



(From left) Highlands Latin School students Ava Concannon, Audrey Lach, Isabella Concannon and Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks.

Brooks awards Congressional medal to three Carmel students

The REPORTER

On Feb. 19, Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks presented three bronze Congressional medals to students Audrey Lach, Ava Concannon and Isabella Concannon of Highlands Latin School in Carmel.

States Congress established the Congressional Award Foundation to recognize initiative, service and achievement in our country's youth.

The Congressional Award program was designed to instill a wide range of life skills and attributes necessary to navigate and overcome obstacles on the path to success – both in the classroom and beyond.

Once a young person has met these challenges and attained their goals, the hope is that they will continue to amaze and inspire by pursuing their passions, utilizing their talents, and demonstrating an unwavering commitment to making the world a better place.

Each participant sets goals in four program areas: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

The Test Kitchen, part of the Fishers District development near Ikea along 116th Street, will be partnering with local restaurateur Neal Brown and his hospitality company, Howe and Brown Hospitality Group, to advise the

Jensen to deliver first Noblesville State of the City

The REPORTER

Today, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen will deliver his inaugural "State of the City" address to a record-setting crowd at Embassy Suites, 13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and the program is set to begin at 12:15 p.m. today.

Jensen's speech will share what Noblesville's Next Chapter has in store for residents and businesses and new projects and initiatives under his administration.



Jensen

Fishers restaurateur to partner with Test Kitchen

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

new chefs as they launch their restaurant concepts.

Brown and partner Greg Howe bring more than 30 total years of industry expertise to the Fishers Test Kitchen and will coach the chefs on creating successful business systems and integrating larger teams into their kitchen operations.

"Far too often restaurants can languish in the startup phase, so we will be helping these chefs build

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Astronaut gives Army oath to local students from space



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

On Wednesday, 15 Noblesville High School students took an oath of enlistment with the US Army from NASA astronaut Andrew Morgan, who is currently serving aboard the International Space Station. The first-ever live oath of enlistment from space was streamed from the Space Center in Houston to multiple locations across the United States. Students will formally enlist following graduation.



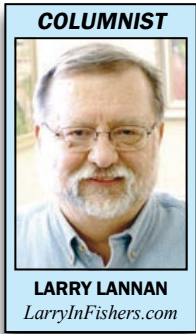
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This is an artist's rendering of the roundabout at 141st Street and State Road 37, as plans stand currently.

SR 37, 141st and budgets

Based on my website analytics, a large number of readers have absorbed the Feb. 21 post on State Road 37 and 141st Street. Based on the feedback I am getting from my readers, it appears most residents understand what is going on, but allow me to put the entire issue into some perspective.

It is clear members of the Fishers City Council are hearing from their constituents about my story. Todd Zimmerman recently posted on Facebook about the issue and Jocelyn Vare raised the subject on her live Facebook video Tuesday night.



I want everyone to know how I learned there were potential budget issues that could impact the roundabout plans at 141st and SR 37. It was a document posted on a Hamilton County website. It provided minutes of a recent County Commissioners meeting when Commissioner Christine Altman mentioned, per those minutes, that Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness contacted her asking whether the county was "committed on 141st Street or not."

When I asked the city for comment, the

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Kakasuleff re-elected as Soil & Water board supervisor

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) held its annual meeting last Thursday to showcase activities in 2019, give conservation awards, and hold an election for a board supervisor.

This year, SWCD hosted Melissa Widhalm from the Purdue Climate Change Research Center to speak about climate change and "Building Resiliency for Tomorrow's Climate."

Each year the district awards organizations and individuals for outstanding work in protecting the county's natural resources. This year Jason Armour



from the City of Fishers Storm Water Program and Kim Gauen won Outstanding Partner of Urban Conservation awards. The Nature Conservancy won the Partner in Conservation award. Amy Jo Farmer of Farmers Gold, Inc. won the River Friendly Farmer award, and Jennifer Jacks from Sand Creek Elementary won Outstanding Natural Resources Educator.

Attendees re-elected Jared Kakasuleff as a supervisor for the Hamilton

County SWCD Board. After the vote, Hamilton County Councilor Ken Alexander conducted the oath of office.

Kakasuleff is a grain farmer who lives in Arcadia and has served 14 years on the SWCD board. Supervisors on the board give guidance and insight to the SWCD's activities. The board meets once a month to discuss the goals of the District in relation to its five-year strategic plan. Board members serve a three-year term and donate their time to protect the natural resources in Hamilton County.

Learn more about the SWCD's activities and programs at hamiltonswcd.org.



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Hamilton County Councilman Ken Alexander (left) administered the oath of office to Jared Kakasuleff (right) during last week's meeting.



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procedures and systems to standardize how they operate, creating cultures for success,” said Brown in a city news release.

The Fishers Test Kitchen is home to Korave Korean BBQ, Lil Dumplings, featuring global street food and Natural State Provisions, with Arkansas-inspired cuisine. Sun King brewery also has a stand at the Test Kitchen.

“We want to give these chefs as much support as possible as they begin their entrepreneurial careers in Fishers,” said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadden. “Neal and Greg have a demonstrated record of success as restaurateurs, and their expertise and mentorship will be invaluable to the startup culinary scene in Fishers.”

Brown said he is looking forward to mentoring fellow restaurateurs. “We are restaurateurs by trade, and we’re here to share what we know.”

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communications staff confirmed that the mayor had a conversation with Commissioner Altman, discussing contingencies in the event of cost overruns.

I attend city meetings regularly, including the City Council Finance Committee, the City Council and the Board of Works and Public Safety. It is clear to me that construction costs are rising at a clip not foreseeable when the \$124 million budget was set for the SR 37 project in 2015. I understand staying within budget will be a challenge.

As a reporter, once I reviewed the commissioners’ meeting minutes, it was the first time there had been any public indication that the budget on this highway reconstruction could have a major impact on the 141st Street interchange.

As plans stand now, 141st Street will be a roundabout at State Road 37. As I wrote on Feb. 21, no decision has been made to change that interchange into a right-in, right-out design, with no way to cross SR 37 at 141st Street. It appears costs of construction, if continuing to climb, could be a problem.

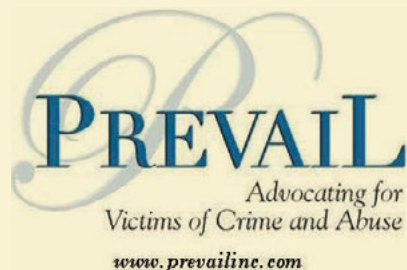
I feared that many would not read the story carefully, but the comments I have received, via social media and blog comments, show me that most readers know this is a contingency plan. However, some are very upset that this is even being considered.

It will be a while before any decision is made on 141st Street at SR 37, and I sincerely believe city officials in charge of this project, and the county which has partnered on the funding, will do everything in their power to keep the roundabout design on 141st and SR 37 intact.

However, we all need to be aware that the budget could fall short. Since I live near this area, I have been getting plenty of comments from my neighbors. I understand the concern. But let’s wait for the decision.

As your local volunteer blog reporter, I will be watching this and other developments as the SR 37 reconstruction begins in the coming weeks and months.

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn’t something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don’t often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we’re breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

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Statewide invasive species conference set for March 26

The REPORTER

The Indiana Invasives Initiative (III) will hold its first statewide conference on Thursday, March 26 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center. The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is packed with speakers and information. The event will provide technical training, the latest updates and research on invasive species, and an overview of Indiana's Terrestrial Plant Rule, which becomes enforceable in April.

Anyone with a personal or professional interest in invasive species management, CISMA representatives, park professionals, land managers, foresters, arborists, contractors, farmers, landscape professionals or watershed managers will want to come. The goal is to share information and build partnerships across the state. Registration is \$25 per person and can be done online. The conference is expected to draw 300 attendees and sponsorships are available at various levels. More information is available at sicim.info.

The agenda includes evaluating the future impacts of invasive species and the impact on forest health, soils and watersheds. There will be a session on management techniques, updates on some invasive threats and a session on the role of native plants in supporting biodiversity in soils, arthropods and birds. There will also be a rollout of a new native woody alternative app, a pocket guide update for the Terrestrial Plant Rule, and information on the status of the Indiana Invasive Initiative and Sen-



Photo provided
Ken Cote, one of the speakers at the upcoming CISMA conference, is shown here in front of a patch of kudzu he is working to control.


ate Bill 99. There will also be information on upcoming Weed Wrangles and Weed Wrangle Awards.

The Hamilton County Fairgrounds is located at 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. OISC applicators CCHs will be available for the conference.

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Noblesville Leos sell cookies for scholarship fund



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This past Friday night at Noblesville High School's basketball game against Avon, the local NHS Leos Club was selling cookies to raise funds for a Leo Scholarship to be awarded to a deserving student. The Leos thank all those who purchased cookies. The Leos are a high school group connected with the local Noblesville Lions Club. The kids learn leadership and giving via local needs in the community. Their counselor is Lion John Smith, a teacher at NHS.

Community First Bank among best places to work in Indiana

The REPORTER

Community First Bank (CFB) of Indiana, with branches in Kokomo, Westfield and Noblesville, has made the list as one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana for the sixth year in a row. This is the 15th year for the annual program created by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Best Companies Group.

Carlonda Davis, CFB Human Resources Manager, said, "CFB believes in their people and truly understands that happy employees create happy customers. We have almost doubled in size, so to be named among the Best Places to Work for the sixth year in a row is outstanding. We invest time to address our employees'

needs so they can bring the best version of themselves to work and we work hard at being the culture that families want to be a part of!"

Specific company rankings will be unveiled on April 30 at an awards dinner at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis, sponsored by Ivy Tech Community College.

The Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process in Indiana, analyzed the data and determined the final rankings. The group oversees similar programs in 25 other states.

To be considered for participation, companies had to fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a for-profit, not-for-profit business or government entity
- Be a publicly or privately held business
- Have a facility in Indiana
- Have at least 15 full-time employees working in Indiana
- Be in business a minimum of one year

To determine the Best Places to Work in Indiana, companies from across the state entered a two-part survey process. The first aspect consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25 percent of the total evaluation. The

second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience and accounted for some 75 percent of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final rankings.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in Indiana program, visit BestPlacestoWorkIN.com.

About Community First Bank

Community First Bank was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo. There are currently three branches in Kokomo, two branches in Westfield, and one branch in Noblesville. Additional information can be found at CFBIndiana.com. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

Thanks for reading The REPORTER

Goodrich's bill exempting student internship income heads to governor

The REPORTER

The Indiana Senate unanimously passed a bill authored by State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) to break down career barriers for students from low-income families.

House Enrolled Act 1009 would exempt a student's income earned through a paid internship, apprenticeship and work-based programs from their family's eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Goodrich said some students may turn down these opportunities because they could put their family at risk of losing certain benefits.

"Many companies today have a minimum re-

quirement of one to two years of relevant work experience, even for entry-level jobs," Goodrich said. "Programs like internships and apprenticeships are essential educational and networking opportunities that every student should be able to participate in without worrying about how it will affect their family's financial situation."

Speaker-elect Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said the proposed legislation comes as Indiana needs to grow and strengthen its workforce in order to meet employers' demands. Indiana's unemployment rate continues to sit below the national average,




Goodrich

which means the Hoosier state has more jobs available than people to fill them.

"Indiana is in a position where it needs to skill up its workforce as the state looks to fill roughly one million jobs over the next 10 years in critical fields like manufacturing and health care," Huston said. "By empowering the next generation of Hoosier workers, we are tapping into a broader talent pool that could help keep our state's economy thriving."

House Enrolled Act 1009 is eligible for the governor's signature to become law. For more information, visit iga.in.gov.



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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020, at the Hamilton East Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville, for discussion of Library Funding. The Committee will then move to Logan's Roadhouse, 17065 Mercantile Road, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of county finances.

The Noblesville Common Council Downtown District Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, in the Council Conference Room in Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Letter to the Editor

Carmel veteran endorses Kent Abernathy for Congress

Dear Editor:

I've been around long enough to remember the nightmare experience we used to have in our state license branches – the long lines, grumpy workers and an overall depressing time.

All that changed when Kent Abernathy took over the BMV at the request of Gov. Mike Pence. Kent insisted on better service and a more efficient system and transformed the license branches for good.

That's one of the reasons I am writing to voice my support for Kent Abernathy for Congress. In a crowded field full of good people who have been in public service, I think Kent stands taller than the rest. For him, it wasn't good enough to be a public servant ... he actually wanted to be the best public servant and change things for good. And that's what he has done.

As a Vietnam veteran, I am proud of how Kent served nearly seven years on active military duty

in Korea and with the 82nd Airborne Division, then many years later, returned to active duty and served in Baghdad with our freedom fighters in a leadership position.

All of that dedicated service to America, combined with 15 years as a businessman in the private sector, has proved to me that Kent Abernathy is the best man for the job. He will get my vote ... I hope you consider supporting him as well.

Kevin Roche
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer wonders how Carmel will pay 2020 debt

Dear Editor:

Carmel's runaway municipal debt took a dramatic turn for the worse this week.

In its Annual Financial Report to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, city hall functionaries reported the ending principal balance as of Dec. 31, 2019, to be \$223.6 million.

But, the Report listed principal and interest payment due in 2020 to be:

\$2,386,486,255.54.

Even posh and opulent City Hall could have problems ponying up that \$2.4 billion.

Lots of cake sales and pancake breakfasts on the City Hall lawn, I suppose.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Former Veterans Service Officer speaks out against commissioners

Dear Editor,

In the Jan. 29 article in The Reporter, "**Commissioners temporarily rescind appointment of Veteran Service Officer**," what it failed to tell the readers and veterans of Hamilton County is that this has been an ongoing pattern of violating the law.

I was fired as the County Veteran Service Officer because I had fallen behind on filing claims. What was NOT reported in the Dec. 12 article, "**Veteran Service officer relieved of duties**," about my firing was that I had been and still was on FMLA because of a carpal tunnel surgery with major complications and ongoing dexterity issues and chronic pain.

Ms. Charles and State District Service Officer Mark Smith were able to use my two-year ongoing medical disability to get me removed. It was their plan so she could get my job because I had refused to bring her on full-time back in June 2019. There was no funding approved for a second full-time position in the office. She felt that since she had just completed her one-week accreditation training she was due a full-time position.

Per current Indiana Code, Lisa Charles is not eligible to replace me, but the Commissioners are do-

ing all they can to get the residence requirement stripped from the law for their own benefit, not for the benefit of veterans. Their effort is to change the law so that County Veteran Service Officers will no longer be required to be an Indiana resident. In addition, every Veteran Service Organization and the Indiana Veteran Service Officers Association all unanimously opposed the residency change.

Ms. Charles just moved here from California in August of 2018, completed her first year of employment with the county on Feb. 23, and has had only one week of actual accreditation training in June of 2019. She has less than one year of actual experience on the job. I have since found other employment, but I still want to make sure our county veterans are taken care of going forward.

The committee that selected Ms. Charles was far from impartial. The committee didn't even know the basic eligibility requirements for the position and that makes their selection very questionable for many reasons.

The Commissioners have continued to allow Ms. Charles to work full-time and will be going before the County Council on March 4 to

ask for an additional full-time position. If the Commissioners are successful in getting the current Indiana Code changed for their convenience and put her back in as the County Veteran Service Officer, Hamilton County will be responsible for this change without consulting with other County Veteran Service Officers.

Veterans need to show up and demand a qualified and EXPERIENCED person be appointed as the County Veteran Service Officer and contact their local elected Officials and request the resident requirement be left in the current Indiana Code.

I had begged for three years to have the veteran service office area redone because we were on a daily basis violating veteran's privacy, and I was put off. Now that Commissioner Altman is President, she can finally get the private "ladies" restroom built that she has wanted for years as part of the veteran service area remodeling project.

I just wanted the record corrected so the veterans and voters here in Hamilton County know exactly what is going on behind the scenes.

Sincerely,
April Lynn Epperson
Noblesville

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

Acts 4:24-25 (KJV)

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Noblesville wins bowling state title

By RICHIE HALL

The Noblesville bowling team's march to a state championship in 2020 began at the state finals of 2019.

Last year's Noblesville team finished fourth in the state, but took away lessons from that day as it watched Ben Davis win the team title. Those lessons have been learned well, as Noblesville won the 2020 boys state championship, which took place Feb. 1 at Championship Lanes in Anderson.

"We watched Ben Davis take the championship that day and knew what we needed to improve on to become the 2020 State Champs," said Millers coach Jamie Elliott.

Noblesville qualified first during the team portion of the state finals, scoring a 2306. That gave the team a bye into the stepladder championship match, where it beat Terre Haute South 394-359 to win the championship.

"We worked on spare conversions all season long," said Elliott. "Much like a basketball team practices free throws I would expect. It paid off well."

Noblesville began its run to state by winning the White River Valley I sectional, which took place Jan. 10 and 11, also at Championship Lanes. The Millers also finished first in the team portion to earn a bye into the stepladder final, where they beat Elwood 457-435.

Noblesville hosted the regional at Bowl 32 on Jan. 18, where it finished third in the qualifying portion. The Millers lost in the first stepladder match to South Ripley 382-311, but still advanced to the next level.

That next level was the Kokomo semi-state, which took place Jan. 25 at Heritage Lanes. Noblesville finished fourth in the team standings, one of six teams to qualify for state and also earning another spot in the stepladder round. The Millers beat Centerville 357-301 and Terre Haute South 356-354 to advance to the championship, where they narrowly fell to Richmond 363-356.

In addition to the team success, several Noblesville individuals had good seasons as well. Five Noblesville boys and two girls advanced to the individual regional: Nathan Smith (699) placed second in the boys, followed by James Sutton (651) in fourth and McKinley Brooks (651) in fifth. Cameron Kirby (567) was 11th and Noah Tannenbaum (559) was 14th.

Smith and Sutton advanced to the stepladder; Sutton beat Elwood's Dalton Trueblood 278-166 in the first match, then had to face his teammate Smith in the second match. Smith won 230-222 to move to the championship, where he fell to Lapel's Ryan Carpenter 257-225.

In the girls sectional, Taylor Smith placed third individually with a 599 and Lena Tarzwell was eighth with 514. Smith advanced to the stepladder, where she dropped a close 190-185 match to Alexandria's Genna Martin.

Smith rebounded at the regional, where she won the individual girls championship. Taylor was first in the qualifying with a 661, earned a bye into the stepladder final, then beat Hamilton Heights' Kylee Trexler 177-173 for the title.

Three Noblesville boys advanced to the semi-state individually: Nathan Smith was first (710), Sutton was 15th (559) and Tannenbaum was 17th (551). Smith also received a bye into the stepladder final, where he finished second to



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The Noblesville bowling team won the boys state championship, which took place Feb. 1 at Championship Lanes in Anderson. Noblesville beat Terre Haute South 394-359 in the championship of the stepladder round. Pictured - Standing: Coach Doug Smith, junior McKinley Brooks, senior James Sutton, coach Tom Tarzwell, junior Noah Tannenbaum, coach Jamie Elliott. Sitting: Junior Nathan Smith, sophomore Lena Tarzwell, senior Taylor Smith, sophomore Andrew Elliott.

Lutheran's Ryan Speer 234-214.

Tannenbaum placed fifth in the boys singles at the Kokomo semi-state with a 648, while Taylor Smith was seventh in the girls by scoring 557. Both qualified for state as a result. At the state meet, Tannenbaum finished fourth with a 645 to reach the stepladder round. He won his first match, beating Elwood's Brayden Alfrey 221-196, then fell to eventual state champion, Clarksville's Evan Davis, 202-192 in the second match. Taylor Smith placed 14th in the girls state with a 496.

Prior to the tournament, the Millers won the conference title, finishing with an 11-1 record in the league. Noblesville also won the 2020 Indiana Bakers Classic the week before the sectional.

"This is a tournament to prepare for the State Tournament," said Elliott.

Noblesville's team finished with a season team average of 998, by far the best in the state. The Millers also had the top team series with a 2242, and the third-best series with a 2196. Finally, Noblesville had three of the top six season-best games, totaling an 1131 (third), 1121 (fourth) and 111 (sixth).

Nathan Smith had the best season average among boys in the state with a 237, and was one of five boys to roll a 300 game during the season. Smith was named to the boys' All-State Second Team. Elliott pointed out that Smith is "one of only a handful of boys to hold a State Team title and a State Individual Title," as he won the individual championship in 2018.

Taylor Smith was named as Honorable Mention to the All State Girls Team and was also named to the State All-Academic Team. Smith and Tarzwell both started in the boys team's final match, making it a co-ed team for the Millers.

"This is the first time a Co-Ed team has ever done that and we are only the second Co-Ed team to win the State Boys Title," said Elliott.

Sutton had Noblesville's individual high two-game series with a 503, and his

221 average put him in the top 15 in the state. Brook averaged 201 during conference play.

Andrew Elliott was the third-high average on the team in conference play with a 202, but had season-ending surgery prior to the start of the tournament.

"He helped lead the cheers and is already bowling again preparing for next seasons run for a repeat," said Jamie Elliott.

OTHER SCHOOLS

Several other schools had successful bowling seasons as well. Hamilton Heights' Kylee Trexler became the latest member of her family to win a championship, as she triumphed at the White River Valley I sectional.

Trexler qualified second in the singles with a 674, which placed her into the second stepladder match. She beat Genna Martin of Alexandria 223-196, then upset the top seed, Camryn Hickey of Lapel, 213-182 in the championship match.

Trexler placed fourth in the regional qualifying with a 578, then worked her way into the stepladder final. She beat Franklin Township's Hunter Sullivan in a tiebreak, 183+40 to 183+36, then defeated Hickey 209-165 before falling to Taylor Smith 177-173 in the final.

Westfield's boys finished third at the White River Valley I sectional to qualify for the regional. In the stepladder, Elwood beat the Shamrocks 374-279 to advance to the championship.

Meanwhile, Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern competed in the Indianapolis NorthWest sectional Jan. 11 at Western Bowl. In the boys team competition, Carmel qualified first with a 2120, followed by Southeastern with a 2039.

Brownsburg was third with a 2015; all three teams advanced to the regional. The Bulldogs advanced to the stepladder final over the Royals 396-288, but the Greyhounds won the sectional team championship over Brownsburg 364-324.

Carmel swept the individual sectional

titles. Tyler Smith qualified third in the boys singles with a 595, then won three matches in the stepladder, beating Cardinal Ritter's Ethyn Fleischmann 189-139, Ben Davis' Sean White 209-174 and Ben Davis' Kade Metz 215-164 in the final.

Smith advanced to the regional individually along with teammate Chris Mace, who placed eighth with a 523. Two Southeastern bowlers also reached the regional: Caleb Hamilton was fifth (547) and Tanner Schindler was seventh (529).

In the girls sectional, Carmel's Casey Saas qualified first with a 537, which sent her into the stepladder final. Saas beat Brownsburg's Allison Whitmire 199-154 for the championship.

The Carmel and HSE bowlers competed with the White River Valley I teams at the Noblesville regional. The Greyhounds qualified first in the team competition with a 2239, sending into the stepladder final where they beat Columbus North 396-351 for the regional trophy.

Meanwhile, the Royals' Hamilton qualified fourth individually with a 635 to reach the stepladder round, where he fell to Metza 206-143 in the first match. Hamilton advanced to the semi-state along with Schindler, who qualified 10th (584). Carmel also had two individuals reach the semi-state: Smith placed seventh (618) and Mace was 16th (554).

At the semi-state, the Carmel team finished fifth to qualify for the state meet, scoring a 2115. The Greyhounds' Smith qualified as an individual, placing seventh with a 623. HSE's Hamilton finished 11th with a 603, also qualifying for state.

Carmel's team finished fourth in the team portion of state with a 2174, sending it to the stepladder round, where the Greyhounds lost to Terre Haute South 335-300 in the first match. Meanwhile, Hamilton placed 10th individually for the Royals, scoring a 607. Carmel's Smith was 19th with a 552.



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NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	42	16	.724	-
Boston	41	17	.707	1.0
Philadelphia	36	23	.610	6.5
Brooklyn	26	31	.456	15.5
New York	17	41	.293	25.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Milwaukee	50	8	.862	-
Indiana	34	24	.586	16.0
Chicago	20	39	.339	30.5
Detroit	19	41	.317	32.0
Cleveland	17	41	.293	33.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	36	22	.621	-
Orlando	26	32	.448	10.0
Washington	21	36	.368	14.5
Charlotte	20	38	.345	16.0
Atlanta	17	43	.283	20.0

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Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	40	18	.690	-
Oklahoma City	36	22	.621	4.0
Utah	36	22	.621	4.0
Portland	26	33	.441	14.5
Minnesota	17	40	.298	22.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Lakers	44	12	.786	-
L.A. Clippers	39	19	.672	6.0
Sacramento	24	33	.421	20.5
Phoenix	24	35	.407	21.5
Golden State	12	46	.207	33.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	38	20	.655	-
Dallas	36	23	.610	2.5
Memphis	28	30	.483	10.0
New Orleans	25	33	.431	13.0
San Antonio	24	33	.421	13.5

Wednesday's scores

Charlotte 107, New York 101
Cleveland 108, Philadelphia 94
Washington 110, Brooklyn 106
Orlando 130, Atlanta 120

Minnesota 129, Miami 126
Houston 140, Memphis 112
Dallas 109, San Antonio 103
L.A. Clippers 102, Phoenix 92
Boston 114, Utah 103

Boys state swim meet starts Friday

The IHSAA boys state swim meet takes place this weekend at the IU Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis.

The meet begins at 6 p.m. Friday with the preliminaries. Those that finish in the top 16 of their event will advance to the state finals Saturday afternoon, with the top eight swimming in the championship heat and positions 9-16 swimming in the consolation heat.

Diving begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with the 32 state-qualifying divers competing in the first round. After five dives, the field is cut to 20, and those divers will advance to the semi-finals and perform three more dives. The top 16 after eight

dives move on to the finals.

Swimming and diving finals begin at 1 p.m. Saturday. Carmel enters the meet as the five-time defending team state champion.

Here is a list of Hamilton County qualifiers:

200 medley relay

2. Carmel 1:30.30, 9. Hamilton Southeastern 1:34.18, 18. Fishers 1:37.02, 19. Westfield 1:37.28.

200 freestyle

T1. Jake Mitchell (C) 1:38.83; Aaron Frolo (F) 1:38.83, 4. Keegan Streett (HSE) 1:39.33, 5. Kayden Lancaster

(C) 1:40.46, 6. Jackson Carlile (F) 1:40.92, 11. Nolan Kopp (C) 1:41.76, 17. Evan Sellers (HSE) 1:43.43, 20. Tyler Schwertfeger (F) 1:43.70.

200 individual medley

2. Wyatt Davis (C) 1:48.61, 3. Gus Rothrock (C) 1:49.24, 8. Kyle Ponsler (F) 1:51.82, 9. Ryan Malicki (C) 1:52.36, 14. Connor Harrison (HSE) 1:54.22, 17. Marcus Eden (HSE) 1:55.08, 19. Connor Carlile (F) 1:55.94.

50 freestyle

11. DJ Rogers (HSE) 21.00, 23. Andrew Christopher (HSE) 21.53, 27. Brandon Edwards (C) 21.57.

One-meter diving

6. William Jansen (F) 477.80, 9. AJ Ricafort (HSE) 444.65, 15. Sebastian Otero (F) 414.05.

100 butterfly

4. Rothrock (C) 49.79, T8. Connor Harrison (HSE) 50.62, 12. Cameron Clayton (W) 50.72, 13. Griffin Seaver (C) 50.78.

100 freestyle

1. Griffin Hadley (C) 45.06, 9. Ed-

wards (C) 45.85, 11. Streett (HSE) 46.05, 21. Rogers (HSE) 46.85, 26. Ethan Johns (C) 47.24.

500 freestyle

1. Mitchell (C) 4:27.27, 2. J. Carlile (F) 4:29.02, 3. Frolo (F) 4:30.53, 4. Ponsler (F) 4:31.75, 5. Lancaster (C) 4:33.88, 9. Seaver (C) 4:39.48, 12. Sellers (HSE) 4:41.25.

200 freestyle relay

3. Fishers 1:25.35, 4. Hamilton Southeastern 1:25.55, 7. Carmel 1:26.00.

100 backstroke

1. Davis (C) 48.38, 6. Hadley (C) 49.46, 8. Kopp (C) 49.81, 18. Eden (HSE) 51.94, 22. Israel Harding (F) 52.89, 23. Logan Ayres (F) 53.04, 25. Keegan Priest (University) 53.10.

100 breaststroke

3. Malicki (C) 55.64, 16. Kevin Sweeney (C) 58.66, T18. Clayton (W) 58.72; Zack Bostock (HSE) 58.72.

400 freestyle relay

2. Fishers 3:06.94, 5. Carmel 3:07.98, 8. Hamilton Southeastern 3:09.03, 25. Westfield 3:16.19.

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