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Hamilton Heights' new master plan now under construction

Major highway work outlined for this year

By PEGGY GEORGI
For the Reporter

At the Tuesday, Feb. 23, meeting of the Hamilton Heights' Superintendent Advisory Group (SAG), attendees were treated to a glimpse into what Heights' campus could look like in the future.

Kristin McCarty, Hamilton Heights School Corporation (HHSC) Business Manager, and Dori Hochstedler, HHSC Project Vision Director, shared an engaging presentation on the Master Plan that contained a lot of exciting and interesting information at this stage of its development.

While still in the early phases, and under construction, the concepts included in the Master Plan was designed to illustrate different ideas and create conversations. Based on the input at the meeting, it did just that, indicating the corporation is moving in the right direction. The plan also provides for informed decision making with current improvement



Arrowood



Hochstedler

projects and to serve as the corporation's roadmap for the transformation and upgrades of its facilities while adding new amenities. The HHSC Board of School Trustees committed to keeping a flat tax rate in 2014 and that commitment remains as an integral part of developing and finalizing the plan.

The goal is to continue to ensure the corporation is addressing issues and creating a campus that provides the amenities and learning environment to best benefit its students, staff, and the community. Heights has a legacy of providing the type of amenities and learning environment that inspires, motivates, supports, and engages the whole child. Heights' vision and ability to carefully plan for improvements and additions throughout has resulted in state-of-the-art facilities, optimal learning environments, improved student achievement, and strong community partnerships.

"We are currently discussing what our campus can look like



Photo provided

A new Master Plan, which is in the works, will serve as a blueprint for the future of the Hamilton Heights campus. The plan's focus is on enhancing support services, outdoor athletics, extra-curricular activities, and student wellness.

over the next 10 to 20 years," said Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood. "While no official decisions have been made, conversations about a solar field, football bleacher enhancements, transportation department upgrades, athletic surface improvements, and a wellness center are all being discussed as potential future enhancements to make our great facilities for students even better."

"Project Vision is wrapping

up this year, and it primarily focuses on our academic facilities," said HHSC Project Vision Director Dori Hochstedler. "The Master Plan will provide a blueprint for the future of our campus that will enhance our support services, outdoor athletics, extra-curricular activities and the wellness of our students. The 'Vision' continues – it's an exciting time to be a Husky!"

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By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

East-west highways will continue to be a major focus of the Hamilton County Highway Department during this construction season.

Highway Director Brad Davis says the 146th Street corridor across the county should be completed this year when the section from Towne Road to the Boone County Line is finished.

In the northern part of the county, work will continue on 236th Street, with the section from Deming Road to DeVaney Road scheduled for this year. Eventually the road will be rebuilt from Cicero to Sheridan.

Work also continues on 276th Street between State Road 19 and U.S. 31 to provide a better east-west corridor.

By the spring of next year, a new interchange, now underway, at State Road 37 and 146th Street should be completed. It is part of the county's plan to make SR 37 a freeway without grade level intersections from Noblesville to Interstate 69.

The next interchange will be underway next year at 131st Street and SR 37.

Bridge improvements this year include a new deck for Carrigan Road over Morse Reservoir, now underway, and resurfacing of bridges at 116th Street over White River and 266th Street over Cicero Creek.

Most noticeable will be new resurfacing of nearly 40 miles of county roads and chip sealing of another 50 miles, Davis says.

One roundabout is planned for

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Aspire Health begins expansion project of its Noblesville clinic



Photo provided

Aspire Indiana Health held a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday for a \$6.9 million expansion of its Noblesville clinic. This will be a 14-month project that will increase the clinic's capacity from 14,000 to 27,000 square feet. (From left) Noblesville Chamber of Commerce President Bob DuBois; Greg Lewis of Artekena Design; Hitesh Patel of Colliers International; Aspire Board Chair Amy Matthews; Dr. Eric Marcotte, Riverview Health Chief Medical Officer and Aspire Board Member; Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen; Aspire President and CEO Barbara Scott; and Al Wurster of Wurster Construction.

Carmel ends fiscal year 2020 with \$70 million in city's general fund

The REPORTER

For the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2020, the City of Carmel had more than \$70 million in its fund balances – \$56.8 million of which were unencumbered funds, or unspent budget dollars – a sign of fiscal strength.

The General Fund balance closed the year with \$11.1 million, an increase of \$200,000 over the prior year. The Rainy Day Fund balance remained unchanged at \$11.2 million.

"We work very hard to manage the city's finances prudently,"

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard said. "We approach the budget process much like the private sector in that we perform budget forecasting 20 years out to ensure that we can accomplish our goals and keep our tax rate among the lowest in the state."



Brainard

As indicated in the City Council approved budgets, 2021 was less than 2020 by \$2.5 million. Unspent budget dollars, due to city departments' reduced expenditures, produced savings that remain in the General Fund.

Noblesville woman injured in crash involving semi

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A Noblesville woman was among two people injured in a Thursday night crash along northbound Interstate 69 near Pendleton.

Indiana State Police troopers were called to the 217-mile marker of I-69 north around 10:10 p.m. on Thursday on reports of a two-vehicle crash involving a semi.

When authorities arrived to the scene, they found a semi inverted about 100 feet in front of a damaged blue Chrysler Sebring. The driver of the Sebring, Starla Crose, 43, Noblesville, and the driver of the semi, Ruslan Osmonkanov,

36, Texas, were both transported to Ascension St. Vincent hospital in Anderson with non-life-threatening conditions.

Troopers believe Osmonkanov was driving northbound in the right lane when he saw Crose's Sebring stopped halfway in the traffic lane. He tried to avoid crashing into it, but lost control of the semi, authorities said. The Sebring was struck and heavily damaged.

The crash forced the closure of I-69 northbound lanes for nearly four hours. All lanes have since reopened.

An investigation is ongoing.

Free advice available on ways to pay down your student loan debt

The REPORTER

Hoosiers working to pay down their student loans can receive free financial help to tackle their debt, according to State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel).

Schaibley said borrowers can work one-on-one with an INvestED counselor during a "Student Loan Checkup" to analyze the types of loans a borrower has, along with the interest rates, monthly payments,

and repayment length and terms. During this checkup, Hoosiers can seek advice and use INvestED's savings calculator to determine the best course of action.

"Hoosiers take out student loans to help them pay for higher education and prepare for their career path after they graduate," Rep. Schaibley



Schaibley

said. "However, some may struggle to pay these loans back years after college graduation. This program can help them develop a better strategy to pay down this debt."

According to Schaibley, recommendations include refinancing for a lower monthly payment, consolidating federal loans

or paying off a loan sooner. INvestED is an Indiana nonprofit that offers free, confidential, and exclusive advice to Indiana residents on avoiding and reducing student loan debt.

Hoosiers can seek advice anytime through INvestED's helpline at (317) 715-9015, email, or online chat function. To learn more about scheduling a checkup appointment with INvestED, visit Invested-indiana.org.



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Westfield Lions Club's fresh fruit sale ends March 19

The REPORTER

The Westfield Lions Club has announced a fresh fruit sale in conjunction with Florida Indian River Groves. With the absences of the Lions Poker for Sight tournaments due to the COVID pandemic, this will be a major fund raiser for the local Lions Club. All proceeds will go to Westfield's own Heart and Soul Free Clinic to benefit the medical needs of uninsured and underinsured folks in Central Indiana. The sale ends on March 19, so hurry with your orders. To order any of the wide variety of fresh fruit and help needy people, check out [this link](#). All products will be shipped directly to the recipient anywhere in the continental USA, so they make great gifts for family and friends. Please, help the Lions help others and order some great fruit.


Hare Chevrolet presents Prevail's 35th anniversary Celebration of Hope Gala

The REPORTER

Prevail, Inc. has announced that Hare Chevrolet will present Prevail's 35th Anniversary of Hope on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel. Proceeds from this event support victims of crime and abuse in Hamilton County and surrounding areas. Prevail invites the community to join in for a formal evening with dinner, dancing to Dave and Rae, an opportunity to network, and a courageous story from a survivor. In addition, the organization will conduct both a live and silent auction, as well as several additional opportunities to support Prevail's lifesaving services. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit [Prevail-Inc.org](#) or contact Natasha Robinson, Marketing and Event Coordinator, at natasha@prevailinc.org or (317) 773-6942.

About Prevail, Inc.

Prevail, Inc. is committed to offering crisis intervention and restorative support services for adult, adolescent and child survivors of crime and abuse, free of charge, in a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment that is meant to empower, educate, and strengthen those served. Visit [PrevailInc.org](#) to learn more. You can reach Prevail's 24-Hour Crisis Line at (317) 776-3472.



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"We are really excited to be in a position to continue to invest in the growth and scope of our campus," Arrowood added. "We are fully committed to using our tax dollars wisely as we create optimal learning and teaching environments for students and staff now and well into the future."

The next Superintendent Advisory Group is set for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 at Hamilton Heights Middle School, 25150 State Road 19, Arcadia.

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construction this year at 191st Street and Grassy Branch Road near Westfield. This week, the highway department received word that the Department of Natural Resources has granted the county \$1 million for building a section of the Steven Nation Trail. That grant will allow construction of the foot trail from Cicero to Koteewi Park at Strawtown.

Carmel's Great American Songbook Foundation presents caregiver workshop to explore benefits of music for senior citizens

The REPORTER

Caregivers, healthcare professionals, and others who work with older adults can learn the benefits of music-based activities through an upcoming online workshop presented by the Great American Songbook Foundation and its Perfect Harmony program. The two-day 2021 Perfect Harmony Virtual Workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, March 25, and Friday, March 26. Titled 'An Intro to Music for Care Partners,' the event offers an opportunity to learn about the benefits of music for older adults, connect with others in the elder-care community, and master simple techniques and musical exercises that can create positive, shared experiences with loved ones or community residents. The year's featured speaker is Meredith Hamons, MT-BC, board-certified music therapist and founder of North Austin Music Therapy in Texas. She is a nationally recognized speaker and author of *Musically Engaged Seniors: 40 Session Plans and Resources for a Vibrant Music Therapy Program* (2013) and co-author of *Music, Memory, and Meaning: How to Effectively Use Music to Connect with Aging Loved Ones*. The presentations will take place via Zoom teleconferencing, and participants also will gain access to online materials including how-to videos, activity outlines, song playlists, and other resources. The cost is \$15, with discounts available for groups or students. Registration and more information are available at [TheSongbook.org/PHvirtual](#) or by contacting Director of Programs Renée La Schiazza at (317) 844-5832 or rlaschiazza@TheSongbook.org.

About Perfect Harmony

Perfect Harmony, developed by the Great American Songbook Foundation and sponsored by American Senior Communities, is a music resource that helps care partners identify appropriate generational music and activities to engage older adults in a shared music experience. Perfect Harmony offers a unique opportunity for social and musical engagement and promotes holistic well-being through music by offering monthly video resources and themed music activities that are beneficial in both individual and group settings. Perfect Harmony consults with a board-certified music therapist for expert guidance and feedback on all musical resources.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Redevelopment Authority will hold a virtual meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Seating is limited to 50. The public can listen in by calling (469) 998-6201 and entering conference ID 488 922 446# when prompted.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Seating is limited to 50. The public can listen in by calling (469) 998-6201 and entering conference ID 342 631 867# when prompted. Prior to the meeting, an executive session will be held at 6 p.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(2)(b)(D)(v). For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including an exchange by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties.

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- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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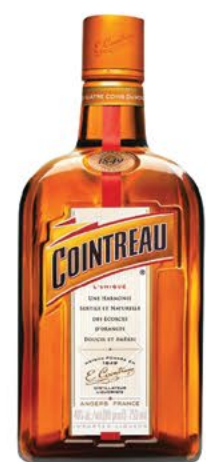
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Don't miss Westfield Rotary's upcoming speaker series

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Westfield will play host to a series of speakers from March 9 to April 6. Each speaker will begin his talk at 7:30 a.m. on the listed Tuesday. You can enjoy these speakers from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. RSVP is required; please email insectsltd@aol.com to receive your Zoom link.

Beau Wilfong

Tuesday, March 9

The Wilfong Family Story: Beau Wilfong is a second-generation owner of Wilfong Management, LLC. They have developed Village Farms, Carmel Drive, and several other commercial and residential communities in Hamilton County. He has traveled the world as a mentor and educator.

Bruce Searle

Tuesday, March 16

AgReliant Genetics: Bruce Searle is the Vice-president of Opera-

tions AgReliant. Located in Westfield, it is now the third-largest seed corn company in the U.S., in the top five agriculture research programs in North America, and one of the fastest growing independent seed companies in the market.

Steve Henke

Tuesday, March 23

The Henke Family Story: Steve Henke is founder of Henke Development Group and the developer of The Club at Chatham Hills, the exclusive developer for the City of Westfield on the development of Grand Park Sports Complex and Grand Park Village, The Bridgewater Club, and Holliday Farms, the newly-planned residential and golf community in Zionsville.

Jim Gapinski

Tuesday, March 30

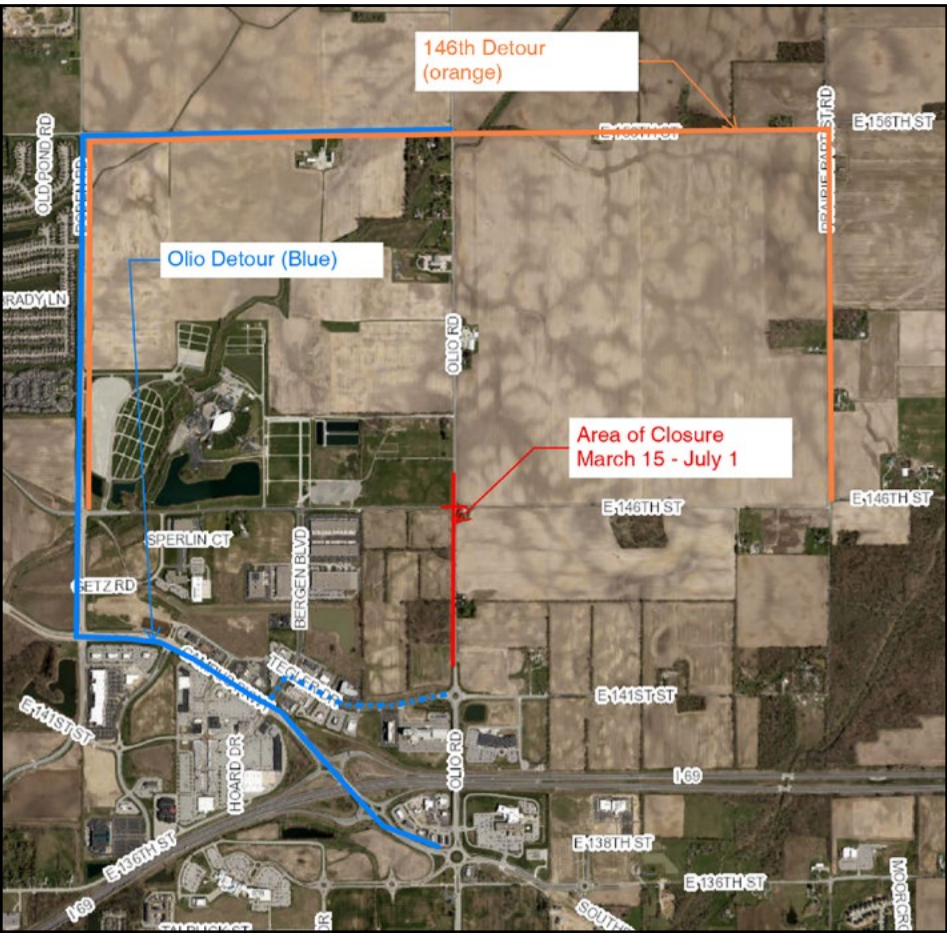
The Gapinski Family Story: Heartland Growers is a large regional commercial nursery in Westfield. Heartland Growers prides itself on having two genera-

tions of the Gapinski family involved in the daily activities, including many of Jim's nine children. "We're not just a business, we're family." Heartland Growers is one of the most modern and capital-intensive greenhouse facilities in Indiana.

Gary Varvel

Tuesday, April 6

Gary Varvel is a Christian, conservative, national award-winning, syndicated cartoonist. He is also an author, filmmaker, and a former editorial cartoonist for the *Indianapolis Star* and *IBJ*. During his 40-year career, Varvel won numerous local and national awards. Varvel's work is nationally syndicated in over 125 newspapers through Creators Syndicate. His cartoons have appeared on CNN and Fox News, and in *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Post*, *Newsday*, *USA Today*, *Washington Times*, *National Review*, and *Sports Illustrated*.



Letter to the Editor

Taking a look down the road that led to Women's History Month

Dear Editor:

March is a month in which we eagerly look forward to the beginning of Spring. It is also the month in which we celebrate Women's History Month, an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. This special month of recognition is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8.

The commemoration began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, Calif. In February, 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980 as National Women's History Week. The proclamation stated, *"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."*

In 1981, responding to the growing popularity of Women's History Week, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming a Women's History Week.

Congress passed their resolution as Pub.L.97-28, which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." By 1986, 14 states had declared March as Women's History Month.

Most of us are familiar with female leaders such as Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, and Alice Paul. Many people are not familiar with Margaret Fuller, an early women's rights activist; Elizabeth Ellet, a woman who catalogued and profiled more than 100 Colonial women in her writings; Lydia Taft, a woman who voted in 1756 (!) and Dicey Langston, a young Patriot who passed along vital information to her brothers in the Patriot army. Susanna Rowson was early America's first best-selling author and Sarah Bradley Fulton was a field nurse during the Battle of Bunker Hill. We recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote, the 19th Amendment, brought to fruition after a long and difficult road for the suffragettes who won that right for us.

The names can go on and on ... and should. I grew up in Noblesville, attended my first class in Kindergarten at Second Ward School (where Seminary Park now stands) in 1955. From that point throughout all my classes through the years there was little if anything taught or discussed regarding the women who contrib-

uted to the settling of our country as well as inventors, authors, scientists, and leaders. Other than Martha Washington and Pocahontas (both notable ladies, of course) little was discussed about the major roles of women in our American history. Fortunately, those roles are expanding in areas of science, medicine, government, and corporate management, although we still have a long way to go.

I hope that has changed and is changing – that our children are learning the realistic history of our country. Much of it is inspiring, some of it regrettable, and all of it important.

I encourage parents and grandparents to reach out to their daughters and granddaughters – boys also – to share the important role of women in the history of our country. I also encourage all girls who are have the interest and abilities to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) opportunities in their academic choices.

As the sixth-generation descendant of Samuel Howard, a Patriot soldier, I am thankful of course for his service to our young country but also to the strong women who supported him and brought future generations of patriots into this world. Thank you, Ladies!

Sharon McMahon

Noblesville

Regent, Horseshoe Prairie Chapter
National Society Daughters
of the American Revolution

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

Romans 14:14 (NIV)

Angela Yvonne Wills

October 30, 1964 – February 28, 2021

Angela Yvonne Wills, 56, Lakewood Ranch, Fla., passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at Lakewood Ranch Hospice House. She was born on October 30, 1964 in Noblesville.

Angela worked as an accountant and loved animals.

She is survived by her father, Charles Bryan; brother, Michael Bryan; aunt, Monica Moore; and her beloved yellow lab, Lady Madison.

Angela was preceded in death by her mother, Diana Brown; and her grandparents, Fern and Charlie Firestone.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., with visitation at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Eagletown Cemetery in Westfield.

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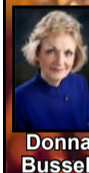
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Boys basketball Sectional 8

'Hounds, 'Rocks reach championship game



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Carmel's Brian Waddell makes one of his three dunks during the Greyhounds' sectional basketball game with Hamilton Southeastern on Friday. Carmel won 46-33 to advance to tonight's championship game.

By RICHIE HALL
CARMEL - For the second consecutive year, the Carmel and Westfield boys basketball teams will battle it out for the Class 4A Sectional 8 championship.

The No. 2-ranked Greyhounds won the first of Friday's semi-final games at the Eric Clark Activity Center, beating Hamilton Southeastern 46-33. In the second semi-final, the Shamrocks held off a late push by Noblesville to win a wild 81-74 contest.

Tonight's Carmel-Westfield game tips off at 7 p.m., with the winner headed to the Logansport regional.

DEFENSE AND DUNKS

The Greyhounds put together another solid defensive performance on Friday. Carmel began to pull away late in the first quarter after battling the Royals for most of that first period, then used a second-quarter run to build a lead that it maintained in the second half.

The 'Hounds also threw in some fireworks as well, making five dunks. The first one was by Charlie Williams, and his dunk gave Carmel a 7-4 lead. Not to be outdone, Southeastern's Dalton Retzner threw down his own dunk, then Vinny Buccilla made a floater to put the Royals up 8-7.

That was to be HSE's only lead of the game, as the Greyhounds went on a 7-0 run that stretched into the second quarter.

Peter Suder and Connor Gioia made lay-ins to finish the first quarter, then Suder scored to open the second. Brian Waddell put down a dunk to finish the run.

"I think defensively we did a good job," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. "The kids carried out a good game plan. They locked in. They made shots difficult, limited some offensive rebounds."

Retzner stopped that run with two free throws, but Carmel ended the half with a 9-2 stretch to take a 24-12 lead into halftime. Josh Whack scored five points, making two free throws and a 3-pointer.

"Trying to play from behind against them is always tough," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield. "I got to give our guys a lot of credit. They came out here and they battled, they played hard. But Carmel's a great team. Coach Osborn does a great job. They're ranked where they are for a reason."

The Greyhounds kept their lead at 10 points or above for most of the second half. There were two times the Royals got within nine, starting with the third quarter when Alex Totton hit a jump shot to get Southeastern within 25-16. Carmel responded with a 9-1 run; Waddell scored seven of those points with a triple, another dunk and a layin.

That pattern repeated itself in the

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Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Hamilton Southeastern's Alex Totton makes a basket for the Royals. Totton is one of seven seniors on the Southeastern team this season.

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Westfield's Alyssa Crockett commits to Michigan

Westfield junior Alyssa Crockett has announced on Friday that she will continue her basketball career at the University of Michigan.

Crockett, a standout for the Shamrocks since her first game as a freshman, made the announcement on Twitter Friday afternoon. After thanking her family, coaches, friends and supporters, she finished with "I will be continuing my academic and athletic career at the University of Michigan. GO BLUE."

Crockett averaged 17.2 points, 7.6 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 1.5 blocked shots per game for Westfield this season, helping the 'Rocks to a Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship and 16-5 record this season. For her career, Crockett is averaging 14.1 points per game.

fourth quarter. Jason Stutz nailed a 3 to cut the Greyhounds' lead to 40-31 with four minutes left. But Carmel clinched the game with a 6-0 run: Suder and Whack both made two foul shots, sandwiched in between Waddell's third dunk of the night. With that, the Greyhounds improved to 21-2 and were back in the sectional final.

"Just an opportunity to play in the championship game, you got to celebrate that," said Osborn. "I'm proud of the kids for sticking with what we do."

Waddell scored 13 points to lead Carmel, with Suder scoring 11 and collecting eight rebounds. Williams, who had two dunks in the game, also blocked three shots.

Buccilla scored eight points to lead the Royals, who finished their season at 12-11. Retzner added seven points and pulled four rebounds, while Sam Jacobs handed out four assists. Buccilla and Retzner are seniors, along with Stutz, Totton, Isaac Bowman, Mohammed Awad and John McCall.

For the seniors, Satterfield said, "I commend them for what they did in terms of the leadership of helping everybody stay connected and doing everything that we wanted to do."

"It's a group that has led things the right way and hopefully that gets passed along to the leaders that are going to take over next year," said Satterfield.

SMITH AND SMITH STEP UP

The first half of the second semi-final was dominated by Smith, while the second half was also dominated by Smith.

Westfield's Braden Smith put on a show in the first half, scoring 27 points. After Noblesville started the game by going up 5-0 on a Noah Harris layin and an E.J. Smith 3-pointer (more about him in a minute), Braden Smith quickly got the Shamrocks on top to stay. He made three free throws after being fouled while shooting a 3-pointer, then threw in a triple.

Cam Haffner then hit a 3, and Braden Smith's layin finished an 11-0 run, getting the 'Rocks up 11-5. After Harris scored a layin, Westfield blasted off on a 19-2 run that lasted well into the second quarter.

Braden Smith scored five more points in the first quarter, which ended with the Shamrocks leading 18-9. That lead swelled up to 30-9 at one point; Smith added eight more points, while Matthew Penley hit a floater and Haffner made a putback. The Millers began to chip away at that lead by halftime, but Westfield still led 38-19 at the break. Smith's 3-pointer gave him 27 points at halftime.

"I'm sitting there and I'm glad that I'm his coach and I'm not coaching against him, that's what it's like," said Westfield coach Shane Sumpter. "He's a special kid and a special player."

Noblesville pushed back in the third quarter, outscoring the Shamrocks 26-16 in the period. The Millers made six 3s during the quarter, and went on an 8-0 run early. Harris threw down a dunk, then David Lloyd and Luke Almodovar drained 3s.

Another Almodovar 3 got Noblesville within 48-40, but Braden Smith answered that with six straight points, a three-point play and a 3-point basket. E.J. Smith answered for the Millers with two free throws, and Almodovar struck again with his third triple of the period, which ended



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

The Westfield student section was out in full force for the Shamrocks' sectional victory over Noblesville on Friday. Westfield won 81-74 to advance to tonight's championship game.

with Westfield up 54-45.

E.J. Smith opened the fourth quarter with a layin, then later made two free throws to get Noblesville within 57-52. Smith helped the Millers get within four twice; hitting a 3 to cut Westfield's lead to 59-55, then his layin put the Millers within 63-59.

"They could have easily folded there after the first half," said Noblesville coach John Peckinpaugh. "I think they came out and showed who they are as people. We just got in too big of a hole to get out of it."

But the Shamrocks went on an 8-0 run, expanding their lead back to 71-59 with 1:58 left. Braden Smith scored on a floater, Penley made a layin, Benji Welch got an easy basket off a Smith steal, and Penley made two foul shots. Two more free throws from Penley got Westfield ahead 75-63 with 1:05 left, and the 'Rocks held on from there, improving to 18-4 for the season.

"Credit our guys," said Sumpter. "They didn't panic and we just had to hang on and weather the storm. We told them it was going to be 32 minutes. I told them at halftime 'This game's not over,' and it's not. That's a well-coached basketball team. They play hard, they play with a lot of energy, effort and a lot of heart."

Braden Smith scored 41 points, a career-high, nailing four 3-pointers, and also dished out six assists, collected five rebounds and made five steals. Haffner added 17 points, including three 3s, and five rebounds, while Penley contributed 15 points. Nic Depasquale handed out four assists.

Noblesville's E.J. Smith poured in 30 points, including four 3-pointers, and dished out five assists. Almodovar threw

in three 3s while scoring 15 points while Harris added 10 points. Josh Durham had six rebounds and five assists for the Millers, who finished 11-11 for the season and graduated three seniors, Harris, Durham and Evan Wilson.

"I couldn't be more proud of our guy's grit and our three seniors, starting with Noah Harris," said Peckinpaugh. "He's had a great year. He's improved more than any other kid in our program since I've gotten here. Josh Durham had a huge, huge year defensively for us, stepping up in a leader role as the season progressed. Then Evan Wilson, who sadly got injured. We thought he was going to have a really big year for us. Can't ask for three better kids who helped us take steps forward in our program and the culture we want to build."

CARMEL 46, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 33

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Connor Gioia	2-2	5-7	9	2
Josh Whack	1-1	4-6	7	1
Peter Suder	4-10	2-2	11	1
Brian Waddell	6-10	0-0	13	3
Charlie Williams	3-6	0-0	6	2
Nick Frische	0-0	0-0	0	2
Wil Leary	0-0	0-0	0	1
Bryce Beery	0-1	0-0	0	0
Sam Orme	0-0	0-0	0	0
Josh Rauh	0-0	0-0	0	0
Burke Weldy	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-30	11-15	46	12
Carmel 3-point shooting (3-6)	Suder 1-3,			
Waddell 1-2, Whack 1-1.				
Carmel rebounds (20)	Suder 8, Waddell 4,			
Williams 4, Whack 2, Gioia 1, Beery 1.				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Totton	2-7	0-0	4	2
Dalton Retzner	2-6	2-2	7	0
Vinny Buccilla	3-6	2-2	8	3
Sam Jacobs	0-3	1-2	1	1
John McCall	0-2	4-4	4	3
Loudon Sundling	1-2	0-0	2	2

Jason Stutz	2-4	0-0	5	2
Isaac Bowman	0-0	0-0	0	1
Mohammed Awad	1-1	0-0	2	1
Deion Miles	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	11-31	9-10	33	15
Southeastern 3-point shooting (2-10)				
Retzner 1-3, Stutz 1-1, Totton 0-4, Sundling 0-1, Jacobs 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (18)	Retzner 4,			
Totton 3, Buccilla 3, McCall 3, Jacobs 2,				
Sundling 1, Stutz 1, Awad 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	11	13	10	12 - 46
Southeastern	8	4	12	9 - 33

WESTFIELD 81, NOBLESVILLE 74

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josh Durham	0-0	0-0	0	4
E.J. Smith	8-16	10-10	30	3
Noah Harris	5-7	0-1	10	4
Luke Almodovar	5-11	2-2	15	3
Preston Roberts	2-5	1-1	5	1
Aaron Fine	2-2	0-0	6	4
David Lloyd	3-5	0-0	8	4
Cooper Bean	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	25-47	13-14	74	23
Noblesville 3-point shooting (11-27)	Smith 4-8,			
Almodovar 3-8, Lloyd 2-4, Fine 2-2,				
Roberts 0-3, Harris 0-1, Bean 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (21)	Durham 6, Lloyd 4,			
Almodovar 3, Roberts 3, Fine 2, Harris 2, Smith 1.				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	11-16	15-21	41	4
Cam Haffner	7-13	0-0	17	2
Benji Welch	2-3	2-2	6	2
Nic Depasquale	1-3	0-0	2	2
Matthew Penley	4-6	7-8	15	4
Luke Naas	0-1	0-0	0	0
Trey Dorton	0-1	0-0	0	0
Luke Van Dyke	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	25-43	24-31	81	15
Westfield 3-point shooting (7-21)	Smith 4-9,			
Haffner 3-7, Depasquale 0-2, Welch 0-1,				
Naas 0-1, Penley 0-1.				
Westfield rebounds (20)	Smith 5, Haffner 5,			
Penley 4, Depasquale 4, Naas 2.				
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	9	10	26	29 - 74
Westfield	18	20	16	27 - 81



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

LEFT: Westfield's Nic Depasquale holds on to the ball while being guarded by Noblesville's E.J. Smith, who scored 30 points, including four 3-pointers, for the Millers in Friday's sectional semi-final game. RIGHT: Noblesville's Luke Almodovar scored 15 points, including three 3-pointers, for the Millers.

Huskies cruise to Sectional 24 title game

Hamilton Heights cruised into the championship game at Class 3A Sectional 24 Friday night at New Castle with a 68-39 semi-final victory over Muncie Burris.

The Huskies led 15-7 after the first quarter, with Isaac Wilson scored seven points. Heights then blasted through the second period, outscoring the Owls 22-8 to take a 37-15 halftime lead. Gus Etchison had seven points in that quarter, with Luke Carroll adding six. The Huskies had another big quarter in the third, pouring in 24 points for a 61-29 advantage after three. Etchison added another eight points.

"I was really pleased," said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. "We had a situation where, again, our kids were just locked in. We guarded and we did what we needed to do. We took care of business. We got to play a lot of kids, we got to rest kids. And we got an opportunity to play for a championship on Saturday night."

Etchison finished with 15 points, also collecting five rebounds and dishing out five assists. Carroll had an outstanding game, totaling 14 points, eight rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots.

"Luke Carroll did a good job setting the tone," said Ballenger. "He got some

good defensive stops and rebounds, attacked the rim. We just did a really good job defensively."

The Huskies are 17-4 and play New Castle in tonight's championship game, which tips off at 7:30 p.m. The Trojans beat Delta 51-43 in the second Friday semi-final to reach the title game.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 68,
MUNCIE BURRIS 39

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gus Etchison	6-12	0-0	15	2
Noah Linville	1-5	2-2	5	3
Luke Carroll	5-8	3-4	14	0
Isaac Wilson	4-9	0-0	9	0
Lucas Letsinger	3-6	2-2	9	0

Tillman Etchison	1-3	1-2	4	2
Braden Kinder	0-1	1-2	1	1
Isaac Tuma	3-6	0-1	6	3
Drew Pennington	1-2	0-0	3	0
Blake Stevens	1-3	0-0	2	0
Collin Gilmore	0-1	0-2	0	2
Gavin Bramel	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	25-57	9-15	68	13
Score by Quarters				
Heights	15	22	24	7 - 68
Burris	7	8	14	10 - 39
Heights 3-point shooting (9-28) G. Etchison 3-6, Wilson 1-6, Linville 1-4, Letsinger 1-4, Pennington 1-2, T. Etchison 1-2, Carroll 1-1, Kinder 0-1, Bramel 0-1, Stevens 0-1. Heights rebounds (34) Carroll 8, G. Etchison 5, Letsinger 4, Tuma 4, Wilson 3, T. Etchison 3, Linville 2, Kinder 2, Bramel 2, Stevens 1.				

Golden Eagles pull away from Tigers, into Sectional 27 final

Guerin Catholic pulled away from Class 3A Sectional 27 host Lebanon in the fourth quarter, and that sent the No. 7-ranked Golden Eagles to a 49-30 semi-final victory on Friday, advancing Guerun to tonight's championship at Rosenstihl Gymnasium.

The Friday game was close, although the Golden Eagles outscored the Tigers in each of the four quarters. Guerun Catholic led 10-7 after the first period and 20-15 at halftime. The Golden Eagles held a 32-25 advantage after three quarters, then clamped down on defense in the fourth, outscoring Lebanon 17-5 in the closing period.

Kaleb Edwards led the way for GC, scoring 13 points and collecting nine rebounds. Matthew Gillis added 11 points and pulled five rebounds.

The Golden Eagles are 18-3 and will play Brebeuf Jesuit at 7 p.m. tonight for the sectional title. The Braves beat Bishop Chatard 52-36 in Friday's first semi-fi-

nal game.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 49,
LEBANON 30

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaleb Edwards	5-8	3-7	13	1
Joseph Bobilya	3-9	0-0	7	2
Will Grissom	2-8	0-0	5	4
Jack Cherry	0-3	4-4	4	0
Matthew Gillis	4-7	3-5	11	1
Matthew Etchison	2-2	0-0	6	3
Elijah Edwards	1-2	1-2	3	2
Patrick Baird	0-0	0-0	0	1
Jack Parenteau	0-0	0-0	0	0
Spencer Wilt	0-0	0-0	0	0
Garrett Kreiner	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17-39	11-18	49	14
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	10	10	12	17 - 49
Lebanon	7	8	10	5 - 30
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (4-14) Etchison 2-2, Bobilya 1-6, Grissom 1-3, K. Edwards 0-1, E. Edwards 0-1, Cherry 0-1. Guerun Catholic rebounds (25) K. Edwards 9, Gillis 5, Cherry 3, E. Edwards 1, Bobilya 1, Etchison 1, Grissom 1, team 4.				

Blackhawks fall to Taylor

Sheridan saw its season come to an end on Friday, as the Blackhawks lost a tough semi-final game to Taylor 52-50 at Class 2A Sectional 39 at Blackford.

Sheridan trailed 14-8 after the first quarter, but the Blackhawks the Titans in the second period, as each team scored 16 points. Ethan Moistner scored 17 points in the first half, including five 3-pointers, helping to keep Sheridan within 30-24 at halftime.

The 'Hawks cut into Taylor's lead in the third quarter, getting within 44-41 by the end of the period. Corbin Murray added nine points, while Kyle Eden scored six. Sheridan battled to the final buzzer, but the Titans were able to hold on.

Moistner finished the game with 18 points, while Eden scored 13 points and handed out seven assists. Murray totaled 10 points. Silas DeVaney led the re-

bounds with seven.

The Blackhawks finished their season with a 12-11 record.

TAYLOR 52, SHERIDAN 50

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Corbin Murray	4-5	1-2	10	1
Kyle Eden	4-12	3-7	13	2
Cayden Hunter	0-2	0-0	0	0
Silas DeVaney	3-10	1-1	7	4
Ethan Moistner	6-10	1-2	18	4
Keenan Warren	1-1	0-0	2	1
Cole Webel	0-2	0-0	0	2
Evan Grinstead	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-42	6-12	50	14
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	8	16	17	9 - 50
Taylor	14	16	14	8 - 52
Sheridan 3-point shooting (8-18) Moistner 5-9, Eden 2-4, Murray 1-1, Hunter 0-2, Webel 0-2. Sheridan rebounds (21) DeVaney 7, Eden 5, Moistner 4, Murray 2, Webel 2, Hunter 1.				



Photo by Si DeVaney III
Sheridan's Silas DeVaney scored seven points for the Blackhawks during their Friday sectional semi-final game with Taylor.

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NBA standings

The NBA is on its All-Star Break. Games resume on Wednesday.

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
	W	L	PCT.	GB		W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlantic					Northwest				
Philadelphia	24	12	.667	-	Utah	27	9	.750	-
Brooklyn	24	13	.649	0.5	Portland	21	14	.600	5.5
Boston	19	17	.528	5.0	Denver	21	15	.583	6.0
New York	19	18	.514	5.5	Oklahoma City	15	21	.417	12.0
Toronto	17	19	.472	7.0	Minnesota	7	29	.194	20.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	22	14	.611	-	Phoenix	24	11	.686	-
Chicago	16	18	.471	5.0	L.A. Lakers	24	13	.649	1.0
Indiana	16	19	.457	5.5	L.A. Clippers	24	14	.632	1.5
Cleveland	14	22	.389	8.0	Golden State	19	18	.514	6.0
Detroit	10	26	.278	12.0	Sacramento	14	22	.389	10.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	18	18	.500	-	San Antonio	18	14	.563	-
Charlotte	17	18	.486	0.5	Dallas	18	16	.529	1.0
Atlanta	16	20	.444	2.0	Memphis	16	16	.500	2.0
Washington	14	20	.412	3.0	New Orleans	15	21	.417	5.0
Orlando	13	23	.361	5.0	Houston	11	23	.324	8.5

Friday high school boys basketball sectional scores

Courtesy John Harrell's website www.johnharrell.net		30T		Boonville		Southridge	
CLASS 4A		Evansville North		Heritage Hills 62, Evansville Bosse 51		Southridge 43, North Posey 33	
Gary West		Evansville Reitz 49, Evansville North 37		Boonville 53, Gibson Southern 42		South Spencer 79, Tecumseh 46	
Munster 72, Hammond Morton 38		Evansville Central 54, Evansville Harrison 51		CLASS 2A		CLASS 1A	
Gary West 58, Lake Central 29		CLASS 3A		Whiting		Kouts	
Chesterton		Calumet		Marquette Catholic 85, Whiting 50		Washington Twp. 57, Gary 21st Century 55	
Portage 41, Lowell 36		Calumet 61, Lighthouse CPA 56		Bowman Academy 52, Illiana Christian 47		Kouts 85, Morgan Twp. 56	
Valparaiso 47, Crown Point 31		Hammond 63, Griffith 34		North Judson		Culver	
Michigan City		New Prairie		Boone Grove 47, South Central (Union Mills) 42		Argos 30, Culver 21	
South Bend Riley 91, Michigan City 76		Hanover Central 58, Kankakee Valley 36		North Judson 63, LaVille 50		Triton 59, Oregon-Davis 41	
South Bend Adams 68, Mishawaka 60		New Prairie 89, River Forest 35		Westview		Bethany Christian	
Elkhart		South Bend Washington		Eastside 50, Bremen 34		Elkhart Christian 70, Bethany Christian 61, OT	
Penn 45, Northridge 40		John Glenn 56, South Bend Washington 29		Churubusco 45, Central Noble 40		Fremont 60, Lakewood Park 44	
Elkhart 59, Warsaw 57		South Bend St. Joseph 53, Mishawaka Marian 45		Bluffton		Tri-County	
East Noble		Twin Lakes		Fort Wayne Blackhawk 78, Whitko 39		Caston 55, Tri-County 51	
Carroll (Fort Wayne) 75, Fort Wayne North 70		Peru 58, Maconaquah 50		Fort Wayne Canterbury 51, Adams Central 38		North White 48, Pioneer 38	
Fort Wayne Snider 69, East Noble 54		Twin Lakes 57, Western 53, 20T		Delphi		North Miami	
Columbia City		West Noble		Lewis Cass 67, Rensselaer Central 56		Southwood 93, North Miami 19	
Homestead 74, Fort Wayne South 44		NorthWood 47, Wawasee 46		Rochester 52, North Newton 35		Lakeland Christian 60, Northfield 47	
New Haven 77, Fort Wayne Wayne 65		Woodlan		Fountain Central		Attica	
Marion		Fort Wayne Dwenger 66, Fort Wayne Concordia 57		Rossville 65, Seeger 47		Lafayette Central Catholic 61, Faith Christian 42	
Lafayette Jeff 79, Harrison (West Lafayette) 72		Leo 76, Fort Wayne Luers 70, OT		Carroll (Flora) 63, Western Boone 48		Covington 56, North Vermillion 27	
McCutcheon 62, Kokomo 41		Mississinewa		Blackford		Wes-Del	
Carmel		Mississinewa 76, Heritage 61		Taylor 52, Sheridan 50		Liberty Christian 82, Anderson Prep Academy 44	
Carmel 46, Hamilton Southeastern 33		Norwell 66, Belmont 57, OT		Blackford 69, Tipton 50		Cowan 67, Tri-Central 50	
Westfield 81, Noblesville 74		New Castle		Elwood		Randolph Southern	
Richmond		Hamilton Heights 68, Muncie Burris 39		Wapahani 60, Lapel 54		Blue River 63, Tri 54, OT	
Anderson 58, Pendleton Heights 54, OT		New Castle 51, Delta 43		Frankton 52, Alexandria 45		Seton Catholic 71, Union City 53	
Mount Vernon (Fortville) 62, Greenfield-Central 37		Frankfort		Shenandoah		Clay City	
Indianapolis Tech		Greencastle 66, Danville 51		Eastern Hancock 84, Union County 56		Shakamak 49, White River Valley 38	
North Central (Indianapolis) 72, Indianapolis Attucks 59		Owen Valley		Shenandoah 68, Northeastern 39		North Central (Farmersburg) 61, Bloomfield 49	
Lawrence North 46, Warren Central 45		Edgewood 49, South Vermillion 47		Heritage Christian		Indianapolis Metropolitan	
Decatur Central		Northview 54, Brownstown Central 52		Covenant Christian 51, Park Tudor 44		Bethesda Christian 44, Indianapolis Metropolitan 41	
Ben Davis 65, Southport 48		Lebanon		NOTE: Heritage Christian's game with Irvington Prep was canceled; Heritage advanced to the championship.		Indiana Math & Science 47, Indiana Deaf 32	
Pike 58, Decatur Central 54		Brebeuf Jesuit 52, Indianapolis Chatard 36		Cloverdale		Indianapolis Lutheran	
Avon		Guerin Catholic 49, Lebanon 30		Parke Heritage 66, Southmont 34		Indianapolis Tindley 64, Central Christian 49	
Brownsburg 67, Terre Haute South 41		Beech Grove		North Putnam 70, Cascade 59		Indianapolis Lutheran 61, Providence Cristo Rey 43	
Plainfield 58, Avon 39		Beech Grove 67, Indianapolis Ritter 49		Milan		Southwestern (Shelbyville)	
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