

Sampson honored for Westfield work



Photo provided

John Sampson (right) has become the face and name of the new Westfield Playhouse project, set to be completed this year at 202 North Union St. In part because of that work, Sampson was recently honored with a Westfield Way Award, presented by Mayor Andy Cook (left). Sampson told The Reporter he was nominated anonymously for his contribution to the city and the arts. His comments were the soul of humility: "I am very honored, but my goodness, there are so many other people who do more," Sampson said. Regarding his work with Westfield Playhouse, Sampson said, "It is all for the benefit of the City of Westfield, and the biggest thing is putting the art in front of the public to keep it healthy and well." The 160-seat theater facility, set to be complete this year, will be within two to three blocks of the future Grand Junction Plaza, making it another amenity residents and visitors can enjoy while in downtown Westfield.

Avoid beating yourself up in the Sandwich Generation

While sitting in an important Lilly Endowment grant application meeting on Wednesday morning, January 22, my phone vibrated with a text message. Glancing down, I nearly gasped – it was my mom's grocery delivery "saint" (as I call him) Scott. He was checking in with me to let me know he was about to begin shopping and he asked if Mom needed anything else.

"No, thank you," I quickly texted, "But she's going to kill me because I forgot to tell her you were coming. She may still be in her robe and slippers."

To those of us who are more casual, this may not have been a huge deal. But I knew my mom would be unhappy when Scott arrived at her door to see her not properly dressed for the day.



AMY SHANKLAND
Sandwiched

Being the good grant consultant, I had chosen a seat front and center for this meeting. I didn't want to miss one word about this huge opportunity. So, with a small sigh, I decided to not hop up to leave the room and call Mom. I had to resist beating myself up for the next 90 minutes.

I felt the same way when Mom had called me a few weeks prior and left a voice-mail when she couldn't find her TV remote control – which IS a huge deal for older folks. I was in the middle of hoop dancing with friends and didn't get the message until after 9 p.m., which is her bedtime. I did beat myself up over that one.

In the grand scheme of things, however, I later realized these instances were not the end of the world. As Mom's primary caregiver, I

have a tendency to drop everything when she calls, no matter how big or small the situation may be. Perhaps it's the whole guilt thing – I mean, she took care of me for all those years, so now it's my turn to take care of her.

But Mom somehow survived with her grocery delivery and a staff member had helped her find her remote when I called her the following morning. She actually sounded chipper.

Like so many caregivers, I've got a busy career and am taking care of my own family and household along with my mother. Things are going to slip on occasion. I'm finally realizing that I'm never going to be completely perfect in this sandwich generation role.

Once in a while, Mom will have to deal with the small crises in life. And I've learned that it's okay. Hopefully I'll remember these stories to avoid beating myself up again in the future!

Four portable classrooms coming to new Southeastern Elementary

By LARRY LANNAN
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round of redistricting, estimates of how many students

would be attending the new Southeastern Elementary building were off, meaning more students entered the school than had been expected.

At Wednesday night's HSE school board meeting, leases for four portable classrooms were approved for Southeastern Elementary. The portables will be located on the north end of

the building, near the staff cafeteria.

It is expected the portables will be needed beginning in the 2020-21 school year and will be in use for two full school years, until the planned new Wayne Township elementary school is completed and in operation.

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Supt. Bourff to offer HSE school start time recommendation at Feb. 12 board meeting

By LARRY LANNAN
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Hamilton Southeastern Schools Superintendent Allen Bourff says he will have a recommendation on school start times for the next regular meeting of the school board scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Administrators will have options for board consideration, including implementing a version of the three-tier bus transportation system in the 2020-21 school year.

"We will be presenting (the board) with . . . an option to flip our start times as early as next fall," Bourff told board members. "But if you chose not to do that, we would present you with another alternative to introduce you to a new transportation system that could be a three-tier system."

Answering a question from board member Sylvia Shepler, Bourff said there is no "drop-dead date" on making a start time decision for the 2020-21 school year.

"Once you get beyond February and March, it's hard to make those decisions," Bourff said. "So, we would like to try to make that decision in February."

One complicating factor is this: There is only one regular board meeting scheduled in the month of February, and that is on the 12th.

Board President Michelle Fullhart clarified that, at minimum, there would most likely be a school start time change as a result of moving from a two-tier to a three-tier bus transportation system. She described the possibility of flipping start times between elementary and high school students as "another possibility."



Bourff

Life in Cicero about to get sweet at Taste of Chocolate fundraiser

The REPORTER

Life will get a little sweeter Feb. 10 when Our Town Cicero hosts its fifth annual Taste of Chocolate fundraising event.

Held in the popular banquet room of 10 West Restaurant and Bar, Taste of Chocolate is a community networking event that lasts from 5 to 8 p.m. The annual event offers northern Hamilton County residents the opportunity to meet and mingle with neighbors while sampling chocolate treats provided by local businesses. Tickets for the event cost \$15 and include appetizers and chocolate samples from approximately 20 local businesses.

"Our Town Cicero is excited to host the fifth annual Taste of Chocolate. It is a great opportunity for community members and businesses alike to network and celebrate all that Cicero's Main Street has to offer," said Dagny Zupin, Our Town Cicero Media and Promotions Director. "All proceeds from the event help to continue our Main Street beautification efforts and make free community events like street festival and the Christmas lighting ceremony possible."

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at [this link](#) or at Cicero Market on State Road 19. Those interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor should email event chair Cyndi Kanaly at cyndi3179@yahoo.com.

About Our Town Cicero
Our Town Cicero is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit and Indiana Main Street member. Our Town Cicero is dedicated to strengthening the vibrancy of Cicero by promoting local businesses and partnerships so all may visit, eat play, and live.



Photo provided

Bill and Lisa Wampler, Co-Owners of 10 West Restaurant and Bar, show off their chocolate creation.

Fishers students' visual art celebrates Black Culture

The REPORTER

The Fishers Arts Council celebrates the month of February with a new exhibit called *Embracing Black Culture: A Visual Arts Celebration*.

The exhibit features visual art provided by the students at Fishers High School and Fall Creek Junior High School. The art includes paintings, drawings, photographs and concrete poetry. This will be the third year of

participation by Fall Creek Junior High School and the first year of participation by Fishers High School.

There will be a free public reception and performances from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7 at The Art Gallery at Fishers City Hall. Meet the artists and browse the two levels of the gallery to enjoy the visual art that embraces Black Culture.

The second hour is devoted to

performances by the students. These will include poetry, original songs and stepping. Finger food and soft drinks will be provided.

Come enjoy the exhibit as these students share their visual and performing arts in celebration of Black Culture.

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In other news from the school board session:

• Cecilie Nunn, Chief Financial Officer for the school corporation, told the board the current operating referendum, approved in a 2016 vote, will be expiring in a few years. If the school board decides to keep the referendum rate as is, or proposes a change, the ref-

erendum would need to be on the ballot as part of the May primary election in 2023 and become effective in 2024. The 2016 approval of the referendum allowed HSE Schools to increase the number of teachers, generally decreased class sizes and provided funds to increase compensation for the teaching staff.

• The board was told continued construction along Lantern Road will impact access to Fishers Elementary School, but the city hopes to complete much of that work over two weekends in February, including one three-day weekend. Those accessing the elementary will be using a gravel road for at least a

few months. All work will be weather dependent, but the long-term forecast appears promising.

Executive Director of Secondary Education Matt Kegley told the board talks continue with the new Hub & Spoke operation to involve HSE students in programs related to the building trades. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for Hub & Spoke is set for April 1, Kegley said. There is also a committee looking into partnering with Purdue Polytech. There were no announcements of any agreements at this time.

- Superintendent Allen Bourff asked for a moment of silence to honor Kora Abbott, a Fishers Junior High School eighth-grade student who recently died.

Apply now for Fishers Police Citizens Academy

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

For the 38th time, the Fishers Police Department will offer local citizens an insight into the local law enforcement operation with the Citizens Academy.

The academy is scheduled for 13 weeks and offers “police style” training to citizens. Some of the training will include: Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch, Bicycle Patrol, Police Intelligence, Criminal Law, Police Canine, Traffic Stops, Weapons Familiarization, Criminal Investigations, Evidence Collection.

The instructors will be officers from the Fishers Police Department. Participants are eligible complete a ride along with an on-duty police officer.

starting Feb. 26. The academy will be open to individuals who reside or are employed in the Hamilton Southeastern School District. You must be at least 16 years old to participate in the Citizen's Academy.

The department says its goal is to build on the relationships established in the community. The Citizen's Academy consists of classroom and hands-on training that will allow citizens to interact and become more familiar with the tasks that are assigned to a police officer. The Citizen's Academy will give community members the opportunity to ask questions about law enforcement and other related activities.

Click here to apply online, or apply in person at the Fishers Police Department. Applications will be accepted until Feb. 17. If you have any questions, contact Officer Chris Owens at owensc@fishers.in.us or call (317) 595-3300 ext. 8011.

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

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Letter to the Editor

Getting off the fence, taking a political stance

Dear Editor:

Since moving to Noblesville over 20 years ago, I have avoided partisan politics. It has been easy to do. As folks here will tell you, we live in a one-party town. According to local folklore, the last time a Democrat was elected in Noblesville, the year was 1946.

Over the years, in primary elections, I would choose the Republican ballot (often there were no Democratic candidates). I recognized the names and often had working relationships with the candidates listed there.

And then, in the wake of the 2016 presidential election, I was faced with the guilt resulting from my own silence.

In the months preceding the 2016 elections, I had stayed quiet for a number of reasons. At that time, it felt like nice people didn't talk about politics. I felt scared to step into the fray by openly supporting a Democrat. It was so much easier to remain quiet, and surely my candidate would be chosen in the end.

After the election, disgusted at my own paralysis, I vowed to engage! I found a way to speak up without aligning myself with a political party. From my safe non-partisan perch, I sang the praises of redistricting reform (a cause with bi-partisan appeal that I continue to support.)

In my advocacy for redistricting reform at the local and state levels, I have come to realize an obvious fact. The people who have the power to make decisions that affect our everyday lives are part of a partisan system. They wear a red jersey or a blue one. The system is designed to ensure opposition because democracy requires it.

Because democracy requires opposition, I'm getting off the fence, and I welcome you to join me at the next meeting of the Noblesville Democratic Club at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17 at Barley Island Brewing Co.

Jenna Stewart
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader asks you to urge your legislators to vote no on Senate bill 73

Dear Editor:

Indiana is the second-worst state for toxic chemical pollution and its long-term health effects, according to the EPA.

As a Hamilton County resident since birth, I've never known the realities of toxic pollution that thousands of other Hoosiers have to breathe and drink every day. I've never worried about lead in my water, like some Hoosiers in East Chicago. I didn't see my neighbors fall victim to rare childhood cancers like in Martinsville or Franklin.

If we let these life-threatening problems caused by contamination continue to be the norm, then we are complicit in sabotaging the health of our state and the lives of thousands.

Moreover, there is a bill in the Indiana legislature that will make this worse. Senate Bill 73 would eliminate the option to anonymously report potential environmental violations to IDEM. This effectively slashes the whistleblower protection that is essential to keeping polluters accountable and key to safeguarding public interest.

This is exactly the kind of bill we don't need.

Call your legislators today and tell them that we don't want this kind of legislation now or ever. As a community, let's hold our legislators accountable to our health and the future of our state.

Stephanie Zhang
Carmel

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PSW hires Weingardt as senior tax specialist

The REPORTER

Peachin Schwartz and Weingardt (PSW) has named John R. Weingardt as senior tax specialist. In this role, Weingardt will prepare taxes and provide tax consultation.

As a CPA, Weingardt takes pride in the service he offers to clients.

"I'm passionate about helping clients with the complexity of taxes," Weingardt said. "It's all about understanding our clients' specific goals and objectives and putting together a plan."

PSW looks beyond the basic numbers to provide insight and direction. The

**Weingardt**

firm specifically focuses on accounting services, tax planning, estate planning, retirement planning, assurance services, buy-sell transactional consulting and management advisory services.

Prior to joining PSW, Weingardt was employed at DeLoitte. Weingardt grew up in Fishers. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in accounting and management. Weingardt enjoys participating in 5Ks and volunteering for United Way.

For more information about PSW, visit psw-cpa.com.

U.S. House passes Brooks' *Keeping Girls in School Act*

The REPORTER

The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday passed H.R. 2153, *Keeping Girls in School Act*, legislation authored by Congresswomen Susan W. Brooks (R-Ind.) and Lois Frankel (D-Fla.) to support the educational empowerment of girls globally.

Click here to watch Brooks' remarks on the House floor.

“We know that education is key to helping girls and women around the world achieve parity and equality of opportunity as well as live long, healthier lives,” said Brooks. “Unfortunately, over 130 million girls and women worldwide face significant obstacles in accessing and remaining in secondary education. Whether that obstacle be safely traveling to school, forced child marriage, or access to nutrition, the *Keeping Girls in School Act* works to support the economic and educational empowerment of girls globally by targeting these and other barriers. I am encouraged by the House passing this critically important legislation, and I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to get this passed into law.”

Background

The *Keeping Girls in School Act* focuses on closing the gender gap for adolescent girls and keeping them in school at the secondary level, a time when girls are most at risk of dropping out of school due to forced marriage, pregnancy and other family pressures. The economic benefits of girls' education are substantial and can help lift households, communities and nations out of poverty. Keeping girls in secondary school could*:

- Add \$92 billion to the economies of low and middle-income nations;
- Cut child deaths by 50 percent;

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of highway projects.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a public work session from 7 to 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, in the Media Center at Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 N. Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a public work session at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020, in the Media Center at Sheridan High School, 24185 N. Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

The City of Westfield will hold its Finance Committee meeting the first weekday of each month starting Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 through Jan. 1, 2024. Each meeting will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the City Hall Assembly Room.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at the Administration Building, 1143 E. 181st St., Westfield.



Photo provided

Rep. Susan Brooks recently spoke on the House floor in support of the *Keeping Girls in School Act*. [Click here](#) to listen to her remarks.

- Reduce child marriage by 66 percent;
- Decrease violent conflict by 37 percent; and
- Increase girls' future wages by up to 20 percent for every year enrolled.

Specifically, the *Keeping Girls in School Act*:

- Outlines and highlights a non-exhaustive list of 14 barriers that girls face in entering and remaining in secondary educational institutions.
- Authorizes a budget neutral funding mechanism where USAID is directed to enter into results-based financing and/or traditional grant project proposals to reduce these barriers adolescent girls face. These proposals will utilize public-private partnerships, development impact bonds, and other innovative financing mechanisms to leverage real results with measurable outcomes.

- Requires that the U.S. Global Strategy to Empower Adolescent Girls be reviewed and updated every five years.

Full text of the legislation can be found [here](#).

Additionally, dozens of civil, human and women's rights organizations have endorsed the Keeping Girls in School Act. The list can be found [here](#).

**Statistics are according to UNESCO, the Education Policy and Data Center; CARE, the Global Partnership for Education and the World Bank.*

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Acts 2:1-8 (KJV)

Winifred L. Helms

October 20, 1948 – January 28, 2020

Winifred L. Helms, 71, Westfield, passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at River-view Health in Noblesville. She was born on October 20, 1948 to Cecil and Ruth (Hauk) Mayo in Indianapolis.

Winnie worked as a manager for Runyon Equipment Rental. She enjoyed going on cruises, playing the lottery, and socializing at the Carmel American Legion. Most of all, Winnie loved spending time with her great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Tina Baldwin; grandchildren, Chelsea Covey (Brandon O'Connor) and Morgan Howard (Carson Henderson); great-grandchildren, Karson, Jaxon, Braylen and one on the way; and her sisters, Judi Deering, Mary Warner, Dottie Mayo and Marilyn Mayo.

In addition to her parents, Winnie was preceded in death by her brother, Don Mayo; sister, Janet Mercer; and her great-granddaughter, Bailee Covey.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 12:30 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Arrangements

Calling: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Jan. 31
Service: 2:30 p.m., Jan. 31
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Claudia Ann (Fribley) McCarty

July 16, 1944 – January 29, 2020

Claudia Ann (Fribley) McCarty, Westfield, passed away in her sleep on January 29, 2020 at the age of 75. She was the daughter of Wayne and Phyllis (Hillery) Fribley, born July 16, 1944.

Claudia was a 1962 graduate of Warsaw High School, attended Indiana Central and later graduated from Purdue University with an Associate's degree in business.

Claudia worked in life insurance for over 45 years. She loved to read, send greeting cards, spend time with her family and shopped for the best bargain she could find. Claudia was always taking care of others ... something she did with kindness and compassion throughout her life. She was a member of the Carmel United Methodist Church, where she worked in the church nursery for over 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 34 years, Larry R. McCarty; and brother, Michael Fribley.

She is survived by her brothers, Paul Mark Fribley and John Fribley (Sandy); brothers-in-law Ken McCarty and James Marlin; sister-in-law Patsy Fribley; her twin children, Vaun McCarty (J.R. Hammack) and Vince McCarty (Allison); grandchildren, Victor McCarty (Chel-sea), Caden McCarty, Hudson McCarty, Jason Hammack and Chris Hammack (Luiza Strickland Faro); and three great-grandchildren.

In memory of Claudia, donations can be sent to the Westfield Lions Club to go towards the annual LEO Club Pancake Breakfast which benefits a community member in need. Cash/checks may be sent to P.O. Box 349, Westfield, IN 46074 or online through PayPal at [paypal.me/WestfieldLionsClub](https://www.paypal.me/WestfieldLionsClub). The LEO Club CAM (Claudia Ann McCarty) Scholarship will also be created in order to continue her mission of helping others. Flower arrangements may be made at Hittle Floral Design in Westfield, (317) 900-2431.

Claudia's viewing and funeral will be held at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Her viewing will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday February, 2, 2020, with her funeral at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020.

A procession will follow to Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband.

Arrangements

Calling: 1 to 3 p.m., Feb. 2
Service: 1 p.m., Feb. 3
Location: Randall and Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Elmer Eldo Bosworth

d. January 28, 2020

Elmer Eldo Bosworth, 101, Noblesville, completed his journey of his earthly life on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, and went on to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, joining his wife of 74 years, Margaret Lytle Bosworth, who died in 2011.

Elmer was a minister, teacher, student, husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed his hobby of wood-working.

He is survived by his son, Milton 'Gus' (Beverly) Bosworth; daughters, Marcia (Dale) Laffere, E. Marlene (Craig) Ruch, Cynthia (Steven) Hall and Micheil (Bill) Anderson; 16 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Elmer was preceded in death by a son, Meredith Bosworth; his parents, Eldo and Laura; and seven siblings, Joe, Raymond, Wilma, Carl, Richard, Bobby and Jimmy.

A 1938 graduate of Rossville High School, Elmer attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill., but his studies were interrupted in 1944 when he entered the U. S. Army where he served in the Battle of the Bulge. Upon returning to the U.S., he enrolled, using the G.I. Bill, at Indiana Central College (U Indy) where he studied to be an Evangelical United Brethren minister. He later completed his Master of Divinity Degree at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, in 1959.

Elmer served churches in Georgetown, Atlanta, Edwardsville, Noblesville, Sardinia, Indianapolis, Evansville, Scottsburg, Clinton and Oakland City for the Indiana southern district of the United Methodist Church.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2020 with calling two hours prior to the service at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 1600 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. There will be private family burial services in Greenlawn Cemetery, Frankfort, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060; or the United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Road, Dayton, OH 45426 for the support of the Elmer Bosworth Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements

Calling: 9 to 11 a.m., Feb. 1
Service: 11 a.m., Feb. 1
Location: Emmanuel United Methodist Church
Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Girls basketball

Huskies roll past Lafayette Jeff

By RICHIE HALL

ARCADIA - It was an eventful night at Hamilton Heights on Thursday, as the Huskies cut the ribbon on their new high school athletic center, and saw their girls basketball senior players off with a big victory.

Heights beat Lafayette Jefferson 67-35 to finish its regular season. The Huskies shrugged off a slow first half to deliver a dominant third quarter, which sent them to a win and ran Heights' win streak to five, a nice way to enter sectional play.

"It was a great night for our seniors," said Huskies coach Keegan Cherry. "The first half, we just didn't bring it for whatever reason. If it was the reality of your last home game. That's always a tough, tough thing when it hits you in the face."

Still, Heights led 20-14 after the first quarter, with senior Bayleigh Runner scoring 11 of those points, including two 3-pointers. The second period was a low-scoring one, but the Huskies outscored the Bronchos in that one, and led 29-21 at halftime. Runner added another seven points in the second, to total 18 for the half.

"There are certain players whenever you get an opportunity to coach and they leave your program, and you know you're going to not going to have them after four years, and you dread when that time comes, and Bayleigh Runner's one of those players that I dread not having on the floor going forward," said Cherry. "Now her ride's not over yet. Next season I'm going to look for 5 out there and she's not going to be there, so it's going to be an adjustment for all of us."

Meanwhile, the Huskies got themselves adjusted in the second half and rolled through the third quarter, outscoring Lafayette Jeff 27-2. Heights had contributions from everyone, with Jillian Osswald hitting two 3s on her way to 12 points in that period. MyKayla Moran added six points during the quarter.

"We had a good conversation at halftime and we came out in the second half and got after it," said Cherry. "We were the better team the first half, we didn't play like it. The second half we did."

The Huskies led 56-23 after three quarters, and sailed through the fourth quarter, maintaining their 30-point margin. Runner finished the game with four 3-pointers on her way to 25 points, led the rebounds with seven and handed out four assists.

Osswald scored 17 points in a great



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Bayleigh Runner scored 25 points for the Huskies during their 67-35 win over Lafayette Jefferson Thursday in Heights' Senior Night game.

all-around game, with eight assists, seven steals and four rebounds. Moran added eight points and collected six rebounds. Kaylee Rhoton also scored eight and senior Payton Dissett contributed seven points.

Heights finished the regular season 14-10 and will travel to Yorktown to play in Class 3A Sectional 24 next week. The Huskies will play the host Tigers on Wednesday.

"Yorktown will be one of the better teams that we've played all year," said Cherry. "It's going to be a huge challenge for us. We're definitely the underdog going over there and we don't mind that.

Hopefully our schedule has prepared us, but we'll definitely have our hands full."

Earlier in the afternoon, Heights cut the ribbon on its new athletic center. The center contains, among other things, a brand-new entrance, video screens, a new concession stand and shows off memorabilia from Huskies championship teams. You can see videos of the athletic center on the Reporter's Facebook page.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 67, LAFAYETTE JEFFERSON 35				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jillian Osswald	7-15	1-3	17	0
Bayleigh Runner	9-11	3-3	25	5

Payton Dissett	3-9	0-0	7	1
Sydney Runyan	1-1	0-0	2	0
MyKayla Moran	4-6	0-0	8	1
Kaylee Rhoton	3-4	2-2	8	0
Chloe Henderson	0-1	0-0	0	1
Shanna Moffatt	0-1	0-0	0	1
Alayna Baber	0-1	0-0	0	0
Cassidy Felger	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27-49	6-8	67	9

Score by Quarters

Lafayette Jeff	14	7	2	12	35
Heights	20	9	27	11	67

Heights 3-point shooting (7-21) Runner 4-6, Osswald 2-7, Dissett 1-4, Moffatt 0-1, Baber 0-1, Rhoton 0-1, Henderson 0-1. Heights rebounds (23) Runner 7, Moran 5, Osswald 4, Runyan 4, Dissett 2, Henderson 1.

'Blazers drop first game of the season at Tri-West

LIZTON - The University girls lost for the first time this season Thursday night, falling 54-47 to Tri-West.

A strong defensive effort from Tri-West and cold shooting from University put the Trailblazers in a 16-point deficit at halftime that proved too much to overcome. University shot just 5 for 27 in the first half and trailed 28-12 at the break.

The Trailblazers battled back in the second half and pulled within four three times, but



Sears

could get no closer. Tri-West went on a 14-2 run midway through the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

University scored 20 points in the third quarter, closing the lead to 33-29 on a Payton Seay rebound basket with 1:20 left in the quarter. Maddi Sears had eight points in the quarter and Lindsey Syrek and Seay four each as University trailed 38-32 entering the fourth quarter.

Kelsey DuBois scored off a rebound to make it 38-34 and University was last within four at 40-36 with 5:35 remaining on a Sears basket. After a defensive stop, the Blazers had a chance to get closer, but turned the ball over

and the Bruins went on their 14-2 run to seal the victory.

Sears had 16 points to lead University. Freshmen DuBois and Jordan Patterson had seven points each. University finished the regular season 21-1 and opens IHSAA Sectional 43 play Tuesday night at Western Boone against Cascade. The Trailblazers, Class 1A Regional champions last season, will be playing in Class 2A for the first time.

Isabelle Saylor and Kenna Kirby had 16 points each to lead Tri-West, which finishes its regular season with a 17-5 record. Tri-West opens Class 3A Sectional play against Monrovia.

TRI-WEST 54, UNIVERSITY 47				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	3-7	1-3	7	5
Sierra Hinds	2-9	0-1	4	1
Lindsey Syrek	2-14	2-2	6	0
Payton Seay	3-11	0-2	6	4
Maddi Sears	5-10	2-2	16	4
Jordan Patterson	3-5	0-0	7	2
Lilly Fair	0-0	1-1	1	0
Elise Nachlis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-56	6-11	47	16

Score by Quarters

University	7	5	20	15	47
Tri-West	13	15	10	16	54

University 3-point shooting (5-14) Sears 4-6, Patterson 1-2, Hinds 0-5, Seay 0-1. University rebounds (43) Syrek 12, DuBois 10, Seay 10, Sears 5, Patterson 3, Hinds 2, Fair 1.



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