Visit bit.ly/2tIwv19 to listen.



Photo provided
Shelby Slowik (left) accepts the Life Without Limits Award on behalf of Conner Prairie. Standing at right is Fishers City Councilwoman Cecilia Coble.

Expect increase in aggressive driving patrols this month

The REPORTER

Spring is just around the corner. As temperatures rise and winter ice and snow recede from the roads, Hoosier drivers are tempted to increase their speeds and take more risks behind the wheel.

The Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership, a consortium of law enforcement agencies around

the county and about 230 law enforcement agencies across Indiana, is warning drivers of increased patrols this March for aggressive driving violations. Overtime traffic enforcement is funded through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

The rules of the road

are not only the law, they are designed to help everyone reach their destinations safely and efficiently. By warning drivers of aggressive driving enforcement, the aim is to prevent unsafe driving and save lives.

Failing to yield the right of way is one of the top causes of crashes that lead to injuries and deaths. Following too closely and unsafe lane movement violations are also among top causes of crashes. Other aggressive driving violations include unsafe speed; driving too fast for weather conditions; disregarding a traffic signal or sign; and improper passing, turning, or lane usage.

Young drivers, particularly young men, are more likely to engage in unsafe driving behaviors before a crash. Statistics and more information are in the most recent Crash Fact Book and Dangerous Driving Fact Sheet that ICJI publishes with the Indiana University Public Policy Institute at trafficsafety.iupui.edu.

Nickel Plate Arts to relaunch Noblesville-themed gift shop

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A Noblesville-focused gift shop is coming to the Square in Downtown Noblesville. Nickel Plate Arts, in partnership with the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Main Street and Hamilton County Tourism, is relaunching a store in the former Visitors Center building, located at 839 Conner St., after a highly successful test run over the 2018 holiday season. The shop will re-open with a special grand opening event at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 15.

Nickel Plate Arts Executive Director Ailithir McGill says she is looking forward to what this shop will bring to the Downtown Noblesville community.

"This space will be able to showcase the talent within the Noblesville Cultural Arts District, as well as celebrate Noblesville's past, present and future," McGill said.

The new shop will be a hub for people to find out about local makers and upcoming area events. McGill noted that Nickel Plate Arts'

partnership with the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Main Street and Hamilton County Tourism contributes to the success of the Noblesville creative community.

"We all share a vision for how this space can continue to help Noblesville's Creative Economy grow," McGill said.

As part of the relaunch effort, Nickel Plate Arts is asking Noblesville residents to vote on their favorite shop name. Find the link to vote at nickelplatearts.org and on Nickel Plate Arts' Facebook or Twitter pages. The contenders for the gift shop's name are "Love, Noblesville," "NobleMade," "Nothing But Noblesville," and "South Alley Shops." Residents can vote on their favorite name by Wednesday, March 13.

The shop will open with "spring hours," which are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. It will open early or stay open late for important community

events throughout the year. The shop will include items from the Noblesville Miller Mall as well as hyperlocal, Noblesville-themed gift items from local artists and makers. Interested artisans can contact Nickel Plate Arts' exhibits and sales manager Jessica Lovell via email at jlovell@nickelplatearts.org for more information on product placement.

About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. The Nickel Plate Arts Trail extends 30 miles through Fishers, Noblesville, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta and Tipton. Visit Nickel Plate Arts at 107 S. 8th St. in Noblesville, online at nickelplatearts.org or call 317-452-3690.

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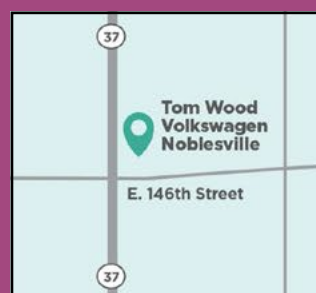


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'Hounds hold off Royals for fifth straight championship

By RICHIE HALL

CARMEL - Winning a boys basketball sectional championship is never as easy as it looks.

Just ask Carmel, which successfully defended its home gym Saturday night by winning the Class 4A Sectional 8 title at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The No. 1-ranked Greyhounds had to fight for the entire game against old rival Hamilton Southeastern, but found a way to a 45-39 victory. This is the fifth straight sectional championship for Carmel and qualifies the 'Hounds for the Logansport regional, where they will play Fort Wayne Northrop in the first game, at 10 a.m. next Saturday.

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy, and you got to give those guys credit," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. "They fought. It was one of the most back-and-forth games that I've been a part of. I was happy the most with our guys responding. It's not like they got punched in the mouth and they took it, they sat back and took it. They came back and they battled. I thought they were tough."

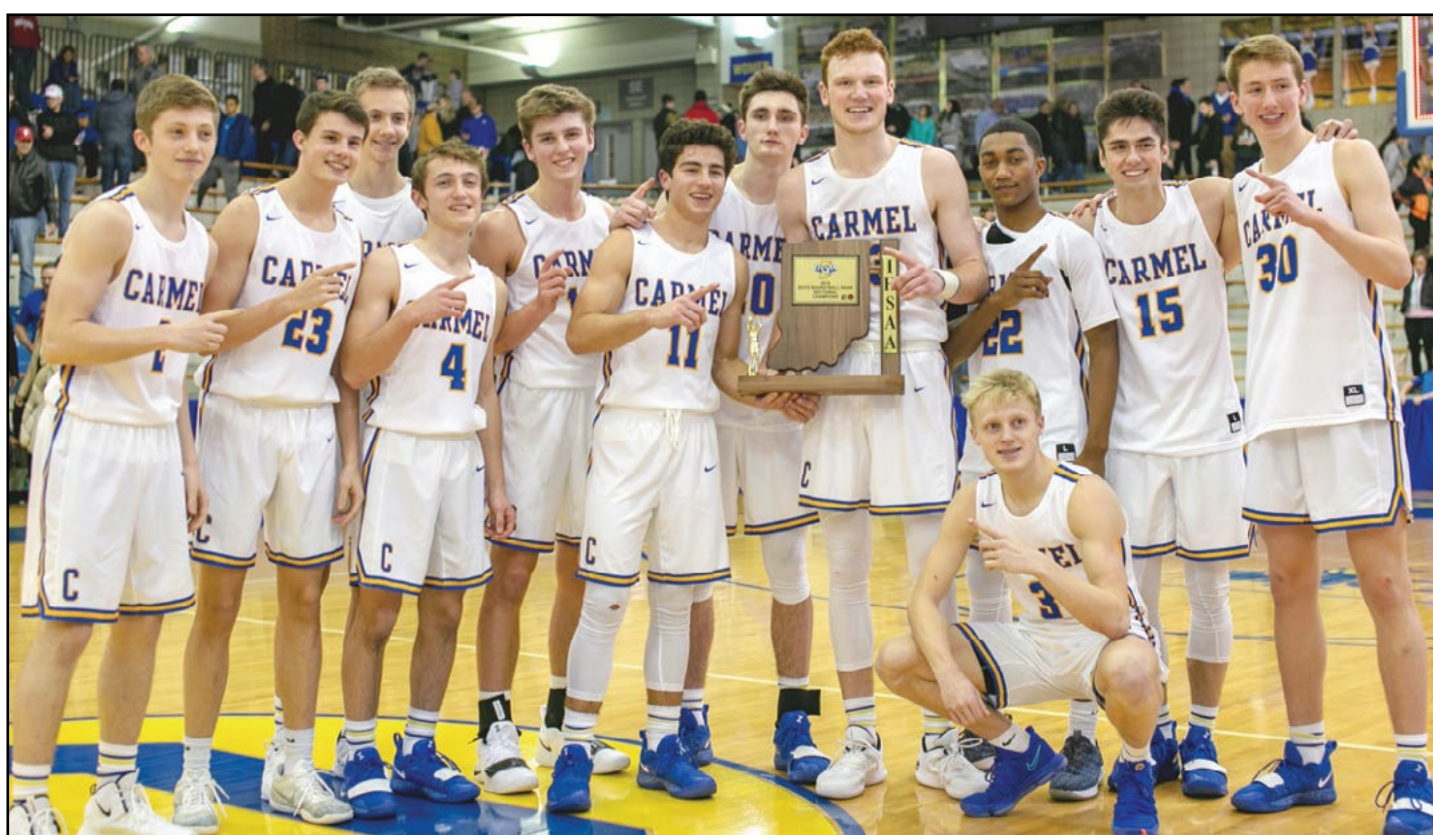
The Greyhounds never trailed in the game, and were only tied once: Carmel's Andrew Owens opened the contest with a 3-pointer, but the Royals' Vinny Buccilla answered that with a three-point play.

Karsten Windlan's jumper got the 'Hounds ahead 5-3. Seconds later, Windlan and Owens made back-to-back 3s, putting Carmel up 11-4.

The Greyhounds led 13-9 after the first quarter, and quickly extended the lead to 15-9 after John Michael Mulloy made a layin and Windlan converted two free throws. Southeastern's Kole Hornbuckle nearly brought the Royals all the way back, draining a 3, then scoring off a steal. Mulloy got the lead back to five with a layin, but Chris Grubbs nailed a triple, and got HSE within 19-17.

The Royals were without injured starting guard Noah Smith, so several players stepped up for Southeastern. Osborn praised the Royals on their effort after the game, calling them "a good, talented team."

"They're really good as far as keeping guys off the boards and limiting extra possessions," said Osborn. "Against a team like that, they go 7-2, 6-7, 6-6, 6-6 to start the game. And they're flying in there. I think the



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Carmel boys basketball team won its fifth consecutive sectional championship Saturday at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The Greyhounds held off Hamilton Southeastern 45-39 for the title, and will next play at the Logansport regional.

first seven possessions they get five offensive rebounds.

"Our guys battled. Andrew comes out with a lip cut and bleeding everywhere, and he gets it fixed and he's right back in there, and he battles for the rest of the game."

Grubbs would later make 3 of 4 foul shots with under 12 seconds left in the second quarter (on separate fouls), cutting Carmel's lead to 21-20. But Greyhounds freshman Pete Suder put in a layin with time running out in the half, giving Carmel a 23-20 halftime lead.

"Before the game, we always tell each other, 'There's going to be some runs, but we got to stick together and play as a team,'" said Windlan. "We really bought into that."

The third quarter was a defensive one, as both teams scored eight points. Southeastern got within one point twice, including at 27-26 when Landon Morris hit a jump shot. Mulloy made two foul shots, then Suder scored again

to get the lead back to 31-26.

The Royals had the last word of the period, as Aaron Etherington's floater kept the Royals within 31-28. But Carmel got going in the fourth, beginning the quarter with an 8-0 run. Windlan started the run with a free throw, Suder made a layin, then Mulloy converted a three-point play to give the 'Hounds their biggest lead, 37-28. Windlan scored soon after, and Carmel was up 39-28.

"The great thing is, we can say we've been here before," said Mulloy. "And it was awesome just to know that we were able to focus in on things. We have a freshman (Suder) starting. He's learning and it's a great time to lead and just show the younger kids what to do and to step up and that's what they're doing."

Southeastern made one last push with under two minutes left: Grubbs drained two

free throws, then Etherington dunked a rebound, keeping HSE within 41-36 with 1:17 left. But the clock was on Carmel's side by now. Owens made a layin with under a minute to go, then Mulloy made two free throws with 15 seconds left.

Mulloy scored 19 points and Windlan added 10; both collected eight rebounds. Owens also scored 10 points.

Grubbs scored 12 points and pulled seven rebounds for Southeastern, which finished the season 16-9. Morris and Mabor Majak each grabbed six rebounds, and Etherington dished out four assists.

Carmel's win marked the boys basketball program's 29th sectional championship, and the third time that the Greyhounds have won five in a row. Carmel won nine consecutive titles between 1966 and 1974, then collected five straight championships between 1976 and 1980.

Semi-final games: Royals hold off Millers, great start helps Carmel past Fishers

By RICHIE HALL

CARMEL - Hamilton Southeastern got past Noblesville 47-41 in Friday night's first semi-final game at the Eric Clark Activity Center in Carmel.

Southeastern (16-8) jumped out to an 8-2 first-quarter lead, with Noah Smith scoring five points. But the Millers cut the lead to 8-7 by the end of the period. Xavier Hines made a layin and Alex Hunt finished the quarter with a three-point play.

Sophomore Landon Morris hit back-to-back baskets to open the second quarter, and an Aaron Etherington 3-pointer got HSE up 15-7. Hines hit his own 3, which the Royals' Vinny

Buccilla answered with another Southeastern triple. The Royals led 18-11 at halftime, but a got big scare when Noah Smith went down with an injury.

"He's the motor that makes us go," said HSE coach Brian Satterfield. "He's our best defender. He's the guy that pushes the ball. He can create offense. You saw him hit the 3 to start the game. He was ready for that challenge."

Hines opened the second half with another 3-pointer, then Jordan Schmidt got hot, scoring nine points in the third quarter (two 3s and a traditional three-point play). Southeastern was able to stay ahead, though, as Etherington scored eight points;

he drained two 3s and scored off a rebound.

"He stepped up big and hit some big shots for us," said Satterfield. "But all the guys did."

Etherington's second 3 of the quarter put the Royals up 31-25, but Zack Johnson cut it to 31-29 with consecutive baskets. Mabor Majak hit a free throw to move HSE ahead 32-29; that would be the score at the end of the third.

Etherington opened the fourth by nailing back-to-back 3s, but the Millers answered that with a 10-3 to get within 41-39. Hines hit another 3, while Johnson scored four points. Eagan Keever-Hill hit two foul shots with 1:10 left, and Noblesville was within two.

Chris Grubbs made two



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Jordan Schmidt scored 11 points for the Millers during their sectional semi-final game with Hamilton Southeastern Friday at Carmel. Pictured for the Royals are Landon Morris (35) and Aaron Etherington (2), who scored 18 points and made five 3-pointers for Southeastern in its 47-41 win.

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Huskies beat Burris, lose to New Castle

Hamilton Heights opened play at Sectional 24 with a 62-46 win over Muncie Burris at the New Castle Fieldhouse.

The Huskies led 20-14 after the first quarter, with AJ Field scoring 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. The Owls cut that advantage to 34-31 by halftime, but Heights took control by outscoring Burris 16-5 in the third for a 50-36 lead. Gus Etchison had nine second-period points, then added six more in the third.

Etchison led the way with 19 points, while Field added 12 and Hudson Hochstedler scored 10. Brent Pennington threw in three 3-pointers for nine points. Field collected eight rebounds and Pennington had seven.

Etchison dished out six assists, while Field handed out

four assists and blocked two shots. Hochstedler also had two blocks.

Heights lost a tough Sectional 27 semi-final game to New Castle 55-52 Friday.

New Castle led 16-13 after the first quarter and 30-24 at halftime, but the Huskies' defense took over in the third quarter, allowing the Trojans just four points. That allowed Heights to take a 37-34 lead. Etchison scored seven points in that period, this after scoring eight in the first.

The Huskies led by nine at one point during the fourth, but New Castle came back, thanks to the efforts of Luke Bumbalough, who poured in 17 points in that quarter. Bumbalough finished the game with 32 points to lead all scorers.

Etchison led Heights with 21 points, while Hochstedler scored 20 points, including three 3-pointers. Etchison collected eight rebounds, with Kray Leininger grabbing six and Issiac Hickok five.

The Huskies finished their season 15-8.

'Hawks fall to Frankton

Sheridan lost its Sectional 40 semi-final game to Class 2A No. 4 Frankton Friday night at Elwood.

The Eagles jumped out to a 22-7 first quarter lead, then were ahead 33-15 at halftime and 45-23 after three periods. Drake Delph scored 10 points to lead the Blackhawks, while Nick Burnell collected eight rebounds. Nolan Buckner pulled four rebounds, with Caleb Duke, Walker Casler and Will Zachery each making a 3-pointer. Sheridan finished its season 8-14.

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First-round games: HSE beats Westfield in double OT, Tigers win easily

Sectional 8 at Carmel got off to an exciting start, as Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield played a double overtime game in the first of last Tuesday's two first-round games at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The Royals eventually beat the Shamrocks 62-57.

"They went out there and they competed," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield of his team. "Was it our best game? No. But we found a way."

Westfield led 15-8 after the first quarter, with senior Caleb Welch scoring six of those points. The Royals came back to take a 26-20 halftime lead; junior Mabor Majak had seven points in the second period, with Landon Morris adding six points.

"Didn't get off to a good start, but our bench came in and gave us a spark and we got things turned around," said Satterfield.

Southeastern held a 30-22 lead early in the third, but back-to-back 3s from senior Zach Banks suddenly cut the lead to 30-28. The Royals worked their way back to a 35-30 lead, but Welch and Eli Patchett threw in consecutive 3s to put the 'Rocks up 36-35.

A late three-point play by Chris Grubbs got HSE ahead 40-36 at the end of the third period. Westfield opened the fourth with a 7-0 run, all by Banks (two free throws, a 3 and a floater.) The 'Rocks still led 46-44 with 30 seconds left, but Grubbs tied the game with a layin, and regulation ended at 46-46.

"We knew that they were going to be ready to come out and we knew we were in a dogfight from there," said Satterfield.

Banks and Welch both hit 3s in the first overtime, with Welch's triple putting Westfield ahead 52-50. Noah Smith hit two free throws with 1:45 left, and those would be the final points of the first extra period. A last HSE shot didn't go, so there would be more free basketball.

The Royals took care of business quickly in the second OT. Morris and Grubbs made back-to-back layins, then Vinny Buccilla hit 3 of 4 foul shots to give Southeastern a 59-52 lead. Welch hit another 3, but the Royals again made free throws to seal the game.

"They kept coming together, they kept talking," said Satterfield. "Was it a perfect game or a good game for us? Not in the least. You got to give them a lot of credit for that. But at the same time, we kept getting some stops, we kept making plays when we had to. We found a way to win."

Grubbs scored 15 points, pulled eight rebounds and



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Fishers' Luke Hernandez scored seven points for the Tigers in their 65-51 sectional first-round win over Anderson last Tuesday.

dished out six assists Morris went 7 of 7 from the lead to add 14 points. Majak had 13 points and seven rebounds. Noah Smith had five assists.

Banks scored 16 points, with Welch and Braden Smith both adding 15 points; Banks and Smith led the rebounding with five each. Patchett scored 11. Smith dished out five assists, and Welch handed out four. The Shamrocks were 11 of 22 from 3-point range; Welch hit four, Patchett three, and Banks and Smith each had two 3s.

The Shamrocks finished their season 12-11. Fishers advanced to the semi-finals of Sectional 8 with a 65-51 victory over Anderson. The Tigers got off to a solid start, leading 20-11 after the first quarter. Willie Jackson scored seven points, while Jeffrey Simmons added six. Things slowed down for both teams in the second period, but Fishers was able to extend its lead to 27-17 at halftime.

"For our guys, playing sometimes versus getting the bye is important," said Tigers coach Matt Moore. "And I thought



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Westfield's Caleb Welch scored 15 points, including four 3-pointers, for the Shamrocks last Tuesday. Pictured at right is Hamilton Southeastern's Vinny Buccilla.

for this group, based on the match-ups that we got, playing was important for us. We got to get the nerves out, we got to settle in."

The coach credited Anderson with playing "extremely hard," and said his team "did enough in the first quarter to get a good lead. As they made their runs, we settled in and responded."

Alex Szilagyi began to heat up in the third quarter for the Tigers, nailing his first 3-pointer of the game. Fishers led 40-28 after three. The Indians got to within 46-40 with around five minutes left in the fourth, but Szilagyi took over afterwards, pouring in 11 of his 13 fourth-quarter points in the final 4:45.

"Alex had a huge third and fourth quarter for us," said Moore.

Szilagyi led the way with 20 points, while Simmons scored 12. Justin Long also had a good game, scoring 12 points.

Heights' Keagan Trexler named Bowler of the Year

Hamilton Heights senior Keagan Trexler was named Indiana High School Bowling's girls Bowler of the Year for the 2018-19 season.

Trexler was awarded the honor after scoring the most points in the organization's All-State calculations for this year. Trexler finished as runner-up in the IHSB state tournament this season after winning the state championship last year as a junior. Keagan followed in the footsteps of her sister Aubree Trexler, who won Bowler of the Year in 2012.

Carmel sophomore Casey Saas was named as Honorable Mention to the IHSB girls All-State team. Meanwhile, Trexler and Noblesville junior Taylor Smith were both named to the IHSB All-Region Central (Noblesville) team.

It's been an eventful year for Trexler. In addition to her high school bowling success, she bowled a 300 game on Nov. 18, matching the achievement of her father Jimmy Trexler.

STATE TOURNAMENT RECAP

The IHSB's state tournament series began on Jan. 11-12. Heights, Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern competed in the White River Valley I sectional, which took place at Championship Lanes in Anderson.

Trexler placed third in the individual qualifying with a 597, followed by Smith with a 544. Trexler advanced to the stepladder round, where she bowled off against the fourth qualifier, Rylee Franklin of Madison-Grant. Franklin won 169-162.

Noblesville's boys team placed second as a team with 2300, and had three bowlers advance to the regional individually: Nathan Smith advanced to the stepladder round after qualifying second in the singles with a 706, then Andrew Elliott placed ninth with a 586, and James Sutton was 10th with a 586. Noblesville lost to Alexandria in the team stepladder 404-373.

Heights' Alex Snay finished 11th with a 585 to advance. In the singles stepladder, Smith beat Elwood's Brayden Alfrey 258-212 to reach the championship round, where he lost to Lapel's Jaxon Fetty 257-239.

Meanwhile, teams from Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern competed in the Indianapolis Northwest Sectional at Woodland Bowl. Carmel's boys placed second with 2108 and Southeastern was third with 2105, both moving on to the regional. In the team stepladder, Southeastern beat Carmel 381-350 to reach the championship. HSE lost to Ben Davis 411-334 in the final.

Carmel's Steven Dawson was the top qualifier with a 647, advancing to the singles stepladder. HSE's Myles Moser and Tanner Schindler were fifth (575) and sixth (570) respectively, followed by Carmel's Nathan Ashley in seventh (558) and Dalton Grubbs in eighth (547). Dawson received a bye into the championship match of the stepladder, but lost to Ben Davis' Kade Metzka 229-184.

Meanwhile, Saas qualified second in the girls singles with a 523. She lost to Ben Davis' Marlee White in the stepladder, 204-193.

REGIONAL ROUND

Qualifiers from the White River Valley I and Indianapolis Northwest sectionals advanced to the Noblesville regional, which took place at Bowl 32 on Jan. 19. Due to the weather, there were no stepladder rounds.

In the boys event, Noblesville finished third as a team with a 2288, advancing to the regional. In the individual standings, Noblesville's Nathan Smith placed 10th (590) and teammate James Sutton was 11th (588), while Hamilton Southeastern's Tanner Schindler took 13th (581).

As for the girls: Smith won the regional championship with a score of 631, with Trexler placing second by bowling 619. Saas took sixth with a score of 540.

The regional qualifiers advanced to the Richmond semi-state, which took place Jan. 26 at Richmond 40 Bowl. The Noblesville boys team finished second in the team standings with a 2337, thus qualifying for state. In the stepladder, Noblesville lost to eventual champion Wapahani 404-385.

Meanwhile, Sutton finished fourth in the singles with a 622, qualifying not only for state individually but also for the stepladder. Sutton lost to Metzka 205-160.

In the girls, Saas and Trexler both qualified for state and the stepladder; Saas placed first with a 614 and Trexler was third with a 579. Trexler then beat Southport's Madison Woodmansee 215-131 to advance to the semi-final, where she lost to Franklin Central's Chelsey Jines 192-175. Jines then beat Saas 170-150 for the semi-state title.

The state meet took place Feb. 2 at Championship Lanes in Anderson. Noblesville's boys team qualified third with a 2236 and advanced to the stepladder, where it fell in the first round to Homestead 360-340. Sutton finished 13th individually by bowling 571.

In the girls competition, Trexler was the top individual qualifier with a score of 609, advancing directly to the championship match. Trexler fell to Southport's Melissa

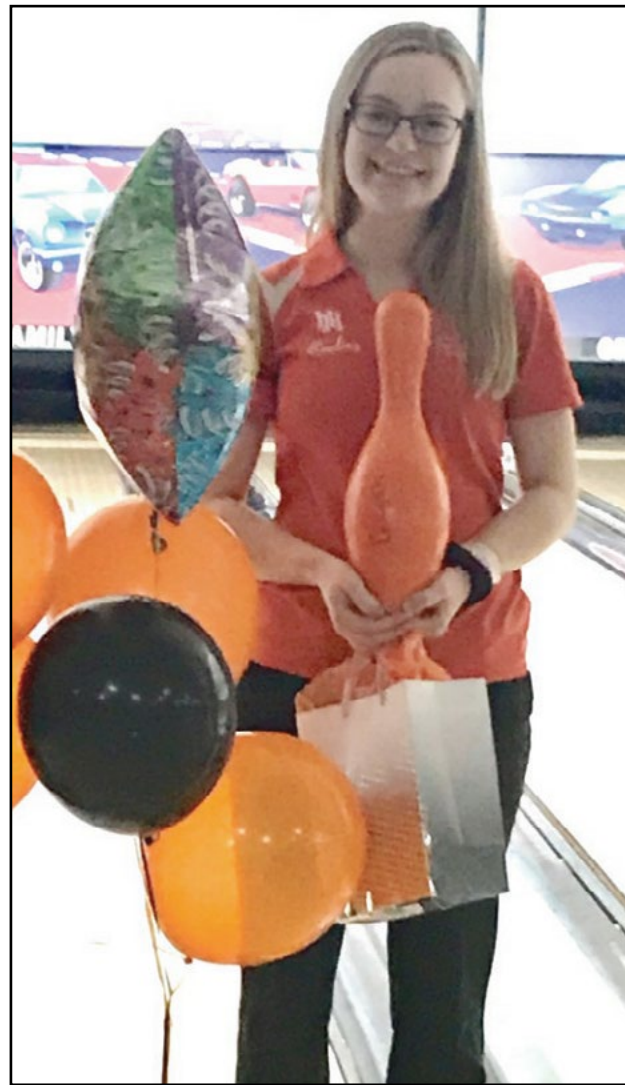


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Hamilton Heights senior Keagan Trexler was named Bowler of the Year by Indiana High School Bowling after her performance throughout this season. Trexler also rolled a perfect 300 game last fall, matching the achievement of her father.

Bushong in that match, 211-163. Saas placed 16th with a 462.

GAMES

foul shots to push the Royals ahead by four, but Hines answered that with a pair of free throws. The Millers were now within 43-41 with 49.5 seconds left, but HSE would not let them score again, getting the game's last four points.

"We're one possession away with 49 seconds to go," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. "Couldn't be prouder of them and how they improved from the first time we played them to the second time we played them."

Etherington finished the game with 18 points, including five 3s. Morris added nine points and collected eight rebounds. Grubbs was all over the stat line, with eight rebounds, six points, four assists and two blocked shots.

"Landon's just been coming on," said Satterfield. "He's been tremendous here, especially the second half of the season."

Hines scored 15 points and pulled five rebounds, while Schmidt added 11 and made four steals. Zack Johnson scored eight, while Keever-Hill handed out five assists. All four are seniors, with another senior Alex Hancock, in the starting lineup as well.

"We went through a great stretch there," said McCauley, whose team ended the

season 13-11. "They finished the season really strong. We had one hiccup in our last home game, but other than that, we really finished the season strong. That's the mark of a senior-laden team, a team that wants to win as opposed to a team that wants to get the season over with. That's what senior leadership will do."

Carmel advanced to the Sectional 8 championship game with a 62-52 win over Fishers. The Greyhounds got off to a great start, holding a double-digit lead late in the first quarter, then weathered a comeback by the Tigers in the fourth quarter.

"You know that teams are going to make a run," said Greyhounds coach Ryan Osborn. "You try and prep the guys for it. You know everything's not going to go exactly the way you want it to."

Carmel skipped off to a 7-0 lead, with two John Michael Mulloy baskets sandwiching a 3-pointer from Andrew Owens. Luke Hernandez hit a jumper to get Fishers on the board, but the 'Hounds used a 10-3 run to consume the remainder of the first quarter and lead 17-5. Luke Heady started the run with a 3.

Carmel then made an 8-2 run that lasted most of the second period and gave it a 25-7

lead. Mulloy scored five points, while Ben Frische added the other three points. Alex Szilagyi ended the run by making a 3, but Robert Fry scored on a layin, then Peter Suder got a basket off a steal to end the half, giving the Greyhounds a 29-10 lead.

"I thought we started the game well, and we executed and defended. We did everything we needed to do except make free throws in the first half to build a lead," said Osborn.

The game tightened up in the second half, but Carmel was able to keep a comfortable distance from Fishers in the third quarter. Mulloy scored six more points in the third, with Owens hit another 3. Josiah Matthews got going for the Tigers, adding seven points, then Willie Jackson made two free throws at the very end of the period.

Hernandez opened the fourth quarter with a 3, keeping Fishers within 41-28, but Karsten Windlan immediately got the lead back up to 44-28 with a three-point play. Carmel later led 47-31, but Jackson single-handedly took the Tigers on an 8-2 run, making two free throws, draining a 3, then converting a traditional three-point play. That cut the Greyhounds' lead to 10, at 49-39. Szilagyi got the lead under 10 by nailing

a 3, putting Fishers within 53-46. Two Jackson free throws then cut the lead further, to 54-48. But Windlan answered by going 4 of 4 from the line during a 15-second period, and that got Carmel out of trouble.

"I'm proud of the seniors," said Osborn. "I'm proud of their resolve, their ability to get through stuff."

Mulloy scored 19 points for the 'Hounds, who are now 21-1 for the season, with Windlan adding 14 and Owens scoring 11. Owens and Mulloy each collected five rebounds.

Jackson, a senior, scored 18 points and made all 11 of his free throw attempts. Hernandez contributed 11 points, while Matthews, Szilagyi and Jeffrey Simmons all collected four rebounds. Fishers finished its season 17-8.

"Proud of our seniors," said Fishers coach Matt Moore. "I think our seniors really set the tone, not only for the season, but for the program. They've done something, an uncharted territory in terms of taking our team to the number of wins we had and the places that we've won. That's a credit to those guys for the time and every that they've spent. We're going to miss those guys dearly."

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