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# Fishers lab develops swab and tube device for mass COVID-19 testing

By HANNA MORDOCH  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A lab in Fishers has developed a possible solution for mass COVID-19 testing. Quantigen Biosciences has created a swab and tube device that could enable mass, fast and inexpensive COVID-19 testing globally.

"Sometimes the solutions to problems can be very simple," said Jami Elliott, the founder and CEO of Quantigen Biosciences.

With grant funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and help from biotech partners, Quantigen Biosciences is close to accomplishing an important mission.

"Develop a very high throughput and very inexpensive process for COVID testing," Elliott said.

The company partners with large biotech to help develop products such as new tests, new assays and new instrumentation. Their latest development is a no-named swab and tube device, to help make a more efficient and user-friendly COVID-19 testing at half the cost.

"Something that is much like a Q-tip is much easier to manufacture," Elliott said.

The device is also easier for everyday people to use.

"A patient like you or I could swab our nose on our own, we don't have to go



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A new test could mean faster results for millions of people nationwide.

deep," Elliott said.

The tube has a barcode to hold patients' information. It's dry inside, but labs can add liquid and use an automated process to run many tests at once. The device could be the end of testing on only symptomatic people through a slow lab process and instead enable mass-scale asymptomatic testing.

An example of device usage would be testing all school children. Quantigen said that alone would be about 60 million tests a week.

"Amenable to that ultra-low-cost, super-high throughput," Elliott said.

"By that I mean in excess of let's say 100,000 samples a day at a site. Such

that you can get to that scale needed to get to that really good, robust, return to work and return to school programs."

The lab started developing the swab and tube device with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in the spring of 2020. At the same time, they were running diagnostic COVID-19 tests for Indiana's Health Department and doing research on testing capabilities for other diseases. Still, Quantigen Biosciences developed the swab and tube in a matter of months.

"The pace has just been, you know, amazing. That means that things like branding and naming have taken a bit of a backseat,"

Elliott said.

The no-named swab and tube could be in pilot programs across the country in the next two months. It also brings potential business opportunities for Indiana to be seen as a new home for bioscience.

Quantigen plans to double in size in 2021 and add about 35 jobs. They hope their success can pave the way for the industry to move to the Midwest and help get everyone's lives back to normal.

"It's part of the future of testing and I certainly think for super high throughput on mass testing, it's solutions like these that I think will change the landscape from where we were pre-COVID," Elliott said.

# From the desk of Heights Supt. Derek Arrowood

Update #49 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

This is K-Kids week. Just talking about this group and the work they do makes even the coldest days a little warmer. For those who may not be familiar with K-Kids, it is the largest elementary school service organization in the world and is the youngest club within the Kiwanis International family. Hamilton Heights Elementary School has had a K-Kids Club since 2008. Club advisor, Tracy Zachary, is helping students discover their passion to serve, desire to lead, and their ability to engage and collaborate with others to better the school and community.

K-Kids is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Cicero. In addition, the local Kiwanis Club sponsors two other student leadership programs at Heights, the Builders Club at the Middle School and Key Club at the High School. The Cicero Kiwanis has been doing a lot of good and making a difference for our children and our community for more than 40 years. #KidsClubWeek #KidsNeedKiwanis

Speaking of making a difference and doing good, the counseling staff at Hamilton Heights Elementary School (Nikki Wert) and Youth Assistance



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

Program (Mary Ann Haymaker) have teamed up to create 'The Gathering Place,' a safe place for students to come together, grieve, and grow. This new grief support group meets weekly during school hours to provide healing and support activities through the personal journey of loss and grief in a safe environment. The hope is that all students who have experienced loss at any level would know they are welcome.

I took a walk down memory lane this week when asked about our HHSC mobile app. It seems like just yesterday we rolled out this new mobile-friendly app to access Heights links and information from a smartphone. Technological advances quickly outdated its functionality and subsequently it was removed from app stores last year. For those loyal Huskies who may still have this app on their phone, it's time to delete it. The information on the app is no longer valid. Today, you can access all things Hamilton Heights at [hhschuskies.org](http://hhschuskies.org) from any type of computer or mobile device of your choice.

What never goes out of date is the Hamilton Heights Drama Department's spring play. There will be three special showings of this year's performance, *The Lion, The*

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# County Republicans to conduct reorganization caucus March 6

## The REPORTER

Hamilton County Republican Party (HCRP) Chairman Laura Campbell has announced a reorganization caucus will be held Saturday, March 6 at the

502 East Event Center in Carmel. The announcement indicated the caucus will be conducted for the purposes of reorganizing the county Republican Party.

According to the announcement, candidates for the party chairman must file with the county party secretary and the state party secretary at least 72 hours prior to the caucus.

The caucus will be a closed caucus and only members of the caucus, caucus board, vote tellers, candidates' designated watchers, or HCRP staff will be allowed inside.



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# Aspire expanding Noblesville clinic

## The REPORTER

Aspire Indiana Health has begun an expansion of its Noblesville health center that will result in nearly doubling its size, allowing for growth of its integrated primary and behavioral health model of care.

The construction project will take approximately 14 months and includes a new wing that will bring

the total space of the facility to 27,000 square feet from its current 14,000. It also includes renovation of the existing space and the addition of an in-house pharmacy at the clinic, located at 17840 Cumberland Road.

The total cost of the expansion is \$6.9 million, including construction, furniture and equipment.

Wurster Construction is the general contractor, with project management by Colliers and architectural planning by Artekna.

"Aspire is showing its commitment to Noblesville and Hamilton County with this major investment in community health," said Tim Crockett, Aspire Chief Financial Officer. "We are here

for the long haul to serve the Hoosiers from every walk of life with compassionate healthcare that treats the whole person, not just their symptoms."

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on March 3 with Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and dignitaries from the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce.

# Fishers COVID rating still at Level 4, but numbers declining

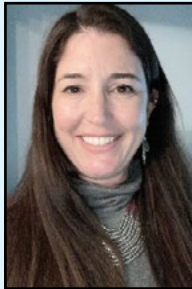
By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)

Fishers remains in Level 4, or Red, the highest on the COVID transmission rating scale, but the numbers have been headed in the right direction. In her weekly video update, Fishers Public Health Director Monica Heltz says even though Fishers is still in Red, the city is "so close to orange (the next category down)."

The case incidence rate keeps Fishers in the Red rating, which now stands at 29.38. That is down 7 points from the previous week, but must be under 25 to escape Red. The percent posi-

tivity rate (individuals tested) is at 8.7 percent (orange), down 3 percent compared to last week's number of 11.2 percent.

Testing availability remains strong in Fishers. You can get an appointment for a test and receive the results in one to two days. The city health department is also doing well in contact tracing.



Heltz

Since the pandemic began about a year ago, 95 Fishers residents have died of COVID. City staff has conducted 55,000 COVID tests. There have been 9,500 positive tests among the Fishers population, which is roughly 10 percent of the city's population.

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# Shelby Materials names Eric Welling as new Environmental, Health and Safety Manager

## The REPORTER

Shelby Materials recently named Eric Welling to the newly created role of Environmental, Health and Safety Manager. Welling will focus on Shelby’s safety measures for the health of both staff and customers, as well as sustainability practices to further the company’s impact on the environment and the communities it serves.

Welling has served as an environmental and safety consultant/engineer to Shelby Materials since

1991. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a Master of Science in Environmental Science from Indiana University. Additionally, he has been an active member in the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association as well as the Environmental Committee of the Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association.

Welling has held multiple professional certifications over the years including Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM), Qualified Envi-

ronmental Professional (QEP) and an accredited Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Instructor.

Welling has lived in Indiana for most of his life, with a brief period in Florida as well. During his five years in Jacksonville, Fla., he was a Senior Environmental Engineer for Martin Marietta, covering 26 locations within mul-



Welling

to fulfill a role that he is passionate about,” said Shelby Materials President, Matt Hachl. “Safety is of the utmost importance to us here at Shelby, as we continue to promote the com-

pany objective that all employees return home safe and healthy at the end of the workday.”

Welling says he is happy to be filling this new role.

“I have worked with Shelby Materials for about 30 years now as a technical and compliance consultant on special projects,” he said. “It is wonderful to join the company as a full-time employee to continue to grow a culture of environmental and safety awareness and move our compli-

ance programs forward.”

## About Shelby Materials

Shelby Materials supplies ready mix concrete and aggregate materials throughout Central Indiana. Concrete project work ranges from large to small and includes hospitals, large industrial buildings, warehouses, infrastructure and residential construction. Additionally, golf and athletic specialty blends are supplied, including materials for several prestigious course throughout the state. Learn more at [shelbymaterials.com](http://shelbymaterials.com).

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## ARROWOOD

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*Witch and the Wardrobe*, the last weekend of this month. This year’s show is extra special. Not because it is an exceptional classic or that it showcases the talent and creativity of its 26 cast and crew, or even that it’s under the direction of our highly talent-

ed drama coach, Brooks Myers. It’s because behind the scenes, this group went to great lengths to find creative ways to rehearse amid quarantines, school closures, and social distancing restrictions because “the show must go on.”

These students’ desire to bring us something we all need right about now is as inspiring as I suspect their performance will be. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#) and go on sale to the public this Saturday.

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## FISHERS COVID RATING

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The demand on the health care system remains high, but hospital bed availability in our geographic area is at 40 percent, the highest number in some time.

Fishers continues to provide COVID vaccinations at the mass site on 116th Street, just east of Brooks School Road, with an allocation of 1,000 doses per week from the state. “We sure hope that those allocations increase as more vaccine becomes available,” Heltz said.

Most Fishers vaccination appointments are for the second dose. Going into March, the department

expects more first-time shots. The Fishers Health Department has provided 4,583 COVID vaccinations through Feb. 16.

Long-term care facilities in Fishers should be getting their second COVID vaccination doses by the end of next week. The department will continue with home bound vaccinations.

The additional strains of COVID are being monitored, with the most concerning being the UK strain. This strain appears to be much more infectious.

“Florida is the place in the country with the highest amount of circulating identified new strain from

the UK,” Heltz said. “If you are planning any vacation or trips, please use caution, please continue to use distancing, sanitizing and hand washing. If you haven’t been fully vaccinated, or even if you have, you could still be taking that and spreading it to someone, including your loved ones.”

Heltz cautioned families planning spring break trips to Florida to review plans and be extra cautious.

A total of 15,000 calls have been placed to the Fishers COVID hotline at (317) 595-3211.


[Click here](#) to watch the entire video from Monica Heltz.

Meeting Notice

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, at the HCPR Administration Building, 15513 S. Union St., Carmel. An executive session to discuss land acquisition administration will precede at 5:30 p.m. (Note: This meeting is a rescheduling of the Feb. 16 meeting, which was canceled.)

Send Meeting Notices to:

[Notices@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Notices@ReadTheReporter.com)



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

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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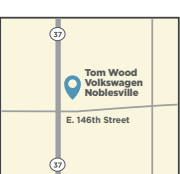


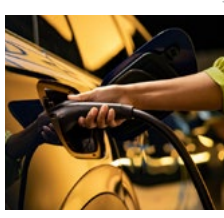
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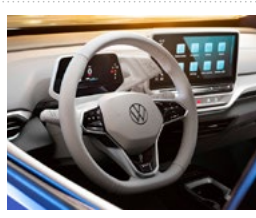




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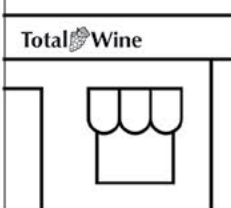
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# Don't miss 'Bach to Rock' grand opening in Fishers

The REPORTER

The staff at Bach to Rock music school in Fishers invites the public to join them for a fun and music-filled open house, as they celebrate the grand opening of the Bach to Rock music school.

The open house will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 6 at 12514 E. 116th St., Fishers.

Attendees can take a tour of the school, enjoy a free music lesson, learn about individual lessons and group classes, try out free toddler "Mommy and Me" classes, enter prize drawings and giveaways, check out the recording studio, and enjoy performances by instructors. The school will serve students from (but not

limited to) Fishers, Ingalls, Fortville, McCordsville, and Noblesville.

The school will be practicing and enforcing state and county mandated COVID-19 public health safety and social distancing guidelines. As such, face coverings are required for all.

For more information, visit [fishers.b2rmusic.com](https://fishers.b2rmusic.com).

# Belfry accepting applications for performing arts scholarship

Submitted

The Belfry Theatre in Noblesville is now accepting scholarship applications through April 9.

Each year, in accordance with the theater's mission, The Belfry Theatre provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving high school senior planning to major in theater and/or the performing arts.

Funds for the scholarship are derived from concession sales from the performances of that season.

The criteria: Senior in a Hamilton County high school, scholastic achievement, plans to pursue a course of study in the performing arts, participate in theater or performing arts while in high school, be motivated and have goals.

Applicants must provide high school transcripts, letter to Belfry Theatre scholarship committee describing reason for applying, letters of recommendation and a high-resolution headshot of yourself.

The application is available online at [thebelfrytheatre.com](https://thebelfrytheatre.com).

## Letter to the Editor

# McMahon: Pet store fire serves as grim reminder that many buy from puppy mills

Dear Editor:

It is with horror and disgust that I watched the news coverage of the fire at the Uncle Bill's pet store earlier in the week. The news report indicates that at least 100 animals died, 40 of them being puppies. This is an urgent and important message to people who wish to purchase a dog: Over 90 percent of the puppies in pet stores come from backyard breeders, also referred to as puppy mills.

The unfortunate breeding adults are kept in squalid, overcrowded conditions, there for the sole purpose of churning out puppies. Some of the "breeders" live their entire lives in a cage without touching the ground. They receive little or no veterinary care, as any qualified veterinarian would not agree to be part of such an endeavor. These puppies are then sold to pet stores, who put a ribbon around them and sell them at a healthy

profit. Many of these puppies have underlying health and mental issues from being raised in such a horrific environment. Additionally, reputable breeders DO NOT sell to pet stores!

Please – if you wish to add a dog to your home there are many shelters and rescue groups in Central Indiana. The shelters and reputable rescue groups are selective about the adopters and make certain that the adopted dog has the proper medical evaluations. If you are interested in becoming more active in stopping these puppy mills and backyard breeders, contact your local lawmakers and insist that this barbaric practice be eliminated through legislation and stricter law enforcement. For more information on this topic, go to [PrisonersOfGreed.org](https://PrisonersOfGreed.org).

Sharon McMahon  
Noblesville

## Letter to the Editor

# Shaffer: "Carmel voters have had it with mayoral hypotheticals"

Dear Editor:

Among the many vague, hypothetical speculations the mayor of Carmel presented in defense of his proposed \$125 million additional debt, the most vague refers to a possible need for a branch Hamilton County courtroom.

This would be shoehorned into the proposed \$40 million-plus police station annex – should the county need it.

Nothing in writing thus far from the county or the court or even one of the sycophants supporting mayoral musings.

Carmel voters have had it with mayoral hypotheticals. There is the hypothetical Palladium that was to have cost taxpayers nothing as \$17 million would

appear from donors and foundations. When none was forthcoming, taxpayers were on the hook for the eventual, \$262 million tab.

Then there is the hypothetical demand for a luxury hotel buried in an inaccessible corner of a sleepy suburb of a big city with lots of luxury of its own to offer.

Carmel voters soon will be offered the hypothetical need for a zeppelin base or a SpaceX port.

How a rational city council person could support this third round of vagueness worries me.

Bill Shaffer  
Carmel

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Niola S. Small

December 5, 1937 – February 15, 2021

Niola S. Small, 83, Greenwood, formerly of Shelbyville, passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021 at Greenwood Village South in Greenwood.

She was born December 5, 1937, in Geneva in Shelby County, the daughter of Walter Edward Sr. and Mattie (Imlay) Siefert. On December 23, 1960, she married Dean Edward Small, and he preceded her in death on October 3, 2003.

Niola is survived by her daughter, Jennifer A. (Small) Nevitt, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; son, Douglas E. Small and wife, Sunny, Haymarket, Va.; sister, Joetta Lyons, Lompoc, Calif.; four grandsons; and several loved nieces and nephews.

In addition to Dean, Niola was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Walter E. Siefert Jr.; and sister, Peggy L. Wilson.

Niola graduated in 1955 from Shelbyville High School, and continued her education at Indianapolis Methodist Hospital by becoming a Registered Nurse in 1958.

She was formerly member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shelbyville. After moving to Greenwood, she became a member of Our Lady of Greenwood.

Niola was a nurse for 50 years, with 40 years of her service at Tipton County Memorial Hospital.

She was also a member of Kappa Delta Phi.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2020, at Our Lady of Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at the church. Family and friends are invited to view the service via livestreaming on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/freemanffh](https://facebook.com/freemanffh).

Interment will be at Lewis Creek Baptist Cemetery in Shelby County.

Services have been entrusted to Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Carmony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison St., Shelbyville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton Heights High School, Attn: Bonnie Knapp, P.O. Box 379, Arcadia, IN 46030. In the memo line, note Dean Small Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences may be shared with Niola's family at [freemanfamilyfuneral-homes.com](https://freemanfamilyfuneral-homes.com).

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.*

*Romans 11:17-21 (NIV)*

### William E. "Bill" Forkner

August 24, 1941 – February 16, 2021

William E. "Bill" Forkner, 79, Noblesville, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. He was born on August 24, 1941 to the late Lester and Mary (Buscher) Forkner in Castleton, Ind.



Bill was a graduate of Tipton High School and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He retired after 30 years with Noblesville Casting and then worked for Interstate Foundry for 10 years.



Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patsy Cummins Forkner; children, Terry (Mike) Merritt, Chuck (Amy) Forkner, and Bryan (Patricia) Forkner; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his sisters, Betty Jo (Floyd) Cook and Cora Ellen (Weldon) Freeman.

Services will be held at 7 p.m., with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m., on Monday, February 22, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Bill's friends Harold Collins and Tony Pryor will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

### William A. Bryant

December 9, 1963 – February 12, 2021



William A. Bryant, 57, Indianapolis, passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021 at his home. He was born on December 9, 1963 to Rushington and Pricilla (Quillen) Bryant in Indianapolis.

Bill was a land development manager for Lennar for the past several years. He worked in this field for over 30 years, a career in which he loved and was well respected. Bill enjoyed playing poker and fishing, and was an avid fan of NASCAR and the Indianapolis Colts. Most of all, he loved his boys and enjoyed watching any activities they were involved in growing up.

Bill is survived by his son, Justin Bryant; step-son, Ryan (Meghan) Knuckles; and Sandy Bryant.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Alan Bryant.

A Memorial Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Those who attend are asked to follow COVID-19 protocols.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Thanks for reading!**

### Lana C. Riester

August 7, 1942 – February 12, 2021

Lana C. Riester, 78, Carmel, passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021. She was born on August 7, 1942 in Dierks, Ark., to the late Loyd and Garnet (Langston) Turner.

Following high school graduation, Lana attended North Texas State where she graduated with a Masters in secondary education.

Lana began teaching high school in Texas. She combined her love of teaching and traveling and was privileged to teach three years overseas in both Turkey and Germany for the Department of Defense. She met the love of her life, Larry, in Germany and they were married on July 19, 1969, in Dallas, Texas. They settled in Buffalo, N.Y., and she began teaching at Williamsville North High School. After five years of teaching, Lana was granted maternity leave for the birth of their first child, son Eric. Lana was determined to be a stay-at-home mom and became a devoted full-time mother before the birth of her daughter, Emily. Lana loved to bake and sew.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Larry Riester; son, Eric (Jamie) Riester, Cincinnati, Ohio; daughter, Emily (John) Sepik, Fishers; and grandchildren, Hannah Riester, Abigail Riester, Tatum Sepik, and Parker Sepik.

Family and friends will gather at noon on Friday, February 19, 2021, at First Baptist Church Carmel, 1010 E. 126th St., where the funeral service will begin at 1 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals Carmel-Westfield. Please visit [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com) to read Lana's complete obituary.

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Boys basketball

'Blazers fall to Brebeuf Jesuit, 54-44

BY RICHIE HALL  
CARMEL - The University boys basketball team saw its five-game win streak come to an end on Wednesday, as the Class 2A Trailblazers fell to 3A Brebeuf Jesuit 54-44 at the U Center.

University scored the first basket of the game, a 3-pointer by Camden Brown. But the Braves took off on a 9-0 run after that, giving them a 9-3 lead midway through the first quarter and forcing the 'Blazers to play catch-up for the remainder of the night.

"Brebeuf's a great team," said University coach Brandon Lafferman. "They're well-coached. They defend well. They're really smart. I thought our mental focus was a little off tonight. We made a lot of mistakes offensively that we haven't really made since early on in the season, which I think led to us giving up an early lead."

Brown ended Brebeuf's run with another 3, but the Braves embarked on another 9-0 run that stretched into the opening seconds of the second period. A basket by Austin Ezell gave Brebeuf a 15-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, then Billy Smith opened the second with a triple for an 18-6 lead.

The Trailblazers were able to keep the Braves' lead from getting too far beyond 10 points. Brown continued to have the hot hand, throwing in two more 3s in the second quarter, and Sabien Cain hit a 3 as well. Seth Hogg made two free throws in the final minute of the half, keeping UHS within 27-19 at the break.

University got within 29-23 early in the third before Brebeuf went on a 6-0 run to get its lead back up to 12. The Braves led by as much as 38-25 in that quarter, but a three-point play by Kasey Ash-Simpson finished the period, and the 'Blazers were within 38-28.

In the fourth quarter, University



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
University's Kasey Ash-Simpson (4) stays focused on defense during the Trailblazers' game with Brebeuf Jesuit Wednesday at the U Center. Also pictured for University are Camden Brown (20) and Sabien Cain (12).

made a quick 6-0 run to cut Brebeuf's lead to 42-37. Mitchell Martin made a layin, Cain scored off a steal, then Mitchell got another basket off a take-away from Brown.

But the Braves responded with an 8-0 run. Evan Altman and Smith both hit two free throws, then Smith threw in a 3-pointer. Brebeuf then finished things up from the line, making 9 of 10 foul shots in the quarter. Two more free throws by Smith gave the Braves their largest lead of the game at 54-40 with 39.9 seconds to go; the 'Blazers scored the last four points, with Ash-Simpson making a putback and Cain scoring again off a steal.

"I was proud of the way we fought, trying to hang around as long as we could, but down the stretch we made a few errors that led to Brebeuf coming away with the win," said Lafferman.

Brown led University with 19 points, including five 3-pointers, and eight rebounds, with Cain collected six rebounds.

The Trailblazers are 12-5 for the season. University will play Scecina on Saturday, but the time and place of that game has been changed due to the Trailblazers' girls team playing in the semi-state. University will now play at Scecina, with a 1 p.m. varsity start.

BREBEUF JESUIT 54, UNIVERSITY 44				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kasey Ash-Simpson	2-6	1-1	5	3
Sabien Cain	3-8	0-0	7	3
Matt Jones	1-10	0-0	3	1
Camden Brown	7-16	0-0	19	2
Mitchell Martin	3-8	0-0	6	5
Nate Jeffrey	1-1	0-0	2	1
Seth Hogg	0-1	2-2	2	2
Totals	17-50	3-3	44	17
Score by Quarters				
Brebeuf Jesuit	15	12	11	16 - 54
University	6	13	9	16 - 44
University 3-point shooting (7-24) Brown 5-8, Jones 1-8, Cain 1-3, Martin 0-3, Ash-Simpson 0-1, Hogg 0-1.				
University rebounds (26) Brown 8, Cain 6, Ash-Simpson 4, Jones 3, Martin 2, Jeffrey 1, Hogg 1, team 1.				

University girls preparing for semi-state

By RICHIE HALL  
The University girls basketball team is back in a familiar place: The semi-state level of the IHSAA tournament.

The Trailblazers claimed their second regional championship in three years last Saturday when they triumphed at the Class 2A Southmont regional, beating two ranked teams, No. 5 Triton Central and No. 9 South Putnam, for the title. That gave University a ticket to the south semi-state, where it will play No. 1 Linton-Stockton at 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Jasper.

The 'Blazers have built a winning tradition in a short amount of time. University's latest regional championship was the fourth for the school. The Trailblazers played their first post-season tournament in 2006, then made it to the 1A state championship game just two years later in 2008. University followed that up with a regional title in 2009.

"For me personally, it starts with the support of our administration and athletic department," said 'Blazers coach Justin Blanding. "They are all very supportive and involved. Former Head of School Chuck Webster trusted me to run this program and make it about academics, athletics, and relationships. You don't get

that everywhere. Many places it is just about athletics and nothing else, but not here.

"I think the tradition starts with the coaches and players from the past who still stay in touch with our current kids. I talk all the time with Stacey Summit-Mann and Paul Gianakos who won sectionals and regional titles here. The alumni all come back and want to give back to the program. They are proud of this program and our kids feel that. That is when you know you have developed a great culture, and winning definitely helps."

University's post-season run has been made more remarkable because prior to their first sectional game on Feb. 5, the Trailblazers had not played in almost three weeks. University had to suspend its season twice, first for nearly a month after a Dec. 19 game with Cascade.

University came back on Jan. 14 by playing Indianapolis HomeSchool, then dropped the Pioneer Conference championship game at Greenwood Christian on Jan. 16. The 'Blazers had to suspend their season again following the PAAC final.

But once back on the court, University has been unstoppable. The Trailblazers won the Cascade sectional with easy vic-

tories over Western Boone and Covenant Christian. Then came the regional, where University was unranked, but defeated two ranked teams for the trophy.

Myself personally, I have never paid attention to rankings or anything like that," said Blanding. "If I did, we wouldn't win because we have been predicted to lose so many games in my career so far. We really just try and focus on us and we are always humble and honest about who we are. I will be the first person to tell my team they are not as good as the ranking says or vice versa. I think at the start of the season we were in the Feb 15 and I laughed and tweeted the guy he was not close on his prediction of where we were. We just focus on us and go from there. I don't really pay attention to them and neither do the kids."

Everyone is paying attention to the Trailblazers now as they prepare for their game with Linton-Stockton. The Miners have been on an incredible run over the past four years, with at least 20 wins in each of those seasons.

Last year, Linton-Stockton went 25-2 and won the Class 2A state title, a 70-28 blowout of Frankton. The Miners are 25-1 this year, with their only loss coming on Dec. 22 to Bedford North Lawrence, a 4A

team that reached the regional final at Decatur Central last week.

Linton has won all of its post-season games by at least 20 points. In the North Knox sectional, the Miners breezed past Mitchell 54-28, Vincennes Rivet 56-24 and North Knox 67-37. That qualified L-S for the Crawford County regional, where it put on a defensive show with victories over Forest Park 51-26 in the semi-final and Eastern Pekin 46-24 in the championship. Because of that win, the Miners will move up to 3A next season due to the IHSAA's success factor.

Three players scored in double figures for Linton in the regional championship game. Vanessa Shafford scored 14 points, while Aubrey Burgess had 11 points, following up on the 20 points she scored in the Miners' semi-final contest. Both Shafford and Burgess have signed to play Division II basketball at the University of Southern Indiana. Gentry Warrick scored 10 points; she is committed to play Division I volleyball at Miami University of Ohio.

"We will just need to stay focused on what we do and not worry as much about what they do," said Blanding. "They are a great basketball team. They are very well-coached and disciplined. Also, when you have that kind of talent you have something special."

The Trailblazers have some special talent as well. Sophomore Kelsey DuBois is averaging a double-double for the season, with 16.5 points and 12.0 rebounds per game. Senior Sierra Hinds contributes 14.5 points per contest, while sophomore Payton Seay adds 14.3 points and 8.7 rebounds per game.

The 'Blazers and the Miners will play after the 1A south game between Greenwood Christian and Loogootee, which tips off at 1 p.m., giving the PAAC two teams in the semi-state. The winner of the University-Linton 2A game will play either Tipton or North Judson; those teams face off in the 2A north semi-state, which tips off at 4 p.m. at Logansport.

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Atlanta 122, Boston 114			Portland 126, New Orleans 124	San Antonio at Cleveland, postponed
Philadelphia 118, Houston 113			Memphis 122, Oklahoma City 113	Detroit at Dallas, postponed
Washington 130, Denver 128			Golden State 120, Miami 112	

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
	W	L	PCT.	GB		W	L	PCT.	GB
<b>Atlantic</b>					<b>Northwest</b>				
Philadelphia	19	10	.655	-	Utah	24	5	.828	-
Brooklyn	18	12	.600	1.5	Portland	18	10	.643	5.5
Boston	14	14	.500	4.5	Denver	15	13	.536	8.5
New York	14	16	.467	5.5	Oklahoma City	11	17	.393	12.5
Toronto	13	15	.464	5.5	Minnesota	7	22	.241	17.0
<b>Central</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>GB</b>
Milwaukee	16	12	.571	-	L.A. Lakers	22	7	.759	-
Indiana	15	14	.517	1.5	L.A. Clippers	21	9	.700	1.5
Chicago	12	15	.444	3.5	Phoenix	17	10	.630	4.0
Cleveland	10	19	.345	6.5	Golden State	16	13	.552	6.0
Detroit	8	20	.286	8.0	Sacramento	12	15	.444	9.0
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>GB</b>
Charlotte	13	15	.464	-	San Antonio	16	11	.593	-
Atlanta	12	16	.429	1.0	Memphis	12	12	.500	2.5
Miami	11	17	.393	2.0	Dallas	13	15	.464	3.5
Orlando	11	18	.379	2.5	New Orleans	12	16	.429	4.5
Washington	9	17	.346	3.0	Houston	11	17	.393	5.5

## Pacers flip the OT script in win over Minnesota

By BRENDAN ROURKE  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

It was the second time in as many contests that the Pacers saw an overtime period. However, this time they flipped the script, avenging their loss to Chicago on Monday.

Tied 121-121 heading into extra time on Wednesday, the Blue & Gold notched the frame's first five points. From there, they never gave up the lead. Ahead 129-126 with 9.8 seconds remaining, Malcolm Brogdon drilled an ice-cold 3-pointer from the left side to seal the deal. Indiana (15-14) walked away from Target Center with a 134-128 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves (7-22).

"It's exactly what the guys were talking about at the end of regulation," coach Nate Bjorkgren said regarding the team's shot at redemption. "Getting into that last five minutes and really digging in. I thought we came out more assertive."

The fireworks truly started late in the fourth quarter. After a flurry of late lead changes, Indiana found itself trailing 121-116 with 58.9 seconds to go. Jeremy Lamb knocked in a three to close the gap. Domantas Sabonis then notched two clutch free throws with 11.1 seconds to go to tie the game. A last-second 3-point shot from Minnesota rookie Anthony Edwards looked true but popped out halfway home to force the extra period.

Two Pacers finished with 30-plus points tonight. Sabonis led the way with a career-high 36 points on 13-of-21 shooting. He added 17 boards and 10 assists to notch his seventh career triple-double — the most ever by a Pacers player.

Malcolm Brogdon added 32 points on 12-of-22 shooting, including 6-of-7 from

deep. He also snagged nine rebounds and dished out seven assists. Jeremy Lamb added 18 and eight boards off the bench, while Aaron Holiday tallied 15 in his reserve role.

It was a high-scoring affair in the first half, as Indiana notched a season-high 39 first-quarter points to take a six-point edge going into the second. But the Blue & Gold faltered on defense. The crew gave up 40 points in the second quarter and fell behind 73-69 after two. The 73 first-half points allowed set a new season-high.

The first quarter started off tight. Indiana earned two early five-point leads, but the Timberwolves worked quickly to erase them. Minnesota eventually earned a 17-16 lead on Karl-Anthony Towns' three-point play in the paint with 5:12 to go.

However, Indiana responded with nine unanswered, including seven from Justin Holiday, to leap ahead 25-17 with 4:03 remaining. Four of Holiday's run came on one possession after he drilled a trey through Malik Beasley's foul and sank the ensuing free throw.

The Pacers managed to stretch their lead to as high as 11 in the frame, 39-28, behind five straight points from Jeremy Lamb off the bench. However, Minnesota shrunk the deficit to six before the final seconds. Beasley's baseline three with 1.0 seconds left gave the game a 39-33 score after one.

Although Indiana scored on three of its first five possessions in the second, they had trouble stopping Naz Reid on the defensive end. The second-year center out of LSU recorded nine straight Timberwolves points en route to tying the score at 44 with 9:55 remaining. A Jaden McDaniels three from the right side soon gave Minnesota

the three-point advantage.

The three sparked an 11-5 Timberwolves run over the next 2:41 that stretched their lead to 55-49. Three free throws from Towns pushed their lead to seven, 58-51, at the 6:12 mark. But Indiana kept fighting back.

Trailing 60-53, the Blue & Gold notched seven straight to tie the score with 4:05 remaining. Sabonis then briefly earned a 67-66 Indiana lead on a layup with 2:09 to go. However, the Timberwolves outscored the Pacers 7-2 over the final two minutes to take the four-point lead into the half.

Towns and the Timberwolves continued to hold the lead early in the third. The star center scored seven of Minnesota's first 11 points of the frame, including a 25-foot triple from the top of the key, that stretched the lead to 84-75 at the 8:02 mark.

Indiana then managed just four points over the next 4:32 of the contest. Brogdon's layup with 4:09 remaining cut the Pacers deficit to 88-81. From there, the offense appeared to find some spark. At the 3:06 mark, Sabonis knocked in a three. Brogdon then followed with a driving finger-roll layup to trim Minnesota's lead to 90-86 with 2:25 remaining in the frame.

But both teams then went cold to close out the third. The lone bucket in the final minutes of the period belonged to Reid, whose left-handed layup gave the Timberwolves a 92-86 advantage heading into the final frame. He finished the night with 18 points.

Behind its work on the offensive glass, Minnesota quickly stretched its lead to double digits, 98-88. All three buckets came from second-chance opportunities as the Pacers failed to box-out players crashing to the paint. Head Coach Nate Bjorkgren called a timeout with 9:44 remaining in an attempt to regroup the squad.

The call appeared to spark the Pacers, as Aaron Holiday tallied five unanswered points to trim the deficit to 98-93 with 8:35 remaining. On defense, the Pacers switched to a 2-3 zone to limit the driving lanes for Minnesota.

With 6:42 to play, Brogdon knocked in a pull-up 3-pointer from the right wing to cut the Timberwolves' lead to one possession, 100-98. Later, Brogdon drilled another one from deep, giving Indiana its first lead since the second quarter. A pa-

tient layup from Sabonis at the 4:32 mark stretched the lead to 107-102.

The lead then rapidly switched between teams. Tied at 109, Ricky Rubio connected on a layup to give the Timberwolves a two-point advantage. Aaron Holiday then responded with a three. But, 17 seconds later Beasley nailed a trey of his own to push Minnesota back in front 114-112 with 2:22 to go.

After a Lamb floater tied the game, Indiana's defense hit a misstep. The Timberwolves notched five straight to earn a 119-114 lead with 1:21 to go. But Indiana did not give in.

Trailing 121-116, Lamb hit a tough 3-pointer over the outstretched hands of a defender. After Rubio missed a step-back jumper, Sabonis drew a foul and sank the resulting free throws, tying things once again, 121-121. Only 11.1 seconds remained.

On the final Timberwolves possession, Edwards was given the chance to win it. Towns caught the inbound pass and handed the rock off to Edwards tailing around the screen. Having a decent look, he rose and fired. To his disbelief, the ball didn't fall. He clutched his head in his hands as they headed into overtime.

Contrary to Monday's game, Indiana's shots fell early and often in overtime. Brogdon started the extra frame's scoring with a triple on the right wing. Sabonis added a nifty left-handed hook to extend the lead to 126-121 with 3:45 to go. A Beasley 3-pointer brought the game to one possession with 2:42 to go. But Indiana remained tenacious.

A big defensive stop from Brogdon on Towns in the paint followed by a Beasley miss from deep kept the score stagnant. Aaron Holiday then drove the lane and notched an easy layup to give Indiana a 129-124 lead with 1:10 left.

After a Timberwolves timeout, Beasley responded with a dunk to close the gap to three. But Sabonis and "The President" soon sealed the deal.

After an Indiana shot-clock violation, Sabonis snatched the ball from Beasley. Brogdon looked to drive but stepped back beyond the arc with space. He calmly drilled the triple, giving the Pacers a 132-126 lead with 9.8 seconds to go. The crew then closed out the game at the free-throw line, earning the much-needed victory.

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