

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, 2024

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#### TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Mostly cloudy. Tonight: Partly cloudy.



**HIGH**: 40 LOW: 32

# **HCEM honors volunteers** who serve their communities

#### **The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) is a county public safety department that ensures the county is prepared for emergencies and disasters by coordinating and supporting the community when bad things happen. With a staff of only eight, providing disaster services to the growing county is nearly impossible. Thankfully, over 170 volunteers and the staff stand ready to serve at a moment's notice.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, HCEM recognized the volunteers' dedication, talent, and leadership.

"We have so many amazing volunteers, and it is difficult to decide who to recognize," said Monica Peterson, Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator with Emergency Management.

#### Presidential Service Award

The Presidential Service Award is an award from the President of the United States that honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action.

This year's recipients are:

cations Group, Logistics Coordinator









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By 7:30 p.m. Saturday night, Noblesville's sectional trophy was on public display as a repository of empty alcohol containers.

# Shameful display

Wrestling sectional trophy decorated with trash at Noblesville bar

#### The REPORTER

Saturday afternoon Noblesville High School (NHS) athletes won the school's first wrestling team sectional since 2021. A few hours later NHS coaches were celebrating at Syd's Bar, 808 Logan St., Noblesville. That evening, the trophy those young athletes had worked so hard to earn was decorated with at least one crushed beer can and an empty cocktail glass.

Witnesses told The Reporter NHS coaches were seen "licking" and doing other inappropriate things to the trophy during the course of their celebration. Coaches and others in NHS-branded shirts were also seen building a tower of empty beer cans on the table where the trophy was on public display. By 7:30 p.m. at least one can of the same brand of beer was crushed and placed on the base of the trophy, as seen in photos in today's edition. An empty plastic cocktail glass, inverted, was placed atop the trophy. One group of witnesses told The Reporter the coaches' group was "so obnoxious" the witnesses felt compelled to leave.

## Indiana legislators congratulate

Photos provided by Hamilton County Emergency Management Tom Sheehy (top left) received the Leadership Award, Jake Zier (top right) received the Volunteer Service Award, Deb Miller (above left) received the Peer Recognition Award, and Paul Beihold (above right) received the Special Recognition Award.

in 1986. He is one of the longest-serving members and an 1. John Gooldy, Communi- time to help new amateur radio Member operators, manages the county's four repeaters, and learns to serve the community at com-Gooldy helped establish new programs and equipment munity outreach and special

Emergency Service program sources. He is a long-time No- training programs throughout blesville resident.

2. Cathy Zink, Communiamazing leader. He takes the ty Emergency Response Team

the local Radio Amateur Civil to enhance communication re- events and attends numerous See Volunteers... Page 3

the year. She is well-liked by her peers and has taken preparedness to a new level. Her attitude and wit make being around her Zink gives countless hours fun and enjoyable. She is a Fishers resident.

## HSE on "We the People" victory



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State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) and House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) recently presented House Concurrent Resolution 18, which congratulates Hamilton Southeastern High School for winning the Indiana Bar Foundation's "We the People" competition. The team will compete at the national finals, where they will represent Indiana in Washington, D.C. in the spring.

## Landers named Husky Hero for December

#### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) Assistant Principal Jill Landers has been named the Husky Hero for the month of December.

Landers, who is in her fourth year at HHMS, spent her first three years as a math teacher prior to transitioning to the role of assistant principal at the start of the 2023-24 school year. She is known for providing timely and consistent support, especially in challenging situations.

"Mrs. Landers has brought a high level of effectiveness and professionalism, along with fresh insights to our leadership team as we all continually work together to develop ways to improve how we serve our students and staff," HHMS Principal Bret Bailey said.

"Mrs. Landers was very our child, who was having some problems," Shawn O'Bryhim said. "She was willing to listen at all times, was reasonable, and was ready to change her mind

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The Carmel Symphony Orchestra will welcome acclaimed Spanish violinist Francisco Fullana on Feb. 10.

### Celebrate Valentine's Day with Carmel Symphony Orchestra (and your Valentine)

#### The REPORTER

Spend a romantic evening on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Palladium as the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) celebrates Valentine's Day with a performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet Suite, and Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story Symphonic Dances.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$67. They're available at tinyurl.com/ CSOvalentine2024 and through the Center for the Performing Arts Box Office by calling (317) 843-3800. Shared boxes are available online. VIP and private box experiences for groups of four or more are available by contacting the Carmel Symphony Development Office at (317) 844-9717.

HHMS Assistant Principal Jill Landers was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of December. (From left) Melissa Martin (HHEF President/HHSC Integration Coach), Jill Landers, Amber Bowen, baby Laken Bowen, Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), and HHMS **Principal Bret Bailey.** 

patient and understanding with when presented with facts and a because I know the people who the highest compliment." different point of view. Because surround me at HHMS every of this, things have improved, day and see how they go above it's really important to me that and our child is back on the and beyond," Landers said. right track."

"To be nominated and selected "I am humbled by this honor among my colleagues serves as

"When I work with students, they know they will be heard,"

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See CSO . . . Page 3

News

## 2 SHAMEFUL

NHS officials told The coaches holding the same Reporter the trophy was not brand of beer are standing damaged, and the school "disagrees" with allegations of licking and other inappropriate behavior performed and their friends were on on the trophy.

In an email reply to our request for comment, NHS officials told The Reporter, "Several friends of one Leah Wooldridge told The of our coaches was [sic] at Reporter. "Thankfully the a separate table at Syd's. These friends were the ones building beer can pyramids, not our coaches. Having said all that, it was not appropriate for our coaches to bring the trophy to Syd's for other questions from this a personal celebration."

the tower of cans is clearly seen at a table with people wearing NHS shirts and two

at the same table with said tower and trophy.

"While these coaches their own time, bringing the team trophy to a personal celebration was not appropriate," Athletic Director trophy was not damaged. We apologize for the poor choice that was made and have addressed this with our coaching staff."

While they addressed newspaper, it should be not-It should be noted that ed that NHS officials chose not to comment about the trophy being adorned with trash from the public party.



Contrary to a statement from NHS officials, the IHSAA sectional trophy was in fact on display on the same table as the tower of empty beer cans on Saturday night, and NHS coaches were clearly at the same table.

## Once you take charge, there's NO GOING BACK **ID.4 Electric SUV**

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### VOLUNTEERS

#### Leadership Award

The Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has shown exemplary leadership in support of their team.

Tom Sheehy of Westfield was recognized for his desire to ensure the new community of Osborne Trials could help each other during an emergency or disaster. He worked with community members to recruit, attend training, and develop a Community Emergency Response Team in Osborne Trails.

#### **Volunteer Service** Award

The Volunteer Service Award recognizes the individual who donates the most time to the community.

Jake Zier is a Logistics Volunteer who is in a fortunate position to spend time regularly assisting the logistics team. He spends a great deal of time ensuring the most complex asset in the HCEM arsenal is

LANDERS-

her work. "I start out most

'What happened from your

perspective?' and end with,

'Is there anything else you

want to ask or that you think

I should know?' I do this

because I genuinely value

hearing from students and

understanding what they're

"My main goal for stu-

dealing with.

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#### police incidents, large fires, further her skills. and special events. He does an amazing job and is always willing to help.

647 hours. Compared to the county employee work week of 37.5 hours, he has donated approximately 17 weeks or 4.25 months. He nications Group, was recis a long-time resident of Cicero.

#### **Peer Recognition** Award

Volunteers submit nominations for the Peer Recognition Award based on their contributions to the team.

Out of many submissions, there was one individual who stood out. **Deb** Miller is the Planning Section Chief for the Community Emergency Response Team Group. She is instrumental in further developing the CERT curriculum and ensuring the training evolves with the operational needs of the county. She ing the first aid tent at the also serves on the board of Hamilton County 4-H Fair. the Friends of Hamilton She consistently demonalways ready: the mobile County Emergency Ser- strates her passion and en-Command Truck. He also vices and still has time to thusiasm by participating in deploys with the truck to devote to taking classes to many events.

#### **Special Recognition** Award

The Special Recogni-This year, he donated tion Award is given to those whose unwavering commitment and dedication go above and beyond.

> Paul Beihold, Commuognized for his hard work in ensuring a coordinated effort to deliver over 300 meals to those in need for the Good Samaritan Network during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

#### **Rookie Award**

The Rookie Award recognizes new volunteers who demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to the service of Hamilton County in their first year.

Since joining the Community Emergency Response Team, Lindsey Van-DeMark has helped with training sessions and staff-

#### **Star Awards**

The Star Award is presented to those who provide unique services or give their time and talents.

1. Ron Sans, Ph. D., Communication Group, enjoys precision metalwork as it applies to amateur radio. He routinely shares these service of volunteers starttalents to overcome unique ing at two years of service challenges for HCEM. He has made several custom items and saved time and county tax dollars while enhancing communications abilities to improve the lives of the residents of Hamilton County.

2. Julie Gray, Fishers' CERT Team Leader, is an emergency medical technician passionate about teaching CPR, first aid, stop the bleed, and AEDs. She is instrumental in ensuring new members are trained in these life-saving skills and recertifies all staff and volunteers.

3. Thomas Huser, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Volunteers Program Manager, is crucial in ensuring available personnel to manage the center. He

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6:30 with some pre-concert romantic surprises in the Palladium side lobbies and atrium. Festivities will include two specialty drinks: Love Potion No. 9 (vodka, strawberry juice, grenadine, two cherries) and Hearts on Fire (a St. Elmo Old Fashioned with two cherries). Each will be available for \$13.

After that, it's an evening of virtuosity and passionate performances featuring acclaimed Spanish violinist Francisco Fullana soloing on the Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. Fullana, winner of the 2018 Avery Fisher Career Grant, has been hailed as a "rising star" (BBC Music Magazine), an en Metropolis Ensemble.

The evening will begin at "amazing talent" (conductor Gustavo Dudamel) and "frighteningly awesome" (Buffalo News). His Carnegie Hall recital debut was noted for its "joy and playfulness in collaboration ... it was perfection" (New York Concert Review).

quickly responds whenever

a severe thunderstorm or tornado watch is issued. He

is also one of three drivers

for the mobile command

center and frequently re-

sponds to critical incidents.

**Service Pins** 

and every five years after

that. Numerous pins awarded this vear showed volun-

teers' growing commitment.

**Two Years of Service** 

1. Andy Bowman

2. Jeff Crowell

4. Erin Heller

6. Terry Luley

8. Dave Miller

9. Lou Owens

11. Joe Pereira

10. Naomi Penney

12. Dustin Proffitt

14. David Reagan

13. Gary Pupurs

15. Gary Scher

16. Kathy Seitz

18. Lester Trotter

19. Jim Walters

17. Pat Taylor

3. Nick Dunham

5. Chris Hurlock

7. Dallas Milem

HCEM recognizes the

Fullana's versatility as a performer has brought him to perform with numerous ensembles across the artistic spectrum: from major orchestras such as the City of Birmingham, Vancouver, Pacific, and Buffalo symphony orchestras, the chamber orchestras of Saint Paul and Philadelphia, to the baroque ensemble Apollo's Fire and the new music driv-

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- 20. Laurie Wilson 21. Victor Yashimoto
- Five Years of Service
- 1. Casey Crosbie
- 2. Brian Eadie
- 3. Mike Vittetau 4. Cathy Zink
- Ten Years of Service
- 1. Edie Coley
- 2. Lyn Grandt
- 3. Marcia Schwartz
- Fifteen Years of Service
- 1. Jon Baldwin
- 2. Sherrie Vermande
- 3. Tim Vermande "We have five volunteer

programs: Emergency Operations Center, Communications Group, Community Emergency Response Team, Logistics, and Reservist," HCEM Executive Director Shane Booker said. "I am grateful to all of the volunteer coordinators and team leaders who allow us to have such diverse opportunities for people to volunteer."

If you want to join the Masters of Disasters team, hamiltoncounty.invisit .gov/909/How-to-Get-Involved or email Monica Peterson at monica.peterson@ hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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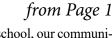
Francisco has worked under the batons of Hans Graf, Alondra de la Parra, Christoph Poppen, Jeannette Sorrell, and Joshua Weilerstein, among many others.

"This promises to be an extraordinary evening filled with passion, artistry, and emotion," CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain said. "And it will be a great start to celebrating Valentine's Day."

Watch Francisco performing solo at tinyurl.com/ FullanaPlaysAsturias.

If you did not attend the Jan. 27 Cirque Goes to the Symphony performance, a short summary and several photos are available on Page 7.

continued Landers on one better. This doesn't mean of our school, our communiof the motivating factors of there won't be consequences, but the conversations in my office are focused on Hero? Nomination forms and of my conversations with, being constructive as much as possible. I spend a lot of time with students trying to Hamilton Heights employget them to understand their ees are available at bit.ly/ actions, what possibly led to them, and how to make Hero Recognition program better choices moving for- is made possible through ward; it's an investment of the Hamilton Heights Edtime that is absolutely worth ucational Foundation in it to me. When we make a partnership with Craig and dents is to learn from their thousand smaller decisions Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). mistakes and grow to be better, it changes the culture #hhedfoundation



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#### News & Opinion



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## No injuries in Sunday fire in Noblesville

#### The REPORTER

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Shortly after 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, a resident of the 5800 block of Elderberry Road in Noblesville was alerted to a fire in the basement by a smoke alarm.

Five adults were home at the time of the fire, and all safely exited the home before calling 911.

The Hamilton County Dispatch Center dispatched fire, law enforcement, and EMS units. Upon arrival, Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) crews could see large amounts of smoke coming from the home. Crews were able to quickly enter the home and locate the seat of the fire in the an NFD firefighter assist.

basement laundry area. The fire was marked under control a short time later. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

The Noblesville Police Department and Westfield Fire Department assisted NFD. Fire investigators have not released the cause of the fire.

The National Fire Protection Agency recommends changing smoke detector batteries every six months. If you need assistance changing smoke detector batteries, Noblesville residents can email NFDscheduling@noblesville.in.gov to schedule a time to have

### Carmel student makes Aurora University dean's list

#### The REPORTER

named Savion Brown of Carmel to the dean's list for the fall 2023 semester.

Brown is majoring in Fi- erage or higher.

nance and Business Admin-Aurora University has istration. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point av-

## **Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam** announces leadership team

#### The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced on Monday the composition of her leadership team. It includes 11 individuals who have previously served the city in an official capacity.

"The critical nature of the city's work requires a Carl: forward-thinking team ca- Marketing pable of responding to citizens and the needs of the city in efficient and innovative ways," Mayor Finkam said. "This team will be mission-focused on creating a

stronger Carmel." • Jim Crider: Chief of Staff (previously Director of Administration)\*

· Ann Bingman: Controller\* Rebecca Director,

Finkam &

**Community Relations** • John Duffy: Director, ty Services\* Carmel Utilities\*

Carmel Fire Department\*

· Lisa Hartz: Director,

es\*

Matt Hig- rector, Redevelopment\* ginbotham: Com-Department\* • Bob Higgins:

General Manager, Brookshire Golf Course\*

 Mike Hollibaugh: Director, Communi-

• Jeremy Kashman: City • David Haboush: Chief, Engineer, Engineering Department\*

• Benjamin Legge: Cor-

Human Resourc- poration Counsel (interim) · Henry Mestetsky: Di-

• Timothy Renick: Dimissioner, Street rector, Information and Communications Systems\* \*Indicates a returning

> leader Additional appointments, including a chief of police to succeed retiring Chief Jim Barlow, chief financial officer, corporation counsel and executive director of economic development will be made in the coming weeks.

## Matthew Deck named new Director of Facilities & Events for Westfield

#### The **REPORTER**

Westfield Mayor Scott sory Willis has announced Matthew Deck as the new Director of Facilities and Events. This position is a key leadership position responsible for overseeing all aspects of city facilities, primarily focusing on Grand Park, leased city properties, and the Westfield Welcome department.

Deck has most recently served as Chief Operating Officer with Tradewinds, where he spent 25 years helping to grow and develop the company from the ground up. He has served

the Advi-Planning Commission, as President of the Redevelopment Authority and Westfield Sports Commission, and on the Boards for the Westfield Education Foun-

is passionate about Westfield, including the nationlived in Westfield for 20 years with his wife, Janel,

and Natalie. "I could not be more excited about the opportunity to work for the sixth fastest-growing city in the country," Deck said. "My passion for bringing people togeth-

dation and the Downtown er, youth sports, and West-Westfield Association. He field make this position the perfect fit for me."

The Director of Facilally renowned Grand Park ities and Events role in-Sports Campus. Deck has volves managing physical operations, supervising maintenance staff, and enand two daughters, Lindsay suring the effective utili-

zation and maintenance of city facilities. This position plays a critical role in developing and implementing strategic objectives, managing budgets, and fostering a collaborative environment to enhance overall functionality.

"As the City of Westfield grows and moves into the partnership with Grand Park Sports and Entertainment, this position is vital to ensuring strong communication and coordination," Willis said. "We are committed to working efficiently on behalf of our residents."

## A history lesson on The Feeding Team

Like any company, city, state, church, or charity, Feeding Team has a history. This month we are telling our story. How did the Feeding Team come to be?

Jump in the way-back time

machine with me for a few bill, one blown tire, one minutes and let's head back unexpected annual premi- Executive Director ere 87 cents a dozen, the

the line we were living. What we experienced, like many families, was a struggle to when something didn't go accordlived one dentist to do?

and our two, later three,

we didn't real- they are to do headed into ize how close to 2020 and cannot escape the embedded need to do something in their local area.

After living in Hamilton County for 33 years, we knew what was supposed make ends meet to happen. We knew we were to turn our attention to our local neighbors here in ing to plan. We Hamilton County. But what

Enter Jay Height, the of to 1986. Gas cost 93 cents um away from not knowing Shepherd Community Cena gallon on average, eggs how we'd feed ourselves ter. Understanding where we were being led to put the effort, he tells us about these outdoor pantries modeled after the small book lending libraries. He sent us an article from the Courier Journal in Louisville, Ky.: an article that describes in detail how the Nazarene church has 40 of these outdoor, no-questions-asked pantries deployed food In short, there were all around Bullitt County, Ky. Two phone calls later admit that featured Kroger and we have the materials cost-cutter beef stew as the list and plans in our email. entrée and a baked potato as Boom, The Feeding Team

FeedingTeam.org Facts 58 pantries 10,000 meals in Sept. 2023 **Over 30 volunteer families** 

ingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3)not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet. Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think. In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us. Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

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### University HS student makes Wabash College dean's list

#### The REPORTER

Crawfordsville, Ind., recently announced its dean's list the dean's list. for the Fall 2023 semester.

Alexander Washlock, a Wabash College in University High School student from Westfield, made Congratulations!

Theta Alpha Upsilon Chapter Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 4 p.m. First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville



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median price of a home was about \$76,000, Ronald Reagan was our president, and reactor No. 4 of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant exploded in a devastating accident. Meanwhile, living in a three-bedroom ranch home in the southern tip of Noblesville, Ind., was a young married couple raising two daughters.

Like most of our contemporaries, these were the beginnings of our salad days. With seven years of wedded bliss behind us we had the world by the tail until we didn't. You see, what we didn't know was that the world can be a very tough place when you are struggling to make a life ... when you're struggling to make a living.

Both of us worked. We did not know anything about public assistance, food pantries, trustees, or for that matter what to do when everything we did was not enough. What we knew in our self-reliance was that when something went bump in the night, we would simply power through. Like most people in their 20s in the 1980s, we took things day by day. Life was a great machine blessing and when times got tough, we'd get tougher until effort wasn't enough.

Looking back on it now,

daughters.

We were what is today referred to as a gap family. These are our neighbors who make too much money to qualify for any form of public assistance, BUT who don't make enough money to not become food insecure when something goes wrong.

more meals than I'd like to the side dish.

During the next threefood charities was always at the front of the list of our charity support. As we opened our first business in 1993, donating to support families who were food-challenged was part of our annual mission. For years, along with our employees, we would support Shepherd Community Cen-Indianapolis with donations er dozen. for food, volunteer hours preparing and serving meals, and doing what we could to support families each holiday season with meals.

and journey ahead with me to 2019. These same two formerly

is born. Taking that model, we plus decades, supporting added our business as a funding source and launched the first six pantries in the middle of the pandemic. All we had to give neighbors was Gatorade and microwave popcorn. It didn't matter. We were beginning, and hungry neighbors were starting to get food that they desperately needed. Today, 58 pantries are in service ter on the Near East Side of with a plan to launch anoth-

Now you know our story. Now you know where Feeding Team came from. If you feel led to help, please join us in our mission to Jump back in the time provide meals to hungry neighbors.

With over 47,000 food-challenged parents food-challenged neighbors are praying through what in Hamilton County, Feed-



## What is a pirate's favorite letter? Arrrr? Nay. 'Tis the sea.

Reporter columnists Tim & Megan Rathz, along with their two kids, Mary and Pat, boarded the Nickel Plate Express last Saturday afternoon for a magical ride filled with pirates and a princess! An enchanting time was had by all. Both kids were even bingo winners and got to pick prizes from the treasure chest. Princess Mary enjoyed meeting princess Ariel and even sang with her. Pirate Paddy had a blast in his skull and bones hat riding the rails and fist bumping Pirate Black Beard. The timing could not have been more perfect as Princess Mary just celebrated "P Week" in her Pre-K class this last week! Many thanks to NPX and the incredible characters from Royal Events for a wonderful time! (Photos provided by Tim & Megan Rathz)





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#### News & Opinion

## Sheridan native inducted into Grace **College's Alpha Chi Honor Society**

#### The REPORTER

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Reagan Motsinger of Sheridan, who is studying English education, was one of 23 Grace College juniors and seniors inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society last Saturday. These high-achieving students have earned the top 10 percent of grade-point averages across all disciplines at Grace.

Every year, Alpha Chi inducts nearly 11,000 students from across the country.

Alpha Chi is a national honor society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence among college and university students of all disciplines, to encourage a spirit of service and leadership and to nurture the elements of character



Photo provided

Grace College inducted 23 juniors and seniors into the Alpha Chi Honor Society on Saturday, Jan. 27.

that make scholarship effective for good. Founded forward to this event every in 1922 and affiliated since year, as these are students 1955 with the Association who have really distinof College Honor Societ- guished themselves in acies, Alpha Chi is the second ademics throughout their oldest and second largest time at Grace," said Dr. general honor society in the Lauren Rich, Alpha Chi fac- the Alpha Chi Honor Society, United States.

ulty sponsor and chair of the visit alphachihonor.org.

"As faculty, we look Department of Humanities. "Membership in Alpha Chi is an honor signifying students' hard work, dedication to learning and strong character."

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## **Noblesville Creates announces winners** of 11<sup>th</sup> annual Comic Book in a Day

#### The REPORTER

The 11th annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge, hosted by Noblesville Creates and co-hosted by the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers, was a huge success.

The event featured the opportunity to create a comic book from scratch in just eight hours with the help of Featured Artists, including Jackie Crofts, Stuart Sayger, Gavin Smith, returning champion Brianna Stevens, and additional staff.

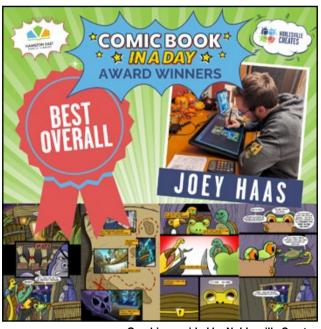
Throughout the day of the event, 65 artists participated in the Challenge, creating a combined total of 217 pages of artwork. In addition, 355 guests stopped by the Ignite Studio space to check out the Challenge.

The participants had a blast working on their individual comics, learning from the Featured Artists, partici-

pating in fun comic-themed activities, shopping from the Featured Artists' booths, and mingling with the other participants.

The activities, supplies, and other amenities for participants were made possible by these generous sponsors: Browning Day, MacInnis Construction, Blick Art Materials, Four Day Ray, and co-host Hamilton East Public Library. At the end of the event, each artist was given an opportunity to present their comic to the Featured Artists, staff, and visitors.

The comics created by the participants were judged by the Featured Artists, who determined the winners of each award category. The award ceremony was held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers, during which each award winner was announced and given a prize.



Graphic provided by Noblesville Creates Joey Haas won Best Overall at the 11th annual Comic Book in a Day.

#### Winners

Best Overall: Joey Haas

• Best Art: Kenna Al-Sayed

• Best Story: Helen Raza • Best Color: Thadeus Shipley

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Ian Cruz and Joshua Ramsey in American Lives Theatre's The Minutes.

## *The Minutes* is all sizzle and no steak

#### **By JAY HEMPHILL** A Seat on the Aisle

As I left the Phoenix Cultural Centre after seeing a sold-out performance of American Lives Theatre's production of *The Minutes*, I was reminded of how I felt after seeing Barbie this past summer.

While I am huge fan of the director, the writer, the story, and the cast, this production, in my opinion, just misses the mark. I am loathe to admit this. So much so, I almost passed on writing this review. I have genuinely enjoyed just about everything I have seen at ALT, since I was first introduced to them three years ago by the company's founder and artistic director Chris Saunders, who also directed this production.

The Minutes is a dark comedy written by Tracy Letts. It premiered at the Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago on Nov. 9, 2017. The play was scheduled to open on Broadway in 2020, but due to the pandemic, the production was suspended. The Minutes eventually opened in April 2022, at Studio 54. The play was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize (for Drama) in 2018 and a Tony Award (Best Play) in 2022.

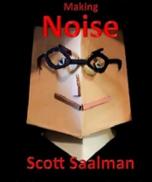
The Minutes takes place sometime in November in play centers around a meet- pristine for the environment ing of the city council, and the petty grievances, grudges, and small-town secrets of its members. In my opinion, the character's peculiarities and comic banter in the beginning are meant to contrast the play's big reveal, but pacing issues and a presentational style hinder the humor and lessen the impact of the script's dark plot twist. I want to blame this on the script, because I know or have worked with half of the cast and can personally attest to their talents. That said, the execution of the text feels too broad and sitcom-ish to make the stakes matter and limits the actors' portrayals to stereotypes, thereby limiting my ability to connect and care for the characters. The standout in this production is Charles (Chuck) Goad (Mr. Carp). While he is only onstage for 10 or so minutes, most of which is a monologue, his intensely passionate performance is

production. His depiction of Mr. Carp is heartbreaking as he comes to terms with the truth behind a long-held belief and his urgent need to make it right.

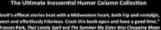
Other noteworthy performances are those of Scot Greenwell (Mr. Hanratty) and Tristan Ross (Mr. Assalone). In my opinion, both actors were aware of the stakes and actively dealt with the characters and situations around them. I also enjoyed Len Mozzi (Mr. Oldfield) who has several solid comedic moments as a senior member of the council.

Kudos to lighting designer Tim Dick and costume designer Anthony Sirk. Dick's minimal lighting choices compliment the story without distracting from it, and his power surges create a sense of instability and provide perfect transitions for the play's singular scene change. Sirk's costumes give the audience insight into each character and their backstories. His choices, while unique to each character, make it easy to believe that all these people reside in the same small town.

Zac Hunter's set design is very neat and clean. Almost too neat and clean. In my opinion, the design lacks the worn-down antiquated feel of Big Cherry, with its aging the fictitious town of Big electric grid and outdated Cherry. The action of the heritage festival. It feels too it exists in. I would love to have seen peeling paint, water stains, and harsh overhead lighting fixtures. Tristan Ross's sound design also leaves me wanting more. A storm is brewing in the council meeting and should be mirrored by the storm raging outside. In my opinion, the constant sound of steady rain and approaching thunder would be extremely impactful and an ominous underscore foreshadowing the end of the play. In summary, I love American Lives Theatre, their mission, and the work they produce; but in my opinion, The Minutes falls short of what I have come to expect from this future leader in the Indianapolis theater community. The Minutes continues at the Phoenix Cultural Centre through Feb. 11. Tickets info and show times are available at phoenixtheatre.org/buy-tickets. Read more great play rewell worth the wait and is views from A Seat on the Aisle the definite highlight of the at asota.wordpress.com.



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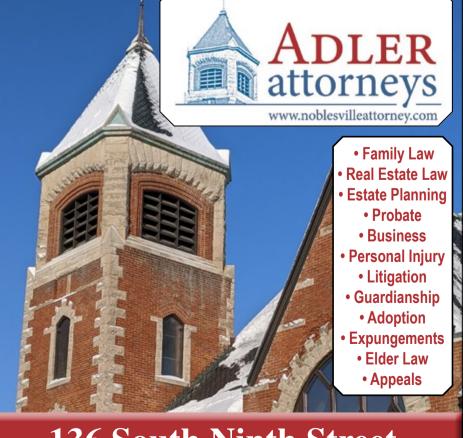
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News

# Great music & talented performers: CSO balances it all in January show

*Last Saturday, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) teamed up with magicians, strong-men acts, jugglers, and more for "Cirque Goes to the Symphony." Not only did The Reporter find the captivating music of John Williams, Tchaikovsky, and others to be performed flawlessly, but with the magic of the circus earned more laughs, ooo's and ahh's then we've heard in one venue in years. (Reporter photos)* 



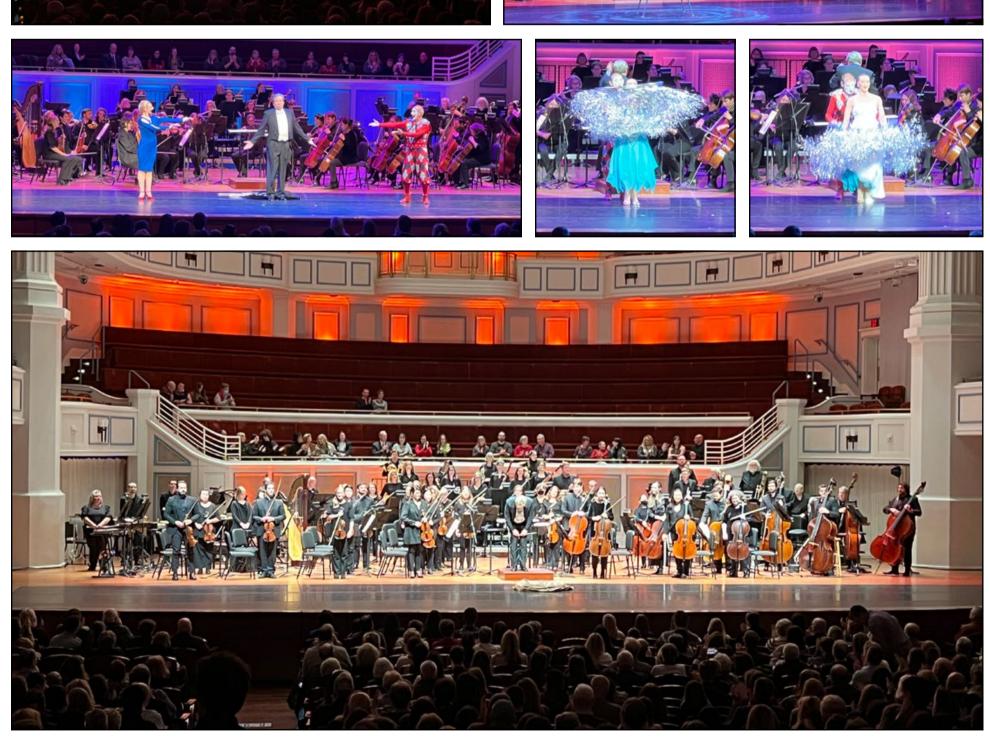


















#### News

# Alerding files for Indiana House District 29 race

#### Submitted

Laura Alerding of Noblesville has filed paperwork with the Indiana Secretary of State's Office placing her name on the May 7 Republican primary ballot for State Representative for the 29th District, which covers Noblesville Township and a small portion of Fall Creek Township.

Alerding currently serves on the Noblesville School Board. She has owned a promotional and marketing business since 2004.

"I am happy to be joined by my husband and some of my family while filing my candidacy for Indiana House Representative for the 29th District," Alerding Noblesville School Board I have stood tall under preswhile defending parents'

State Representative, I will next budget bring that same conserva- session, ensurtive resolve and fortitude ing that monto the Statehouse and when ey continues it comes to holding the line to follow the on taxes, protecting the unborn, defending our Second benefit of our Amendment rights and supporting our family and faith ilton County values."

Alerding said her experience as a business owner said today's and school board member challenges gives her the ability to offer require a repreal solutions.

"As a small business who will stand owner, I know what it's like to have to meet a budget, and I'll be a good steward of your tax dollars," Alerd- population comes growing ing said. "As a school board challenges, and as your next member, I am aware of the state representative, I'll alincrease in student mental ways stand with our police health issues. When elect- and fire fighters against the said. "As a member of the ed, I'll tackle this growing radical left that seek to deproblem with solutions to fund them," Alerding said. protect our children. I'll also "I'll work with our local sure from the opposition continue to push for great-leaders to provide them er academic achievement the tools to keep Hamilton rights and protecting our in our local schools and be County a safe place to work, children! If elected as your our greatest advocate in the live, and raise a family."

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Laura Alerding is a native Hoosier. She and her husband Jim have a combined family of six children, 18 grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. They always enjoy spending time with family at sporting events, birthdays, school activities, and special occasions. Please read more about Alerding on her campaign website, Alerding-ForStateRep29.info.



## Crouch officially files as gubernatorial candidate

#### Submitted

On Tuesday, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch filed the official paperwork to run for governor in 2024, turning in more than 8,000 verified signatures.

Since launching her campaign in December 2022, Crouch has pledged to eliminate Indiana's individual income tax and return thousands of dollars annually to taxpayers.

Crouch also pledged to keep China from buying up farmland and poisoning Hoosiers with illegal drugs like fentanyl.

"We haven't come this far just to come this far," Crouch said. "I am so grateful for all the volunteers and supporters who have made this moment possible. I will continue to travel the state and work to earn the votes of Hoosiers."

Eighth District United States Congressman Larry Bucshon was one of the first Hoosier statesmen to support Crouch's historic bid.

"Her track record of conservatism, demonstrated through her tenure in both the state of Indiana legislative and executive branches, inspires confidence in her ability to shape Indiana's future," said Representative Bucshon. "There is no one better suited to represent the values of our Hoosier community and provide leadership for the state."

Additionally, more than 100 past and present grassroots elected officials - including 20 county sheriffs have endorsed Crouch's bid to be Indiana's first female governor.

Learn more about the candidate at CrouchForIndiana.com.



### Indiana House passes resolution to term limit Congress

#### The REPORTER

House Joint Resolution 3 (HJR3), which seeks to propose a congressional term limits amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The effort, led by Rep. Dave Hall, co-authored by Reps. Jeter, Karickhoff, and Kyle Miller, and spearheaded by the nonpartisan nonprofit U.S. Term Limits, passed with bipartisan support of 59 yeas and 33 nays.

HJR3 has bipartisan The Indiana House of sponsorship and the support chair for Indiana, said, "The Representatives just passed of more than 60 Indiana leg- Indiana House got it right islators who have signed the today in a big way. People I term limits pledge, indicating their support for this important election reform. It's clear that the people of Indiana agree. According to the latest RMG Research poll, 76 percent of likely voters in Indiana support term limits on Congress, including strong support among Republicans, Democrats, and independents alike.

talk to all over the state are demanding term limits, and the House has heard them loud and clear."

U.S. Term Limits' President Philip Blumel commended the Indiana House for addressing the issue of term limits, saying, "The Indiana House of Representatives understands that Congress is reluctant to establish

Micah Beckwith, state term limits on itself. Consequently, the onus is on the states to pick up the mantle to both propose and ratify the term limits amendment."

The next stop is a State Senate committee hearing. If approved by the Senate, Indiana will be one of several states applying for a convention to propose term limits on Congress. To become a part of the U.S. Constitution, the term limits amendment must be ratified by 38 states.





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#### Obituaries

### Valorie Lynn Raines March 23, 1962 – January 26, 2024

Valorie Lynn Raines, 61, Arcadia, passed away on January 26, 2024, at Riverview Hospital at



Noblesville with her family by her side. She was born on March 23, 1962, in Indianapolis to Billy Harrington and Marie Annette (Williams) White. Her parents and a sister, Rebecca Jo White, preceded her in death.

Valorie attended Hamilton Heights Schools and graduated from Hamilton Heights High School with

the Class of 1980.

She married Troy Allen Raines and began her role of homemaker. They were blessed with two daughters, Lindsey Ann Blessing of Indianapolis and Ashley Marie Crouch of Arcadia. Additional survivors include a granddaughter, Kinsley Louise Crouch; and two sisters, Pat Gray of Noblesville and Rhonda Free of Paoli, Ind.

Valorie loved her family and looked forward to their times together. But being a mamaw to Kinsley was the greatest joy of her life. Being a top-notch baker with her specialty being cinnamon rolls, those were a requested food for her to bring to their gatherings. She also loved to go fishing, especially with her sister, Pat. Her family related that she enjoyed playing cards, and she was their euchre champion. She also enjoyed having a garden and flowers. And in her later years she started bird watching and learning about birds. She loved being outdoors when warm, sunny days arrived, and leisure times would find her outside reading.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor Mark Knapp officiating. A time of visitation will be from 2 p.m. until services begin. She will be laid to rest at Cicero Cemetery at a later date.

You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

#### Meeting Notices

The City of Noblesville Council Public Safety Committee will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 11 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. Feb. 14, 2024 May 15, 2024 Aug. 14, 2024 Nov. 13, 2024 A meeting involving the members of the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees Long-Range Planning Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, at the Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Drive.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

### Terrance M. "Terry" Freeman October 12, 1958 – January 27, 2024

Terrance M. "Terry" Freeman, 65, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2024,



away on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville surrounded by his family. He was born on October 12, 1958, to Albert and Eileen (Wann) Freeman in Elwood, Ind.

Terry proudly served his country in the United States Navy. His favorite duty station was in Guam, and he was also stationed at the Naval headquarters in Washington, D.C. Terry graduated from Eastbrook High School and attended Marion College. For over 20 years, he worked as an advertising sales manager earning numerous sales

awards. Terry was a Colts and Pacers fan and an avid golfer, having scored a hole in one in 2010.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Deborah Freeman; daughter, Holly Freeman; sons, A.J. (Brittany) Freeman and Richard Freeman; grandchildren, Jackson, Braydon, Skipper, and Palmer; sister, Brenda Smith; brother-in-law, Alan (Nadine) Hopper; sisters-in-law, Sherrie Freeman and Kathy (Randy) Smith; mother-in-law, Patricia Hopper; and three generations of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Terry was preceded in death by his sister, Kay Riggs; brother, Jeff Freeman; and his beloved golden retrievers, Radar and Trapper.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Monday, February 5, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Private family burial will be at Forrestville Cemetery.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

#### The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print. Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to **obits@ReadTheReporter.com**.

#### TODAY'S BIBLE READING JACOB PREPARES TO MEET ESAU

Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord, you who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,'I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted."" Genesis 32:9-12 (NIV)

Gina June Key July 20, 1960 – January 28, 2024

Gina June Key, 63, Fishers, passed away on Sunday,

January 28, 2024, at IU Health Saxony Hospital. She was born on July 20, 1960, to John and Shirley (McQueen) Howard in Noblesville.

Gina worked as an elementary school custodian. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Gina is survived by her daughters, Chelsea Key and Shelby Key; grand-

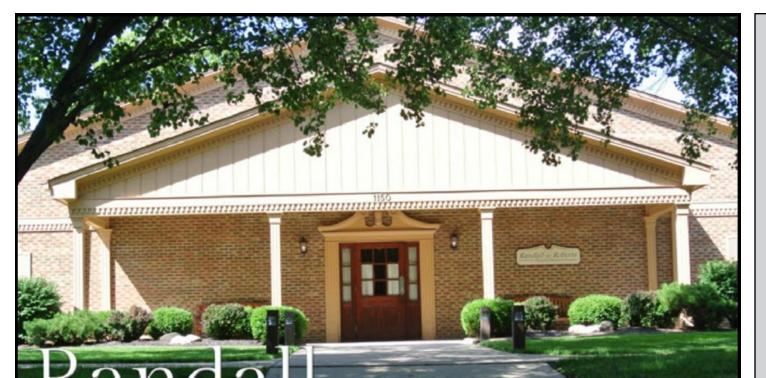
children, Christopher Key, Leighton Key, Carter Newton, and Chandler Newton; and her brother, Chris Howard. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by

her brother, Tim Howard.

Private family services will be held. Gina's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

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## Basketball-

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Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(Above left) Fishers' Allison Scheu scored 19 points for the Tigers during their Sectional 8 openinground victory over Carmel on Tuesday. (Above right) Carmel's Mackenzie Woods drives the ball while being guarded by Fishers' Talia Harris.

# **Carmel leads early, but Fishers bounces back**

Tigers start sectional play with big win, play Millers Friday

#### **By RICHIE HALL** sports@readthereporter.com

FISHERS – Fishers recovered from an early deficit to beat Carmel 52-38 Tuesday in the second opening-round game at Class 4A Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern.

The Greyhounds got off to a hot start, leading 14-3 after one quarter. The Tigers' Talia Harris made a 3-pointer for the game's first basket, but Carmel blasted off on a 14-0 run that took up the remainder of the quarter. Izzy Shepherd scored five points, including a 3, while Mackenzie Woods added four points. Lauren Perry also hit a 3. The Tigers' Allison Scheu started the second period with a triple, which Shepherd answered with another 3-pointer. Carmel led 17-6 at that point, but Fishers took over after that. The Tigers went on a 17-4 run to finish the quarter and led 23-21 at halftime.

quarter, making a 3 herself. "We started to look like ourselves a little bit more in the second quarter," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. The coach gave the Greyhounds credit, saying they shot the ball very well to start the game.

"They were swarming defensively," said Votaw. "And we were finally able to get some stuff to fall. And then everything changes, right? So, when you're hitting shots, your defensive intensity changes."

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Taryn Fisher	3-7	1-2	7	1	
Jamie Elliott	1-2	0-0	2	2	
Vlegan Hamm	0-2	1-2	1	1	
Rilee McBride	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Brooke Batt	0-1	0-0	0	0	
Fionna Bryant	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Ava Mann	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Sydney Bonds	0-0	0-0	0	0	

## Royals crush Rocks in sectional opener

#### **By CRAIG ADKINS** For The Reporter

FISHERS – In the first

the state, the host Hamilton South-Royals eastern were out to make a statement and that's exactly what happened on their home court on Tuesday evening.

A quick start by the Royals was all they needed on the way to a convincing sectional-opening win Westfield, over

52-21. Zoe Lawless drained a three from the right, Addison Van Ho-

esen a layup, an offensive Hoesen got the lead to dourebound putback from Kayla Stidham and just like that

Westfield to burn its first timeout with 5:57 left in the first.

"We needed to make game of what's deemed as sure that we tried to get out the toughest sectional in there and set the tone and

not even let them think that they were going to get in there and be in the game," said Hamilton Southeastern head coach Brian Satterfield. "One

thing we've really been trying to work on is doing a little bit better getting back to where we were defensively and I thought we did that tonight," Satterfield continued. After a pair of

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ble digits at 13-2.

it was 9-0 HSE. That forced See Crush... Page 11

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Scheu poured in 10 points in the second period, finishing it off with another

the game got Carmel within 28-26 early in the third quarter before the Tigers used a 12-0 spurt to take control of the game. Joirdyn Smith nailed two 3s in the run, with Scheu scoring another four points.

"I thought she looked really good tonight," said Votaw. "I think she's moving well, she feels good. I think her confidence and her stamina are starting to come back. I think she's doing well."

3. Harris scored seven in the See Bounce... Page 11

## University gets upper hand late to beat Bishop Chatard

#### The REPORTER

University's boys won their sixth consecutive game Tuesday night scoring a come from behind 57-49 win over Bishop Chatard at The U Center.

The Trailblazers trailed by seven points at halftime and did not take their first lead until three minutes remained in the game. University outscored Bishop Chatard 15-4 over the last four minutes of the game.

Senior Montgomery Holland and junior Max McComb each had 17 points to lead the Blazers. McComb had team highs with 13 rebounds and five assists and also blocked four shots. Holland pulled down

four blocked shots.

As a team University blocked a school record 13 shots, a performance that ranks as the fifth highest total in Indiana high school history per the Hickory Husker Book of Indiana High School Basketball Records compiled by Leigh Evans. Blake Gray also had four blocked shots and Bryce Gray added one block.

throughout. The score was within two possessions for all but 1:50 and the final score was the largest lead of ing back into the contest in the night.

The score was tied three times in the opening quarter, to 28-25. Blake Gray scored with Bishop Chatard taking and Holland split a pair of

left on an Ethan Roseman basket. The Trojans led 16-12 after the opening period. Blake Gray and McComb each had five points for University with Cash Moore making two three pointers for Bishop Chatard.

The Trailblazers pulled within 19-18 on a Holland three pointer, but the Trojans scored the next five points to open up a 24-18 lead and The contest was tight took their largest lead of the night to the halftime locker room at 28-21.

University started climbthe third quarter. Holland scored twice to cut the lead a Trojans basket University pulled within one when Mc-Comb made a three pointer from the right corner. A Holland basket and a pair of Bryce Gray foul shots had University within 36-35.

Three straight Trailblazer possession came up entry allowing Chatard to score for a 38-35 lead and the Trojans led 40-37 after three. Holland had nine points in the third period.

University continued to Blake Gray before Bryce struggle to get over the top early in the fourth. Holland scored University's first five points in the final period before Robert Russell finally

pulled the Blazers even at

nine rebounds and also had a lead at 13-11 with 2:07 foul shots to cut the Bishop 44 with 3:47 left. Russell's Gray and Russell added foul Chatard lead to 30-28. After runner in the lane with 3:00 left spun around the rim before falling in to give University their first lead of the game at 46-44.

Roseman tied the game with 2:35 left on a pair of free throws before McComb put the Trailblazers ahead to stay with 2:17 left at 48-46. McComb added a rebound basket and two foul shots to give University a 52-46 lead with 1:07 left. Bryce Gray scored off an assist from

shots to close out the scoring.

Blake Gray had nine points and Russell scored six of his seven points in the final quarter.

Roseman led Bishop Chatard with 16 points, 14 in the second half.

University improves to 9-6 on the season while the Trojans fall to 7-7. University is next in action Saturday afternoon hosing Class 3A No. 14 Heritage Christian. Varsity tipoff is at 2:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY	57, B	SISHOP	СНАТ	ARD 49		
University	FG	FT	ТР	PF		
Bryce Gray	1-4	3-4	5	1		
Blake Gray	4-10	0-0	9	1		
Zien Bland	0-3	0-0	0	1		
Max McComb	5-10	4-7	17	2		
Robert Russell	2-7	3-4	7	2		
Jackson Bledsoe	0-1	0-0	0	0		
Montgomery Holland	7-11	2-4	17	0		
Cooper Cammack	1-2	0-0	2	2		
Totals	20-48	12-19	57	9		
Score by Quarters						
Bishop Chatard	16	12	12	9 – 49		
University	12	9	16	20 – 16		
University 3-point shooting (5-15) McComb 3-5, Bl. Gray 1-4,						
Holland 1-2, Br. Gray 0-1, Bledsoe 0-1, Bland 0-1, Russell 0-1.						
University rebounds (36) McComb 13, Holland 9, Bl. Gray 4, Bland						

4, Russell 3, Cammack 2, Br. Gray 1.





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### BOUNCE

Scheu began the fourth quarter with her third 2 at the game, which started a 10-2 run for the Tigers. Nevaeh Dickman made a three-point play, the second and-1 of the game for Fishers. Harris made the first one early in the third quarter. She made a layin to give the Tigers a 50-30 fourth-quarter lead.

Scheu said that staying together helped the team weather the early storm and come back to get the victory.

"We knew that we were going to be able to be better offensively in quarters to come, so just staying relaxed and staying together," said Scheu, who led all scorers with 19 points.

Harris finished the game with 15 points, making two 3s.

### CRUSH

Kenley Johnson made a layup and was fouled. She sank the free throw for the old-fashioned three-point play for a 16-4 lead. A left wing three by Stidham pushed it to 15 and then Makalusky nailed a right corner triple in the final seconds of the first for a 22-5 advantage for the Royals after one quarter.

It was tough for Westfield to find any sort of rhythm offensive, which in turn helped HSE take advantage and build on its lead.

'Rocks started The 0-for-10 from the floor, with seven turnovers, before they made their first field goal. Samantha Price made a layup with 3:27 left in the second and Ellie Kelleher knocked down a three to cut it to 31-12 with 3:10 until halftime.

"The slow start really hurt us," said Westfield head coach Kelsey Steele. "At the half, we shot 11 and eight percent from the floor. And when you do that, that's really hard. That puts you in a little bit of a hole, especially against a team that is good enough to make you pay," continued Steele.

fortable lead after two quarters at 38-12.

from Page 10 Shepherd scored 13 for the 'Hounds, totaling three 3-pointers. Perry had three 3s for nine points. Both are

juniors, along with starters Mackenzie Woods and Taryn Fisher. Another junior, Mallory Bourquein, was injured early in the season.

Carmel finished the season 11-12. Seniors on the team included Keaton Gatlin, Megan Hamm and Jamie Elliott.

"We have a nice core of juniors that will be coming back," said Carmel coach Rick Risinger. "We lose three that had significant minutes here, but we're looking forward to start thinking about the future as well."

Fishers is 17-6 and plays Noblesville Friday in the Sectional 8 semifinals.

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playing careers in college.

15 'Those three have put in 16 a lot of hours, a lot of time. 17 They're really hard work-18 ers, but are three even better 19 people," stated Steele. 20

'Over the past two years getting to spend time knowing them as people, they love well, they serve well, they lead well. Who they are off of the basketball court is even better and I'll always be proud of that," Steele continued about her three seniors.

Junior Maya Makalusky led all scorers with a gamehigh 13 points on four field goals. Sophomore Kennedy Holman scored eight and also dished out seven assists. Fellow sophomore Kayla Stidham was active with 11 and grabbed six rebounds.

Stidham is the daughter of 1997 Miss Basketball 8 Lisa Shepherd at Richmond, where she scored 2,140 10 points and averaged 29.9 11 12 her senior season.

The Royals know that 13 Friday night's semifinal 14 15 matchup against Zionsville 16 won't be easy. HSE edged 17 the Eagles recently on Jan. 18 19, 76-72. 19

"We know it's going 20 The Royals kept a com- to be really tough and we

#### Wednesday, Jan. 31

Sports

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** Sectional 24 at Yorktown Centerville vs. Frankton, 6 p.m. New Castle vs. Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

## **IBCA girls basketball** poll - Week of Jan. 28

Final poll of this season

	1 5		
Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence Central (17)	394	23-1
2	Columbia City	371	20-2
3	Center Grove (2)	367	22-1
4	Fort Wayne Snider (1)	343	19-2
5	Hamilton Southeastern	293	19-3
6	Jennings County	290	21-3
7	Franklin Community	248	20-3
8	Northridge	242	21-3
9	Lawrence North	211	17-5
10	Homestead	197	19-4
11	Hamilton Heights	187	20-2
12	South Bend Washington	182	16-4
13	Norwell	166	18-4
14	Bedford North Lawrence	129	17-4
15	Lake Central	97	20-4
16	Fishers	91	16-6
17	Noblesville	80	14-8
18	Rensselaer Central	66	22-1
19	Zionsville	57	16-6
20	Indian Creek	37	18-4
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First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records Benton Central (22-3), Borden (19-4), Brownsburg (12-11), Eastern Hancock (21-1), Evansville Memorial (20-3), Franklin Central (13-8), Gibson Southern (19-4), Greensburg (18-4), Lanesville (22-1), Munster (18-4), North Knox (23-1), Orleans (19-3), Silver Creek (17-4), South Knox (22-1), Warsaw (14-7), Washington (19-4).

### **IBCA boys basketball** poll – Week of Jan. 28

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Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Lawrence North (21)	420	17-0
2	Westfield	390	14-1
3	Fishers	389	16-1
4	Noblesville	355	15-2
5	Cathedral	349	13-2
6	Greenfield-Central	330	17-0
7	Crispus Attucks	318	15-4
8	Kokomo	287	16-3
9	Richmond	239	18-1
10	Ben Davis	233	11-4
11	Brownstown Central	203	16-4
12	Evansville Harrison	171	14-2
13	Lake Central	149	13-2
14	Tipton	123	16-1
15	South Bend Riley	121	15-4
16	Brebeuf Jesuit	89	10-4
17	New Palestine	62	12-4
18	Franklin Community	33	13-3
19	Concord	32	14-2
20	Danville	29	15-1
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## **SPORTS SCHEDULE** More results from ongoing sectionals

#### The REPORTER

Here are scores from sectionals involving Hamilton County teams:

#### Sectional 24 at Yorktown

Jay County beat the host Tigers 56-48 in the lone opening-round game played on Tuesday. The Patriots, who are receiving votes in the Class 3A poll, play Delta in the first semifinal on Friday.

Hamilton Heights, the No. 1 team in Class 3A, plays an opening-round game tonight against New

Castle. That contest starts around 7:30 p.m., after a 6 p.m. game between Centerville and Frankton.

#### Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard

The host Trojans beat Brebeuf Jesuit 55-40 in Tuesday's first game, with Heritage Christian defeating Herron 67-18 in the second game.

Guerin Catholic takes on Heritage Christian in Friday's second semifinal, to start around 7:30 p.m. Chatard will play Shortridge in the first game, which begins at 6 p.m.

### Westfield's Boehm commits to University of Missouri

#### The REPORTER

Westfield football kicker/punter Brody Boehm announced his commitment to the University of Missouri on Monday.

The Shamrocks senior made the announcement on X (formerly known as Twitter), Monday evening. Boehm was an outstanding kicker for Westfield, making 48 of 49 extra-point attempts during his senior year, as well as six field

goals. He excelled on special teams, where he made 67 kickoff returns for an average of 56.8 yards, and had 39 punts for 37.3 yards, including one for 67 yards.

Boehm was an integral part of the Shamrocks' regional championship team last season. He also got the opportunity to play in the U.S. Army Bowl last month in Frisco, Texas, the home of the Dallas Cowboys.



Southeastern was able to sit back in comfort in the second half. HSE outscored Westfield 14-9 in the final two quarters, but more importantly the Royals held Westfield well below its season average of 47 per contest in a 52-21 dominating win to open sectional play.

Usually, the nerves are there and players have jitters in the state tournament that can cause them to play certain ways they normally wouldn't.

"As you roll into tournament time, you're always curious to see how the kids are going to react. Our girls seemed locked in and readv to go from the start. That's a big thing for us and hopefully something we can build on," stated Satterfield.

As HSE moves on to the semifinals, Westfield's (13-10) season comes to a close. The Shamrocks graduate three seniors that have been a big part of the program's success the past four years.

Ellie Kelleher (Indiana Wesleyan), Kiki Loveless (Indiana Tech) and Reagan Lorenzen (Rose Hulman) will all be continuing their



have to be ready. Hopefully we carry over what we did tonight into Friday," Satterfield stated.

Hamilton Southeastern (20-3) advances to the first semifinal on Friday and will play Zionsville (16-6) at 6 p.m.

First place votes are in parentheses

Other schools receiving votes, with records Anderson (13-4), Barr-Reeve (14-1), Bellmont (13-3), Carmel (8-9), Center Grove (11-4), Crown Point (11-4), East Chicago Central (14-4), Evansville Memorial (10-5), Fort Wayne Bishop Luers (13-2), Fort Wayne Wayne (14-3), Guerin Catholic (14-6), Heritage Hills (15-2), Jeffersonville (11-6), Lawrence Central (7-8), Merrillville (10-6), New

Albany (13-3), North Central (Indianapolis) (11-5), Penn (11-4), Scotts-

burg (12-4), Seymour (13-4), Terre Haute North Vigo (14-3), Valparai-



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#### Thu Feb 1 - Boys Basketball

7:20 pm Roncalli vs Chatard | Varsity | Indiana SRN 7:20 pm Triton Central vs Covenant Christian | Varsity | Indiana SRN 7:20 pm Noblesville vs Mt Vernon | Varsityl | Indiana SRN 7:30 pm Indianapolis Herron vs Sheridan | Varsity | Bragg Sports Media 7:30 pm Westfield vs Fishers | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

Sat Feb 3 - Boys Basketball

7:20 pm Chatard vs Greenwood Christian Aacademy | Varsity | Indiana SRN

#### Sat Feb 3 - Esports

Noon - 6pm Jumpstart Tournament: Super Smash Ultimate singles tournament. Hosted by YES! Gaming **HCTV Sports** 





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