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Sheridan receives \$5K donation from Duke



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Duke Energy recently made a generous contribution to the Sheridan Historical Society in the amount of \$5,000. The contribution will be used by the Society as it remodels an existing building on Main Street in Sheridan to create a new museum for the community. Pictured above are Sheridan Historical Society President Ron Stone, Duke's manager for Government and Community Relations Mark LaBarr and Sheridan Historical Society Renewal Strategist Brenda Bush. The Sheridan Historical Society extends its deepest appreciation to Duke Energy for their contribution and continuing support for this project and the Sheridan community.

Endowment fund established for Westfield non-profits

The REPORTER

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook and representatives from Legacy Fund announced last Monday the establishment of the Westfield Endowment Fund. The \$95,000 unrestricted fund will be used to provide grants to organizations within Westfield. The Westfield Endowment Fund is made possible by a major gift from the Paul and Judy Estridge Family Foundation

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Paul Estridge, Judy Estridge, Tom Kilian, Jr. of Legacy Fund, and Westfield Mayor Andy Cook.

Noblesville breaks ground on Midland Trace Trail Phase II

The REPORTER

Noblesville officials have broken ground on its second Phase of the Midland Trace Trail, a 12-foot-wide multi-use path that will connect Willowview Road east to Hazel Dell Road. The project continues to increase Noblesville's trail availability and

connectivity.

"This trail is especially important as it connects Noblesville directly with our neighbors. Through the Midland, residents can travel to Westfield and connect with the Monon Trail to Carmel and Indianapolis," said Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear.

The Midland Trace Trail project follows along the abandoned Midland Central Railway corridor (approximately 0.2 miles south of State Road 32). Phase II work began earlier this spring with tree clearing. Phase II is expected to

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Heights FFA wins livestock contest

The REPORTER

Nine students from Hamilton Heights FFA Chapter competed in the Area Livestock Judging Contest on April 11. Team members judged cattle, swine, sheep and goats for a total of seven classes. Once finished judging, members delivered oral reasons on three classes: Beef, swine and sheep.

After a long day of judging livestock, the senior teams are advancing to the state contest on May 19. The Hamilton Heights FFA Gold team won the entire contest with a total

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(Back row, from left) Luke Herr, Grace Dent, Chloe Henderson and Blake Webel. (Front row, from left) Grace Allee, Lane Slaton, Brady Brennan and Chase Brennan.



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The additional TIF debt will be used to build a parking garage in Fishers.

Fishers approves more additions to The Yard, adds \$6M in TIF debt

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com



The Fishers Redevelopment Commission passed a resolution last Monday evening, funding additions to The Yard complex that add \$6 million to the project's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) debt. The commission held its second public hearing, with no members of the public offering to speak on either occasion.

The original TIF debt to construct just the culinary center, which has already been enacted, is \$9.2 million, according to the city's bond attorney Rick Hall. The \$6 million in additional TIF debt will be used to finance a parking garage, which will be needed with the addition of multi-family housing as part of the plan, Hall told LarryInFishers.

The financing plan approved by the Redevelopment Commission must still go through more approvals before the decision on the additional TIF debt is final.

Carmel Clay eyes closing of elementary schools

WISH-TV
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Changes could be on the way for Carmel Clay Schools as elementary enrollment continues to drop. District leaders hosted a meeting last Wednesday to talk about possible changes and get community input.

It's early in the process, but the district is looking at redistributing and potentially closing at least one school. The interim co-superintendent said there isn't a need for the district's 11 elementary

schools anymore.

Orchard Park and Carmel elementary schools are two of the oldest ones in the district.

"It is time to consider doing something with these facilities," said Roger McMichael, interim co-superintendent.

McMichael said those buildings are due for millions of dollars worth of renovations, but district leaders are questioning if that money would be better spent elsewhere as elementary enrollment in the district has been declining since

2011 and is projected to continue to decline.

District leaders said one option would be to close Orchard Park and Carmel elementaries, and then build a new school on the west side of the city where there is a need.

This community meeting was the first of at least five that are scheduled. Leaders said after hearing from the public, they will make a recommendation to the school board. It is likely to be another three years or so before any changes go into effect.


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New lightning detection system at Noblesville Parks

The REPORTER

As severe weather season approaches, the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has purchased AnythingWeather Communications' iStrike Lightning Detection System for several city parks to help keep visitors safe.

"With the popularity of our parks and outdoor events, severe weather and lightning are concerns we must worry about. Using the latest technology allows the city to best alert our patrons if severe weather approaches and provides them ample time to react and safely evacuate if needed," Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear said.

Nine lightning detectors have been installed. AnythingWeather's iStrike System monitors lightning in real-time and minimizes false alarms for exact locations.

"With thousands of park

visitors, dozens of free concerts and special events, and more than 43,000 rounds of golf played on city courses annually, once we learned about the detection system we knew it was something we needed to have in place and will be a great asset for all guests," said Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett.

The alert system will be located at various locations throughout Noblesville parks, including multiple detectors in Forest Park servicing the main areas of the park, Forest Park Golf Course, Aquatic Center and Babe Ruth baseball diamonds; multiple detectors at Fox Prairie Golf Course and Noblesville United Soccer Club fields; multiple detectors at Dillon Park servicing the playground, splash pad, football fields and event lawn; and at Federal Hill Commons.

When severe weath-

er approaches, the system will monitor the specific conditions at each location, alerting park staff when lightning is detected within 20 miles in order to keep them aware of any approaching severe weather. The system will alert park visitors by activating a strobe light when lightning is detected within 12 miles and a horn sounding along with strobe light activation when lightning is detected within eight miles. When lightning is detected within eight miles, park staff will end any outdoor park programs and evacuate the area. When lightning is not detected within 30 minutes, the system will sound three short horn blasts to indicate the all clear and outdoor park activities may resume.

For more information, contact the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department at (317) 776-6350.

Fishers Amphitheater, Cube construction well underway



Photo provided by LarryInFishers.com

The magic date for downtown Fishers is June 1. That is the projected date when all the renovation work on the Fishers Downtown Amphitheater is supposed to be completed. As of April 16, you can begin to see progress being made, despite the unseasonably cold weather this spring. The upgrades include a larger and more functional amphitheater stage, the addition of The Cube is a meeting room with additional rest room facilities and a sloped green area, which will allow better viewing further back from the stage.

Prairies at Koteewi Park burn

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks Department in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife conducted a controlled burn at Strawtown Koteewi Park on Friday.

Members of the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife burned approximately 150 acres south of Strawtown Avenue in an attempt to control invasive plants. "The burn is a necessary operation to maintain the health of Koteewi's prairie grass," said Hamilton County Parks Don Nicholls.

The 750-acre park is well known for its archaeological history dating back to 1200-1400 A.D. when Delaware tribes inhabited the park's prairie. Today the park has be-



Photo provided

The U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife conducted the controlled burn at Koteewi Park. Park officials indicated the burn is necessary to control invasive plants.

come a showpiece of the Hamilton County Parks Department, offering an archery range, walking and biking trails, eque-

trian activities, aerial adventure course, prehistoric interpretive exhibit and a newly opened winter tubing hill.

TRAIL

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Photo provided by the City of Noblesville

Noblesville Common Council members Rick Taylor, Chris Jensen, Greg O'Connor and Brian Ayer join Mayor John Ditslear, center, in breaking ground on phase II of the Midland Trace Trail, which is expected to open by mid-August.

open by mid-August. Construction of Phase II and the land acquired are 80 percent funded by a federal aid grant obtained by the Noblesville Engineering Department, and 20 percent funded by the city.

Phase I extended Westfield's portion of the Midland Trace across Gray Road to Union Street. Constructed and opened in 2017, Phase I created a new family-friendly amenity

near current and developing housing divisions, Hazel Dell Elementary School and the Field of Dreams baseball park. This portion of the Midland Trace Trail also provided a connection with the Little Chicago Road Trail.

Phase I also includes a trailhead on Hazel Dell Road, which will open next month. The amenity includes restrooms, water fountain, parking lot,

benches, a bike repair and air station and Zagster Bike Share. Future plans for the Midland include a third Phase that will extend the trail from Willowview Road to Hague Road and Metzger Lane in 2019. A fourth Phase will connect with the potential Pleasant Street extension from Hague Road to cross Cicero Creek and the White River and beyond State Road 37.

WISH-TV
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Police have arrested a Carmel man on theft charges stemming from the disappearance of a popular skateboarding English bulldog named Gus.

Carmel Police said last Monday that Reid Albrecht, 22, of Carmel already was serving a six-month sentence on drug charges when he was arrested on the new

charges and is being held in the Hamilton County Jail with a bond set at \$5,000.

Gus disappeared from his owners' front yard on Oct. 6. Several witnesses told police they remembered seeing Albrecht with a bulldog matching Gus' description. Police say Albrecht told people he ad-



Albrecht

opted the bulldog, but neither the Indianapolis nor the Hamilton County Humane Society had a record of him adopting an animal.

Gus' whereabouts remain unknown. The dog's owners have offered a \$4,000 reward on a Facebook page that also features clips of Gus skateboarding.

Carmel man charged with stealing skateboarding bulldog

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New Babyland sign highlights latest of several renovations at Noblesville's Riverside Cemetery

The REPORTER

In the past year, several Noblesville departments have worked together to renovate Riverside Cemetery. Located in Downtown Noblesville along the banks of the White River, the earliest known burial marker at Riverside Cemetery is dated 1824. The cemetery, which is available to all regardless of race, creed or ethnic heritage, is maintained by the Noblesville Street Department and overseen by the City Clerk and Board of Works.

"An important function of the city is the preservation of Noblesville's history, and with the help of many people, we are making good progress at Riverside Cemetery," Noblesville Clerk Evelyn Lees said.

In the fall, work was done to distinguish Babyland's portion of the cemetery. Babyland was established and used in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Nineteen infants are buried there; however, only six graves are marked. A new metal sign was designed and created by Rick Heflin of RC Metalworks in Downtown Noblesville to incorporate the names and years of those burials located in Babyland.

At the same time as work on Babyland took place, the chain link fence on a portion of the cemetery's southern boundary was replaced with the same black metal fencing used at the east and north sides. As funding becomes available, the long-term goal is to replace the remaining chain

link fence so the entire border has the same fencing.

Two State Heritage Cemetery signs have been installed, one at each entrance to the cemetery. The third sign will be installed just outside the north side of the cemetery at the Riverwalk trailhead.

For the past two years, GIS undertook the daunting project of mapping the entire cemetery, which included probing the graves to check accuracy. As work moved into the older parts of the cemetery, it was discovered that several headstones had fallen down and over time become covered with sod.

Lees said the next project will be preservation and restoration of the markers, which the city is researching.



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(From left) Board of Works member Larry Stork, Rick Heflin of RC Metalworks, Street Commissioner Patty Johnson, City Clerk Evelyn Lees, Mayor John Ditslear, Deputy Clerk Jacque Thompson and Chief Operator Nick Mosbaugh of the street department stand in front of the new Babyland sign installed at Riverside Cemetery. Heflin designed and created the sign for the city cemetery.

Deadline extended to raise \$20,000 for summer lunches, tutoring, mentoring, clothing . . .

Show support for Noblesville youth

The REPORTER

Noblesville Youth Assistance Program has extended the deadline for its first fundraising effort. Individuals and companies that wish to sponsor or donate to its programs have until Friday, April 27 to be recognized at Noblesville Schools Shining Stars event to be held May 2 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds.

The non-profit agency founded in 2012 has target-

ed \$20,000 as its goal for the fundraiser.

Donations of all amounts are encouraged. Sponsors who donate to NYAP at the \$1,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000 level will be recognized during Shining Stars where 10 students will be honored for making an extraordinary academic improvement after overcoming adversity, tragedy or a significant obstacle at home or in school.

"We're giving extra

time for donors to step up and help us meet the needs of at-risk kids in the Noblesville community," said Matt Nelis, president of the NYAP board of directors. "We appreciate any support we can get to fund these critical programs that allow kids to thrive."

With two full-time staff members, Noblesville Youth Assistance Program currently supports 140 children ages 3-17 by tapping into area resources. In 2017

alone, NYAP successfully:

- Served 8,000 meals during the summer in a partnership with Hamilton County Food Bank

- Provided one-on-one tutoring and mentoring for 105 students

- Offered summer camp opportunities to 48 students.

Donors can visit youthassistance.org/make-a-donation/Noblesville and click the Donate button.

And the survey asks . . .

I have a new nemesis ... surveys.

Delivered by email, mail or phone, they seem to be an everyday occurrence. Everyone seems to want my opinion about everything. My first thought is, like it will matter.

Chuck and I have been on our phones, at the same time, and we seem to be answering the same questions that the callers ask us. We are taking a survey asked by our health providers.

So it seems as we grow older we will be getting more surveys. Ugh on both.

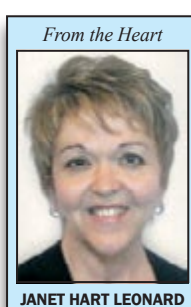
On Friday afternoon I received a call and 5 minutes and 41 seconds later I hung up. It was from the hospital where I had received care in their emergency room a couple of weeks ago for a dog bite. (Yes, yikes!)

I told the man that everything was excellent. I had no wait. The nurses and doctor were wonderful. My care was five star. On a scale from one to five, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent, everything was a 5. Excellent.

Well that was not how the game is played and I had to abide by the rules. I had to answer every question such as . . .

- Did you receive prompt attention? On a scale from one to five with 5 being excellent and 1 being poor, how would you rate your care?

- Did the doctor and nurses coordinate your care expeditiously and thoroughly? On a scale from one to five with 5 being excellent and 1 being



From the Heart

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poor how would you rate your care?

- Did you have blood drawn? No, so thankfully, I did not have to answer questions about my blood draw. Did you

have any x-rays? Uh, yes, I know, "on a scale from one to five ..."

Well, you know the drill. Taking these surveys is painful. Maybe not as painful as a dog bite but though.

I know these surveys must be important (?). If they were not, then why do we have so many? Maybe I am just a rule follower. Maybe I have a hard time saying, "No, I do not have time to take a quick (?) survey." I feel trapped into the conversation thinking okay, just a few more questions. Twenty questions later they are thanking me for my time and my food is cold.

When the caller says "brief" what exactly is his definition of "brief"? When the caller asks if I would have wanted them to do anything differently, how would I know? I had never been bitten by a dog before.

Tetanus shot, extra bandages, two prescriptions, one for pain and one for 10 days of antibiotics (8 a day equals 80), a battle story to tell and I was outta there! The ER staff could not have taken better care of me ... in my humble opinion.

I wish I knew the name of the nurse that cleaned my wound and gave me the tetanus shot. She was so gentle. Even as the shock of the bite hit my body and I began to shake and my teeth began to chatter she reassured me that it was all normal. (Like there is anything normal about a dog bite.)

It was just adrenaline.

At the end of our conversation the caller asked why I answered excellent on each question. My answer was brief ... because my care was excellent.

Noblesville Schools to launch e-store

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced last Wednesday that it will launch a promotional products e-store this summer offering a wide variety of officially branded clothing and school spirit items

available year-round for order online.

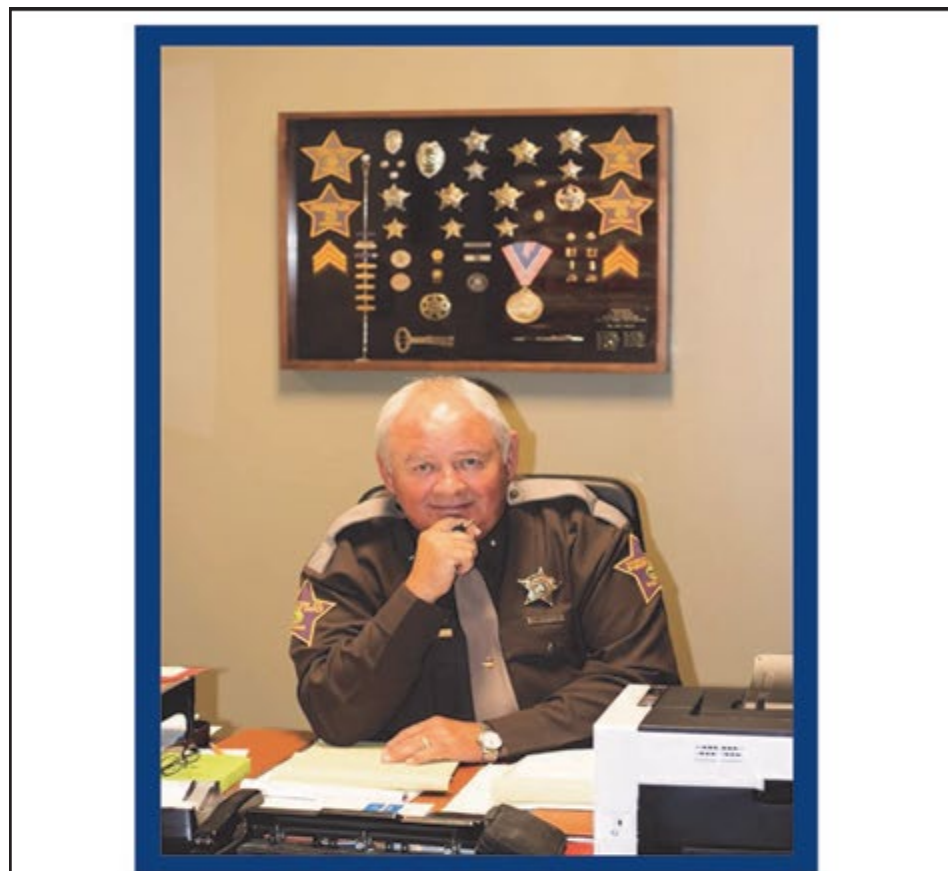
"We've heard the demand from the community for greater selection and access to Noblesville Schools spirit items and are excited to be able to offer this service," said Marnie Cooke,

director of marketing and communications for Noblesville Schools. "The offerings will be updated seasonally and will be a wider selection of Miller and school-specific goods than what has been available in the past. Most important-

ly, a significant portion of proceeds from these sales will be returned directly to Noblesville Schools to help fund our education needs, so customers can know their purchase from our store is making a difference."

The district has selected Noblesville-based T&T Sales and Promotions as a partner for the initiative. T&T will manage the online store, which will be found on the Noblesville Schools website, and will be responsible for product fulfillment and delivery.

"We're honored to have been selected to partner with Noblesville Schools on this project," shared Laurie Dyer, co-owner of T&T Sales and Promotions. "As a Noblesville Schools graduate and parent, Noblesville Schools Education Foundation board member, and lifelong Noblesville resident, I am a proud supporter of our schools. Helping others express their enthusiasm for Noblesville Schools through promotional items is one of the best parts of my job."



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Noblesville tops off Finch Creek



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Finch Creek Park Fieldhouse held its "Topping Off Ceremony" on Friday at the site's location at 16289 Boden Road. The ceremony included remarks from developers and Noblesville officials along with a beam signing before it was placed into the structure. (From left) Noblesville Economic Development Director Judi Johnson, Council member Greg O'Connor, Council member Rick Taylor, Mayor John Ditslear, Council member Megan Wiles, Finch Creek Fieldhouse owners Mike Klipsch and Andy Card, and Council member Wil Hampton.

Noblesville Main Street names new Executive Director

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Main Street executive committee and its board of directors is excited to announce the naming of Lorna Steele as the organization's newest executive director. Lorna joins Noblesville Main Street after most recently serving as Assistant Recreation Director for the City of Noblesville Parks & Recreation department.

"This role is so important for our thriving downtown, and also our community," said Jackie Bell, Vice President of the Noblesville Main Street Board of Directors. "Lorna is positioned to lead

as we kick off our exciting season of events. Her passion for this community and this role, makes her a perfect match for the organization's next growth chapter."

Lorna is a 2013 Indiana University Bloomington graduate with a B.S. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management. In her role with Noblesville Parks & Recreation she worked with the team to develop new programming events like Salsa for Salsa, The Adult Halloween Party, The Royal Ball and others. In addition to her hobbies, Lorna volunteers as a Young Life Leader in Noblesville.

Nathan Altman may add a new dimension

Nathan Altman may add a new dimension to the local political scene this year, and perhaps the statewide political landscape as well. Altman, a 30-year-old entrepreneur, wants



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to run for the United States Senate as an independent and has filed his intent to do so with the Federal Elections Commission.

The candidate-hopeful is the youngest in the nation to seek a Senate seat this year. And, he is just old enough to run. A person must be 30 to be a U.S. Senator. Altman grew up in Carmel, son of County Commissioner Christine Altman, who is running for re-election this year in the Republican primary.

The first big hurdle Altman faces is getting on the ballot. He must have signatures of nearly 27,000 registered voters on his candidacy petition. That is a big task, but one he thinks he can achieve.

If successful, he would face incumbent Democrat Sen. Joe Donnelly and a Republican who will be selected in the May 8 primary. While several independents have been elected to Congress over the years, Indiana has not elected an independent, at least in modern times.

In an IBJ interview, Altman says he is running because there is such a divide between the major parties. He says he wants to seek answers to problems and be a listener and a "uniter," and not participate in the fight between sides. While not an entirely novel idea, and a lot of folks may say they agree, the fact is when Hoosiers go to the polls they almost always choose a candidate from one of the two major parties.

The young would-be candidate has considerable experience in life. As a teenager he started a successful lawn mowing

business, then sold it for enough money to finance his college education. After graduating from Purdue University with a degree in building and construction management, he went into business in California for a few years, but maintained his legal residency in Indiana. He is co-founder of DevelopTown, a software consulting firm, and is reported to be well regarded in the central Indiana tech industry.

In a general election, Altman says his aim is not be a spoiler. But, that would seem to be a potential unintended consequence right here in Hamilton County. In a close senatorial race, Republicans would count heavily on the county to deliver a big margin. If Altman, as a local resident on the independent ticket, drew a few thousand votes it could affect the statewide outcome.

Altman made his first political appearance earlier this week at the Speakeasy, a Broad Ripple pub which he also organized.

Deadline extended to May 8 for pre-orders on rain barrels

The REPORTER

The deadline to pre-order rain barrels from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been extended to Tuesday, May 8. Pre-ordering your barrels allows you to choose between terra cotta, black and grey coloring. All barrels are approximately 55-gallon recycling/repurposed barrels.

Rain barrels are installed next to downspouts on your home and capture part of the rainwater from your roof. The water is held in the barrel allowing you to reuse the water for watering plants, washing the car and other non-potable uses. Rain barrels provide water for use during dry periods, reduce stormwater runoff from your property and are a source of free soft water.

Interested individuals can visit hamiltonswcd.org



to place their pre-order until May 8. Rain barrels are \$75 and can be picked up in Noblesville on Friday, May 11. Diverter kits that make installation simple and prevent overflow are available for pre-order for \$25. Rain barrels will be available for sale after May 14 from the SWCD office, but color choice and supplies will be limited.

Visit hamiltonswcd.org or the office at 1717

Pleasant St., Noblesville to place your order.

Questions regarding the event can be directed to Claire Lane at claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or 317-773-2181.

Carmel residents are eligible for a \$50 to \$75 rebate from the City Stormwater Program after installing a rain barrel. The SWCD can provide an application for this program at the barrel pick up event.

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at Legacy Fund and numerous individual donors in the community.

"This is an important day in our community because every dollar in the Westfield Endowment Fund represents an opportunity to impact somebody's life," said Mayor Cook.

Mayor Cook also announced the Westfield City Council committed an additional \$10,000 to the endowment and encouraged the community to match

the gift. The Westfield Endowment Fund will be managed by Legacy Fund, which manages \$68 million in assets, including a large countywide unrestricted endowment that awards grants to local not-for-profits.

The Legacy Fund, the Central Indiana Community Foundation affiliate serving Hamilton County, is also home to two other community-specific funds that support programs and initiatives serving Sheridan

and Noblesville. A grant committee comprised of residents from each city in Hamilton County makes grant recommendations for the Legacy Fund board of directors to approve three times a year.

Individuals or organizations interested in making a gift into the Westfield Endowment Fund can contact Brittany Rayburn, Legacy Fund director of development by emailing brittanyr@cicf.org.

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of 1,401 points. Those on the Gold team were Luke Herr, Brady Brennan, Kylie Schakel and Lane Slaton. The Blue team, also advancing to the state contest, placed fifth overall on the day with 1,347 points. Those team members include Chase Brennan, Grace Dent, Blake Webel and Chloe Henderson.

Top 10 judges were also recognized:

- Second overall senior

individual: Luke Herr

- Third overall senior individual: Lane Slaton
- Tenth overall senior individual: Chase Brennan

Grace Allee also competed in the Area Livestock Contest as a junior individual. Grace placed in top 30 as a junior.

When asked why livestock judging is an important piece to his education, Chase Brennan said, "Livestock judging will open

doors for me in the future, whether that be a scholarship or judging a show. I enjoy being with the other FFA members on our team and meeting new friends at contests ... and also winning!"

Mrs. Carson added that livestock judging is more than cows, sows and ewes. It's learning to make decisions, defending your placings and overcoming fears of public speaking.

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Brandon Tyler Fox

June 2, 1990 – April 10, 2018

Brandon Tyler Fox, 27, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in Santa Ana, Calif. He was born on June 2, 1990 in Beech Grove, Ind.

Brandon was a graduate of Fishers High School, where he was a member of the basketball team. When not playing or watching basketball, Brandon enjoyed spending time with his family and especially loved playing with his niece and nephew. Brandon was a kind-hearted, fun-loving soul who never met a stranger. His quick wit and keen sense of humor made spending time with him a pleasure.

He is survived by his father, Robert C. (Najala) Fox, Fishers; his mother, Vicky (Phil) Napariu, Fishers; sister, Erica (Chris Rowe) Fox, Fishers; grandparents, John and Sue Adams, Franklin, and Gary and Diana Wilkinson, Shelbyville; niece and nephew, Taylor and Maxim, Fishers; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

His grandparents, Donald and Juanita Fox and George and Joyce Napariu preceded him in death.

Services were held on Monday, April 23, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Father Frank Impicciocche officiating. Visitation was held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the funeral home. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

The family invited everyone to a gathering to celebrate Brandon's life at the American Legion, 9091 E. 126th St., Fishers, following the committal service at the cemetery. Condolences: randallroberts.com.



Thomas Calvin Burtron

November 26, 1951 – April 11, 2018

Thomas Calvin Burtron, 66, passed away at his home in Sheridan on Wednesday morning, April 11, 2018. He was born in Noblesville on November 26, 1951, to the late Claude Venton Burtron, Sr. and Gladys A. (Honeas) Burtron.

No stranger to hard work, Tom worked for Biddle's Gas Station and Burtron's Poultry while still in high school. Not too long after graduating with the Sheridan High School Class of 1970, Tom hired on at TRW Foundry, which was located on 8th Street in Noblesville. He also worked construction for a short time with both Perry Construction and McDougall Pierce Construction companies. After leaving the construction trade, Tom went to work for Wallace Grain Company in Sheridan. He knew almost everybody that would come up to the elevator, and that made for a perfect working environment that would last for the next 25 years.

Tom loved the town of Sheridan – and everything and everybody that came along with it. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Sheridan Fire Department for over 20 years, as well as a member of the Sheridan Town Council. Tom was also a member and Past Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, K.V. Elliott Post 67. Tom was a loyal supporter of the Sheridan community and very devoted to any of the organizations where he belonged and served.

Tom enjoyed carpentry and going camping whenever he got the chance. He also collected vintage quilts. Tom could sit for hours watching cooking shows on TV. They seemed to feed his love for cooking, baking and his weekly trips to Kroger.

Tom is survived by his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Debbie (Kinkead) Burtron. She and Tom were married on December 23, 1972. He is also survived by three wonderful daughters, Angel Burtron Cooper (Calvin), Sheridan; Brandy Burtron Blanton (Nelson), Pickard; and Shaa Burtron Fuller (Randy), Sheridan; seven grandchildren, Brantley Burtron, Landyn Cooper, Alexis Burtron, Colton Cooper, Hayden Fuller, Hadley Fuller and Harlyn Fuller; one great-grandchild, Kiernan Matyeko; three brothers, Claude, Carl and Rick; eight sisters, Mary Lou, Phyllis, Carolyn, Charlene, Isabelle, Sandra, Janet and Tina; his sister-in-law, Karen Christian (Danny), Sheridan; mother-in-law, Shirley Kinkead, Sheridan; and many, many nieces and nephews. Tom is also survived by his canine best friend and the brother his daughters never had, Ammo. When Tom's health started to fail, Ammo went to stay with his granddaughter – easing Tom's mind and giving Ammo a safe and loving new forever home.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert Burtron; his sister, Kathy Jo Burtron; and by his father-in-law, Jimmy Kinkead.

Services were held on Friday, April 20, 2018 at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Tom's nephew, Adam Spencer, officiated. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Visitation took place on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at Kercheval Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be presented to the Sons of the American Legion, or to the Sheridan Fire Department.



Teresa Lynn (Muir) Kinney

November 4, 1956 – April 15, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Teresa Lynn (Muir) Kinney known to many as "Terry" announces her passing on Sunday April 15, 2018, at the age of 61.



She will be truly cherished and remembered as a very loving and caring wife, mother, daughter and sister.

Teresa was first born followed by her five close siblings. A native to Arcadia, Teresa proudly joined the Army services in 1977. She then moved to Beaumont, Texas. Upon the big move her siblings joined her. In Texas, Teresa and her family shared many unforgettable memories. Time passed as Teresa and her siblings longed to return to Indiana, joining their late mother and father. Upon returning to her hometown, Teresa met her late loving husband Kevin R. Kinney (1955-2004). Together they raised two beautiful children, Thomas Colby Kinney and Nichole Elise Kinney (Klivansky). Teresa truly loved raising her children and being a mother. As a testament to her strength, Teresa endured the loss of her short-lived husband followed by her great mother. Teresa then relocated to Sheridan to begin a new journey where she lived peacefully until her passing. Many people will remember Teresa as an artsy soul who loved to cook. Teresa always had an admirable good-natured and free-spirited way of life.

She is preceded in death by her mother Kay Francis Davis (Muir), father James Leon Muir, sister Jamie Mari Muir (Duncan) and late husband Kevin R. Kinney.

She will leave behind her beloved children, Thomas Colby Kinney and Nichole Elise Kinney (Klivansky); and siblings, James Leon Muir, Tracy Leanne Muir (Price), Catherine Louise Muir (Hoggard) and Jessica Dawn Duncan (Hamerick).

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018 at Indiana Funeral Care, 8151 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250 with Military Honors. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements provided by Indiana Funeral Care.

Sharel Ann Burress

July 15, 1938 – April 18, 2018

Sharel Ann Burress, 79, went to be in the loving arms of her Savior and Friend, Jesus, on April 18, 2018. She is breathing celestial air and walking on streets of gold!



Sharel was born on July 15, 1938, in Linton, Ind., to Ray and Polly Richardson. She was a member of the East Side Pilgrim Holiness Church in Evansville where she was very active before moving to Westfield. She lived for her husband and children. She showed her love to them and others by acts of service. She was known for her beautiful smile. Most of all, she loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She lived a life of faithfulness to God and was an example to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family but has reached her goal in life and is with Jesus, the One she loved most.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Burress, and her father, Ray Richardson. She is survived by her mother, Polly; her four children, Kathy Ann Tilley (Dan), Florence, Ky., Rebecca Sue Glick (Jerald), Westfield, James Keith Burress, Huntsville, Ala., Stephen Wesley Burress, Nashville, Tenn.; daughter-in-law Rebecca (Bailey) Burress, Greenwood, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Kristen Beers (Trevor), Jennifer Alexander (Phil), Jessica McBride (Rod), Ashley Tilley, Jonathan Glick (Jalena), Kirk Burress (Brittany), Jananne Stetler (Kent) and Jeffrey Glick; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Carol White and Alice Burress, Linton, Ind.

Services were held on Friday April 20, 2018 at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor John Forsee officiating. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 19, and prior to service on Friday, April 20 at the Funeral Home. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Linton, Ind. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Terrence J. Yatsak

May 17, 1941 – April 12, 2018

Terrence J. Yatsak, 76, Fishers, passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2018 in Fishers. He was born on May 17, 1941 to John and Alice (Morton) Yatsak in Harvey, Ill., whom have preceded him in death.

Terry proudly served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He, along with his wife Karmen, owned Invest One Financial Services. Terry was a member of Harvest Bible Chapel where he served as a deacon and on several committees including the finance committee. His hobbies included woodworking.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Karmen L. Yatsak; sons, Brent (Angela) Yatsak and Brian (Arlyn) Yatsak; sister, Donna Czupryn; grandchildren, Tyler, Aaron, Brandon, Heather, Gabriel, Michael, Jacob, Rachel and Ariel; along with several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Harvest Bible Chapel, 14550 River Road, Carmel, with Pastor Brian White officiating. Visitation was held prior to the service at the church. Private entombment was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harvest Bible Chapel, 14550 River Road, Carmel, IN 46033. Condolences: randallroberts.com



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Ruth M. Berg

March 11, 1922 – April 13, 2018

Ruth M. Berg, 96, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2018 at her home in Noblesville. She was born on March 11, 1922 to Charles and Ruby (Lydy) Meara.

Ruth worked for Fort Benjamin Harrison as the Offpost Housing Referral Officer until she retired. She is the oldest living member of First Christian Church of Noblesville. Ruth loved life, music, people and animals. She never met a stranger and was loved by all who knew her. Ruth loved spending time with her family and adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Mary) Hollingsworth; daughter, Marilyn (Steve) Hollingsworth Musselman; step-daughter, Marsha (Stan) Berg Renner; grandchildren, Emily (Jeff) Musselman Sorenson, Melissa (Ross) Musselman Winkleman and Kaleb T. Hollingsworth; step-grandchildren, Chris Renner, Katie Olse, Mike Renner and Matt Chrisman; siblings, Captain Patt Meara and Betty Stevenson; cousin, Ross Callahan; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ben D. Berg; sister, Shirley Thomas; and her step-son, Steve Berg.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060 or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Ila Mae Schuck

August 17, 1936 – April 14, 2018

Ila Mae Schuck, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, April 14, 2018. She was born on August 17, 1936 to Robert and Florence (Mitchell) Arthurs in Chicago, Ill.

Ila grew up in New Augusta, and graduated from Pike High School in 1954. Ila was married to William Mark Schuck (deceased) from 1962 to 1984. In 1969, Ila and Bill adopted their daughter, Ellen. During their marriage, they lived in Chicago, Ill., Scotch Plains, N.J., and Ridgefield, Conn.

Through her life, she did a little bit of everything, from being elevator girl at Block's Department Store, to various clerical positions (including working at American National Bank, Riverview Hospital and the Hamilton County Senior Center) to being a homemaker and devoted mother.

She loved to play the piano, sing and paint. She was also an avid reader and movie watcher. Ila never knew a stranger and was well known for her 'feisty' sense of humor.

She is survived by her daughter, Ellen Elizabeth (Tony) Patterson; a granddaughter, Jessica Lynn Carrico; brother, Robert Edward (Florence) Arthurs, Jr.; and three nephews, Benjamin, Vincent and John.

Services were held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation held prior. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville at a later date.

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

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Anna Lee Rowley Merrell-Barker

May 24, 1939 – April 19, 2018

Anna Lee Rowley Merrell-Barker, 78, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at her home. She was born on May 24, 1939 to Lee and Edna (Moreland) Rowley in Beech Grove, Ind.

Anna moved to Noblesville in 1970. She worked for the Kroger Company from which she retired in 1999. Anna was a member of the Refuge Christian Church in Noblesville. She was a woman of the Moose No. 937, American Legion Auxiliary, President of UFCW Local 700 Retirees Club. Anna enjoyed volunteering with many different organizations and clubs in the area. She bowled on many leagues. Anna loved to travel, knit and play bingo.

Anna married her childhood sweetheart, David Merrell, on June 19, 1955. Together they had two loving sons, Michael David (Tina) Merrell and Mark Douglas (Louann) Merrell. Anna and David were married for 26 years before his death on March 29, 1981. She was again blessed with a loving marriage when she met John F. Barker, whom she married on October 15, 1994. She lovingly welcomed John's son, Anthony 'Tony' (Colleen) Barker as part of her family. In addition to her husband John Barker and her three sons, she is survived by the six most precious grandchildren in the world; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephew and cousins.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Anderson Cemetery, 6501 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Memorial contributions may be made to Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Michael Owen Robertson

December 26, 1955 – April 17, 2018

Michael Owen Robertson, 62, Kokomo, passed away on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at his home. He was born on December 26, 1955 to Larry and Mary (Harold) Robertson in Indianapolis.

Mike was a 1974 graduate of Noblesville High School and went on to Manchester College on a wrestling scholarship. He was employed for 21 years by Chrysler at the Kokomo transmission plant. Mike loved his kids, music, fast cars and college basketball.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Robertson; sons, Cory Robertson and Sam Robertson; brothers, Allen Robertson and Barry Robertson; sister-in-law, Terry Robertson; nieces, Jessica Khan and Julia Robertson; and nephews, Johnathan and Eric Bailey.

Mike preceded in death by his father, Larry Robertson; and his sister, Vickie Bailey.

Services were held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Phillip Dean Shafer

January 14, 1930 – April 14, 2018

Phillip Dean Shafer, 88, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, April 14, 2018 in Noblesville. He was born on January 14, 1930 to Dallas and Lena Shafer in Noblesville.

In his younger years, Phil attended Noblesville High School where he met Joanne, his future wife, and was a member of the football team. Phillip was a Purdue University graduate where he majored in Agriculture. He was the co-founder of United Feeds where he mentored many salesman to successfully follow in his footsteps. After 65 years, he retired from United Feeds leaving a lasting impression on everyone whose careers he touched.

Phil was known for the impression he made on everyone he met and was quickly nicknamed "Friendly Phil" by those who knew him best. He was a devoted dad who went above and beyond to provide his children a great life. He made a point to never miss Karen's 4-H fairs or Doug's games and he loved reliving each event afterwards as a family at Jim Dandy.

During the summer, Phil cherished spending time with his family on Elk Lake in Michigan. Whether it was early morning fishing with the grandchildren or just sipping iced tea on the porch admiring the dancing waters, Phil cultivated a tradition his family will uphold for generations to come.

Phil was a strong proponent and supporter of the 4-H program throughout Central Indiana.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Montgomery; son, Douglas (Vicki) Shafer; sister-in-law, Jeanne Simons; grandchildren, Hilary (Wes) Shafer Herendeen, Brooke (fiancé - Scott Richards) Shafer and Chase Montgomery; and great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Jack Herendeen.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Joanne Shafer; and grandson, Gavin Montgomery.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Jeff Gammon officiating. Visitation was held prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial with military rites will be at Crownland Cemetery at a later time.

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Won a state championship at East Central last year...

Justin Roden hired as new NHS football coach

By RICHIE HALL

Keeping things simple can sometimes lead to great accomplishments.

Ask Justin Roden, who called the scheme used by his East Central football team last year "simple," yet it resulted in a state championship. If you're close by Noblesville High School, you can ask Roden in person: He's the Millers' new head football coach.

Roden was announced as the new coach by Noblesville Schools last Monday, and his hiring was approved by the school board at Tuesday night's school board meeting at the Educational Services Center. After that, Roden could be found right outside in the atrium, getting introductory handshakes and chatting happily with his new friends.

"I think that's one of the biggest drawing points here is that the community is fantastic," said Roden. "It's a beautiful place to live. It's a beautiful place to raise a family." Roden said that the administration, including NHS principal Jeff Bryant and athletic director Leah Wooldridge have been "über-welcoming." The new coach also said that his family is happy to be here, which is just as important as the football considerations.

"Sometimes the appeal of a football program is great, but then you go there and it's not the right fit for the wife and kids," said Roden. "So I think the whole Noblesville community, the school, the football program, the future where things are going, it's a great job, and there's a reason why a lot of people wanted to be the head coach here and it's a reason why people recommended that I leave a really good situation for the potential for an even better one."

Roden made his tenure at East Central a very good situation. He coached there for five years, compiling a record of 47-20. The Trojans have won three consecutive regional titles, and in 2015 made their first appearance in a state championship game since 1994 by reaching the Class 4A final.

East Central lost that game to Bishop Dwenger, but were back in the final two years later, in 2017. The Trojans beat Lowell 14-7 to claim their second state title, the first one being 1994.

Prior to coaching at East Central, Roden was the special teams coordinator at his alma mater, the College of Mount St. Joseph, which is located on the west side of Cincinnati. Roden received most of his education in Cincinnati, as he graduated from Colerain High School, on the city's west side, in 1995, then earned a Bachelor's degree from Mount St. Joseph in 1999.

Roden has also earned a Masters' Degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. He's been involved in coaching for 15 years.

"I've been coaching for a long time, and I've been in a few different places," said Roden. "I think my background, the style of football that I've been a part of and that I coach and take pride in, I think that fits well here."

Roden said that when it came to winning, especially last year for East Central, simple worked - "our scheme was a simple scheme," he said. "We didn't try to out-paper and pencil" and "X and O" people. We played a brand of football that is kind of a throwback, the simple things of tackling the right way and blocking." Simple things,



Photo provided

Justin Roden was approved as the new Noblesville High School football coach at Tuesday night's Noblesville Schools board meeting. Roden, pictured here with his family, comes from East Central, where he compiled a 47-20 record in five years, winning last season's Class 4A state championship.

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Baseball

Millers shrug off HCC sweep, come back to beat Mavericks

The Noblesville baseball finally got back on the winning side on Saturday, and did so in dramatic fashion.

The Millers scored all of their runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat McCutcheon 3-2 at Don Dunker Field. The victory ended a four-game losing streak for Noblesville.

"It was very crucial," said first baseman Jacob Thieman. Coming off a losing streak, we told ourselves at the beginning of the game that we got to battle."

Noblesville had to deal with being swept by Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival Zionsville earlier in the week, but bounced back on Saturday.

Mark Goudy got on base with a double, then was immediately sent home by a double from DJ Owens.

Owens was sacrificed to third by AJ Gray, which brought up Thieman. The senior sent a double into right field to get Owens home, then moved to third when Bryce Randolph singled. Thieman then ran home on a wild pitch and that ended the game.

"We didn't want to be too aggressive, but we don't want to be too conservative either," said Thieman. "Make sure we got it and run, and with that passed ball, you see it go behind the plate and you just know."

The Millers were held to four hits, but all of those hits came in the seventh inning. Meanwhile, Ryan Plummer pitched the complete-game win, striking out three and holding a big-hitting Mavericks team to just six hits.

Noblesville is now 7-8 and hosts Frankfort on Tuesday in a makeup game.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville's Jacob Thieman (right) hit two doubles for the Millers on Tuesday (pictured), then scored the winning run in their win over McCutcheon on Saturday.

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Windlan out as Carmel girls basketball coach

Tod Windlan has been let go as head coach of the Carmel girls basketball team.

The Indianapolis Star reported that Windlan had been relieved of his coaching position, citing a statement from Carmel Clay Schools. The statement said that there was "a need to change the direction" of the team and that the school would begin searching for a new head coach immediately.

Windlan had coached the Greyhounds for the past four seasons, compiling an 87-20 record. Under Windlan, Carmel has won sectional championships over the past three seasons.

Windlan was first introduced to Hamilton County when he coached at Hamilton Heights in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons. The Huskies won sectionals both years, and was the Class 3A state runner-up in 2013. Windlan's record was 44-8 at Heights.

'Rocks win series; Droste's hit for HSE prevents sweep

By RICH TORRES

The Westfield Shamrocks played the percentages, and Greyson Droste made them pay.

With one out and the bases loaded, Droste drilled a walk-off sacrifice fly to right field, securing a 3-2 win for Hamilton Southeastern at Ken Seitz Field on Saturday, while halting the Shamrocks attempt at a series sweep.

Westfield (5-3) won the first two games of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference three-game set, and as the game stood deadlocked 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning, the strategy game ensued.

HSE's Jake Stout led off the Royals' final at-bats with a double and moved to third base after a sacrifice bunt by Tyler Jahanshahi. Anthony Eggers worked Westfield's Trey Anderson for a 3-0 count before being intentionally walked.

With the Royals' second straight left-handed batter up, Westfield head coach Ryan Bunnell called for another intentional walk against Cole DeWael to setup a force out at any base.

"The biggest factor was we had two lefties and with Trey on the mound, we felt our best option was a righty-righty matchup," Bunnell said. "We just felt that gave us our best swing-and-a-miss opportunity and a double-play candidate."

Droste, who struck out three times during HSE's

3-2 loss in Game 1 on Thursday, opened the series finale with an RBI single to give the Royals a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the first.

In his next two at-bats, he struggled to make contact, striking out twice to increase his series total to six with another recorded during Game 2 as HSE lost 3-1.

"I struck out the three times the other day, so I really needed to get that in," Droste said. "I couldn't say it wasn't affecting me because it was in my head, but that definitely helps."

Up 2-1 in the count, Droste connected, scoring Stout for his 18th RBI on the season.

"I just really tried to put the ball into play because there was one out, and I really thought that was a sign of disrespect to me," Droste said. "I really knew I had to get the job down with one out and put the ball in play in the air and score the run."

The victory snapped the Royals' two-game skid to improve their season record to 5-9 and pushed them to 2-7 in the HCC. Westfield dropped to 5-4 in the conference.

"You're in gamble mode when you're in that situation, so we felt our best chance was loading it up and get out of the inning that way," Bunnell said. "It didn't work."

The Shamrocks rallied each time they were challenged, tying the game twice

after trailing.

An RBI-double by Zach Collins in the top of the third knotted up the game 1-1 after Sam Eaton initiated the comeback with a two-out double.

Jacob Daftari put the Royals back in front 2-1 with a two-out RBI-double in the bottom of the third.

Back-to-back Westfield doubles by Logan McClurg and Matthew Meyer tied the game 2-2 in the top of the fifth, but HSE starter Rutger Poiry never lost control.

The right-hander went the distance for HSE, scattering five hits, walking two and striking out seven.

"Rut, he's not a power pitcher, but what he shows is you don't have to be a power pitcher to succeed," HSE head coach Scott Henson said. "In this day and age, you always hear about how hard a guy throws, but what I'm always harping about is hitting spots, throwing strikes. As long as you do that, you're going to put pressure on the guy at the plate to perform. That's his game."

The Shamrocks had four doubles, but they stranded four runners, including three in scoring position. A double play to get pinch-runner Brandon Yoder out at second base on a fly ball to center field in the fifth ended a potential threat.

Poiry induced an inning-ending groundout with runners on the corners in the top of the first and capped



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield's Bryce Dorton (33) is congratulated by his teammates after scoring a run for the Shamrocks in the fifth inning of their game with Hamilton Southeastern on Friday. Westfield won 3-1 and clinched the Hoosier Crossroads Conference series.

the third with a strikeout as Collins occupied second base.

The senior retired the final seven batters he faced to increase his season record to 3-1.

Westfield was riding a three-game winning streak entering the series finale after taking Game 3 of their league matchup against Noblesville last week 3-0. Meyer no-hit the Millers and went six innings versus the Royals on Saturday. The right-hander struck out five, walked one and surrendered five hits.

He sat down five straight Royals before being relieved by Anderson, who absorbed the loss.

"We did a lot of good things in this series. I know that a lot of attention was there at the end, but I thought we had a lot of good at-bats in this series, and we could have grinded out some better at-bats today," Bunnell said. "But we're in this together. I love this team and the direction we're going. I still think there are good things ahead for us. We just have to grow in some areas and go through that."

Westfield travels to Taylor University on Tuesday to face Fort Wayne Carroll at 6 p.m. before playing Brownsburg in a

three-game HCC series, beginning at home on Thursday.

HSE hosts Mt. Vernon on Tuesday. On Thursday, the Royals open a three-game set on the road against HCC foe Zionsville. They play HCC rival Noblesville the first week of May.

"We needed to win this one because we've been losing a lot lately. This is really going to help get us back on track," Droste said. "We have a lot of good players, and I think we're going to have a really good season."

In the opening game of the series, Westfield got on the board in the third inning when Logan McClurg hit a solo home run. The Royals answered right away in the bottom of the inning: Jahanshahi's double sent Cole Graverson home, then Cole DeWael's RBI groundout scored Jahanshahi.

But the 'Rocks got back on top with two runs in the fourth inning. Eli Patchett hit a single to center field, which sent Eaton and Bryce Dorton home. That put Westfield up 4-3 and the score would stay there for the remainder of the game.

Matthew Robinson got the win for Westfield, pitching six innings and striking out nine. McClurg closed the

game in the seventh inning. Neither Shamrock pitcher issued a walk.

Jahanshahi hit two doubles for the Royals. Sam Bachman started the game on the mound and pitched four and a third innings, striking out seven and allowing just three hits. Tyler Schweitzer threw the remaining two and two-thirds, allowing no hits while tossing five strikeouts.

In the second game, Westfield scored two runs in the first inning. McClurg singled on to base, and was eventually batted in by Collins. Right before Collins' hit, Meyer drew a walk, moved around and would score on a passed ball.

The Shamrocks' third run came in the fifth inning when Dorton stole home. Southeastern scored in the sixth inning, with Eggers' sacrifice fly getting Brayton Harrison in to score.

Zach Zaborowski threw six innings for the 'Rocks, striking out eight and allowing only one hit. McClurg threw the seventh inning, earning the save.

Carter Lohman and Nathan Goodsell shared pitching duties for HSE, with Goodsell striking out four and Lohman three. Droste had the Royals' two hits, both doubles.

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Hamilton Southeastern's Jacob Daftari keeps focused on the ball during the Royals' game at Westfield on Friday.

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Track and field

Tigers sweep, Millers get individual wins

Fishers swept the team titles at the Southport Relays on Saturday.

The Tigers girls team scored 127 points to win, while the Fishers boys were victorious with 124.5 points. Noblesville's girls team placed third with 75 points, while the Miller boys took fifth by scoring 59.5.

In the girls meet, the Tigers won seven events, starting with the 4x1600 relay. Tamia Perryman paced the 100 dash, then Fishers placed first in the shuttle hurdles, the distance medley and the 4x800 relay.

The Tigers took two of the field event relays. Alison Casey and Claire Fletchall teamed up for a win in the pole vault relay, while Olivia Willmann and Kenadi Jumper combined for a win in the discus.

Noblesville's girls won two relays. First was the 4x100 relay, which consisted of Grace Brisco, DeLaney Boles, Kailyn Ely and Shelby Tyler.

Tyler was also part of the winning high jump relay, teaming with Lily Wilhelm for the win. Tyler had the highest jump at 5 feet, 10

inches. She competed solo in the pole vault, but had the highest result there at 9-6.

In the boys meet, Fishers won six events. The Tigers took first in the 4x1600, then Ben Norton won the 100 dash. Norton also ran on Fishers' first-place 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

The Tigers swept the throwing relays as well. Luke Martin and Tobias Hayden won the shot put, then Hayden joined Wyatt Puff to take the discus.

Noblesville finished first in the high jump relay. That team was Drew Herman and Christian Blaettner; Herman had the top jump of the day at 6-4.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Fishers 127, Warren Central 90, Noblesville 75, Southport 64.5, Pendleton Heights 56, Jeffersonville 47.5, Fort Wayne Snider 33.

4x1600 relay: 1. Fishers (Corinne Yorkman, Corinne O'Leary, Tessa Kraft, Abby Carter) 22:05.29, 2. Noblesville (Aubrey Swart, Aubrie Deal, Sophie Reichard, Taylor Gregory) 22:46.12.

100 hurdles: 6. Lindsay Wormuth (N) 17.13, 7. Elka Mayes (F) 17.42. Preliminaries: 9. Marissa Schneider (N) 18.22, 10. Lauren Hege (F) 18.35.

100 dash: 1. Tamia Perryman (F) 12.24, 3. Danielle Harrison 12.41, 7. Kailyn Ely (N) 12.94.

400 shuttle hurdles: 1. Fishers (Arianna Kelly, Hege, Gabby Lewis, Mayes) 1:11.21, 3. Noblesville (Lauren Sandys, Schneider, Holly DeLong, Wormuth) 1:12.41.

3200 run: 2. Debbie Shera (F) 11:29.99, 3. Reichard (N) 11:39.78, 4. Johanna Strueder

(F) 11:43.32, 6. Swart (N) 11:59.07.

4000 distance medley: 1. Fishers (Yorkman, Evelyn Butler, Kamyia Lapsley, Miya Wai) 12:42.88, 2. Noblesville (Abi Little, Maria Anderson, Bella Sharples-Gordon, Deal) 12:47.35.

800 sprint medley: 5. Noblesville (Grace Brisco, Ely, Leah Spurlock, DeLaney Boles) 1:59.55.

4x800 relay: 1. Fishers (O'Leary, Emma Gillespie, Mia Yates, Carter) 10:01.06, 2. Noblesville (Anna Hazelrigg, Sophie Stahl, Little, Sharples-Gordon) 10:15.31.

4x100 relay: 1. Noblesville (Brisco, Boles, Ely, Shelby Tyler) 52.02, 2. Fishers (Myah Donaldson, Keiya McClung, Jia Simpson, Sterling Brown) 52.43.

4x400 relay: 2. Fishers (Grace May, Harrison, Lapsley, Toni Grace) 4:05.27, 3. Noblesville (Little, Anderson, Sharples-Gordon, Hazelrigg) 4:22.65.

High jump: 1. Noblesville 10-6 (Tyler 5-10, Lily Wilhelm 4-8), 2. Fishers 10-2 (Emily Monson 5-2, Alex Miller 5-0).

Pole vault: 1. Fishers 17-6 (Alison Casey 9-0, Claire Fletchall 8-6), Shelby Tyler (N) 9-6.

Long jump: 2. Fishers 30-10 (Katie Folta 15-9, Lewis 15-1), 4. Noblesville 28-7 (Noelle Dennis 14-8, Laura Claussen 13-11).

Shot put: 3. Fishers 60-5 (Olivia Willman 31-6, Rae Winkle 28-11), 7. Noblesville 49-5 (Jaclyn Lawrence 25-8, Joy Reks 23-9).

Discus: 1. Fishers 198-9 (Willman 109-9, Kenadi Jumper 89-0), Reks (N) 71-3.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Fishers 124.5, Warren Central 91, Pendleton Heights 75, Warsaw 66.5,



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The Noblesville 4x100 relay team of Shelby Tyler, Kailyn Ely, DeLaney Boles and Grace Brisco won that race at the Southport Relays on Saturday.

Noblesville 59.5, Fort Wayne Snider 45, Southport 31.5, 10:13.18, 8. Hickner (N) 10:14.67.

4x1600 relay: 1. Fishers (Drew Smith, Sam Kuhn, Thomas Brelage, Ethan Meyer) 18:23.57, 2. Noblesville (Andrew Anderson, Travis Hickner, Zach Freeman, Justin Amburgy) 18:23.65.

110 hurdles: 2. Marcus Roux (F) 16.18, 7. Shomari Rogers (N) 18.14.

100 dash: 1. Ben Norton (F) 10.78, 4. HL Lewis (F) 10.94. Preliminaries: 9. Mac Smith (N) 11.62.

400 shuttle hurdles: 2. Fishers (Mason McCartney, Kristian Jones, Dylan Parodi, Roux) 1:09.75.

3200 run: 2. Will Clark (F) 9:45.64, 3. Alex Meyer (F) 9:52.13, 7. Blake Hipkiss (N)

4000 distance medley: 2. Fishers (Meyer, Hunter Kaiser, Smith, Kuhn) 10:44.13, 3. Noblesville (Anderson, Bryce Gatewood, Nick Dombroski, Zach Freeman) 11:11.48.

800 sprint medley: 4. Noblesville (Smith, Korben Catron, Jack Newcomer, Mitch Conard) 1:40.88.

4x800 relay: 2. Fishers (Dylan Arive, Jack Kinsel, Brelage, Brandon Reyes) 8:25.08, 3. Noblesville (Amburgy, Seth Koszyk, Jack Commeville, Connor Sullivan) 8:27.34.

4x100 relay: 1. Fishers (Trenton Mabry, Lewis, Jason Lassic, Norton) 43.14, 5. Noblesville (Smith, Rogers, Newcomer, Catron) 47.12.

4x400 relay: 1. Fishers (Cole Carrithers, DiSean Graham, Meyer, Norton) 3:24.55, 4. Noblesville (Conard, Devontez Cox, Dombroski, Gatewood) 3:31.31.

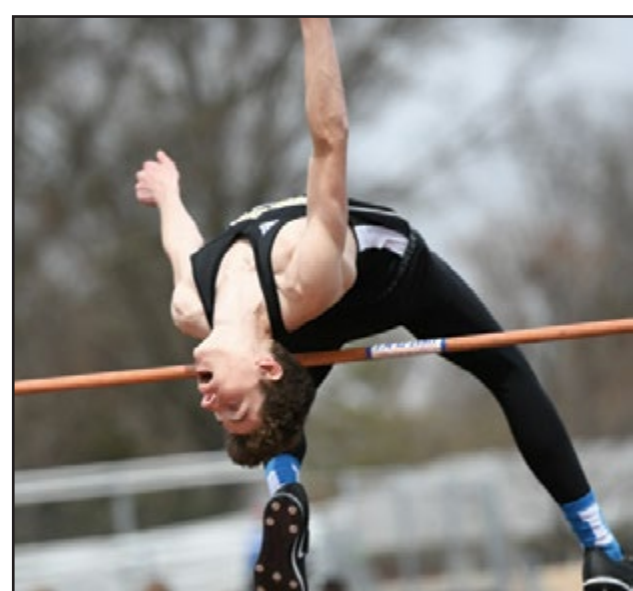
High jump: 1. Noblesville 12-0 (Drew Herman 6-4, Christian Blaettner 5-8), T4. Fishers (Anthony Campbell 5-10, Peyton Forbes 5-8).

Pole vault: 2. Fishers 21-0 (Jackson Dunn 11-0, Zach Witmer 10-0), T5. Noblesville 8-0 (Conard 8-0).

Long jump: 4. Noblesville 37-9 (Cox 19-0, Rogers 18-9), 5. Fishers 36-9.5 (Campbell 18-9.5, Forbes 18-0).

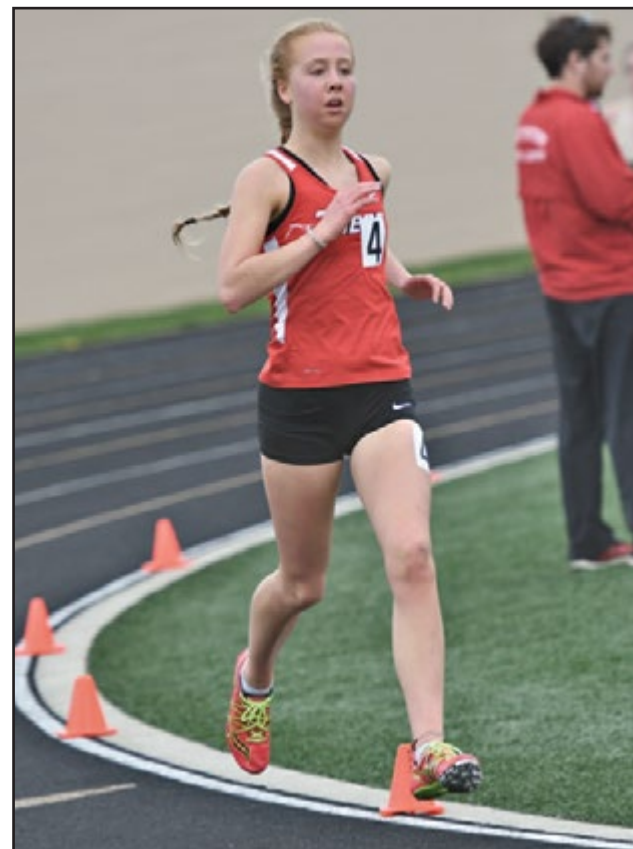
Shot put: 1. Fishers 92-0 (Luke Martin 47-0, Tobias Hayden 45-0), 4. Noblesville 80-2 (Dalton Davis 42-6.5, Cameron Knight 37-7.5).

Discus: 1. Fishers 259-7 (Wyatt Puff 134-1, Hayden 125-6), 3. Noblesville 238-5 (Davis 129-9, Garrett Bridges 108-8).



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Drew Herman was part of the Millers' winning high jump relay and had the highest jump of the day at 6 feet, 4 inches.



Fishers' Debbie Shera placed second in the 3200 run.



Fishers' DiSean Graham (left) takes the baton from Cole Carrithers during the 4x400 relay. The Tigers won the event.

'Hawks win all-county game

In an all-county softball game, Sheridan beat University 12-2 in five innings at the Blackhawks' field.

Audrey Reed scored Sheridan's first run in the first inning. The 'Hawks then added six runs in the second inning, beginning with a single by Addyson Ream that scored Katie Crail, who hit a double to get on base.

Ream later scored after Olivia Raines reached on an error, then Raines got home when Lauren Railer knocked a single into center field. Reed's left field single scored Nixon Williams and Railer, then Reed got home again on a passed ball.

Sheridan's next two runs came in the fourth inning. Emma Went opened the inning with a single, then Reed scored her with a double. Reed got home on

the next at-bat after Jayden Warren hit her own double. That made the score 9-0.

The Trailblazers got on the board in the top of the fifth. Grace Brenner scored when Robin Karwath reached on an error, then Aiyana Bruemmer-Gambles got home on Kendra Stevens' RBI groundout.

The Blackhawks finished the game in the bottom of the fifth inning with three runs. Allie Delph scored on a wild pitch, Went got home when Railer reached on error, then Railer scored the game-ending run when Warren reached on error.

Reed and Went both finished with two hits; Reed scored three runs and drove in another three. Bre Bouse pitched three innings for the win, striking out four. University's Abby Martin also had four strikeouts.

Guerin Catholic boys win their own Invitational

The Guerin Catholic track and field team hosted its own Invitational on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles boys team won their division of the meet, scoring 158 points. Guerin won five events, including a tie for first in the 100 dash. Dylan Crossen and Ronald Jackson both clocked in at 11.84 seconds; the result was also 18 team points for the Golden Eagles.

Quinn Gallagher won the 1600 and 800 runs, while Crossen also triumphed in the 200 dash. Matthew Fletcher finished first in the high jump.

Hamilton Heights placed third with 99 points and got two individual wins. Mitchell Walbolt paced the 3200 run, and Brandon McQuinn led a 1-2 finish in the pole vault, with Isiah Kunzer

taking second. University scored 16 points; Zack Hodgkin took second in the long jump.

In the girls meet, Guerin Catholic was second to Norwell, which scored 160 points. The Golden Eagles scored 112, with wins from Grace Gjerde in the long jump and Reagan Nay in the pole vault.

Heights finished third by scoring 102 points. Markaela

Pugh won the 200 dash and Lauryn Wiley was first in the discus. University scored 14

points, with Charlotte Kumler taking sixth in the 1600 and 3200 runs.

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Sheridan baseball falls to Taylor

Sheridan dropped its first game of the season on Tuesday, falling to Rossville 2-0.

The Hornets did not allow the Blackhawks any hits. Sheridan got on base twice, when Zach Mannies was walked and when Jake O'Hara was hit by a pitch.

O'Hara threw six innings for the 'Hawks, striking out six.

On Thursday, the 'Hawks lost an 8-3 Hoosier Heartland Conference game at Taylor on Thursday.

The Titans scored a run in the bottom of the first inning. The Blackhawks answered in the top of the third, when Kyle Archer

scored on an error to tie the game at 1-1. But Taylor poured in six runs in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good.

Sheridan scored a fourth-inning run when Archer's sacrifice fly got Cameron Hovey home. Hovey scored again in the sixth inning; he got on base with a triple and was singled in by Lane Leonard.

Archer and Leonard both finished the game with two hits.

The Blackhawks are 0-2 in the conference and 3-2 overall. Their next game will be Tuesday at Clinton Central, another HHC game.

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The Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame is accepting nominations. The Hall of Fame was started in 2003 and has welcomed 13 classes since its inception. A total of 70 people have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Nominees from all Hamilton County schools are welcome. A list of inductee criteria appears below. Nominees can be emailed to djadv@att.net Or call 317-773-0053 to get a nomination form or if you have questions.

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8. Who made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball
9. Who has proved to be a person of good character and citizenship
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11. **Hamilton County Coach:**
 - a. Who has coached in Hamilton County for at least five years
 - b. Who has been retired for five years
 - c. Who has proved to be a person of good character and citizenship
 - d. Who made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball
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Who made significant contributions to Hamilton County Basketball
Who has proven to be a person of good character and citizenship
13. **Veteran Inductee**
Can be player or coach who has been out of high school for at least 50 years

Heights baseball splits DH with Elwood

Hamilton Heights split a doubleheader at Elwood on Saturday.

The Panthers lost the first game 9-2. Heights scored its first run in the top of the first inning, when Gabe Reel's RBI ground-out scored Sam Wahl.

Elwood tied the game in the bottom of the second inning, then took a 2-1 lead in the fourth. The Huskies knotted the score back up at 2-2 with back to back doubles: Alex Roth got on base with one to left field, then Luke Theiser also went to left field to get Roth home.

The Panthers scored a run in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead back, then ran away with the game by scoring six runs in the sixth. Drew Fryman hit a double for Heights in the top of the seventh, but Elwood went 1-2-3 to end the game.

The Huskies regrouped and won the second game 9-4. Heights started with one run each in the first two innings: Reel doubled in Cole Meyer for the first run, then Meyer singled home Theiser for the second score.

The Huskies took off for six runs in the fourth inning. Theiser scored after Wahl reached on error, then Reel cracked a home

run to left field, scoring himself, Meyer and Wahl. Ike Peterson's left field single got Sam Fulton home later in the inning, then Evan Warner singled in Fryman.

Fulton batted in the last Huskies run in the seventh inning; his right field single scored Wahl. Meyer and Reel both finished with three hits; Reel totaled four RBIs. Meyer pitched five innings for the win, striking out four.

"We responded really well in the second game," said Moffatt. "I wasn't really sure what we would get from our guys after a between game 'pep talk' where I expressed to them my less than thrilled feelings about what I perceive as a lack of toughness and passion. We could have easily packed it in after I got after them but they showed some character and heart and played much better in Game 2. Consistency in that is what we need now, if we come out and fight everyday like it's the last game we will ever play we will be fine. This is a big week coming up for us, a chance to play a lot and hopefully string together some wins."

Heights is 5-4 and hosts Northwestern on Tuesday for a Hoosier Conference game.

Royals softball wins county game

By RICH TORRES

WESTFIELD – Finishing third in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference last year, the Hamilton Southeastern Royals have the top-spot in their crosshairs this spring.

And so far, they're right on target.

Led by sophomore Kaelin Wincek, who went 4-for-4 at the plate, the Royals compiled 15 hits and clubbed a pair of home runs to defeat host Westfield 14-1 by run-rule in five innings on Tuesday night.

"We want it a lot. We were talking about it today," Wincek remarked on the 2018 HCC race. "We're trying to go all out after it and be conference champs. We're starting strong."

The Class 4A Royals' second run-rule victory of the year marked their third double-digit outburst on the season and improved their record to 2-0 in the HCC standings, which ties them for second place with Brownsburg.

HSE (5-3) opened its conference schedule at home this past Friday with a 10-0 win in six innings against rival Fishers.

On the road in Westfield (1-6, 0-2 HCC), the Royals' bats stayed white hot despite the chilly 30-degree temperatures. HSE sent nine batters to the box in the top of the third, plating four runs behind five hits before erupting for eight runs in the fourth to go up 12-0.

"We had 15 hits as a team. When you get to double digits there's a pretty good chance you're going to win a high school softball game," HSE head coach Dave Cook said. "We put together a couple of hits (in the third). We had a double steal, a base hit and two RBIs. We had some kids producing in there."

The Royals' one through six hitters combined to go 12-for-23 with four extra-base hits. As a team, HSE entered the game hitting .388 on the season and exceeded its average by finishing 15 of 32.

"They hit. We do like our offense," Cook said. "And hopefully, it gets even better when it does get warm."

Wincek scorched the ball around the diamond with three singles and a two-run homer in the fourth. Three at-bats later Jordan Rager blasted a three-run bomb over the left-field fence to put HSE ahead 8-0.

Rager, the Royals' third-hole hitter, went 1-for-4, while Lillian Leiner was 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored in the second spot. Rager's home run was her second this season and marked her 11th RBI.

Leiner, a sophomore, continues to pace the offense with 14 RBI. Wincek has driven in 11 runs and now has three home runs in 29 plate appearances. All three are hitting .353 or better with Wincek sitting at .429.

"You build a little three-, four-run lead and then next thing you get a three-run homer and a two-run homer. It sure helps,"

Cook said. "It makes you relax a little bit."

The hitting was contagious throughout the lineup. Senior Nicole Dillow, the team's nine-hole hitter, went 2-for-4 and sparked the Royals' third-inning charge with a leadoff single. Dillow currently leads HSE with a .556 batting average.

Libby Ratliff lined a double and went 2-for-4, hitting cleanup for the Royals, while five-hole hitter Nicole Lang followed suit at 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Leiner knocked in the first run of the game in the top of the third with a dribbler toward the circle after Abby Taylor and Dillow executed a no-out double steal to move into scoring position.

A dropped ball at home plate in an attempt to tag out a sprinting Dillow from third base, scored both lead runners. Ratliff brought home Leiner with a one-out single to give HSE a 3-0 advantage.

"We take a lot of (pride in hitting). We work a lot at it, so it's nice to have our hard work pay off," Wincek said.

The Royals logged 13 at-bats in the top of the fourth, using seven hits and a Westfield error to extend the margin.

Jaylah Guillian earned the win, pitching five innings while scattering three hits and striking out six. The right-hander struck out the first four batters she faced and retired seven straight to start.

Her only setback came in the bottom of the fourth when Westfield senior Ashley Swartout muscled an opposite-field home run over the right-field wall.

"She struggled a little bit there in the bottom of the fourth, but she just got cold," Cook said. "She said her hands were cold. She couldn't feel the seams. She couldn't feel the ball. We put eight on the board in the fourth, so she was waiting for a long time."

Swartout, who is hitting .714 on the year, has belted a home run in three straight games. Her career average is .412 with 89 RBI and 17 home runs.

"That was her 100th career hit as a Shamrock. It was a home run, which is fitting because I think she might be our all-time leader in home runs," Westfield head coach Brian Revercomb said. "She's just a kid with a great attitude, a great work ethic; I can't say enough about her."

The Royals added a pair of runs in the top of the fifth with an RBI-single by Wincek, who later scored on a wild pitch.

Westfield junior right-hander Alexis McClure collected the final two outs in relief with back-to-back strikeouts to finally quiet the Royals in the fifth.

"At 1 o'clock, it was overcast and 30-some degrees, and I didn't think we were playing today," Cook said. "It feels like the temperature is in the mid-20s. It was a good conference win on a cold night."

RODEN

Roden said, that people take for granted nowadays.

"I think the experience, more than anything, allows me to come here and try to get back to a style of football that's conducive for the kids here at Noblesville," said Roden.

"We are extremely excited Coach Roden and his family chose to join us and I am confident he will be a great asset in leading the Miller football program," said Wooldridge. "He has a vision and plan for making our football team successful on the field and for supporting our student-athletes off the field, both of which we value highly at NHS."

Off the field, Roden will be a physical education teacher at the high school. His family is all involved with athletics in one way or another: Roden's wife Jennifer is a physical therapist; his daughter Hailey (who will be a junior next year) plays softball, and his son J.T. (who will be in eighth grade next year) plays soccer.

Roden also has some familiarity with schools around here. He's friends with Carmel coach John Hebert and knows some of the coaches in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference as well.

"I'm well aware that Westfield just won

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a state championship, Zionsville just beat New Pal last year," said Roden. "Obviously Carmel's Carmel, even in a down year they're fantastic and even in a down year they can win a state championship. And it just continues. There's nothing but great football played in the conference and you're not even talking about Avon and some of the other players."

With that, Roden will be getting ready for the likes of HCC play, which of course means play in 6A - or as Roden likes to call it, "big boy football."

"That's another one of those factor's that's exciting," said Roden. "I want to coach at the highest level. I want to coach against the best people. I got a chance to coach against some pretty good people in 4A. But the appeal of coming to Indianapolis, coaching 6A against schools like that is a tremendous challenge."

"I'm not cocky and I'm not egotistical in thinking that I can just come in here and we're going to win tomorrow. I'm not that kind of person. But I do know that the challenge will be fun and I know that we can teach the kids to be able to compete and want to compete against those players. Not be scared, but be excited to play Carmel."

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Young Millers softball beats M-G, plays tough at Carmel Invite

By RICH TORRES

Larry DeSalvo exercised caution when asked if Noblesville's 12-1 five-inning, run-rule home victory on Wednesday night over Madison-Grant was a near perfect game.

Sure, the Class 4A No. 16 Millers racked up 12 runs in three innings, posted eight extra-base hits, including a pair of home runs and limited the visiting 2A No. 7 Argylls to three baserunners.

But it could have been better, the Millers assistant softball coach emphasized, and it needs to be with a challenging Carmel Invitational ahead later this week.

"I thought the first two innings were good, but then I think we played the scoreboard a little bit," said DeSalvo, who was filling in for head coach Deke Bullard. "We kind of lost our focus there, and that's something we have to get better at. If we face a really, really good team, they can flip it on us."

If the unbeaten Millers (6-0) ever do reach their optimum level, this could be a special year.

In a matchup between two ranked teams, the Millers came out primed, overwhelming the Argylls with 12 hits and six doubles to supply starter Baily Ryan with ample run support.

The junior lefty responded by carrying a perfect game into the top of the fifth. Ryan retired 12 straight and struck out two en route to the win.

Freshman Ella White went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and blasted her fifth home run of the season as seven Millers recorded at least one hit.

"We've lost to this team the last two years, so we talked about that," DeSalvo said. "We've really had a nice focus of just executing the small things and kind of stacking one good at-bat after another, and we've always preached that hitting is contagious. Once someone gets it started, it seems the dominos began to fall."

Chloe Tragesser sparked the Millers' five-run bottom of the first with a one-out double that smacked the center-field fence, which set the tone for the onslaught.

The Millers sent nine batters to the plate in the first inning and bested themselves during a six-run second with 10 plate appearances overall, while forcing the Argylls to go to their bullpen early.

Hitting .444 as a team prior to the game, Noblesville upped their average to .457 with its two through seven batters going a combined 11-for-17.

Tragesser went 2-for-3 with a double, while Loyala-Chicago recruit Abby Brown mirrored her teammate. Kyleigh Lowry was 2-for-2 with two RBI and a double, and Emily Minnett finished 1-for-2, dropping a two-run single into center field in the first

inning with the bases loaded.

Freshman Madison Taylor, a verbal commit to Florida State, cleared the bases as a pinch hitter in the bottom of the second with a three-run double after Marian commit Julia Furiak crushed her first home run of the season, plating a pair of runs.

"(Our hitting) is very contagious," White said. "There's so much energy in the dugout. When you're pitcher is playing that well, and pitching that well, you definitely want to come in and score some runs for her."

White did her part, rocketing two doubles off the outfield wall for a pair of near home runs in the first and second innings.

"It's very motivating to keep that winning streak alive and to keep it going," White said. "I like to think every game is as important as the next one. You have to come out with a good attitude, ready to win."

Ryan was set to go from the first pitch, quieting the Argylls, who collectively had hit .353 this season. She induced Maddi Evans, who leads the team with a .769 batting average, into a pair of putouts and didn't surrender a hit until Ellie Alcalá lined a single into right field in the top of the fifth.

"Baily came out and threw strikes. That was really nice was she was able to get ahead in the count and throw pitches that were to her advantage," DeSalvo said. "She worked inside and outside and was able to locate up and down, and she had some nice plays behind her defensively."

Taylor, who is 5-0 this season, finished the inning in relief, striking out one, walking one and allowing a double to Katelyn Shouse. The Argylls scored their lone run on an RBI-groundout to bring Alcalá home.

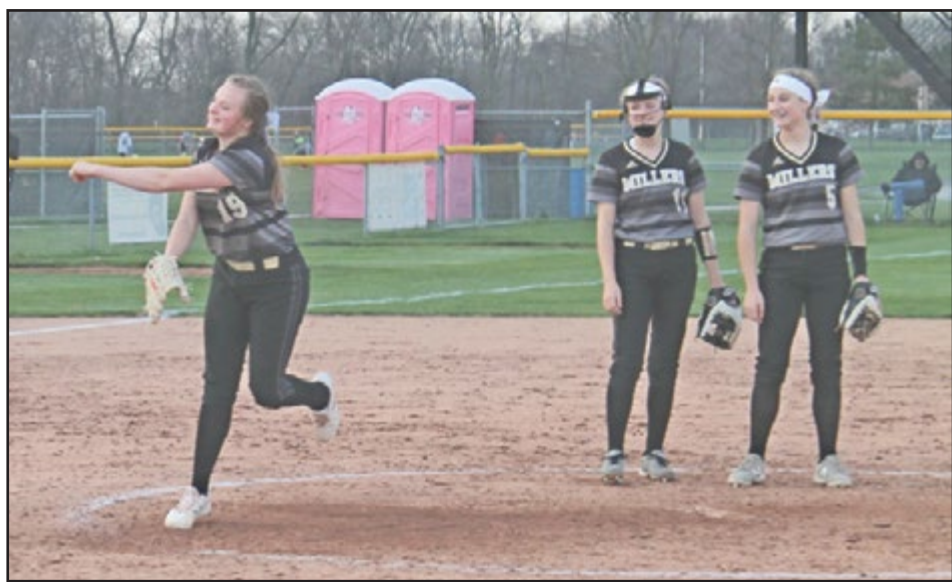
Believe it or not, the Noblesville softball team's first loss of the season may have proved that the Millers are a team to watch.

Noblesville played Lake Central, the No. 2-ranked team in Class 4A, Friday evening in its first game at the Carmel Invitational. The Millers were playing without their juniors and seniors, who were off enjoying Prom.

So a bunch of sophomores and freshmen took on the No. 2 Indians, and nearly beat them. The game was tied at 2-2 after seven innings, and Lake Central scored in the eighth to win 3-2.

"We're very proud of how the girls played tonight," said Noblesville coach Deke Bullard. "We did what we needed to do. We put the ball in play on offense and they made some things happen. Ella White had a home run."

Lake Central scored in the bottom of the third inning, then the Millers answered right away in the fourth. Rylie Moore's RBI groundout sent Ellie Karst home.



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Noblesville's Madison Taylor (left) warms up during the last inning of the Millers' softball game with Madison-Grant on Wednesday. Taylor pitched that final inning; she also hit a three-run double. Also pictured are Chloe Tragesser (center), who was 2-for-3 at the plate, and Ella White, who was 3-for-3 with a home run.

Noblesville took the lead in the sixth inning, on the very first pitch: White cracked a home run into center field and put the Millers ahead 2-1. White may be a freshman, but she is one of four underclassmen that are on this year's varsity team, along with fellow ninth-grader Taylor and sophomores Olivia Stinson and Tragesser.

The Indians tied the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh, although Noblesville got a force at third base to get two outs. A groundout sent the game to extra innings, which were played under tiebreak rules, where a runner is placed on second base to start the inning.

Lake Central quickly got a double play and a groundout of the Millers in the top of the eighth. The Indians then loaded the bases, and an infield single scored the winning run.

"We actually made a couple coaching mistakes that probably impacted the game some, in a negative way towards us," said Bullard. "But they're a great team and we knew they were going to be a good team. We knew it was going to be a battle with the girls we had tonight. But we're proud of the girls and how they battled and they stayed in the game the entire game. We consider that a win."

Tragesser hit a double, joining White in the extra-base hit column. Hits were at a premium for both teams, as both only had five in the game. Taylor pitched all eight innings for the Millers, striking out five.

"We knew the rest of our schedule this year is tough," said Bullard. "And we knew this weekend was going to be tough. And so we were excited about it, and it's a great

test for us. And the way they battled today, I'll take that group into battle any time, and obviously I'll take our varsity girls into the battle anytime as well."

On Saturday, the Millers dropped two games to teams ranked in Class 4A.

First, Noblesville (6-3) fell to No. 4 Castle 14-4 in six innings. The Millers scored two runs in the top of the first; Furiak singled in Tragesser, then Taylor's single scored Lowry, who was courtesy running for Furiak.

The Knights scored four runs in the bottom of the first to take the lead and would hold it for the remainder of the game. Noblesville scored two more runs in the third when Furiak hit a home run into center field, which also sent Tragesser home for her second run of the game.

Tragesser, Furiak, White and Taylor all had two hits, with Furiak totaling three RBIs.

The Millers lost their second game of the day to No. 9 Penn 5-4. The Kingsmen scored first in the bottom of the first inning, but Noblesville's Minnett tied it in the second with a solo home run.

The Millers went up 3-1 in the third inning. Tragesser singled home Brown, then White's single scored Grace Smith.

Penn scored three runs in the fifth to take a 4-3 lead, then added another run in the sixth. Noblesville got to within 5-4 when Brown scored after Tragesser reached on error with two outs, but Penn got the final out minutes later.

Brown finished the game 3-for-3 with a double, while Smith and Tragesser both had two hits. Taylor pitched a complete game, striking out seven.

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Golf

Bob Spacey Invitational: Carmel wins team title, Lewis shoots 63 for Westfield

Once again, the Bob Spacey Invitational proved itself to be a tournament that features the best of the best in Indiana boys golf.

Noblesville hosted the tournament on Saturday at Fox Prairie Golf Course. Carmel won the team title with a score of 286, with Westfield in second place with 294.

The Shamrocks had the individual medalist: Andrew Lewis lit up Fox Prairie with an eight-under par score of 63, which ties his personal best.

"I shot 63 about a year and a half ago in October at Purdue's home course," said Lewis. "I hit the ball really solid. I think I hit 17 greens and I putted really well, my length putting especially. All parts of my game were really firing today."

Carmel's Nick Dentino was the second individual with a 67, four under par.

"I think I've been improving each and every round," said Dentino. "I just feel like if I can just focus on one shot at a time, I'll get the best outcome that I can."

The Greyhounds were remarkably consistent as a team. Clay Stirsman carded a 72, Cole Harris shot 73 and Curtis Robertson and JD Dulin both had 74s.

"I think we played great," said Carmel assistant coach Adam Ross. "The wind was switching back and forth all today. I think we developed a really good plan Thursday for our practice round and that's been our focus this year is to get a good plan and go out and execute it on the day of the tournament."

As for Westfield, Ethan Lutz scored 74, Sam Elliott carded 78 and Drake Biggs had a 79.

"The competitive nature of the state of Indiana this year for golf is incredible," said Shamrocks coach Josh Bryant. "For us and for anybody it's about finishing an 18-hole round of golf. We talk about that all the time,



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

The Carmel boys golf team won Noblesville's Bob Spacey Invitational, which took place Saturday at Fox Prairie Golf Course. The Greyhounds had a team score of 286, with everyone shooting an individual result of 74 or better.

and Andrew's a good example of finishing it today."

Guerin Catholic tied with Zionsville for third place, with Ben Burgan shooting a 72. John Cherry and Daivica Akala both had 75s for fifth-place Hamilton Southeastern.

Noblesville played four individuals, with Jacob Deakyne shooting a 72.

Team scores: Carmel 286, Westfield 294, Guerin Catholic 302, Zionsville 302, Hamilton Southeastern 305, Fishers 314, Avon 315, Roncalli 323, Heritage Christian 327, Plainfield 329, Muncie Central 331, Noblesville JV 331, Pendleton Heights 335, Hagerstown 344, New Castle 346, Park Tudor 346, Evansville Mater Dei 363, Mount Vernon 369, Bishop Chatard 375, Hamilton Heights 380, Richmond 383, Lebanon 399.

Medalist: Andrew Lewis (W) 32-31=63.

Carmel scores: Nick Dentino 34-33=68, Clay Stirsman 36-36=72, Cole Harris 38-35=73, Curtis Robertson 37-37=74, JD Dulin 37-37=74.

Other Westfield scores: Ethan Lutz 38-36=74, Sam Elliott 38-40=78, Drake Biggs 40-39=79, Stephen



Westfield's Andrew Lewis was the individual medalist, shooting an eight-under par 63. Lewis is pictured with Shamrocks coach Josh Bryant.

Hildebrand 40-43=83.

Guerin Catholic scores: Ben Burgan 37-35=72, Andrew White 40-35=75, Keaton Modleski 38-39=77, Noah Chelovitz 37-41=78, Ty Gingerich 43-39=82.

Southeastern scores: John Cherry 37-38=75, Daivica Akala 38-37=75, Sam Smith 36-41=77, Mekheil Garcia 39-39=78, Chandler Davis 44-40=84.

Fishers scores: Shivom

Patel 38-39=77, Bryce Robertson 39-38=77, Noah Chamberlin 41-39=80, Roger Wentz (W) 40-41=81, Davey Acres 40-40=80, Nick Fisher 42-40=82.

Noblesville JV scores: Joe

Whallon 37-41=78, Chris Cannatella 43-40=83, Chris Scheib 41-43=84, Jaxon Stutz 41-45=86, Hank Rose 48-39=87.

Heights scores: Hudson Hochstedler 44-43=87, Price Knowles 48-48=96, Hawkins Hochstedler 49-49=98, Kyle Kirtley 49-50=99, Kyle Horton 56-65=121.

Individuals: Jacob Deakyne (N) 33-39=72, Kyle Claussen (N) 37-40=77, Jack Barnes (N) 41-39=80, Roger Wentz (W) 40-41=81, Sam Crousore (HSE) 46-36=82, Keenan Bowen (N) 41-43=84.



LEFT: Noblesville's Jacob Deakyne scored a 72 at the Bob Spacey Invitational.



RIGHT: Hamilton Southeastern's John Cherry shot a 75 for the Royals.

Fishers wins the Mudsock meet

A chilly Mudsock boys golf meet went to Fishers on Tuesday.

The Tigers won the annual competition, which took place at The Hawthorns Golf and Country Club. Fishers carded a team score of 158, while Hamilton Southeastern scored 176.

The Tigers' Bryce Robertson and Nick Fisher were co-medalists, each shooting 39. Caleb Bopp and Shivom Patel both scored 40, Davey Acres carded a 42 and Noah Chamberlin had 43.

"It was really awesome for our kids to be able to win it for the first time in my five years being the head coach and for them to battle through the conditions tonight," said Fishers coach Keith Andrews. "Not ideal mid-April to be playing golf in this kind of weather. So I was really proud of our kids with how they just stayed focused and played and made shots when they needed to."

Sam Smith led the Royals with a 42, followed by Chandler Davis scoring a 43. Henry Fitzgerald carded a 45 while Daivica Akala, John Cherry



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Fishers boys golf team won the Mudsock meet Tuesday with a team score of 158.

and Mekheil Garcia all had 46s.

Also at The Hawthorns on Tuesday, Carmel won a three-team 18-hole match.

The Greyhounds carded 296 to Westfield's 320 and Cathedral's 324. Nick Dentino was the medalist with an even-par 72. Clay Stirsman and JD Dulin both had 74s, while Cole Harris

posted a 76.

In the junior varsity match, Carmel scored 152 to Westfield's 185 and Cathedral's 189.

The Greyhounds' Nick Katsis was the meet medalist with a 36, followed by Jack Crawford 37, Luke Prall 39, Sam Booth 40, Shoji Fujita 41 and Jackson Emerson 49.