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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.



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Courthouse goes Pink for Hailey

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is participating in "Go Pink for Hailey" Month by illuminating the Hamilton County Old Courthouse pink throughout the month of February in remembrance of Hailey Buzbee.

Buzbee, a student at Hamilton Southeastern High School, was reported missing for several weeks before authorities recently confirmed her death. The observance follows a proclamation by the City of Fishers honoring Hailey's life.

Hamilton County extends its deepest condolences to the Buzbee family and joins the community in honoring Hailey.

"Hamilton County stands resolute in its commitment to the safety of all our communities through strong partnerships with community leaders and the public safety professionals who serve and protect our county,"



The Historic Courthouse in Noblesville will be bathed in pink throughout February.

County Commissioner President Christine Altman said. "We have zero tolerance for predatory criminals, and we believe they should be held fully accountable under the law."

A princess & a superhero

I absolutely love the current age of my two children. My daughter is six and my son is four. They are in their princess and superhero phases.

My daughter will wear mismatched clothes with sparkles and jewels. She will pull out a tutu from when she was two years old and put on some glitter lip-gloss and show up to any event with so much confidence. She is not embarrassed.

My son is in his superhero phase right now. Everything is an imaginary laser for him to zap. He is a superhero who rescues and executes important missions in his pajamas. He is a Pre-K student by day and Spider-Man by night.

I look at them sometimes and wonder when it happens. When do they start caring what everyone else thinks and start noticing that others are watching? When do they begin to stop being so little? When does it happen that their innocence is robbed by the outside world? When will they stop being confident in their mismatched clothes and pajamas on a Saturday afternoon?

There is so much to be learned and appreciated about little children. They look at the outside world and assume the best outcome. When does life creep in for us as adults that we stop doing that? We so closely monitor their interactions with others both in-person and on screens that they don't know the dangers and evils of the world around them.

I know one day it will happen slowly. I know one day they won't be so little. I know there will come a time when they won't be



COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ
 When Nature Speaks

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Lawmakers push first changes following Hailey Buzbee's death

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

House Speaker Todd Huston on Monday announced that new social media rules and expanded AMBER Alert criteria are in play for state legislators following a Fishers teenager's death.

The steps mark the first

actions by state lawmakers following the death of 17-year-old Hailey Buzbee. Buzbee left home in early January after communicating with someone she met through an online gaming platform. She was later found dead in Perry County, Ohio. A suspect has been arrested and charged in connection with her disappearance but

nobody has been criminally charged in relation to her death.

Accompanied by Hailey's parents and by all of the state lawmakers who represent Fishers, Huston, who is also from Fishers, said lawmakers are working to insert language into a bill that would require social media companies to set up adolescent ac-

counts for anyone under age 16. Those accounts would have to allow parents to access them to monitor and set limits on their use. In addition, adolescent accounts could not have features including continuously loading content, livestreaming or autoplay.

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Westfield High School earns Gold Distinction as AP Honor Roll school

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield High School (WHS) has been named to the 2025 Advanced Placement® (AP®) School Honor Roll, earning Gold Status in recognition of its strong academic performance and expanding access to rigorous, college-level coursework.

College Board's Advanced Placement® Program enables students to pursue college-level studies – with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both – while still in high school.

The AP School Honor Roll, developed by the College Board, recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening participation. Schools are evaluated on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing

opportunities to earn college credit, and supporting student readiness for success beyond high school.

For the 2024-2025 school year, a conservative estimate shows that WHS AP students earned enough credit hours to save families at least \$2.1 million in college tuition. This estimate is based on IU Bloomington's current average cost of \$392 per credit hour and an assumed average of three credit hours per AP course; because some AP courses award 5, 6, or 8 credit hours, total tuition savings for Westfield families could be as high as \$3,876,000.

WHS's AP program continues to grow in both participation and achievement. In 2025, 1,146 students took a total of 2,067 AP exams, with 87 percent earning a score of 3 or higher. Additionally, 63 percent of the Class of 2025 passed at



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

least one AP exam during their time at WHS. This growth trend continues, with 1,345 students currently registered to take 2,542 AP exams this May.

"Westfield High School has created a dynamic culture that encourages students to stretch themselves through col-

lege credit opportunities such as AP," said Ralph Robinson, AP Micro/Macro Economics Teacher at Westfield High School. "Our students repeatedly have stepped up to the challenge and have made our school

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Riverview Health Foundation announces plans to celebrate its 50th anniversary

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Foundation has announced plans to celebrate and honor its 50th anniversary in 2026, marking five decades of philanthropic support, advancing healthcare quality, innovation, and access to the Hamilton County community.

The yearlong celebration will include special community events, including the Foundation's Celebration Gala on Oct. 2 at The Arena at Innovation Mile. Additional events scheduled throughout the year include the Women of Vision Luncheon, Heartfelt Thanks Golf Outing, and Wine, Women and Whiffs.

"Reaching this 50-year

milestone is a testament to how a community can transform healthcare when it comes together with purpose," said Dr. Norman Mindrebo, orthopedic surgeon at Riverview Health Physicians Orthopedics & Sports Medicine. "The Foundation's support has allowed us to advance patient care in meaningful ways, and its impact can be felt in every life we touch."

Philanthropic contributions have transformed care for thou-



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Wiles

sands of patients and will remain essential in meeting the community's growing healthcare needs. The Foundation invites community members, partners, and past supporters to participate in the celebration and continue the legacy of generosity that has shaped Riverview Health.

"As we celebrate 50 years of service to our community, we're reflecting on the generosity, partnership and shared commitment that have shaped

Riverview Health Foundation since 1976," said Megan Wiles, Vice President of Foundation and Community Affairs. "This anniversary is an opportunity to honor the individuals who have invested in the health of our community and look ahead with excitement at the impact we continue to make together. We're grateful for our supporters and look forward to celebrating with them throughout the year as we continue to improve lives across Hamilton County."

To learn more about upcoming events or make a charitable contribution, visit riverview.org/foundation or contact Megan Wiles at mwiles@riverview.org.

Election Board approves several resolutions ahead of May primary

The REPORTER

While the biggest news coming out of the Thursday, Feb. 5 meeting of the Hamilton County Election Board was the Hamilton County Democrat delegates issue, several other things of note took place at that meeting.

Greg Purvis gave his proxy to Julie Chambers, former Hamilton Southeastern school board member.

Purvis also told the board he plans to draft a resolution to require schools to play host to in-person polling locations on both Primary and General Election Days. Schools are valid potential voting locations under Indiana law, but have resisted being polling locations on security grounds. The forthcoming resolution suggests schools use e-learning on the two election days each year, which would both address security concerns and provide stable, permanent polling locations.

The travel board will not go out of county if people are hospitalized out of county. The travel board will only travel inside Hamilton County.

Resolution 1-2026 to omit the Sheriff position was voted down because the Election Board thought more security was needed at polling places.

All the late campaign reports were approved except for Theodore Lane Skeeters, who may have moved out of state. He will be given certified mail notice to appear at the next meeting.

The resolution for consolidation of polling places and inspectors was approved.

A resolution to allow 16- and 17-year-old students to serve as poll workers per current law and a resolution adopting pay policies for election workers were both approved.

There was a resolution establishing in-person early voting sites and dates and hours of operation and a resolution concerning security protocol for voting equipment, both of which were approved.

Discussion was held on a post-election audit of the 2026 election with VSTOP and that was approved. According to Election Board member Ray Adler, "We want to not only check our machines before, but check our machines afterwards to make sure our elections are absolutely air-tight."

Letter to the Editor

Now is the time to strengthen the Amber Alert

Dear Editor:
Thank you for your recent coverage of Hailey Buzbee and the discussion surrounding legislative leadership and the Amber Alert system. Continued attention to this issue is incredibly important.

In 1996, I led the task force in Texas that created the Amber Alert. At that time, the criteria were developed in a very different world. The technology that exists today was not part of that conversation. Children were not being groomed inside their own homes through smartphones, tablets, social media platforms, and online gaming systems.

Indiana's current law remains largely rooted in a traditional definition of abduction, meaning the forcible taking of a child who is believed to be in imminent danger. Today, many teenagers are not taken in that way. Instead, they are groomed, manipulated, and coerced through technology to

leave their homes voluntarily, often under the direction of someone who poses a real and credible threat to their safety.

In these situations, law enforcement may strongly believe a teen is in danger, yet the statute does not give officers the flexibility needed to issue an Amber Alert because no forcible kidnapping has occurred. This can leave law enforcement unable to act at the moment when time matters most.

The question we continue to ask is whether legislative leaders will acknowledge that older children and teenagers are being targeted every day through modern technology, and whether they will act during this legislative session to revise the statute so another family does not experience a similar loss.

Education is also a critical part of prevention. It has been encouraging to see Hamilton Southeastern School District al-

ready had internet and social media safety education on its calendar prior to this tragedy. In recognition of Safer Internet Day, the district is hosting a parent and community presentation titled Protecting Kids in the Digital Age: Internet and Social Media Safety on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6 p.m. at Hamilton Southeastern High School in the Leonard Auditorium. The session will be led by Tiffany Preston, a former Assistant United States Attorney with extensive experience investigating internet crimes against children. Parents and members of the community are encouraged to attend in person, where support resources will be available, and a recording will also be made available following the event.

Suzanne Thomas, a community leader in Fishers, has been working closely with local and state officials to advocate for a thoughtful review and amendment

of Indiana's Amber Alert criteria. Our primary focus is on updating Indiana law to better reflect today's realities and give law enforcement the flexibility needed to act when a child is at risk. While Indiana is our immediate priority, this issue extends beyond one state, and ultimately all states should be evaluating and modernizing their Amber Alert criteria to address evolving threats.

Our goal is not to replace the Amber Alert, but to strengthen it by modernizing its parameters to reflect how children are being harmed and targeted today. We appreciate your continued coverage of this issue and welcome any questions as the conversation moves forward.

Thank you again for your time and commitment to public safety.

Carolyn Alvey
Murphy, Texas

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Hailey Buzbee's family invites community to celebration of life

By **TIM SPEARS**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com



Hailey Buzbee
2008 — 2026

The family of Hailey Buzbee is inviting the public to join a celebration of life on Thursday.

"Though her time was brief, Hailey filled each day with love, purpose, and joy," her obituary reads.

The 17-year-old Hamilton Southeastern High School student was reported missing in early January, sparking a search that garnered national attention. Police discovered her remains this week in Perry County, Ohio, prompting an outpouring of support from friends, coworkers, and the community.

On Facebook, Hailey's father, Beau Buzbee, welcomed all to "gather to honor and celebrate our beautiful Hailey and the extraordinary love she brought into this world."

People are encouraged to wear pink, Hailey's favorite color.

Hailey worked as a server at The Kitchen on Main in Fortville. The restaurant made pink ribbons available for pick up this week to show support for Buzbee, her family, and the creation of a "Pink Alert," a newly-proposed alert for missing people who don't qualify for an

AMBER alert or Indiana Silver Alert.

Some Indiana lawmakers have shown interest in changing the alert system, following Hailey's death, and Gov. Mike Braun said he's working with Indiana State Police to "identify solutions."

"The changes we make together will be rooted in the love Hailey brought into the world during her time with us," Beau wrote in her obituary.

The Celebration of Life Service is Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. inside ITOWN Church, located at 12491 E. 136th St., Fishers. Doors open at 5 p.m.

39-year-old Tyler Thomas is the primary suspect in Buzbee's disappearance. Investigators believe Thomas met her through online gaming and drove her from Fishers to Ohio. His attorney told News 8 Thomas led investigators "directly to Buzbee's remains."

Thomas is being held at the Franklin County Jail in Columbus, Ohio. Court records show Thomas has a preliminary hearing on Feb. 10.

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CHANGE

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Hailey's father, Beau, urged the House Education Committee on Monday morning to adopt the language. He said it's not perfect but now is the time to act.

"Please do not let this opportunity slip away. To do so would be a disservice to the people you serve. There is no higher priority than the safety of our children in this state," he said.

Hailey's case did not fit the requirements for an AMBER Alert, which are set by state law, so lawmakers also are considering expanding who is eligible for one.

State law already defines a high-risk missing person. This category includes people who have disappeared under circumstances considered inherently dangerous, who have been abducted by a stranger, or who have been missing for longer than 30 days.

Rep. Chris Jeter, R-Fishers, told News 8 last week based on his conversations

with police, investigators knew early on Hailey was missing under adverse circumstances.

An amendment that has been filed for a bill concerning child sexual abuse material would make any high-risk missing person under age 18 eligible for an AMBER Alert.

It's too late in the session for lawmakers to file new legislation, so both measures are being added to existing bills as amendments in committee. Huston said floor votes are possible as early as next week.

Huston told reporters he and other lawmakers are talking to education officials about whether further changes are needed to health



Huston



Jeter

class curricula to address online grooming awareness. In addition, he said it's possible lawmakers will discuss further changes to the statewide alert system through a summer study committee.

The legislative session is scheduled to wrap up at the end of February, after which lawmakers will not meet again to consider legislation until the beginning of the 2027 legislative session next January, barring any special sessions.

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February 13 & 20

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Township Line Road bridge over I-465 set to reopen ahead of schedule

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced that the Township Line Road bridge over Interstate 465 is set to reopen on or after Tuesday, Feb. 10, ahead of the originally planned reopening in the spring.

The bridge, which crosses over I-465 near the Marion/Hamilton county line, closed in the summer of 2025 for a bridge replacement project. While it is set to reopen this week, final pavement markings and asphalt work still needs to be completed. The bridge is expected to close for approximately one week in the spring for that final work.

Additionally, lane closures are planned on I-465 next week under the bridge for final work on the underneath side. Weather permit-



Graphic provided by INDOT

ting, the following nightly lane closures are scheduled from U.S. 421 (Michigan Road) to Ditch Road between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.:

- Monday, Feb. 16, and Tuesday, Feb. 17: Two right lanes closed on I-465 westbound

- Wednesday, Feb. 18, and Thursday, Feb. 19: Two left lanes closed on I-465 westbound

- Friday, Feb. 20, and Saturday, Feb. 21: Two left lanes closed on I-465 eastbound

- Monday, Feb. 23, and Tuesday, Feb. 24: Two right

lanes closed on I-465 eastbound

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution while traveling in and around work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

Fishers Community Center now offering insurance-based memberships

The REPORTER

The Fishers Community Center (FCC), Strengthened by IU Health, launched insurance-based memberships on Monday, Feb. 9, making it easier than ever for qualifying individuals to stay active, healthy, and connected through an insurance-funded Adult Membership.

Participating programs include SilverSneakers, Renew Active, Silver&Fit, Prime, and Active&Fit Enterprise.

Insurance-based memberships provide the same access and benefits that

regular members receive, including full access to the fitness center and more than 90 group exercise classes; aquatics facility, including an on-deck sauna; sports courts for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball; and more.

Membership fees are processed directly through the member's insurance, and no monthly or join fees are paid directly to FCC by the member.

"These partnerships remove financial barriers to wellness and open the door for more people to experi-

ence everything this new facility has to offer," FCC Director Mike Lindbloom said. "From fitness and aquatics to social connection and mental wellbeing, our goal is to help every member of our community thrive."

The 105,000 square-foot FCC opened last fall off Hoosier Road. Along with member-only spaces, the facility features free amenities like the city's first public indoor walking track, Sahn's Community Café, and a two-story indoor playground, Strengthened by Riley Children's Health.

FCC is also home to the Fishers Health Department clinic, which offers COVID, flu, and travel vaccinations, testing, and other preventive care.

Registration must be completed in person during normal business hours. For additional support, the FCC membership team will host registration office hours through Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room and Program Room 1 at the FCC.

To learn more, visit fisherscommunitycenter.com/insurance.

PRINCESS

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so innocent and will know things about the world and people that I wish they didn't. I know there will be a day that they are aware of the evils of the world. I hope when that day comes that they realize Jesus is the only way and cling to Him.

They might not always be this little and unaware of the world around them. There will probably come a day sooner than I wish that they will care what others think. There will be a time that there will be less glitter and fewer Transformers in my living room.

As much as I know those days will come, I think if we stopped a bit and looked at how little children interact with the world and each oth-

er that we could learn a lot about our own lives. If we cared a little less about what others thought about us and assumed things would end up being for the best rather than brace for the worst, we would be a lot happier. Maybe we don't need to constantly be going as fast as we always are all the time. It's OK to slow down a bit and care a little less what people think.

I know this stage won't last forever, but I hope they stay a princess and a superhero for a little while longer.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

GOLD

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a leader in student rigor and grit. Our kids are absolutely amazing."

WHS currently offers 32 AP courses, taught by 34 dedicated AP teachers, ensuring students have broad access to challenging coursework across disciplines. Participation has increased each year as more students take advantage of AP opportunities and prepare for college-level expectations.

"AP courses are a great way for students to prepare for the courses they will take in college! They are college-level courses that allow students to experience what rigorous college courses are like," WHS Counselor Christy Ulsas said. "As an additional benefit, students may also be able to earn college credits through their AP exams, which may be able

to save them time and money in college. Westfield's AP Program has grown tremendously throughout the years, and we have an excellent group of AP teachers preparing students for their next steps."

From a district perspective, the recognition highlights a culture of academic rigor and persistence.

"Achievement is not just about the final score; it's about the unwavering commitment to academic rigor and the courage to meet every challenge head-on," said Dr. Ryan Hoover, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Learning. "By earning AP Gold Status, WHS students and faculty have proven that excellence is not an act, but a habit. This is a testament to their dedication and resilience."



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Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights musicians shined at the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Contest, earning top honors across solos and ensembles. The Hamilton Heights community is proud of these middle and high school performers for their hard work, talent, and outstanding results.

Hamilton Heights musicians shine at ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Contest

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) and High School (HHHS) musicians delivered an outstanding showing at the ISSMA District Solo & Ensemble Contest held on Saturday, Jan. 31 at Westfield High School.

Students from both programs earned top honors across a wide range of instruments and ensemble categories, demonstrating exceptional skill, preparation, and musical growth.

Hamilton Heights recognizes the following students for their achievements:

HHMS Gold

- Haylee Wesley (8) – Flute
- Hadley Reading (6) – Flute
- Mallory Snider (6) – Clarinet
- Hailey Hodson (8) – Alto Saxophone
- Jackson Van Kirk (6) – Alto Saxophone
- Silas Speck (6) – Alto Saxophone
- Mark Hiday (8) – Trumpet
- Marley Huskins (7) – Trombone
- Brendon Rose (6) – Trombone
- Jace Jackson (6) – String Bass
- Jace Thompson (7) – Snare Drum
- Woodwind Trio (6) – Ella Carey, Coralle Cote, Faye Straley
- Woodwind Trio (8) – Arabella English,

Hailey Hodson, Haylee Wesley

- Woodwind Quartet (6) – Aralynn Ellis, Nolan Herrmann, Grace Hodson, McKinley Mosbaugh
- Percussion Trio (6) – Levi Hay, Anthony Meier, Aiden Smith

HHMS Gold

- Luke Powell (8) – Snare Drum (entered in HS Group I)

**HHHS Group I, Gold
Advanced to the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Contest**

- Rachel England – Trumpet
- Kaylee Roberts – Euphonium
- Mazie Emmert – Euphonium
- Lukas Jackson – Multi-Percussion

Solo

- Percussion Ensemble: Nicole Eberhard, Mazie Emmert, Lukas Jackson, Mad-dy Lustig, Jack Powell, Kiera Rinas, Connelley Schuster, Ava Snelson

HHHS Group I, Silver

- Nicole Eberhard – Bass Clarinet
- Kiera Rinas – String Bass

HHHS Group II, Gold

- Luke Allwardt – Trumpet
- These results reflect the dedication of Heights' student musicians and the strength of the band program. Congratulations to all the participants and best wishes to our state-qualifying performers at the next round of competition.



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Ivy Tech Hamilton County leader named ‘Trailblazer in Higher Education’

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Feb. 5, Chancellor Rachel Kartz of Ivy Tech Hamilton County was named a recipient of *Insight Into Academia* magazine’s 2026 Trailblazer in Higher Education Award.

This national honor recognizes senior leaders whose bold, strategic innovations have advanced institutional excellence, strengthened community and connectedness, and created meaningful, measurable impact for students, employees, and the broader academic ecosystem.

Dr. Rachel Kartz will be featured alongside 17 other distinguished honorees in the March 2026 issue of *Insight Into Academia* magazine.

“Dr. Kartz exemplifies what it means to lead with purpose, vision, and heart,” said Chuck Haberman, chair of the Ivy Tech Hamilton

County Campus Board of Trustees. “Her ability to align academic excellence with workforce and community needs has transformed our campus into a catalyst for opportunity. Rachel leads with integrity, compassion, and an unwavering belief in the power of education to change lives, and this national recognition is well deserved.”

Insight Into Academia selected Dr. Kartz for this award because of her transformative leadership at Ivy Tech Community College’s Hamilton County campus and her lasting impact on students, faculty, and the broader community. Rising from faculty member to Chancellor, Dr. Kartz has successfully led institutional growth



Kartz

while maintaining a strong commitment to teaching, community, and student success. Under her leadership, the campus has expanded academic offerings, launched more than 20 programs aligned with high-demand industries, strengthened workforce partnerships, and enhanced student support services, including testing, tutoring, and library resources.

Dr. Kartz’s ability to connect academic innovation with real-world outcomes has positioned Ivy Tech Hamilton County as a regional hub for workforce development in one of Indiana’s fastest-growing counties. Her leadership during periods of transition, including navigating the return to campus following the

COVID-19 pandemic and overseeing significant facility investments such as a \$1.75 million healthcare lab renovation, reflects her strategic vision and steady decision-making.

Through her inclusive, student-centered approach, Dr. Kartz continues to redefine the role community colleges play in advancing economic mobility, educational access, and community prosperity.

“We believe the future of higher education depends on leaders who are willing to challenge convention and embrace bold, impactful innovation,” says Lenore Pearlstein, owner and publisher of *Insight Into Academia* magazine. “The 2026 Trailblazer honorees represent the highest levels of strategic leadership in the field, and we are proud to celebrate their extraordinary accomplishments.”

The call for nominations for the 2026 Trailblazer in Higher Education Award was announced in October 2025.

For more information about the Trailblazer in Higher Education Award, visit InsightIntoAcademia.com.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: the bucks have not stopped here

Dear Editor:

Carmel’s central planners went a full year without issuing new debt from November 2024 to November 2025. This dry spell encouraged many taxpayers to believe the debt addiction had been whipped.

But Jan. 22, 2026, was a different matter. City central planners fell off the wagon:

- \$32 million more debt for improvements to infrastructure in the Gramercy Project.
- \$13 million in principal.
- \$19 million in interest.

That, in a nutshell, is the central planners’ addiction. The market doubts their projects, which is why interest on principal is 146 percent. How many other bonds have been approved but have not yet been marketed is another issue. It’s like the classic drunk who hides bottles of booze all over the house while pretending to be sober.

We poor taxpayers are left holding the liquor store bill.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Become a Robocall Reckoner

Hoosiers can fight annoying & illegal robocalls by following tips from Attorney General Todd Rokita

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is advising Hoosiers to take measures to avoid falling victim to the schemes of annoying and illegal robocallers.

“Scammers frequently use robocalling in their efforts to steal Hoosiers’ identity and take your hard-earned money,” AG Rokita said. “We constantly work to catch and hold accountable criminal perpetrators, but at the same time, we want to help Hoosiers take their own actions to avoid becoming victims.”

Here are several tips for protecting yourselves:

- Don’t answer calls from numbers you don’t recognize.
- If you do answer and

realize the caller is unknown to you, do not engage. Instead, hang up immediately. Do not press buttons or speak to the operator, as this confirms your number is active, leading to more calls.

• Register your number on the Do Not Call List at DoNotCall.gov. If your cell phone number is registered on the Do Not Call list, then a telemarketer must refrain from sending solicitations by text as well as calling. (If you’d like to verify your number is already on the Do Not Call list [click here](#).)

• Spot scams, such as pre-recorded calls suppos-



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edly from government agencies (IRS, SSA) or requests for payment via gift cards or cryptocurrency.

• Check provider options. Contact your telephone service provider to inquire about advanced call-filtering or blocking services, which can stop many robocalls and robotexts before they ever reach your phones.

• File complaints about robocalls (or “live” violators of the Do Not Call List) with the Indiana Attorney General’s Office at [this link](#) or by calling 1-888-834-9969 or by email at donotcall@atg.in.gov.

Indiana State Police offers new CSI internship opportunities

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police (ISP) has announced a new program targeted toward those seeking a career in forensic services.

Crime Scene Investigator Internship

The ISP Crime Scene Investigations (CSI) Internship Program is an observational and experiential program designed for college students who are pursuing a career in forensic science. This opportunity provides a learning environment based on on-the-job experience while working closely with

CSIs in all realms of investigations today. Interns will gain an understanding of the daily operational demands of the Indiana State Police CSI from both an administrative and field enforcement perspective.

Biology & Chemistry Internship

The ISP Forensic Laboratory is also hiring a Biology and Chemistry intern (one each).

These internships are well-rounded observational and experiential programs designed for college students who are pursuing a

career in forensic science. This opportunity provides a learning environment based on observations of real casework and sample processing while working closely with forensic scientists. You will learn about current industry standards and modern instruments used for testing. Interns will gain an understanding of the daily analytical and administrative demands of being a forensic scientist.

Applications for all three positions can be accessed at [this link](#). Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22.

Smith’s Jewelers named Indiana Peony Festival Premier Sponsor

By KELLY McVEY
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

As we prepare for the exciting month of May, we celebrate our growing community impact and are excited to present Smith’s Jewelers as the 2026 premier festival sponsor!

Together, the Indiana Peony Festival and Smith’s Jewelers – known for helping their customers create special moments of their own – continue to highlight the beauty behind life’s sentimental moments and festival traditions.

Helping to create special moments – no matter

what your unique special moment is – for their customers for over 75 years, Smith’s Jewelers has been a community anchor with its readily identified physical presence on the Noblesville Square. This year, let Smith’s Jewelers help you create unforgettable special memories, moments, and milestones.

Whether it’s an anniversary, a birthday, graduation for friends and family, engagement, and all the major events in between, Smith’s is here to help. With the support of Noblesville’s hometown jeweler, your heartwarming moments deserve to be celebrated

bringing “Your Love, Your Story, Your Legacy” to life.

In support and partnership with the Indiana Peony Festival, Smith’s Jeweler’s will design and create our annual commemorative charm in celebration of the festival. Stay tuned for what other developments we have in store this year to help us admire and encourage new festival traditions.

Make sure to check out Smith’s Valentine’s Day promotion to help celebrate the month of love. In collaboration with multiple Noblesville small businesses, it’s an offer too sweet to pass up. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Poll reveals Chick-fil-A as top choice for Hoosier couples this Valentine’s Day

Submitted by MarketBeat.com

Roses are red, violets are blue, inflation is high... so it's nuggets for two?

With the cost of living frustratingly high, many couples are quietly rethinking the traditional Valentine’s Day playbook. White-tablecloth restaurants, prix-fixe menus, and eye-watering wine markups are out; drive-thrus, value meals, and “would you like fries with that?” are very

much in. In 2026, romance isn’t dead – it’s just been supersized, discounted, and served in a cardboard box.

Fast-food chains have clearly picked up on the shift. Brands like Pizza Hut have leaned into the moment with heart-shaped pizzas and Valentine’s-themed deals in recent years, reframing love as something that can be shared for under \$20.

To understand just how mainstream this shift has become, MarketBeat, a fi-

nancial media company, surveyed 3,004 couples nationwide, asking whether they are considering dining at a fast-food restaurant for Valentine’s Day this year. The answer was emphatic: 67 percent said they absolutely are.

The top five choices in Indiana are:

- No. 1 Chick-fil-A
- No. 2 Popeyes
- No. 3 McDonald’s
- No. 4 KFC
- No. 5 Subway

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Three local students make William & Mary dean's list

The REPORTER

The following residents were recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2025 semester:

- Elena Geroulis of Fishers
- Meredith Hershberger of Carmel

• Martina Queijo of Carmel

In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

TIPTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 5TH DISTRICT

- Steven Avitabile Avit (D)
- J.D. Ford (D)
- Scott A. King (R)
- Jackson Franklin (D)
- Phil Goss (D)
- Dylan McKenna (D)
- Tara Nelson (D)
- Deborah A. Pickett (D)
- *Victoria Spartz (R)

STATE SENATOR

District 21

- *James (Jim) Buck (R)
- Joseph Kazlas (D)
- Tracey Powell (R)
- Kirsten Root (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 38

- Mark Hufford (R)
- Nate Stout (D)
- *Heath R. VanNatter (R)

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 36TH DISTRICT

- Matthew B. Quigley (R)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

- Shannon Cassons (R)

COUNTY AUDITOR

- Jon DeBaun (R)

COUNTY CLERK

- Brent R. Baird (R)
- Rhiannon Rhi Tansy (D)

COUNTY PROSECUTOR

- Justin K. Clouser (R)

COUNTY SHERIFF

- Craig R. Henderson (R)
- Matt Tebbe (D)

COUNTY SURVEYOR

- Jason R. Henderson (R)

COUNTY TREASURER

- Christy Crawford (R)
- Adrienne Jenkins Lord (R)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

District 1

- *Dennis L. Henderson (R)
- Kirk D. Retherford (R)
- Ken Ziegler (D)

COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1

- Jeff Heard (R)

District 2

- *Jim Purvis (R)
- C.J. Taylor (R)
- Matthew Terry (D)
- Zack Timm (R)

District 3

- Matthew L. Deckard (R)
- Maureen A. Dougherty (D)
- *Janice L. Smith (R)

District 4

- Dan Delong (R)
- Chase Meyncke (D)
- *Mike Terry (R)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Cicero Township

- Amber R. McLearran (R)

Jefferson Township

- Jerry L. Larson (R)

Liberty Township

- Paul Kingery (R)

Madison Township

- Chuck Bell (R)

Prairie Township

- Jefferson Quakenbush (R)

Wildcat Township

- Amanda Tolle (R)

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Cicero Township (vote for 3)

- Carla Good (R)
- Jane F. Harper (R)
- Janette Martin (D)
- Steve Niblick (R)
- George Sullivan-Davis (D)

Jefferson Township (vote for 3)

- Mark S. Boyer (R)
- Forrest Frosty Featherstone (R)
- Tim Stafford (R)

Liberty Township (vote for 3)

- Terry L. Farris (R)
- Layton C. Henderson (R)

Madison Township (vote for 3)

- Taylor Fettig (R)
- Mark E. Noble (D)
- Terry Smith (R)

Wildcat Township (vote for 3)

- Carl R. Colbert (R)
- Nicholas Grant (R)
- Jeff Lacy (R)
- Barry Tolle (R)

STATE DELEGATE – REPUBLICANS

At Large

- Brent R. Baird
- Michael Bollman
- Mike Cline
- Jason R. Henderson
- Staci Powell
- Tracey Powell

STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

At Large

- Maureen A. Dougherty
- Janette Martin
- Miguel S. Mike
- Glenda S. Muncie
- George Sullivan-Davis
- Matthew Terry

PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

- Cicero 2: Tom Frye
- Cicero 3: Janette Martin
- Cicero 4: Thomas Dolezal
- Cicero 6: Matthew Terry
- Cicero 7: George Sullivan-Davis
- Liberty 1: Linda S. Smeltzer
- Jefferson 1: Karen Dell
- Jefferson 2: Glenda S. Muncie
- Prairie 1: Maureen A. Dougherty

Letter to the Editor

Massillamany: only one person to blame for Democrat delegate error

Dear Editor:

As Hamilton County Republican Chairman, I normally refrain from commenting on internal matters of the Democratic Party. However, when attempts are made to unfairly blame our professional election office staff for errors that clearly originated elsewhere, I feel compelled to set the record straight.

The facts are straightforward: County party chairmen must provide accurate delegate counts to the Election Office by the established deadline. In this instance, Democrat

County Chairman Josh Lowry provided incorrect delegate numbers, losing Hamilton County Democrats 18 delegates.

The Hamilton County Election Office simply processes information provided by the parties. They are not allowed to audit or second-guess official submissions from county party leadership. Responsibility for accuracy lies solely with the county chairman and state party.

Instead of taking ownership, there have been attempts to deflect blame onto our bipartisan Election Office

and Election Board. This is both unfair and inaccurate.

The deadline for corrections passed before Lowry caught his mistake. The appropriate response would be for Democratic Party leadership to acknowledge their error and take responsibility. That is what accountability looks like.

Our election office deserves better than to be scapegoated for errors they did not commit.

Mario Massillamany
Hamilton County
Republican Party Chair

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- *Victoria Spartz (R)

STATE SENATOR

District 21

- *James (Jim) Buck (R)
- Joseph Kazlas (D)
- Tracey Powell (R)
- Kirsten Root (D)

District 25

- Katherine V. Callahan (R)
- Tamie Dixon-Tatum (D)
- *Mike Gaskill (R)
- Todd Shelton (D)

District 29

- Mike Delph (R)
- V. Roni Ford (R)
- David W. Greene, Sr. (D)
- Demetrice Hicks (D)
- Kristina Moorhead (D)
- John Ruckelshaus (R)
- Kevin Short (D)

District 31

- Juanita Albright (R)
- Andrew J. Dezelan (D)
- Tiffanie Ditlevson (R)
- Kerry J. Forestal (D)
- Travis Hankins (R)
- Jan Kepley Keefer (R)
- Lasima O. Packet (D)
- Catherine Torzewski (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 24

- Racheal Bleicher (D)
- *Hunter Smith (R)

District 29

- Coumba Kebe (D)
- *Alaina Shonkwiler (R)
- Devon Wellington (D)

District 32

- *Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D)

District 37

- Lauren S. Cole (D)
- *Todd Huston (R)
- Joel Levi (D)

District 39

- Lindsay Gramlich (D)
- *Danny Lopez (R)
- Billy Qian (R)

District 88

- *Chris Jeter (R)
- Stephanie Jo Yocum (D)

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Superior Court No. 3

- Chris Evans (R)
- Amy B. Summerfield (R)

Superior Court No. 4

- Chadwick Hill (R)
- Angela Brown Swenson (R)
- Trampas Alan Whalin (R)

Superior Court No. 5

- *David K. Najjar (R)
- Superior Court No. 8
- Danica L. Eyer (R)

Superior Court No. 9

- Christopher Barrows (R)
- Sarah Shields (R)
- Paul C. Sweeney (R)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

*Kevin W. Poore (R)

COUNTY CLERK

Beth Sheller (R)

COUNTY CORONER

Brad Craig (R)

*Jeff D. Jellison (R)

COUNTY PROSECUTOR

*Josh Kochoer (R)

COUNTY RECORDER

*Trini Beaver (R)

COUNTY SHERIFF

Dustin K. Dixon (R)

John Lowes (R)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

District 1

*Christine Altman (R)

COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1

- Christopher Daniel (D)
- *Tim Griffin (R)

District 2

- Nathan Bullock (D)
- *Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

District 3

- *Mark F. Hall (R)
- Kevin Miles Wright (D)

District 4

- *Ken Alexander (R)
- Jason E. Frank (D)

ARCADIA TOWN COUNCIL

District 2

- *Amanda Engle (R)

District 3

- *Doug Grishaw (R)

ATLANTA TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large (vote for 2)

- *Fred A. Farley (R)
- John Phifer (R)
- Misty Warren (R)

CICERO TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large (vote for 2)

- *Joe Cox (R)
- Harrison J. Massone (R)

SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large

- *Daniel A. Bragg (R)
- *Michael Foote (R)

District 1

- Garrett Gossard (R)

District 2

- Heidi Kienholz (R)

District 4

- Andrew R. Porterfield (R)
- Terry Thompson (R)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Clay Township

- *Paul D. Hensel (R)

Delaware Township

- *Deborah Debbie Driskell (R)

Fall Creek Township

- *Doug Allman (R)
- Stephanie Hunt (D)

Jackson Township

- *Robyn Cook (R)

Noblesville Township

- *Theresa Caldwell (R)

Washington Township

- Jeffery Bledsoe Jr. (D)
- *Jamie Goetz Mills (R)

Wayne Township

- *Laura McNamara (R)

White River Township

- Lisa Suzanne Flanders (R)
- Kat Wilson (D)

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Clay Township (vote for 3)

- *Paul K. Bolin (R)
- Gregory Daniels (D)
- David Haboush (R)
- Michael Needham (D)
- Steven Litzelman Nisi (D)
- Matthew J. Phelps (D)
- Morgan B. Rinehart (R)

Delaware Township (vote for 3)

- Bethann Buddenbaum (D)
- Jennifer Dean Chaudhry (D)
- *Rick Fain (R)
- *Kim Logan (R)

Fall Creek Township (vote for 3)

- *Marilyn A. Schenkel (R)
- Patrick Schooley (D)
- *Susan Davis (R)
- Diane Eaton (R)
- Lynne Goodin (R)
- Alex J. Hunt (D)

Jackson Township (vote for 3)

- Nicholas Edward Musselwhite (D)
- Mulalo Rikhotso (D)
- Joe Weingarten (D)
- Kimberly Chance (R)
- Elizabeth Fouch (R)
- *Jim Hunter (R)
- Andre Maue (R)
- *Jeffery S. Roberts (R)
- Eric Scherer (R)

Noblesville Township (vote for 3)

- *Joe Arrowood (R)
- Paula Jo Gilliam (D)
- Thomas (T.J.) Houghtalen Jr. (R)
- *Peggy R. Pfister (R)
- *Mary Sue Rowland (R)
- Joe Spangler (R)
- Jenna Stewart (D)

Washington Township (vote for 3)

- *Jim Ake (R)
- Bennie Britt (D)
- Michael Cardwell (D)
- *Danyele Easterhaus (R)
- Tradara McLaurine (D)
- *Erica Strahm (R)

Wayne Township (vote for 3)

- Eric Cunningham (R)
- *Maegan R. Fleck (R)
- *Robert Dustin Hiday (R)
- *Joy Sisson Kiskaden (R)
- Joshua Pascoe (R)

White River Township (vote for 3)

- *John Dean (R)
- *Edward Trent Gordon (R)
- Brian Niec (R)
- Jamie Rulon (R)
- Paula V. Trowbridge (R)

Thanks for reading The Hamilton County Reporter!

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Clay 2: Cynthia Henry
 Clay 3: Courtney Jane Culver
 Clay 8: Babette Miller
 Clay 12: Jessica Irvine
 Clay 13: Dakota Crawford
 Clay 14: Alexandra E. Wilson
 Clay 23: Dawn Sparks
 Clay 24: Erin Retif
 Clay 28: Edwin Russell
 Clay 31: Deborah Pickett
 Clay 40: Mindi Epstein, Lance Robert Ladendorf
 Clay 47: Amber Davis
 Clay 48: Beth Sprunger
 Clay 49: Jessica Griffith Cortwright
 Clay 51: Mark Taber
 Clay 55: Lawrence McCormack
 Clay 56: Darlene Mundy Dimmer
 Clay 57: Sarah Ogren
 Clay 65: Catherine Patterson
 Clay 68: Annette Gross
 Delaware 3: Nicholas Alan Myers, Wendy Plenty Ferguson
 Delaware 5: Amy Klodzen, Justin D. Switzer
 Delaware 6: Greg Goodnight
 Delaware 8: Ronald F. Crawford
 Delaware 9: Sara Schmitt
 Delaware 19: Bill Stuart
 Delaware 20: Judy Delp

Fall Creek 1: Barbara A. Jenkins
 Fall Creek 2: Lisa Olivero
 Fall Creek 9: Heather Pirowski
 Fall Creek 10: Shelley Fabrizio
 Fall Creek 12: June Levey
 Fall Creek 15: Stephanie Hunt
 Fall Creek 16: Glen D. Kemery
 Fall Creek 19: Gregory A. Purvis
 Fall Creek 23: Mary Dankoski
 Fall Creek 24: Mani Subramaniam
 Fall Creek 25: Jasmine Jackson, Sarah Renfro
 Fall Creek 27: Robert Clamme
 Fall Creek 33: Deetta Steinmetz
 Fall Creek 41: Erin Randolph-Pupurs
 Fall Creek 47: Natasha Retz
 Jackson 6: Dorcia Bradley
 Noblesville 2: Jeffrey Nickloy
 Noblesville 9: Christopher Hartig
 Noblesville 16: Carson M. Piedmonte
 Noblesville 18: Daryl Cobranchi
 Noblesville 20: Sarah Elizabeth Fix
 Noblesville 27: Julia Ann Resler
 Noblesville 29: Brian S. Jonasen
 Noblesville 30: Christina Adele Downey
 Noblesville 45: Jill T. Crehan
 Sheridan 1: Kirsten Root
 Sheridan 3: Cheryl L. Popiela
 Sheridan 4: Pam Williams

Wayne 1: Mary Frischkorn-Meza
 Wayne 5: Amber McKibbin
 Wayne 7: James (Jim) Harter
 Westfield 1: Jamie Flemington
 Westfield 3: David M. Garcia
 Westfield 4: Shelly A. Brown
 Westfield 5: Axel J. Sundling
 Westfield 6: Kim Qian
 Westfield 7: Hayley Morgan
 Westfield 8: Evelyn J. Davis
 Westfield 10: Amy Christmas
 Westfield 11: Margaret (Peggy) Furniss
 Westfield 12: Matt McNally
 Westfield 14: Andrew D. Kauffman
 Westfield 16: Xavier Lewis
 Westfield 18: Dwayne Lewis
 Westfield 19: Melissa Auciello-Brogan
 Westfield 24: Elizabeth H. Anderson
 Westfield 25: Bennie Britt
 Westfield 26: Rhonda Ann Cardwell
 Westfield 28: Philip E. Gidley
 Westfield 31: Charles Casey Miller-Bock
 Westfield 33: Brandee L. Easterday
 Westfield 34: Cheryl L. Austin
 Westfield 35: Tracy M. Wheeler
 White River: Kat Wilson

STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

Adams Township (vote for 6)

Cheryl L. Popiela
 Kirsten Root
 Pam Williams

Clay Township (vote for 40)

Kirk A. Boller
 Sharon Boller
 Robert J. Bonner
 Ben Boyce
 Andrea A. Burnett
 Jamie Campbell
 Martin J. Carey
 Shelley M. Paulson Carey
 William Clontz
 Jason Cookson
 Stacy Covitz
 Dakota Crawford
 Christopher Daniel
 Cynthia Daniels
 Gregory Daniels
 Amber Davis
 Deborah K. Dean
 Gerald A. Denys
 Janet Denys
 Darlene Mundy Dimmer
 Robert Draper
 Sara Draper
 Karen H. Elliott
 Mindi Epstein
 Pam Fischer
 Karen S. Glowacki
 Lindsay Gramlich
 James A. Grimes
 Annette Gross
 Peter Hanscom
 Cynthia Henry
 Sandra Hoy
 Elisabeth Irvine
 Jessica Irvine
 Cynthia Johnson
 Grace Johnston
 Deborah Jonasson
 Keith Jonasson
 Anita Joshi
 Mary F. Kinietz-Boyden
 Elizabeth S. Kinn
 Sarah Koch
 Kirsten D. Kowalewski
 Michele S. Lassaux-Harlan
 Kyle Lenig
 Kathleen Gallagher Liddy
 Rebekah Martin
 Michael Francis (Mickey) Masterson
 Lawrence McCormack
 Babette Miller
 Geraldine (Gene) Rodriguez Miller
 Susan Mills
 Allison Missler
 Tom Missler
 Marcia Molenda
 Annalise Moore
 Stacy Moore
 Kristina Moorhead
 Miles Nelson
 Steven Litzelman Nisi
 Sarah Ogren
 Catherine Patterson
 Ryan Pfenninger
 Deborah Pickett
 Zach Phillips
 Kristin K. Remble
 Stephen R. Ring
 Susan Kelly Ring
 David Rosenthal
 Edwin Russell
 Beth Sprunger

Elizabeth Stippler
 Beverly Thornburg
 Ashlyn Twibell
 Jean M. Upton
 Joe H. Vaughn
 Judith A. Weitzman
 Jennifer Nelson Williams
 Alexandra E. Wilson
 David Woll

Delaware Township (vote for 20)

Nancy Arce
 Ronald F. Crawford
 Judy Delp
 Michelle Eli
 Wendy Plenty Ferguson
 Ashley Gloye
 Amy Klodzen
 Nicholas Alan Myers
 Lasima O. Packett
 Litsi Plonski
 Emilie Rains
 Ross Reinhardt
 Diana W. Rigsbee
 Julie Roberts
 Jo Ann Sheffield
 Bill Stuart
 Alexander J. Waclawik

Fall Creek Township (vote for 20)

Sarah Arbuckle
 Patricia (Tish) Biggs
 Samantha R. Chapman
 Daniel R. Cooper
 Nancy Kuehl Coughlin
 Mary Coyle
 Jeb Stuart Cox
 Eric Crouse
 Jane B. Crouse
 Mary Dankoski
 Christine Dean
 Wanda Riesz Duchnowski
 Danielle Estridge
 Scott Estridge
 Sonia Ivy Fuller
 Janis Kaye Hinchcliff
 Stephanie Hunt
 Erin Lange
 Tally Loper
 Pamela Martin
 Dylan Zachary Noble
 Lisa Olivero
 Heater Pirowski
 Erin Randolph-Pupurs
 Gary Pupurs
 Gregory A. Purvis
 Mulalo Rikhotso
 Amanda R. Slonaker
 Deetta Steinmetz
 Mani Subramaniam
 Alexandre Jacques Vitat
 Joe Weingarten

Jackson Township (vote for 6)

Dorcia Bradley
 John Bradley
 Donald E. Stumpp

Noblesville Township (vote for 20)

Jennifer Bishop
 Kathleen A. Boyle
 Michelle Clarke
 Chad Eric Downey
 Diane E. Evans
 Sarah Elizabeth Fix
 James Foote
 Angie K. Foreman
 Paula Jo Gilliam
 Lori C. Hand
 Christopher Hartig
 Micha J. Huber

Riley Issacs
 Brian S. Jonasen
 Sandra Kaufman Jonasen
 Coumba Kebe
 Debra Marcum
 Joseph Marcum
 Douglas May
 Jennifer Midkiff
 Mary Jo Moyer
 Jeffrey Nickloy
 Melissa S Nordhoff
 Tricia Owens
 Christian Renner
 David S. Resler II
 Julia Ann Resler
 Michele A. Tharp-Taylor
 Roger W. Tharp-Taylor
 Meili Van Hull
 Jessica Garten Vandergraff
 David R. Wellington
 Devon Wellington
 Kevin Miles Wright

Washington Township (vote for 20)

Elizabeth H. Anderson
 Joshua Andrews
 Melissa Auciello-Brogan
 Cheryl L. Austin
 Nicholas Harrison Bayh
 Racheal Bleicher
 Bennie Britt
 Rhonda Ann Cardwell
 Amy M. Christmas
 Stacy Collins
 Emily M. Cook
 Mary Ellen Cooper
 Alyssa Crawford-Paree
 Gabriel Crawford-Paree
 Evelyn J. Davis
 Brandee L. Easterday
 Jamie Flemington
 Natalie K. Fonte
 David M. Garcia
 Philip E. Gidley
 Kathleen Hartman
 Robert (Bob) Hewitt
 James Hiatt
 Gabriel Hohneke
 Kirk King
 Karen Klutzke
 Jennifer Ann Kocolowski
 Xavier Lewis
 Alexis A. Lowry
 Mary P. Milewski
 Charles Casey Miller-Bock
 Hayley Morgan
 Naomi Penney
 Kim Qian
 Vicki Semler
 Amy J. Stewart
 Nicholas Joseph Tomaszewski
 Lisa M. Walters
 Tracy M. Wheeler
 Kirk B. Young

Wayne Township (vote for 10)

Joey Baertschi
 Justin Canady-Flatt
 Nocona Canady-Flatt
 Jeannette Champion
 Cymande Mandie Edwards
 Sherri Elder
 Mary Frischkorn-Meza
 Dylan R. Lechleider
 Ellen Ogle

White River Township (vote for 2)

Kat Wilson

STATE DELEGATE – REPUBLICANS

Adams/Wayne (vote for 5)

John Beaman
 Daniel A. Bragg
 Fredrick Fritz Good
 Garrett M. Gossard
 Ginger Higginbotham
 Joshua Pascoe
 Tiffany Pascoe
 Jordan A. Wood

Clay 1 (vote for 5)

Madolyn Augustus
 Gary Duncan
 Fred Glynn
 Timothy M. Hensel
 Kenneth L. Jacoby
 Danny Niederberger
 Alexander T. Stencel

Clay 2 (vote for 5)

Paul Arbouw
 Robert W. Bowser III
 Brad Craig
 Thomas P. Dakich
 Andrew Flittner
 Stephanie Flittner
 Will A. Haines

Frederick Daniel Landis III

Edison Gene Perry

Clay 3 (vote for 5)

Jenny Brake
 Patricia Bratton
 Robin Clark
 Lisa Elmore
 Diane Frantz
 Diane Gomez
 Josh Kocher
 Marueen Morgan
 Roxey Morgan
 Camille Svihlik
 Charles Svihlik
 Rich Taylor

Clay 4 (vote for 5)

Rob Brown
 Raju Chinthala
 Matthew R. Elliott
 Robert M. Fulk
 Sue Lile
 Carl Mills
 Michelle W. Murphy
 Mike Shaver

Alexander Lawrence Spanenberg
 Jerry Torr
 Cynde Vits

Delaware 1 (vote for 5)

Kumiko Brunson
 Rick Fain
 Paul G. Nix
 Gregg Puls
 Matthew S. Rollins
 Gaven Schulz

Delaware 2 (vote for 5)

Bric Walker Butler
 David Giffel
 Wayne Nicodemus
 Jennie J. Nicol

Fall Creek 1 (vote for 5)

Tiffanie Ditlevson
 Diane Eaton
 Dawn Lang
 Angela Morris
 Rachel Quade
 Shelley Triol

Fall Creek 2 (vote for 5)

Jackson Massillamany
 Mario Massillamany
 Kevin W. Poore
 Patricia (Trish) Poteet
 Nathan Reitenour
 Anthony Simons
 Alyssa Simons
 Evan Woodruff

Fall Creek 3 (vote for 5)

Doug Allman
 Shelly Allman
 Pete Peterson

Jackson/White River (vote for 5)

Grant Achenbach
 Ray Adler
 Emily Bundy-Pearson
 Max Engling
 Julie Melvin
 Theodore (Ted) Melvin
 Chad A. Phifer
 Jamie Rulon
 Keith A. Troutman
 Paula V. Trowbridge
 Terrance L. Trowbridge

Noblesville 1 (vote for 5)

Trini Beaver
 Robert (Robby) Beecher

Kevin Custis
 JP Etchison
 Randy Gerber
 Kimberly A. Irvin
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 Adrienne Rogers
 Alaina Shonkwiler
 Martin Strother

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 Ellen Cortrecht
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 Mike Davis
 Lisa D. Hall
 Mark F. Hall
 Dana D. Webster

Noblesville 3 (vote for 5)

Laura Alerding
 Scott A. Baldwin
 Susan Beckwith
 Ashley Jasinski
 Christopher Jensen
 Amy Lindquist
 Graham Loughead
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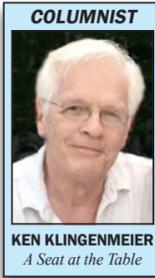
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 Carrie Gillis
 Caleb Herne
 Daniel Houk

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 Nick Barbknecht
 Lisa Marie Everling Baumgartner
 Sydnee Cseresznyes
 Ron Mangus
 Nathan Nicholson

Klingenmeiers go back to Kona Grill

When Mrs. K and I first tried Happy Hour (HH) at Kona Grill back in December, we were impressed with the prices, the atmosphere, and the food. With a similar evening planned – a show



KEN KLINGENMEIER
A Seat at the Table

\$6, which we saw at a neighboring table and it looked like a good bargain.) The drinks are also priced at \$3, \$6, and \$9.

It was a cold night but heaters in the bar/lounge helped take the chill away. Our server, Hannah, was right with us, bringing water and menus. Mrs. K got her Charonnay (\$6 for a six-ounce pour) and I passed on any other beverage.

Just a reminder – Kona Grill is located in the Clay Terrace Shopping Center at 14395 Clay Terrace Blvd. in Carmel. A generous HH schedule: for Foods – All Day Monday (!) and 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, plus Every Night from 9 p.m. to closing. HH for Drinks is listed at 2 to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Also, the HH menu is filled with a variety of goodies priced at \$3, \$6, and \$9. (It famously features a Cheeseburger and Fries for

We wanted to try something different this time off the food side of the menu and decided on BBQ Chicken Flatbread and KG Sliders & Fries (\$9 apiece). We liked the Chicken Fried Rice so much, we opted to repeat that item. As you can see in the picture, everything came out looking great and in generous portions. The KG Sliders were meaty and very tasty and Kona Grill's Fries are espe-



Photo provided by Ken Klingenmeier

cially good – crispy on the outside and soft inside with a very distinctive seasoning. The Flatbread features a softer crust than we have found elsewhere, and the BBQ sauce they used went well with the chicken, the veggies, and the generous portion of cheese atop it all.

We arrived at about 4:30 and the lounge area was only partially full – it's a large space on the front side of the restaurant with a view of the street. In the main dining area, full of booths and tables, quite a nice crowd

had gathered by the time we were using the restrooms and preparing to leave.

Kona Grill is a very popular place and I can see why. It has excellent food and excellent service. We'll be back – maybe for dinner next time.

Ken Klingenmeier offers this series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he reviews Indy-area restaurants – specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading The Reporter for future restaurant reviews.

Jenell Fairman to speak at next Westfield Chamber luncheon

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the February Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

The guest speaker will be Jenell Fairman, Executive Chief of Economic and Community Development for the City of Westfield.

Westfield is going through a series of economic development and planning updates, including a comprehensive plan, downtown development plan, and a master plan for the Grand

Park District. Fairman will provide an overview of the status of each of these efforts, her vision for de-

veloping a city designed to facilitate walkability and alternative transportation strategies, strategically grow the commercial tax base, and deliver community centers that foster relationships and business success.

Please plan to attend for what is sure to be an insightful event. Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight) are also available.

Click here to get your tickets now.



Fairman

Phoenix puts Borrowed Babies on stage

By CARRIE NEAL
A Seat on the Aisle

When I was in high school, some of my girlfriends had to care for egg babies as part of a unit in health class. For the duration of at least one week, the egg had to go everywhere they went – unless they opted to leave it behind, in which case they had to pay a babysitter. Naturally, the egg couldn't be hard-boiled, as the difficulty of caring for an egg that might break at any moment was what simulated the challenges of caring for a newborn.

No one questioned the efficacy of this exercise that I can recall, or wondered why only female students needed to practice parent-

ing with an egg. But college campuses in the middle of the 20th century took things a bit further. Home economics programs had "practice houses" where young women would live in community and learn how to run a household together.

They also learned about motherhood by caring for "practice babies" – infants from local orphanages who came to stay with them for short periods of time. I'd never heard of this methodology before and was stunned to learn how widespread it once was. At the height of its popularity, between 40 and 50 universities across America utilized "practice babies."

This rich source material is the inspiration for *Borrowed Babies* by Jen-



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Lauren Briggeman as Wendy (left) greets Jen Johansen as Professor Judy London.

nifer Blackmer, a fictionalization that imagines what life might have been like in one of these "practice houses," for the professor, stu-

dents, and baby who lived there. The timeline jumps back and forth between the

See *Babies* . . . Page 9

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen endorses Dustin Dixon for Hamilton County Sheriff

Submitted

The campaign of Dustin Dixon, candidate for Hamilton County Sheriff, announced on Monday, Feb. 9 the endorsement of Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, citing Dixon's leadership, character, and unwavering focus on public safety.

"Noblesville was recently named the 12th safest suburb in the United States," Mayor Jensen said. "That doesn't happen by accident. It happens with the help of great leaders like Dustin Dixon. I have known Dustin for years. He has a servant's heart and is laser focused on keeping Hamilton County safe. I am proud to endorse his candidacy for Sheriff."

Mayor Jensen's endorsement comes as Dixon's campaign continues to build significant momentum across the county, reflected in its commanding fundraising advantage. According to the most recent campaign finance reports, Dixon raised \$180,308.02 and currently holds \$132,535.13 cash on hand, more than double the resources of his opponent. John Lowes reported raising \$106,875.18 with \$60,585.68 cash on hand.

With broad grassroots support, strong financial backing, and endorsements from respected local leaders, the Dixon campaign is well-positioned for a victory in May's Republican primary.

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Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts features packed March schedule

The REPORTER

There's still time to get tickets for these events and more coming up at Carmel's Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to TheCenterPresents.org.

Center Presents

Season Performances

Chris Botti

8 p.m. Friday, March 6

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series

Grammy-winning trumpeter Chris Botti has been one of the most popular instrumentalists in the world for nearly three decades. He has collaborated with some of the biggest superstars on the planet, including Sting, Paul Simon, Barbra Streisand, Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Aretha Franklin, Bette Midler, Joni Mitchell, Steven Tyler, Andrea Bocelli, Herbie Hancock, Yo-Yo Ma and others. He has topped the jazz charts with numerous albums, earned multiple Gold and Platinum records, performed with symphony orchestras and on prestigious stages from Carnegie Hall to the Hollywood Bowl to the Sydney Opera House.

Orpheus Chamber Orchestra & Marc-André Hamelin

8 p.m. Saturday, March 7

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Leo Brown Group Classical Series

Canadian piano virtuoso and composer Marc-André Hamelin joins the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra for a program featuring Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 12 in A Major*, K. 414, as well as Beethoven's *Allegretto from Piano Sonata No. 17* and Schubert's *Chamber Symphony in B-flat Major*. Founded in 1972 in New York City, the Grammy-winning Orpheus Chamber Orchestra has recorded more than 70 albums for Deutsche Grammophon, Nonesuch, and other labels.

Jerome Collins: Rewind:

A Journey to Motown and Beyond

8 p.m. Saturday, March 7

The Tarkington

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Rewind: A Journey to Motown and Beyond is a captivating solo performance featuring the talented Jerome Collins of famed a cappella group Straight No Chaser. This show is a nostalgic throwback to the legendary sounds of Motown and R&B. Collins takes the audience through electrifying renditions of timeless hits from some of the world's most iconic musicians and renowned artists. With a set list that includes songs from legends like Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, Sam Cooke, and Stevie Wonder, his soulful delivery ensures an unforgettable experience. Opening the show will be the singer-songwriter duo Small Town City, featuring Straight No Chaser's Mike Luginbill and SNC alumnus Ryan Ahlwardt.

Goitse

7 p.m. Sunday, March 8

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Telamon Passport Series

Named Live Ireland's Traditional Group of the Year and Chicago Irish American News' Group of the Year, Goitse have become leaders of the new generation of traditional Irish ensembles. The group has released six critically acclaimed recordings, mixing original compositions with age-old traditional tunes. Its lineup consists of



Photo provided

Gregorian has sold more than 10 million albums since 1999, blending pop & rock songs with chorale in the style of medieval chants. See them on March 14.

Colm Phelan, bodhrán; Áine McGeeney, fiddle, vocals; Conal O'Kane, guitar; Alan Reid, banjo, bouzouki; and Daniel Collins, piano, accordion. Together, the quintet Goitse – the Gaelic word for “come here,” pronounced *GO-witcha* – makes what *Irish Music Magazine* calls “Music that’s brimming with energy and creative zeal.”

Joshua Henry: Get Up, Stand Up

8 p.m. Friday, March 13

Payne & Mencias Palladium

BHI Senior Living Songbook Series

Taking a break from his acclaimed starring role in the Broadway revival of *Ragtime*, Joshua Henry makes his headlining debut at Allied Solutions Center. *Get Up Stand Up* is described as “a soulful bop through the songs that have moved and grooved us through the decades,” featuring “Feeling Good,” “Wait for It,” “A Change is Gonna Come,” “If I Loved You,” “What’s Goin’ On” and more. Henry is best known for his Tony-nominated leading roles in *Carousel*, *The Scottsboro Boys*, and *Violet* on Broadway, as well as his portrayal of Aaron Burr in the Chicago production and First National Tour of *Hamilton*. He also is a BMG recording artist.

Gregorian: Pure Chants World Tour

featuring Songs of Enigma

8 p.m. Saturday, March 14

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Since its founding in 1999 by producer Frank Peterson (Enigma, Sarah Brightman, Andrea Bocelli), Gregorian has sold more than 10 million albums and performed for more than 3 million people in 31 countries with its blend of pop/rock songs and chorale in the style of medieval chants. For its current North American tour, supporting the albums *Pure Chants I & II*, the ensemble of eight classically trained English vocalists will highlight the music of Enigma, the Grammy-nominated recording project that blended new age and world music with electronic and ambient sounds and sold an estimated 70 million albums worldwide.

Step Afrika! The Evolution Tour

7 p.m. Sunday, March 15

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Telamon Passport Series

The Evolution Tour is an electrifying production that fuses groundbreaking step choreography with the vibrant soundscape

of a live DJ. Founded in 1994, Step Afrika! blends traditional African dances, percussive dance styles practiced by historically Black fraternities and sororities, and an array of contemporary dance and art forms into a cohesive, compelling artistic experience. Performances integrate songs, storytelling, humor, and audience participation. An official Cultural Ambassador of Washington, D.C., Step Afrika! has toured more than 60 countries, headlined President Barack Obama's Black History Month Reception, and performed at the first-ever Juneteenth Celebration at the White House.

One Night in Memphis:

The Number One Tribute to Presley, Perkins, Lewis and Cash

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

One Night in Memphis is a rocking concert tribute to legendary Sun Records recording artists Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley, featuring over 90 minutes of rockabilly, country, gospel and pure 1950s rock 'n' roll performed live with an energetic rockabilly backup band. Inspired by the “Million Dollar Quartet” incident of 1956, this rock 'n' roll royalty jam session of true American music features hits like “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” “Great Balls of Fire,” “Whole Lotta Shaking Going On,” “Shake, Rattle and Roll,” “Don't Be Cruel,” “Hound Dog” and many more.

Branford Marsalis Quartet

8 p.m. Friday, March 20

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series

Saxophonist Branford Marsalis is a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master, Grammy Award winner, Tony and Emmy award nominee, and one of the most influential figures in contemporary music. For more than three decades, the core of his musical universe has been the Branford Marsalis Quartet, an ensemble celebrated for its uncompromising interpretation of both original compositions and jazz and popular classics. Following up on the Grammy-nominated albums *Upward Spiral* and *The Secret Between the Shadow*, the group's new debut release on Blue Note Records is *Belonging*, a complete interpretation of Keith Jarrett's 1974 album of the same name.

Direct from Rome:

The Three Italian Tenors

7 p.m. Sunday, March 29

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Leo Brown Group Classical Series

The Three Italian Tenors' program *Italia Musica Amore* is a unique tribute to Italian song and aria, saluting the tradition of great Italian tenors such as Luciano Pavarotti, Andrea Bocelli, Mario Lanza and Enrico Caruso. This exhilarating and unique musical event features original arrangements of universally loved Italian song and tenor arias, presenting memorable melodies and themes in a stunning program filled with nostalgia and memorable classics. Audiences will be captivated with this first concert tour of North America by the spectacular Three Italian Tenors: Giovanni Maria Palma, Ugo Tarquini and Alessandro Fantoni, accompanied by Fabrizio Mocatà on piano.

Other March Activities include:

Peanut Butter & Jam:

Bobcat Opossum

10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7

The Studio Theater

Tickets: \$10 per child, includes two free adult admissions

Multi-instrumentalists Sean Hoffman and Ellen Coplin tell stories through music and invite the audience to participate. All ages can travel through time and experience the vibrant world of folk songs and dances. Designed for ages 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions engage young children in the joy of live performance.

Group Vocal Coaching

6:15 p.m. Wednesdays,

March 18 to April 15

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Cost: \$90

Musical theater veteran Todd Neal leads this course on topics including song selection, vocal technique, and interpretation. Students gain a better understanding of performance, delivery, projection, and stage presence. The class is for anyone who enjoys singing, with no previous vocal training required.

Luminaries speakers series:

The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll

2 p.m. Tuesday, March 24

Payne & Mencias Palladium

Tickets: \$10

Bassist, educator, and music publicist Ron Kadish has extensive experience in the business and history of music. His presentation will provide a comprehensive look at the roots of rock 'n' roll, from its diverse influences to the pivotal moments that set the stage for the British Invasion, including a discussion about which song is really “the first” rock 'n' roll song.

From the Center's Resident Companies:

Carmel Symphony Orchestra

Nordic Nights: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at Payne & Mencias Palladium

Central Indiana Dance Ensemble

Mixed Rep: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at The Tarkington

Civic Theatre

The Scarlet Letter: March 13 to 28 at The Studio Theater

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre

Exodus: March 27 and 28 at The Tarkington

Indiana Wind Symphony

Chanson Francaise: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at The Studio Theater

BABIES

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1980s, when the professor is retiring and moving out, and the 1950s, when she mentored a group of four female students and supervised their baby-rearing.

Director Bridget Haight has assembled a uniformly excellent cast.

Jen Johansen is an ideal choice to portray Professor Judy London, and Lauren Briggeman is both poignant and fiery as unexpected visitor Wendy. Carmia Imani, Rachel Ivie, Hannah Luciani, Sarah Powell, and Dorian Underwood all offer delightfully specific and quirky characterizations as the five students. And Julie Dixon ably portrays a small but crucial role when she appears very late in the play. Unfortunately, there were a few noticeable line flubs, perhaps understandable with opening night jitters but nevertheless surprising in a production of this caliber.

This feels like an important play, both to do and

to see. Playwright Blackmer shines a light on the issues that have plagued mothers since time immemorial: can I excel at both parenting and a career? Will one invariably suffer in service of another? As Judy London says, is it “physically impossible to have it all?” These questions may have been thrown into sharper relief by the more limited choices of women in the '50s, but how much have things really changed since then?

Borrowed Babies clocks in at a lean 90 minutes with no intermission. Honestly, I wanted to see more of these indelible characters and learn more about their stories. This American Lives Theatre production will be running at the Phoenix Theatre Cultural Centre through Feb. 22, and tickets can be purchased at the door or online at phoenixtheatre.org.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

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Westfield announces return of Nature Walks in March

Submitted by City of Westfield

The Westfield Parks and Recreation Department's popular Nature Walk series re-

turns to the city's award-winning trails this March.

Join your neighbors for an easy-to-moderate two-mile guided walk across the Central

Midland Trace Trail. Along the way, you'll learn about Westfield's past, its bright future, and more about the plans for Simon Moon Park.

This event is free and open to participants of all ages. Friendly dogs on a leash are permitted.

[Click here](#) to register.

Employers' Forum of Indiana responds to Indiana Hospital Association op-ed

Submitted

On Monday, Feb. 9, the Employers' Forum of Indiana (EFI) released the following response to the recent op-ed from Indiana Hospital Association President Scott Tittle, which was published in *The Reporter* on Friday, Feb. 6:

Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) President Scott Tittle's recent op-ed attempts to create confusion around data, distorts the Employers' Forum of Indiana's (EFI) analysis, and relies on the IHA's strategy of cherry-picking rural hospital examples while shielding the major hospital systems that have been the focus of policies at the statehouse.

The IHA misrepresents EFI's position by asserting that our analysis accuses hospitals of overstating their financial challenges, but EFI made no such claim. Our analysis found that Indiana's hospital market is bifurcated, with some hospitals clearly struggling and others extremely profitable, resulting in significant variation in financial performance across the state. That finding aligns with national research, including the RAND 5.1 hospital price transparency study. RAND 5.1 further shows that Indiana has the ninth-highest hos-

pital costs in the nation and that Hoosiers with employer-sponsored insurance pay approximately 300 percent of what Medicare would pay for the same services.

Recognizing that variation in financial performance is not skepticism of hospital distress; rather, it is necessary to protect access to care where it is most at risk while appropriately accounting for the financial capacity of the state's most profitable hospitals.

The IHA-commissioned study relied on an eight-month snapshot of 53 undisclosed hospitals. EFI's analysis, by contrast, included a full year of data from the state's 114 general acute care hospitals using Medicare Cost Reports prepared, signed, and submitted to Medicare by hospital executives.

EFI accessed the data through the **Hospital Cost Tool**, a publicly available data source managed by the **National Academy for State Health Policy** (NASHP), which sources the data directly from the CMS-hosted database called **HCRIIS**. Moreover, EFI published both its analysis and the underlying data sources so the findings could be reviewed, evaluated, and replicated.

EFI used this data in its analysis for several reasons:

- It contains 14 years of financial information covering over 4,000 individual acute care hospitals in all 50 states in one database.

- The information is in a common format with consistent definitions.

- It covers hospital operations, which constitute the core of our health systems.

- Audited financial statements are generally not available for all hospitals at the individual hospital level, report formats vary among hospitals, and these reports are not available in a searchable database.

Medicare Cost Reports do not include the revenue and expenses of hospital subsidiaries, such as affiliated medical groups or real estate ventures, because they are designed to measure the financial performance of hospital operations. That focus is intentional. For purposes of informing public policy, the relevant question is whether hospitals themselves have the overall financial capacity to sustain operations.

Over time, hospital systems have expanded into a wide range of non-hospital enterprises, and hospitals may subsidize some of those activities, including

affiliated medical groups. As a result, the financial information reported in Medicare Cost Reports and in system-level audited financial statements may differ. Those differences do not indicate flawed data but reflect different scopes and different questions being asked.

The subsidy of physician groups is itself a recognized issue. As documented in the RAND hospital price transparency studies, hospitals in Indiana are paid consistently above the national average, while physician groups are paid below the national average, contributing to consolidation and higher overall prices. That dynamic underscores, rather than undermines, the importance of separating hospital operations from broader system finances when assessing financial capacity and shaping targeted public policy responses.

EFI shares IHA's concerns regarding the financial distress of several of Indiana's hospitals. Moving forward, we invite the IHA to consider innovative strategies for hospitals and employers to work directly together to support the vital role that businesses and hospitals play in creating healthier communities.

Indiana Donor Network saves 1,214 lives through organ donation in 2025

The REPORTER

Indiana Donor Network recovered 1,379 lifesaving organs for transplantation from 467 Indiana donors in 2025, saving 1,214 lives.

Through tissue and cornea donation, the organization recovered 1,558 tissues to help save and heal lives and restore sight from 15,734 Hoosier tissue and cornea donors.

"We continue to enhance our operational excellence, provide superior clinical expertise and provide unmatched care and compassion through all we do to save lives and serve donor families and our partner hospitals throughout Indiana," President and CEO Kellie Tremain said. "Our utilization of the latest technologies available to make more donated organs stronger and more viable for successful transplantation significantly increased our abilities to save lives."

Other major milestones achieved by Indiana Donor Network in 2025:

- Provided grief and counseling services to 3,102 Indiana donor family members.

- Experienced nearly 961,000 "yes" decisions to be a donor by Indiana residents; today, more than 4.5 million Hoosiers are registered organ donors.

- Reached nearly 206,000 Hoosiers through community presentations that offered education about organ and tissue donation and encouraged attendees to sign up to be donors.

"We achieved Tier 1-A status in 2025, the highest ranking an organ procurement organization can receive in the U.S. by



the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services," Tremain said about Indiana Donor Network, which is the federally designated organ recovery organization that coordinates organ and tissue donation in Indiana and transplantation throughout the U.S.

More than 1,400 Indiana residents are part of 108,000 Americans currently awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant. Every day, 17 people die waiting while every eight minutes, another person is added to the waiting list.

M/I Homes of Indiana announces Village at Trail Crossing coming to Noblesville

Submitted

M/I Homes of Indiana will debut its newest community in Hamilton County this fall, a new upscale, low-maintenance townhome community in Noblesville called Village at Trail Crossing situated just west of Hazel Dell Road and south of the Midland Trace Trail.

Located in the Noblesville Schools district and just minutes from Westfield's Union at Grand Junction Plaza and downtown Noblesville, the community will offer three new spacious designs ranging from 2,100 to over 2,200 square feet. Each townhome will also feature designer-selected details with extra room both inside and outside units for maximum comfort. Sales are expected to begin in late spring 2026.

The Village at Trail Crossing community has been thoughtfully designed to meet the needs of a di-

verse range of homeowners, from first-time buyers and growing families to empty nesters who value ease and accessibility. Each home comes with a simplified approach, featuring professionally curated designer packages that simplify the selection process while still offering personalized options to suit individual tastes and lifestyles.

Prospective homeowners in Village at Trail Crossing will choose thoughtfully crafted floorplans, each offering a variety of bedroom and bathroom configurations. The community will open with a professionally decorated model home on-site, allowing buyers to experience the quality, style, and craftsmanship firsthand, with a dedicated new home consultant and online tools supporting them every step of the way.

In addition to townhomes that blend contemporary sophistication with modern comfort, Village

at Trail Crossing offers a vibrant, active lifestyle with amenities tailored to households of all ages. Residents can enjoy a dog park, cornhole, gathering areas, a formal garden, walking paths, and direct access to the Midland Trace Trail and Grand Junction Plaza just minutes from the bustling downtowns of Westfield and Noblesville.

"Our newest community offers generously sized townhomes, larger garages, and a central location tailored to meet the needs of today's homeowners," said Cassian Bernard, Area President of M/I Homes of Indiana.

Prospective homebuyers are invited to stay ahead of the latest updates by signing up for the First Look to receive exclusive details on pricing, homesite and floorplan releases and community announcements. [Click here](#) to learn more about M/I Homes of Indiana.

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Alaina Shonkwiler files for re-election

Submitted

Republican State Representative Alaina Shonkwiler has filed her candidacy for re-election in Indiana House District 29, which is located entirely within Hamilton County, and includes Noblesville.



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“Serving the community where I grew up and chose to raise my family is the honor of a lifetime, and our work has just begun,” Shonkwiler said. “Throughout my first term, I have focused on delivering results for our district by authoring and sponsoring legislation that strengthens public safety, encourages a healthier Indiana, improves energy and utility affordability, and makes life more affordable for Hoosier families.”

First elected in 2024, Shonkwiler serves on the following House Committees: Government & Regulatory Reform, Public Policy, and Utilities, Energy & Telecommunications. Prior to her service as a State Representative, she served in various economic and workforce development roles, and as District Director for a Member of Congress.

Shonkwiler is a strong law-and-order conservative and was awarded the Legislator of the Year Award from the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police

for legislation she authored and passed to provide law enforcement with the tools they need to keep communities safe and always stand with those who serve. She advocates for lower taxes and the elimination of wasteful spending, reliable and affordable utility services that protect consumers, and an education system that empowers parents and works for every child.

“Our district deserves strong, effective representation that reflects our values and understands the real challenges Hoosier families and businesses face every day,” Shonkwiler said. “I’m excited to seek re-election and to continue earning the trust and support of the people I’m privileged to serve.”

Shonkwiler lives in Noblesville with her husband, Jason Shonkwiler, a Noblesville Police Department Sergeant and current School Resource Officer at Noblesville High School, and their two children, Hannah and Kyle.

Westfield Education Foundation honors Indiana Public Education Foundation Day

Submitted by Westfield Education Foundation

Today, the Westfield Education Foundation (WEF) joins the Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations (INAPEF) and education foundations across the state in celebrating the Annual Indiana Public Education Foundation Day, recognized each year on the second Tuesday of February.

This statewide initiative honors the important role public education foundations play in supporting academic achievement, student well-being, and future readiness.

Education foundations raise private support for local school district initiatives that public funding does not cover. While each foundation’s mission reflects the needs of its community, all share a commitment to supporting students and staff while creating innovative opportunities that help students learn, grow, and prepare for future success.

“The Annual Indiana Public Education Foundation Day marks an exciting milestone,” INAPEF Board President Justin Hirnisey said. “We celebrate the in-

credible work of education foundations across Indiana, whose efforts provide students with the tools, resources, and experiences to achieve their dreams.”

This year’s recognition is especially meaningful in Westfield, as the WEF celebrates its 40th anniversary of supporting Westfield Washington Schools (WWS). Since 1986, the Foundation has invested in teacher grants, student scholarships, and innovative programs that remove barriers to learning and expand opportunities for students across the district. These investments help ensure students are prepared to graduate Life Ready.

“Our education foundation connects community partners, donors, and volunteers with our schools to meet real needs for students and staff,” WEF Executive Director Ashley Knott said. “Together, we are supporting every Westfield Washington school and helping students learn, grow, and become Life Ready.”

The WEF consistently works to help the district’s educators thoughtfully enhance student learning and experiences. For example,



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WEF recently **raised over \$50,000 for classroom grants** so WWS teachers can invest in learning tools and initiatives for their students’ benefit. The Foundation was also recently **awarded \$15,000** by the Hamilton County Community Foundation for further grant funding for Westfield classrooms.

The Foundation will officially kick off its 40th anniversary celebration on March 1, launching a year-long effort to share stories of impact and partnership across the community. Community partners play a vital role in making these

opportunities possible for the more than 10,300 students and 1,700 staff members served by WWS.

To learn more about the WEF or make a donation, visit www.wef.org.

As part of this celebration, INAPEF invites everyone to learn more about their local education foundations, support their initiatives, and honor the transformative work these organizations accomplish across Indiana. To explore the nearly 70 public education foundations connected through INAPEF and find one near you, visit [INAPEF Member Organizations](http://INAPEF.org).

Emily Angel Shaw running for Superior Court 8 judge

Submitted

Emily Angel Shaw has filed to run for Judge of Hamilton County Superior Court 8 in the May 5, 2026, Democratic Primary.



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Angel Shaw is currently the Director of Family Law Services at Kids’ Voice of Indiana, a local nonprofit serving children across the state. She provides best interests advocacy for youth in family law and child welfare cases, and also develops and delivers initial and ongoing trainings for best interests advocates in all four corners of Indiana.

Since 2014, Angel Shaw has also operated her own private law firm, handling mostly family law cases in a variety of Indiana courts including Hamilton County. While her primary area of focus has been family law and children’s issues, Angel Shaw has also handled various probate, criminal, and business law related matters.

Angel Shaw moved to Hamilton County in 2024, and is a lifelong central Indiana resident. Angel Shaw graduated from Arsenal Tech High School in Indianapolis, attended the

University of Evansville for her undergraduate studies, and received her Juris Doctor from IU McKinney School of Law. Most recently, Angel Shaw earned her Master of Laws (LLM) Degree from University College Cork in Ireland in Children’s Rights and Family Law. She resides in Carmel with her husband and their three children. She is a proud hockey and soccer mom, Habitat for Humanity builder, and regularly volunteers for many causes she cares about.

Emily Angel Shaw will appear on the ballot in the Democratic Primary Election on May 5.

Centier Bank makes leadership transition to fifth generation

Submitted

Centier Bank, Indiana’s largest private, family-owned and operated financial institution, has announced an historic transition in its executive leadership.

After 53 years of dedicated service and visionary leadership, Mike Schrage has stepped aside from his role as Chief Executive Officer. Chris Campbell, Mike’s son-in-law and current President of Centier Bank, has assumed Schrage’s responsibilities, marking the formal transition to the fifth generation of Schrage family leadership.

Five generations of independence

The transition marks the planned succession of the fifth generation of Schrage Family leadership, who are working in seamless lock-step with their board of directors and seasoned executive leadership team. This collaborative approach ensures that the bank’s independent spirit is protected by family heritage, robust corporate governance, and professional excellence. Together, they are dedicated to a long-standing community pledge, ensuring Centier remains a stable, community-focused

anchor for generations to come.

“The fifth generation’s assumption of leadership is the strongest guarantee of our ‘Not For Sale’ promise, ensuring Centier remains a family-owned and operated bank,” Campbell said. “I have now had 20 years serving alongside Mike, along with other members of the fifth generation of the Schrage Family who are just as committed to staying independent, preserving the world class culture, staying local, and continuing to grow as an Indiana-based bank.”

A planned & confident future

This leadership change is the result of a deliberate, multi-year succession plan designed to maintain organizational stability. In preparation for this transition, Centier Bank’s executive leadership team has been realigned to provide the depth and expertise needed to support this succession plan.

Campbell, whose professional career includes 20 years of service in lead-

ership roles at Centier, is married to Schrage’s daughter, Laura. Joining him are other members of fifth-generation leadership, including Stephanie Schrage, Board Member and daughter of Mike Schrage, and Anthony Contrucci, Board Member and President of First Bancshares Inc, and husband of Schrage’s daughter, Melissa. Together, the fifth generation has been working within the bank’s board of directors and various departments for years and bring a shared experience and vision for the company’s next chapter of growth.

“Centier is exceptionally well positioned, thanks to the strong culture and deep leadership bench Mike has built,” Centier Bank Chief People Officer Christianne Christ said. “Mike’s thoughtful decision to transition from day-to-day CEO responsibilities allows him to focus on guiding the next generation, while the bank maintains unwavering stability. Chris, Anthony, and Stephanie have worked

alongside Mike for years and are fully prepared to lead seamlessly. Together with our executive leadership team, they will carry forward the momentum of our operations and our long-term vision, ensuring uninterrupted service for our customers and communities.”

Schrage’s future focus within Centier Bank will center around branch expansion across the state as well as Centier’s hospitality-centered banking, a cornerstone of the bank’s servant heart culture.

Under its “Be Our Guest” brand philosophy, the bank has long treated every client not as a number, but as an honored guest. This commitment to world-class service ensures that every interaction feels personal, warm, and distinctly different from the impersonal, transactional norms of modern banking.

“Our generation recognizes and embraces the profound honor and responsibility to build on what those before us have established,” Contrucci said. “We’re committed to a thoughtful transition that preserves Centier’s culture and to continuing the family’s five-generation

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a workshop session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) Purchase of Lease of Real Estate. A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Jet Access Conference Room at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 E. State Road 32, Zionsville.

The Hamilton County Election Board will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026, at the Clerk’s Office in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square.

The purpose of the meeting is to address a late campaign finance report, approve a voting system and electronic poll book disposal plan, and address any candidate challenges.

Each year, the Hamilton County Reporter requests government entities to notify us of public meetings as their Open Door Law notification under I.C. 5-14-1.5-5. The Reporter publishes these notices as a public service in our Tuesday through Friday digital editions. Meeting notices for Open Door Law compliance can be sent to PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, in an executive session to discuss personnel, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

A live stream of the meeting will be available at youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

A live stream of the meeting will be available at youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville at also streamed at youtube.com/HamiltonCountyTelevision.

A list of each appointed officer’s name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions.

The Carmel Police Department Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 3:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) in the Support Conference Room at Carmel Police Department Headquarters, 1000 S. Range Line Road.



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The Lord said to Moses, "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders."

So at the Lord's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites. These are their names:

from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua son of Zakkur;

from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat son of Hori;

from the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh;

from the tribe of Issachar, Igal son of Joseph;

from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Nun;

from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti son of Raphu;

from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel son of Sodi;

Numbers 13:1-10 (NIV)

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tradition of trusted leadership and service. We aren't just maintaining a legacy, we are building upon it with a renewed focus on innovation that never sacrifices the personal touch our guests deserve."

While the bank celebrates this transition, it also celebrates Schrage's hard-earned milestone. For Schrage, this is not a departure, but a deeper transition into servitude and stewardship.

"I'm stepping aside with full confidence that

the values we've built over 53 years aren't simply part of Centier's history, they're embedded in the DNA of leaders carrying us forward," Schrage said. "I look forward to having more personal time to travel with my wife, Jill, and to devote even more energy to the community causes I care deeply about, continuing my lifelong commitment to helping others thrive."

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Patricia "Patty" Gardner

March 3, 1936 – February 7, 2026

Patricia "Patty" Gardner, 89, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on March 3, 1936, to Cedric and Alice (Carey) Foland in Noblesville.

Patty was born in Noblesville and graduated from Westfield High School in 1954. She was active in the 4-H Club and, as an efficient typist, worked various secretarial jobs. She also worked at the Westfield High School cafeteria.

Patty lived in Westfield until 1985 when Jerry's job took them to Lawrenceville, Ga. They moved back to Westfield and built a home on family property on Little Eagle Creek Avenue. Patty retired in 2000. She was an avid reader and also loved bird watching and playing solitaire. Patty loved Purdue and Westfield sports. She had a sweet tooth and loved M&M's and Hershey bars. She also enjoyed time with her family and was very active in the church and her faith.

Patty is survived by her daughters, Wendy (Mark) Pickett and Kerri (Steve) Brown; son, Gary (Gretchen) Gardner; grandchildren, Whitney (Ryan) Robinette, Ian (Amanda) Pickett, Madison (Michelle) Pickett, Ashley (Andrew) Wozniowski, Kelsey Brown (Lee Hummel), Lindsey (Sam) Sobus, Evan Gardner, Rudi Willock, Abi Willock, and Macey Davis; great-grandchildren, Carter Pickett, Jackson Wozniowski, Austin Wozniowski, Hudson Hummel, Chandler Sobus, Teddy Gardner, Valerie Gardner, Blake Thompson, and LaMar Wilford; sisters, Dottie Case and Linda Deering; brothers, Steve Foland and Kenny Foland; and her sister-in-law, Becky Mikesell.

In addition to her parents, Patty was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Keith Gardner; great-granddaughter, Emma Wozniowski; and her sister, Sandy Denton.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Burial will be at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN 46202 (rmhccin.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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K. Elaine Weaver

July 22, 1949 – January 19, 2026

Elaine was born on July 22, 1949, in Indianapolis. She passed away on January 19, 2026.

She grew up in Sheridan, where she graduated from Sheridan High School in 1967. She then attended and graduated from DePauw University.

For 36 years, Elaine made significant contributions as a personnel specialist at the Defense Finance Agency located at Fort Benjamin Harrison. After her retirement in 2009, her influence continued to be felt, as she remained an active participant in her community and her church.

Stuart "Mark" Davis

June 28, 1957 – February 8, 2026

Stuart "Mark" Davis, 68, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on June 28, 1957, to the late Stuart and Patricia (Miller) Davis in Lebanon, Ind.

Mark was devoted to his business, Stonesaver Cemetery Restoration, restoring cemetery stones and preserving history. He loved honoring veterans, and enjoyed reading about and traveling to Civil War battlefields. In his early 20s, Mark was in a singing group called One Accord. He also loved singing solos in church. A gifted tinkerer, Mark also enjoyed restoring pianos. He loved camping and fishing, especially on peaceful mornings in Minnesota. One of his other travel highlights include two family vacations to Maui. Mark also enjoyed attending his children's sporting events, performances, and church activities.

Mark led college students on mission trips to Honduras and Ecuador, as well as personally traveling on multiple mission trips to Bolivia where he helped build a church. Mark had a special love for the Hispanic community and enjoyed practicing his Spanglish with anyone around him. He was very involved in churches throughout the years, including leading children and young adults.

Mark is survived by his wife, Paula Davis; children, Drew (Amanda) Davis, Lindsay Davis, Brittany (Mark) Riner, Reagan Davis, and Riley Davis; grandchildren, Maggie and Calvin; and his brothers, Kerry Davis and Nathan (Kristin) Davis.

Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with services at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Lafontaine IOOF Cemetery on Friday at 11 a.m.

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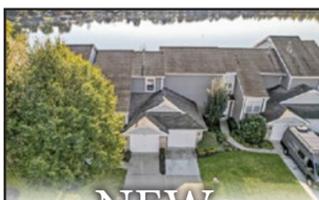
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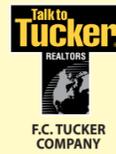


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Boys Wrestling Regional

Three county teams tie for second at North Montgomery

The REPORTER

Who was the most successful Hamilton County wrestling team at the Saturday, Feb. 7 North Montgomery regional? Take your pick.

Three local teams were involved in a three-way tie for second place at the regional. Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield all scored 108.5 points. The three teams were chasing Zionsville, who won the regional championship with 135 points.

All three schools had seven wrestlers finish in the top four of their weight classes, which qualifies them for the Saturday, Feb. 14 semi-state at New Castle.

The Tigers get bragging rights with the most



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Photo by Cael Maddox

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Connor Maddox won the 106-pound title, beating Hamilton Southeastern's Nolan Culp in the championship match at the North Montgomery wrestling regional on Saturday, Feb. 7. Maddox took all three of his regional matches by pin. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers' Camden Funk beat Westfield's Jon Stryker in the 190-pound championship match.



Lamb

The Tigers get bragging rights with the most county champions at the regional. Seth Lamb started things off for Fishers with a victory at 120 pounds. Lamb won his first match with a technical fall, got a major decision in the semifinal, then beat

Westfield's Aiden Driscoll with a 20-2 technical fall

in the championship with a 17-1 technical fall. C a m d e n Funk opened his 190-pound campaign with a tech fall, then won a 17-12 decision over Western Boone's Jacob Smith. Funk won the title

against the Shamrocks' Jon Stryker.

Julian Burgett was next in line as the 215-pound champion. Burgett also won his first match by tech fall, picked up a major decision in the semis, then beat Carmel's Will Massey by a 15-2 major decision.

The Royals picked up two champions at the regional. Parker Culp won

at 138 pounds. He started with a first-match pin, then took his next two matches by decision, edging out North Vermillion's Aden Rangel 5-4 in the final.

Cohen Davis triumphed at 165 pounds. He won his first two matches by fall, then got past Crawfordsville's Aiden Hutchinson with a 4-1 sudden victory after the match

was tied after the regulation six minutes.

Westfield's Connor Maddox was the Shamrocks' lone winner. The 106-pound sophomore ran through his matches, winning all by first-period pins. Maddox spent a total of 2 minutes, 19 seconds on the mat to win the regional title, pinning HSE's Nolan Culp in the

title match.

Carmel finished fifth as a team with 77 points and also qualified seven wrestlers for the New Castle semi-state. Tyler Elliott (144) and Massey (215) had the best finishes for the Greyhounds, as they were both runners-up in their respective divisions.

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Millers qualify all 14 for semi-state

The REPORTER

How could the Noblesville wrestling team top its sectional performance after qualifying all 14 of its wrestlers to the regional?

It's simple. Qualify all 14 wrestlers to the semi-state.

The Millers did just that at the Saturday, Feb. 7 Pendleton Heights regional. Noblesville had all 14 of its wrestlers finish in the top four of their weight class, thus sending them all to the Saturday, Feb. 14 New Castle semi-state.

The Millers battled with Cathedral all day for the team championship. The Irish pulled away during the final matches, scoring 237.5 points, with Noblesville scoring 215.5 points to take second. No other team at the regional was within shouting distance.

Cathedral had seven individual champions, but the Millers held their own, getting three individual winners. Freshman Brody Weimer was the first, sailing through the 126-pound division. He won his first match by fall, then took the next two by technical falls, beating Cathedral's Jackson Lavin in the final. Sophomore Zach Nekolite was the 132-pound



(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville's Luke Chastain finished third at 150 pounds during the Pendleton Heights wrestling regional on Saturday, Feb. 7. Chastain was one of 14 Millers wrestlers to place in the top four of their division and qualify for the New Castle semi-state. (ABOVE CENTER) Hamilton Heights' Kolter Galloway finished third at 126 pounds. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Rafe Liechty placed third at 106 pounds.



Photos by Mike Navarro



Weimer



Nekolite



Kincaide

champion. He won his first match by tech fall, got a first-period pin in the semifinals, then beat the Irish's Gino Duncan by a 6-0 decision in the title match.

Junior Aidan Kincaide rolled through the 165-pound field. He won all three of his matches by pin, spending a total of 2 minutes, 21 seconds on the mat. Kincaide beat Cathedral's James Grimme in the final to improve to 30-0 for the season.

Guerin Catholic finished in fifth place at the regional, scoring 40 points. The Golden Eagles were 4-for-4 at the meet: all four of their regional qualifiers advanced to the semi-state.

Rafe Liechty (106) and Jack Hubbard (190) had the best finishes for GC as they each placed third in their divisions.

Hamilton Heights took seventh place, totaling 37 points. The Huskies advanced three to semi-state,

led by 150-pounder Simon Kuhn. He placed second at 150 pounds.

County results and semi-state qualifiers

106: 2. Henry Antrobus (Noblesville), 3. Rafe Liechty (Guerin Catholic), 113: 2. Eli Kincaide (N).

120: 4. Blake Weimer (N), 126: 1. Brody Weimer (N), 3. Kolter Galloway (Hamilton Heights), 4. Gabe Liechty (GC), 132: 1. Zach Nekolite (N), 3. Kase Powell (HH), 4. Joseph Dunasky (GC), 138: 2. Justus Suddarth (N), 144: Isaac Suddarth (N).

150: 2. Simon Kuhn (HH), 3. Luke Chastain (N), 157: 4. Kyle Howard (N), 165: 1. Aidan Kincaide (N), 175: 2. Evan Nicholls (N), 190: 2. Yan Tioua (N), 3. Jack Hubbard (GC), 215: 2. Cale Metzler (N), 285: 4. Jackson Apple (N).

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Girls Basketball



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The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team made it back-to-back Sectional 8 championships on Saturday, Feb. 7. The Royals beat host Carmel 50-34.

Royals' seniors, defense pave way for special sectional repeat

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

CARMEL — Kayla Stidham's first bucket flipped the scoreboard in the opening quarter, but the Hamilton Southeastern senior's second shot early in the second changed the mood.

Up early against Carmel, tied and then behind to start on Saturday, Feb. 7, HSE turned to its senior standouts and wasn't disappointed during the Sectional 8 championship inside the Eric Clark Activity Center.

Stidham's layup for her first points put HSE (20-4) ahead 9-8, followed by senior Kennedy Holman's spinning layup to make it 11-8.

A 3-pointer by sophomore Piper Brinley increased the margin early in the second, then Stidham set her feet from 19-feet, 9-inches for a 3-pointer that sparked a 50-34 win and a sectional championship repeat.

Stidham's shot put the Royals in control, 17-10, and cemented her place in the 1,000-point club, which energized the crowd and emboldened her teammates towards the program's sixth sectional all-time and first repeat since 2006 and 2007.

"It's so cool. I'm so appreciative of my teammates. Just them getting me the ball in good spots. I couldn't

have done it without them," Stidham said. "Doing it on a 3-pointer, the best. That's what I wanted."

The milestone was the first of many celebrations for the Royals, who cut down the nets wearing "Back to Back Champs" postgame t-shirts provided by the players' parents, while coach Brian Satterfield collected his fifth-career sectional title overall (three with the HSE boys).

"The thing about this sectional, if you come in and you have an off night, you're probably not going to advance," Satterfield said. "To be able to come away and win this sectional at any time, you always feel pretty proud because whether on the boys' side or the girls' side, you know you're running into quality competition."

Carmel (10-14) was a worthy opponent.

The Greyhounds gave the Royals fits initially, deadlocking the score, 5-5, and erasing an eight-point deficit, 22-20 to begin the second half.

However, Holman and Stidham showcased why their future plans include heading to Florida and Bowling Green, respectively.

Stidham finished with 15 points, six rebounds and a blocked shot while burying a trio of 3-pointers.

Hamilton Southeastern will play McCutcheon at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Frankfort regional.

Holman had a game-high 22 points with six rebounds, five assists, a block and three steals, as the Indiana Miss Basketball candidate spearheaded a decisive 12-2 run in the third quarter.

"I think we both know when we need to get a bucket for the team. We can do that, and our team trusts us," Holman said. "It's funny because coach talks about it all the time. He thought that offense would be the thing, but defense kind of paved the way."

The HSE defense surrendered 10 points in the first quarter, but Carmel never surpassed more than nine points in any of the final three frames.

Holman kicked off HSE's second half run with three points and had two dishes for five more, as Stidham buried another 3-pointer.

Senior Antonette Green, who assisted Stidham's 1,000th point, collected a pass from Holman and sank a 3-pointer to cap the Royals' wave.

"They step up in big moments. Kayla, with 1,000 points, is insane. Kennedy already reached that and her having over 20 tonight,

they're both amazing players," Green said.

The Royals' championship mindset netted nearly 10 second half turnovers with consistent disruption.

"It's difficult to win this twice, but I think we put in the work, and this team is so deserving," Stidham said. "We lost a lot of people from last year, but I think we also gained a lot with the younger kids. They stepped up a lot."

Brinley had five points, junior Abigail Orme had three and Green added five along with three steals and two assists.

Holman tallied 14 of HSE's 28 points in the second half. Stidham provided seven.

Carmel senior Sydney Bonds had a team-high 11 points and 12 rebounds.

"HSE is so talented. Their leading scorers have such great ability, and they have great role players around them," Carmel coach Jessica Darmelio said. "But our kids don't let up. They play for each other. Wrapping up this first year, there's nothing more I could have asked for. I'm really excited where we left off."

Blazers beat Covenant Christian in semifinals

The REPORTER

University advanced to the championship game with a 48-39 semifinal win over Covenant Christian, reversing a 39-36 loss during the regular season.

The Trailblazers led for the last 30 minutes of the game but could not put the Warriors away until making all eight free throws they attempted in the last minute of the game.

Sydney Culp scored 15 of her career-high 24 points in the decisive fourth quarter. She was 6 for 6 from the charity stripe in the final minute. Leah Norvell had 16 points, eight rebounds and three assists.

University threatened to run away with the game early, racing to a 15-6 lead after the first quarter. Norvell scored the first five Blazer points, a three pointer from the left corner and a driving bucket that put University ahead to stay with six minutes left in the quarter. Sydney Culp's three pointer from the top of the key and Mack Feeney's rebound basket completed a 7-0 run and a 10-3 University lead. After a Covenant Christian three pointer, Sydney Culp made another three pointer and Norvell's two foul shots closed the quarter. Norvell had seven points in the quarter and Sydney Culp six.

The Trailblazers scored just two points in the first seven minutes of the second quarter and Covenant Chris-

tian rallied to get back in the game, cutting the University lead to 20-17 at halftime.

Norvell had seven of University's nine third quarter points and the period ended with the Blazers up 29-27.

Sydney Culp opened the fourth quarter with a three-point play to stretch the lead to 32-27, but Covenant Christian scored the next four points. Sydney Culp hit a deep three pointer to stem the Warrior rally. After a pair of Covenant Christian free throws, Gabby Culp had a three point play off an offensive rebound for a 38-33 lead. Norvell's three pointer from the left wing made it 41-36 with two minutes left.

The Warriors cut the lead to 41-38 before University put the game away at the foul line. Sydney Culp made both charity tosses with 59.9 seconds left. After a Covenant Christian timeout Gabby Culp came up with a big steal in the right corner that led to two Sydney Culp free throws with 47.2 seconds left. After a Warrior miss, Norvell made two free throws with 21.5 remaining. Another Gabby Culp steal led to two more Sydney Culp foul shots to close the scoring.

Gabby Culp finished with seven points, a team-high 12 rebounds and three steals. Feeney played a big defensive game and had seven rebounds and five blocked shots. Blanding had three assists.

Monrovia runs away from Blazers in title game

The REPORTER

University jumped out to a fast start in the Sectional 42 Class 2A championship game at Park Tudor Saturday, Feb. 7, but foul trouble and Monrovia's pressure defense short circuited the Trailblazers start in an 82-33 loss to the 15th-ranked Bulldogs.

Gabby Culp and Leah Norvell opened the scoring for University, taking the Blazers to a 4-2 lead. Monrovia answered with five straight points for a 7-4 lead with 5:50 left in the first quarter. University tightened the defense and held Monrovia scoreless for the rest of the quarter.

Mack Feeney scored off an assist from Nyla Blanding before Blanding's three pointer put University on top 9-7. Feeney added two free throws and Sydney Culp and Gabby Culp each split a pair of foul shots for a 13-7 lead after the opening quarter. University made 6 of 10 free throws in the first quarter, but after that did not attempt another foul shot in the game.

Feeney and Sydney Culp picked up their third fouls early in the second quarter and Monrovia jumped on top 14-13 midway through the period. After the Bulldogs extended their lead to 16-13, the Blazers ran off seven straight points for a 20-16 lead. Norvell broke a five-minute scoreless streak with a basket. Julie Montiel made a three pointer from the left wing and Gabby Culp had a rebound basket for a 20-16 lead with two minutes left in the half.

University still led 20-19 with less than 30 seconds left in the half, before two Monrovia steals led to three points and a Bulldog lead. After a University missed shot, the Bulldogs added a buzzer beating half-court shot for a 25-20 lead at the break.

Monrovia scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter on their way to a 34-point quarter and a 59-28 lead. Three University starters fouled out in the late third and early fourth quarter.

Norvell led University in the championship game with 13 points, 10 rebounds and four assists. Feeney blocked six shots and collected five rebounds. Gabby Culp had seven rebounds.

The 2025-26 Trailblazers finished with a 10-12 record and were Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference runners-up and PAAC North Division champions for the ninth consecutive season. University's seniors left their mark on the Trailblazer record book.

Feeney finished in the top nine categories: fifth in career rebounds (501); third in career assists (225) and fifth in career assists per game (2.7); fifth in career steals (179) and third in career steals per game (2.2); third in career blocked shots (202) and second in career blocked shots per game (2.5); second in career assist to turnover ratio (2.23) and fifth in single season steals per game (3.0). Feeney is the first player in program history to average 3.0 or more assists in three separate seasons.

Sydney Culp finishes her Trailblazer career third in total three pointers (72), second in career free throw percentage (78 percent) and second in single season free throw percentage (81 percent).

Norvell is fifth in career three point baskets (68).

Gabby Culp is third in career rebound average per game (8.2).

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County results & semi-state qualifiers

- 106: 1. Connor Maddox (Westfield), 2. Nolan Culp (Hamilton Southeastern).
- 113: 2. Brayden Head (W), 4. Will Lakes (HSE).
- 120: 1. Seth Lamb (Fishers), 2. Aiden Driscoll (W), 3. Carlo Federici (Carmel).
- 126: 4. Cale Beattie (HSE).
- 132: 3. Will Hruskoci (F), 4. Trevor Humburg (W).
- 138: 1. Parker Culp (HSE), 3. Alic Washburn (W).
- 144: 2. Tyler Elliott (C), 4. Max Inman (HSE).
- 150: 2. Graydon Staley (W), 3. James Schwartz (F), 4. Jaxen Timmons (C).
- 157: 3. Dylan Lane (HSE), 4. Ezekiel Kramer (F).
- 165: 1. Cohen Davis (HSE), 3. Austin Yunker (C).
- 175: 4. Eli Isen (C).
- 190: 1. Camden Funk (F), 2. Jon Stryker (W), 4. Gavin Adkins (C).
- 215: 1. Julian Burgett (F), 2. Will Massey (C).
- 285: 2. A.W. VanKirk (HSE), 3. Ryan Dungee (F).



Photos by Cael Maddox

(TOP LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Parker Culp won the 138-pound championship. (TOP RIGHT) Fishers' Julian Burgett beat Carmel's Will Massey in the 215-pound final at North Montgomery. Burgett was one of three champions for the Tigers, while Massey was one of two runners-up for the Greyhounds. (ABOVE) Hamilton Southeastern's Cohen Davis won at 165 pounds.

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Girls Basketball

Hounds break sectional drought with win over Eagles

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL — Carmel's girls ended a drought on Friday, Feb. 6.

The Greyhounds had not won a game in Sectional 8, one of the toughest sectionals in the state, since 2021. But Carmel broke through during this year's Sectional 8 competition, getting past Zionsville 57-53 in a hard-fought semifinal game.

"They say age matters in February," said Greyhounds coach Jess Darmelio. "I don't know if I believe that, because the Hounds are over here fighting and playing pretty gritty."

It was a contest between two young squads. Carmel had two seniors in its starting lineup, Jacobi Warren and Sydney Bonds. Both would make impacts for the Greyhounds during the game.

Carmel led 12-11 after the first quarter. Sophomore Catherine Bassi, finally free to play unrestricted minutes after recovering from an injury, provided a spark with five points in the period, including a 3-pointer.

"It's awesome," said Bassi. "A year without playing was not very fun, but now I'm able to play. It's the best feeling ever. It's so much fun. And my knee feels great, too."

The Greyhounds got going in the early part of the second period, using solid long-range shooting to lead 24-16. Sophomore Bella Ramsey and junior Taylee Fisher joined Warren in hitting triples, with Warren's 3 giving Carmel the eight-point lead.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel's Taylee Fisher scored nine points and made five steals during the Greyhounds' 57-53 win over Zionsville in the Sectional 8 semifinals.

"All day I was thinking about, we got to get hyped up for this game. We got to be ready," said Fisher.

The Eagles came back, finishing the half on a 9-0 run to lead 25-24 at the break. Junior McKenzie Chapman scored the final seven points of the half.

Zionsville's run continued at the start of the third period, with junior Emily Zack and Chapman both making baskets to give the Eagles a 29-24 lead.

Sophomore Maddy Wallace stopped the run with a floater, but Zack responded with a layin to push Zionsville ahead 31-26.

The Greyhounds answered back. Fisher and Bassi both made baskets to get Carmel within 31-30, then Bonds tied the game at

32-32 with a layin.

"Sydney Bonds is the glue player, the do-everything player," said Darmelio. "She's going to play her butt off for you. She's going to go after the ball. She doesn't have the size of the other kids that we play against, but she has such a big heart, and so I trust her to be on the court, whether that's rebounding, defending, making the right decision."

Chapman gave the Eagles their last lead of the game at 34-32 with a layin, after which Ramsey finished the quarter with four straight points to give Carmel a 36-34 lead.

That was the beginning of an 11-0 run, mostly facilitated by Ramsey. She scored six points during the first four minutes of the fourth quarter.

Bassi added to the run with a 3-pointer, with Ramsey hitting two free throws to give Carmel its largest lead at 45-34 with 4:58 left.

"We tell each other, stick together," said Fisher. "If one person is keeping their head down, we got to pick them up and tell them to keep going."

Zionsville tried to make a comeback, but the Greyhounds held firm, not allowing the Eagles to get any closer than four points. Ramsey added seven points during the final three minutes, going 5-of-6 from the free-throw line.

Ramsey finished the game with 21 points, scoring 17 in the second half. Bassi scored 16, including three 3s. Fisher totaled nine points and Bonds scored five.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Antonette Green scored 12 points for the Royals during their Friday, Feb. 6 Class 4A Sectional 8 semifinal game with Noblesville at Carmel. Southeastern won 45-32. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Maia Blower takes the ball up the court during the Millers' Sectional 8 semifinal game with Hamilton Southeastern.



Defense, Ant power Royals past Millers

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

CARMEL — Two years ago, the Noblesville Millers utilized defense to pull off their upset win against heavily-favored Hamilton Southeastern in the sectional championship.

In their first postseason meeting since 2024, the Class 4A No. 7 Royals turned the tables against the Millers (9-12) to win 45-32 during the Sectional 8 semifinals on Friday, Feb. 6.

HSE trailed after the first quarter, 10-8, and watched its seven-point lead shrink to four in the third quarter, but pressure defense and a career game by senior Antonette Green advanced the Royals into the sectional final.

Green's game-high 12 points, along with senior Kayla Stidham's 11 points, were crucial for HSE, as senior Kennedy Holman struggled offensively with just two points.

Holman, an Indiana Miss Basketball candidate, averaged more than 18 points per game this season and posted 24 points with 14 rebounds against Noblesville in the regular season.

"We've just had differ-

ent people step up when we needed to, and that's what we've done all year long," HSE coach Brian Satterfield said. "What's been special about this group is how they compete and play together and really pick each other up when they have to."

The turnaround began with a 3-pointer by Stidham to open the second quarter, marking the fifth and final lead change of the game, 11-10.

A Green 3-pointer continued the momentum swing, as HSE strung together a 9-0 run to lead 17-10, just two minutes into the second quarter.

"Those other kids, they made plays, and that's why they've been really successful," Noblesville coach Donna Buckley said. "The other night, they had two other kids that did a lot of scoring for them, and then tonight, it was Green's turn, and she was phenomenal."

The Millers lost to HSE, 50-34, during their regular-season contest on Dec. 3, as Hoosier Crossroads Conference rivals.

This time, they focused on challenging Holman, and the strategy worked, but the Florida commit and the Royals countered.

"The first time we fouled Holman, so we tried to change some things that we did the last time, sent people back and really tried to make sure she didn't get any runouts. She shot 14 free throws last time. She had two free throws tonight," Buckley said.

Holman's two points came off a pair of foul shots in the first quarter, but while her scoring stopped, her production elsewhere thrived. Holman recorded a team-high nine rebounds with five assists and three steals.

Noblesville senior C.C. Quigley had a team-high 11 points and six rebounds. Her sixth point in the third quarter sliced HSE's lead to 22-18, but then Green took over.

A 3-pointer by sophomore Haylee Mezera off a Holman assist opened HSE's decisive 12-2 run, and Green finished it with nine consecutive points, including back-to-back 3-pointers and a pair of steals that netted three points (1-for-2 free throws).

HSE led 34-20 after Green's outburst, and the margin grew to 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore Piper Brinley had nine points, while junior Abigail Orme had eight. Noblesville sopho-

more Maia Blower finished with eight.

"If you showed me some of the stats, I would have felt really good about where we were. We did some really good things. Unfortunately, we didn't shoot it well at times," Buckley said. "Then, they had a nice little run with Ant. She made a heck of a run personally to make that game a little different."

Green's 12 points matched a season high. She added three steals and assists.

"Our defense is our team chemistry. Even though we have some youngsters this year, they've really stepped up, especially in times like this," Green said. "We play really well collectively as a whole."

HSE's defense limited Noblesville to 12 total points in the second and third quarters combined, while the Royals poured in 37 points after an eight-point first frame.

"We had possessions where after one or two passes we fired up a three. We hit one or two early, and I think we fell in love with that," Satterfield said. "That's when we need to just be patient, keep trying to do what we need to do, play defensive and get more quality shots."

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Feb. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Indpls. Metropolitan at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
New Palestine at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
University at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS DIVING REGIONAL

Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Homestead, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13

BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.
Harrison at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.
University at Pioneer Conference playoff game, 7:30 p.m. at Shortridge

GIRLS SWIMMING

State prelims, 6 p.m. at IU Natatorium

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Boys Basketball

Huskies take care of Winchester

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

The Hamilton Heights boys basketball team is playing at a high level and couldn't be doing so at a better time of the season.

The Saturday, Feb. 7 home game against Winchester wasn't any different. The Huskies had no trouble dispatching the visiting Falcons with a 67-47 win.

Heights jumped out to a comfortable 19-8 lead in the first and kept going in the second.

The Falcons kept it honest in the second but still trailed the Huskies 37-24 at the break.

Defense of its home court was the main objective and that's exactly what Heights did, outscoring Winchester 30-23 in the second half to pull away for the 20-point victory.

Rees Knapp led with 18 points and seven rebounds. Two other teammates joined in double figures. Jack Kasuleff had 14 on 7-of-12 shooting and six assists, while Jackson Mikesell had 12 points and grabbed nine boards.

Hamilton Heights (10-7) is on a 10-game winning streak and faces a tough test in an all-county showdown at Westfield (9-7) on Tuesday night.

Golden Eagles win sixth straight game

The REPORTER

Guerrin Catholic ran its win streak to six consecutive games on Saturday, Feb. 7 with a solid 66-57 win at Culver Academies.

The Golden Eagles led 12-9 after one quarter, but Culver came back in the second period to lead 25-22 at halftime. Guerrin Catholic took control in the third period, outscoring the Culver Eagles 14-7 for a 36-32 lead.

The fourth quarter was a high-scoring one. Guerrin Catholic started the period with a 19-2 run to take its

biggest lead of the game at 55-38. Culver made a comeback during the period, but GC held on for the win.

Jake Grissom led the Golden Eagles' scoring with 24 points, followed by Hayden Rogers with 11 and Will Bach with 10. Rogers dished out nine assists. Andrew Reithman added nine points and pulled eight rebounds.

Guerrin Catholic is 14-5 and hosts New Palestine tonight; it will be the Golden Eagles' first home game since Jan. 17.

Hawks fall to Alexandria

The REPORTER

Sheridan's five-game win streak came to an end on Saturday, Feb. 7 as the Blackhawks fell at Alexandria 75-65.

The Tigers jumped out to a 23-11 lead after the first quarter, then went up 37-21 at halftime. Alexandria continued to roll in the third period, adding 18 points for a 55-34 lead. Sheridan poured in 31 points in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers held on by scoring 20 points.

Three Blackhawks fin-

ished the game with double-digit scoring. Trey Page made four 3-pointers on his way to 18 points. Jax Peerman scored 16 points and Devon Hamilton added 14 points.

Chance Spencer collected nine rebounds, dished out five assists and made five steals. Desh Donathan handed out four assists.

Sheridan is 13-3 and returns home to Larry Hobbs Hall to play Carroll Friday in the Blackhawks' final Hoosier Heartland Conference game of the season.

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Feb. 8

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (22)	440	19-0
2	Silver Creek	403	18-1
3	Crown Point	389	15-1
4	Pike	355	16-3
5	Plainfield	352	17-2
6	Carmel	339	12-3
7	Mt. Vernon	316	17-2
8	Lawrence North	270	15-3
9	Cathedral	262	14-3
10	Northridge	236	17-1
11	New Albany	207	13-4
12	Penn	181	14-3
13	Terre Haute North	179	16-3
14	Ben Davis	171	11-5
15	South Bend St. Joseph	149	14-4
16	South Bend Riley	80	14-4
17	Northview	59	14-4
18	Chesterton	56	14-4
19	Portage	31	16-2
20	Brownsburg	20	11-7

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Barr-Reeve (16-1), Batesville (16-2), Centerville (16-2), Columbia City (14-3), Crispus Attucks (12-5), Evansville North (14-3), Fort Wayne South Side (16-1), Hamilton Southeastern (9-9), Homestead (13-5), Lawrence Central (8-9), Liberty Christian (14-4), Oak Hill (15-1), Paoli (16-0), Pendleton Heights (12-4), Princeton Community (15-3), Parke Heritage (15-4), Westfield (9-7), Westview (17-1), Whiteland Community (16-3), Zionsville (11-9), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (10-5).

Girls Swimming Sectionals

Tigers claim sectional title, send 21 to state

The REPORTER

Fishers edged out host Hamilton Southeastern to win its eighth consecutive sectional championship on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Tigers scored 539 points to the Royals' 504. Both teams also qualified many swimmers on to the state preliminaries, which take place Friday at the IU Natatorium.

Fishers won seven events. Emily Wolf swept the 200 and 500 freestyles, both well under state cut times. Other Tigers winners were Paige Wilson in diving, Audrey Wolf in the backstroke, Ashlyn Hayes in the 100 free, and the Fishers 200 and 400 freestyle relays. The Tigers qualified 21 for state.

Hamilton Southeastern claimed the other five events. The Royals began with a win in the medley relay, then Naomi Haines triumphed in the 50 free and backstroke. Kinsey Bogaards won the individual medley and Lauren Ing placed first in the breaststroke. Southeastern totaled 15 state qualifiers.

Hamilton Heights finished fourth as a team with 213 points. Ayla Madara was the Huskies' top finisher, taking second in the 500 free with a state cut time and also made a state cut time in the 200 free. Amira Leer

also qualified for state in the 500 free.

Team scores: Fishers 539, Hamilton Southeastern 504, Yorktown 295, Hamilton Heights 213, Oak Hill 164, Lapel 149, Pendleton Heights 144, Marion 68, Elwood 43, Anderson 42.

200 medley relay (State cut 1:48.59)

"A" Final: 1. Southeastern (Naomi Haines, Lauren Ing, Ellason Miller, Payton Walker) 1:42.33, 2. Fishers (Isabelle Ortiz, Ruby Hines, Polina Sopova, Larkin Lee) 1:47.78, 7. Heights (Adalynn Gould, Hope Moore Santos, Quinn Thompson, Mackenzie Davis) 2:16.23.

200 freestyle (State cut 1:53.49)

"A" Final: 1. Emily Wolf (F) 1:46.51, 2. Ashlyn Hayes (F) 1:48.78, 3. Brooklyn Rager (F) 1:52.18, 4. Ayla Madara (HH) 1:52.56, 5. Mia Henderson (HSE) 1:52.97, 6. Isabella Schmitt (HSE) 1:54.70, 7. Amira Leer (HH) 1:56.38, 8. Brooklyn Penn (HSE) 1:57.64.

"B" Final: Allie Bushey (HH) 2:16.20.

200 individual medley (State cut 2:07.36)

"A" Final: 1. Kinsey Bogaards (HSE) 2:03.97, 2. Avery Hannon (F) 2:06.27, 3. Alexandra Nguyen (F) 2:07.20, 4. Ella Hare (F) 2:07.67, 5. Lacey Huston (HSE) 2:15.82, 6. Delaney Miller (HSE) 2:16.27.

"B" Final: 14. Gould (HH) 2:43.92.

50 freestyle (State cut 24.13)

"A" Final: 1. Haines (HSE) 23.58, 2. A. Wolf (F) 24.12, 3. Walker (HSE) 24.34, 5. Sarah Cooper (HSE) 24.44, 6. Lee (F) 24.92, 7. Sopova (F) 25.14.

"B" Final: 15. Thompson (HH) 28.86, 16. Davis (HH) 29.05.

One-meter diving (Top four advance to regional)

Finals: 1. Paige Wilson (F) 328.35, 2. Mazie Morrison (HH) 326.35, 3. Francesca Robinson (F) 326.10, 4. Camille Powell (HH) 301.60, 5. Olivia Barras (HSE) 273.45, 6. Sarah Seyferth (HSE) 266.15, 10. Linette Coonce (F) 228.10, 12. Ava Cox (HSE) 204.55.

100 butterfly (State cut 56.70)

"A" Final: 1. A. Wolf (F) 54.39, 2. Miller (HSE) 55.68, 3. Huston (HSE) 58.41, 4. Elise Eubank (F) 58.62, 5. Walker (HSE) 58.89, 7. Alexandra Adams (F) 59.66.

100 freestyle (State cut 52.75)

"A" Final: 1. Hayes (F) 51.21, 2. Henderson (HSE) 52.45, 3. Hare (F) 52.99, 4. Lee (F) 53.74, 5. Emerson Bunch (HSE) 54.59, 6. Ella Chesterfield (HSE) 55.03.

"B" Final: 9. Audrey Cain (HH) 59.05.

500 freestyle (State cut 5:07.03)

"A" Final: 1. E. Wolf (F) 4:44.75, 2. Madara (HH)



Photo provided

The Fishers girls swim team won its eighth consecutive sectional title and qualified 21 for the state prelims.

5:00.71, 3. Rager (F) 5:04.04, 4. Schmitt (HSE) 5:04.92, 5. Lillian Cain (F) 5:06.55, 6. Penn (HSE) 5:12.02, 7. Leer (HH) 5:12.76, 8. Molly Hultgren (HSE) 5:26.23.

"B" Final: 11. Bushey (HH) 6:06.38.

200 freestyle relay (State cut 1:39.17)

"A" Final: 1. Fishers (Hare, E. Wolf, Lee, Hayes) 1:34.55, 2. Southeastern (Miller, Henderson, Walker, Cooper) 1:35.28, 4. Heights (Leer, Thompson, A. Cain, Madara) 1:46.12.

100 backstroke (State cut 57.33)

"A" Final: 1. Haines (HSE) 55.97, 2. Bogaards (HSE) 57.15, 3. Hannon (F) 57.81, 4. Sophie Blue (F) 58.13, 5. Ortiz (F) 58.46, 6. Bunch (HSE) 1:00.74.

"B" Final: 10. A. Cain (HH) 1:09.06, 12. Gould (HH) 1:14.09.

100 breaststroke (State cut 1:05.95)

"A" Final: 1. Ing (HSE) 1:03.85, 2. Nguyen (F) 1:04.72, 3. Cooper (HSE) 1:06.34, 4. Sopova (F) 1:06.42, 5. Hines (F) 1:06.85, 6. Miller (HSE) 1:07.14.

"B" Final: 10. Davis (HH) 1:22.51.

400 freestyle relay (State cut 3:37.10)

"A" Final: 1. Fishers (A. Wolf, E. Wolf, Hannon, Hayes) 3:24.16, 2. Southeastern (Miller, Henderson, Bogaards, Haines) 3:28.33, 4. Heights (Madara, Leer, Thompson, A. Cain) 3:53.94.

Callbacks

Fishers – Individual medley: Hare. 100 freestyle: Hare. Backstroke: Hannon, Blue, Ortiz. Breaststroke: Sopova.

Hamilton Heights – 500 freestyle: Leer.

Hamilton Southeastern – 50 freestyle: Walker. 500 freestyle: Penn. Breaststroke: Cooper.

Hounds cruise to sectional win, send 23 to state

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – The Carmel girls swim team took care of business at its own sectional on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Greyhounds won all 12 events while scoring 587 points to win its 42nd consecutive sectional title. Carmel also set itself up well to continue its state championship streak, sending 23 swimmers to Friday's state prelims at the IU Natatorium.

Ellie Clarke was a double winner, taking the individual medley and backstroke events. Molly Sweeney also got two victories, placing first in the butterfly and breaststroke.

Other individual winners were Haley Morris in the 200 freestyle, Story Hughes in the 50 free, Helena Gibson in diving, Sophia Floyd in the 100 free and Sabrina Ledwith in the 500 free. Carmel swept all three relays as well.

"Some really great performances, a lot of best times, high best-time percentage, and that's really good," said Hounds coach Chris Plumb. "But it doesn't mean a whole lot if we don't come back next Friday and be even better."

Noblesville inched out Westfield for second place, with the Millers scoring 394 points and the Shamrocks 393. The Millers qualified six for the state prelims, including two in the 200 free: Hayley Blackwell and Maya Preston.

Blackwell also reached a state cut in the 100 free,

while Preston qualified by time in the 500 free. Noblesville also got its 200 and 400 free relays under the cut.

Millers coach Jess Preston said the day exceeded his expectations.

"I'm super excited," said Preston. "I'm incredibly proud for the whole team. To get second place is incredible too. It was a complete team effort."

Westfield had three swimmers earn callbacks to state: Evelyn Wheat in the butterfly, Delaney McCulloch in the 500 free and the 400 free relay.

Team scores: Carmel 587, Noblesville 394, Westfield 393, Western 171, Maconaquah 164, Northwestern 125, Kokomo 110, Guerin Catholic 94, Tipton 91, Eastern 70.

200 medley relay (State cut 1:48.59)

"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Leah Debosch, Molly Sweeney, Ellie Clarke, Sophia Floyd) 1:42.35, 2. Westfield (Macy Brown, Nora Sperry, Evelyn Wheat, Katherine Cassidy) 1:51.96, 3. Noblesville (Adalyn Goettler, Emily Wilhelm, Mallory Mehninger, Leilani Mark) 1:54.95.

"B" Final: 9. Guerin Catholic (Ellie Gove, Taylor Tragesser, Kara Von Woerkom, Chloe Tragesser) 2:13.39.

200 freestyle (State cut 1:53.49)

"A" Final: 1. Haley Morris (C) 1:50.75, 2. Sabrina Ledwith (C) 1:52.42, 3. Madelyn Yonkus (C) 1:52.53, 4. Hayley Blackwell (N) 1:52.60, 5. Maya Preston (N) 1:52.77, 6. Cassidy (W) 1:57.19, 7. Goettler (N) 1:57.44, 8. Delaney McCulloch

(W) 1:58.83.

"B" Final: 10. Greta Smith (W) 2:01.14, 11. Van Woerkom (GC) 2:06.36.

200 individual medley (State cut 2:07.36)

"A" Final: 1. Clarke (C) 1:59.08, 2. Debosch (C) 2:01.73, 3. Lucy Enoch (C) 2:03.46, 4. Wheat (W) 2:09.46, 5. Kyra Blackwell (N) 2:13.09, 6. Gracie Alley (W) 2:15.05, 7. Wilhelm (N) 2:18.12.

"B" Final: 9. Stella Cramer (N) 2:20.20, 11. Makenzie Gater (W) 2:26.42.

50 freestyle (State cut 24.13)

"A" Final: 1. Story Hughes (C) 24.79, 2. Avery Aiello (C) 25.06, 3. Ava Middleton (N) 25.15, 4. Claire Cate (C) 25.18, 7. Caroline Sindelar (W) 26.30.

"B" Final: 9. Mark (N) 26.30, 10. Christie Stuart (W) 26.50, 11. Sophia Grimes (W) 26.63, 12. Celia Springer (N) 26.81.

One-meter diving (Top four advance to regional)

Finals: 1. Helena Gibson (C) 489.35, 2. Eryn McMahon (N) 454.10, 4. Emily Linder (C) 363.25, 5. Makenna Dammeyer (W) 357.20, 6. Addison Goodwin (W) 338.05, 7. Elizabeth Orman (C) 327.65, 8. Anna Ososki (GC) 312.95.

100 butterfly (State cut 56.70)

"A" Final: 1. Sweeney (C) 53.92, 2. Wheat (W) 57.34, 3. Maria Daily (C) 57.65, 4. Isabelle Harger (C) 59.43, 5. Sperry (W) 59.53, 6. Alley (W) 59.80, 7. Mehninger (N) 1:04.22, 8. Meredith Nickloy (N) 1:06.81.

"B" Final: 9. Norah Mathes (N) 1:05.99, 15. T. Tragesser (GC) 1:16.97.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel girls swim team won its 42nd consecutive sectional on Saturday, Feb. 7, sweeping all 12 events and qualifying 23 for the state prelims.

100 freestyle (State cut 52.75)

"A" Final: 1. Floyd (C) 51.45, 2. Enoch (C) 52.33, 3. H. Blackwell (N) 52.41, 4. Natalie Powers (C) 54.05, 5. Middleton (N) 54.51, 6. M. Brown (W) 54.57, 8. Nalani Hendrix (W) 56.82.

"B" Final: 10. Mark (N) 57.93, 11. Grimes (W) 58.40.

500 freestyle (State cut 5:07.03)

"A" Final: 1. Ledwith (C) 4:58.73, 2. Morris (C) 4:59.19, 3. Helayna Weller (C) 5:03.03, 4. Preston (N) 5:06.80, 5. McCulloch (W) 5:13.24, 6. Cassidy (W) 5:15.36, 7. Smith (W) 5:27.20, 8. Van Woerkom (GC) 5:37.51.

"B" Final: 10. Cramer (N) 5:37.60, 12. Springer (N) 5:52.29.

200 freestyle relay (State cut 1:39.17)

"A" Final: 1. Carm-

el (Floyd, Enoch, Debosch, Sweeney) 1:35.59, 2. Noblesville (H. Blackwell, Middleton, K. Blackwell, Preston) 1:39.08, 3. Westfield (Sperry, Sindelar, Alley, McCulloch) 1:43.56, 8. Guerin Catholic (Mary Farrell, Evie Scott, Amber Sawchuk, Caroline Bradley) 2:09.07.

100 backstroke (State cut 57.33)

"A" Final: 1. Clarke (C) 52.65, 2. Debosch (C) 55.70, 3. Weller (C) 58.01, 4. Goettler (N) 1:00.44, 5. M. Brown (W) 1:01.22, 6. Mehninger (N) 1:03.58, 7. Audrey Brown (N) 1:05.23, 8. Sindelar (W) 1:06.18.

"B" Final: 10. Ava De-Craene (W) 1:10.27, 15. Gove (GC) 1:17.53.

100 breaststroke (State cut 1:05.95)

"A" Final: 1. Sweeney (C) 1:00.63, 2. Payton Clark (C) 1:05.47, 3. Madelyn Yonkus

(C) 1:05.56, 5. K. Blackwell (N) 1:09.59, 6. Sperry (W) 1:10.85, 7. Wilhelm (N) 1:12.57, 8. Hendrix (W) 1:12.76.

"B" Final: 9. Rowen Foster (N) 1:11.99, 11. Stuart (W) 1:13.33.

400 freestyle relay (State cut 3:37.10)

"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Floyd, Morris, Enoch, Weller) 3:30.27, 2. Noblesville (H. Blackwell, Middleton, K. Blackwell, Preston) 3:35.81, 3. Westfield (Wheat, Cassidy, M. Brown, Hendrix) 3:41.77, 8. Guerin Catholic (Gove, C. Tragesser, T. Tragesser, Van Woerkom) 4:15.85.

Callbacks

Carmel – Butterfly: Daily. Backstroke: Weller.

Westfield – Butterfly: Wheat. 500 freestyle: Cassidy. Westfield also received a callback in the 400 free relay.

University's Calili qualifies in breaststroke

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University sophomore Noa Calili qualified for the state prelims at the Lafayette Jefferson on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Calili made it in the breaststroke, where she finished third in the sectional

with a time of 1 minute, 6.56 seconds. Calili earned a callback to state, which means her time was fast enough to fill a field of 32 in that event.

Calili also swam in the 50 freestyle, placing sixth in 25.48 seconds.

Boys Basketball

Flanagan's hot shooting helps Millers dominate Trojans

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

The Noblesville boys basketball team figured out who to count on during its Saturday, Feb. 7 home game against Center Grove. Senior Justin Curry is out for the rest of the season, so it's the next man up now for the Millers.

Max Flanagan got the hot hand and didn't stop. The senior knocked down 7 out of 9 from three-point range on his way to 23 points to help guide the Millers to a dominating 60-26 rout of the Trojans.

Everything went right for Noblesville as they started off with a 12-5 lead through one and pushed the

advantage even more with a 15-6 second to lead 27-11 at halftime.

The Millers more than doubled up the Trojans in the second half (33-15) to completely overwhelm the visitors.

Flanagan was one short of tying the single-game program record of eight. Jake Mills (2015) is the

most recent to make eight three-pointers in a game.

Baron Walker scored 17, had four boards and four assists. Luke Fogg had 10, making all four field goals and Adam Fine had six assists.

Noblesville (9-9, 2-3 HCC) visits Brownsburg (11-7, 4-1 HCC) on Friday night.

Blazers cruise past Heritage Christian

The REPORTER

University placed five players in double figures in an impressive 77-56 win over Heritage Christian at The U Center on Saturday, Feb. 7.

University trailed for only 20 seconds in the game. Faisal Mohamud's three pointer off a Cooper Cammack assist put the Blazers ahead 7-5 with 5:10 remaining. The Blazers never trailed again. University led 21-14 after the first quarter. Seven different Blazers scored in the

opening quarter, led by five points each from Peter Morales and Faisal Mohamud.

The Blazers extended the lead in the second quarter, outscoring the Eagles 13-8. Josh Henderson and Joshua McGee each had four points in the quarter and University took a 34-22 lead at the break.

Heritage Christian tried to climb back in the game, opening the second half on an 8-2 run to pull within 36-30. The Trailblazers took a timeout and regained control, outscoring the Eagles

18-4 over the remaining 6:30. Blake Gray made two three pointers on his way to eight points in the quarter and University led 50-34 after the quarter.

University opened strong in the third quarter, stretching their scoring run to 14 on two McGee free throws and a three-point play by Henderson. University led by as many as 26 late in the game.

Henderson had 19 points to lead the Blazers. McGee, Gray and Morales each scored 12 points and

Mohamud had 10.

The Trailblazers shot 62 percent from the field led by a 9-for-10 performance from Henderson and five for six shooting from Morales. University made 8 of 16 three pointers.

University had 22 assists on 33 made field goals. McGee and Cammack led with four assists each.

Henderson had a team-high 10 rebounds, blocked two shots and had three assists.

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