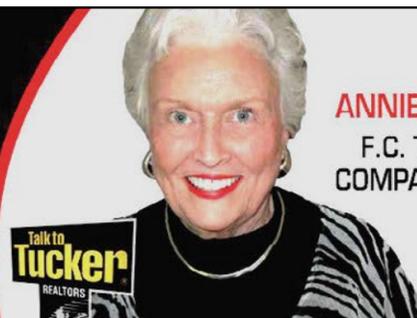


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Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear and Deputy Mayor Steve Cooke join members of the parks department after the city was named the 2018 Indiana Park Agency of the Year at the annual IPRA State Conference Award Dinner on Wednesday in French Lick.

Noblesville named 2018 Park Agency of the Year

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association's (IPRA) Park Agency of the Year for 2018. The city was distinguished as the state's top parks department at the annual IPRA State Conference Award Dinner on Wednesday in French Lick.

"This honor confirms what our community already knows and appreciates – that our parks department offers programming, amenities and events that are second to none," said Noblesville Mayor John

Ditslear. "I am happy for the entire department to be recognized and the continual strides they make to be better every year, especially on the recreation side with new, innovative programming."

Judged by an independent, out-of-state panel, the award is based on accomplishments, projects, programming and new partnerships the parks department has achieved throughout the year.

"It is an honor for our team to be recognized as Agency of the Year," said Parks Director Brandon Bennett. "With my previous

involvement as the 2009 IPRA board president, I know how competitive this award is each and every year. I am extremely proud how this award solidifies the hard work the department does to ensure we provide the services, facilities and programs our community deserves."

Helping to stand out among other departments as the best in the state, Noblesville Parks has been innovative and aggressive with park development with the recent addition of the 6.5-acre Federal Hill Commons and current construction of the \$10 million, 27-acre

Finch Creek Park. Working with the city's engineering department, Noblesville continues to build the multi-use Midland Trace Trail. In addition to building \$16 million in new amenities, the department has spent more than \$500,000 in upgrading current parks, including the restrooms, shelters and tennis courts at Forest Park.

Programs and events have seen an increase in participation. The past two years have brought over 325,000 attendees – an increase of 150 percent – and

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Noblesville speaks about event safety at IPRA conference

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville discussed what today's reality of special events are – planning for proper permitting and special event safety – at the Indiana Parks and Recreation Conference Wednesday morning in French Lick. The well-attended presentation included five staff members from various city departments that serve on the planning committee of special events to share how they work collaboratively to create memories for the Noblesville community.

"Our city hosts several safe and enjoyable special events throughout the year that take months to plan

and execute flawlessly," Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear said. "It's an honor for the city to be asked to share its secrets of success to the entire state to help other park agencies create similar events and think of ways to improve their security."

The "Event Safety – Preparing for Today's Reality" presentation included Assistant Parks Director Mike Hoffmeister, Recreation Director Nichole Haberlin-Medaris, Noblesville Police Department Sgt. Matt McGovern, Noblesville Fire Department Division Chief Todd Estes,

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Fishers City Council announces monthly outreach sessions

By LARRY LANNAN | LarryInFishers.com



The Fishers City Council has announced a series of meetings allowing public comment called "Council Connect." According to a city news release, these sessions will rotate each month as morning or evening gatherings.

According to the release, this plan will "allow residents an opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns directly to council leadership."

Mayor Scott Fadness plans to join Council President Rich Block and Council Vice President Eric Moeller at the "Council Connect" events.

The locations of these meetings will vary each month. All are open to the public.

Here is the schedule of Council Connect meetings as listed by the City of Fishers:

- Feb. 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at City Hall Auditorium (1 Municipal Drive)
- March 20 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Britton Falls Chateau Ballrooms A and B (13079 Del Webb Pkwy.)
- The locations of the following meetings are TBD:
- April 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- May 21 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- June 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- July 30 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- Aug. 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Sept. 27 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- Oct. 28 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 14 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.
- Dec. 12 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Mayoral candidate Logan Day responds to City Council outreach, accuses Council of "platform plagiarism."
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No danger seen in discharge of water from Duke Engery's Riverwood plant

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

Duke Energy, the electric utility serving most of Hamilton County, is taking steps to make certain that chemicals from its coal ash holding pit do not contaminate wells of residences in the Riverwood area. Public Service Indiana, the predecessor of Duke Energy, operated a generating plant at Riverwood for many years. The plant was converted from coal to natural gas for generating electric power about 20 years ago.



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Built in 1950, Riverwood Station in Noblesville was originally a coal-fired plant with two steam turbines that generated approximately 90 megawatts of electricity. Cinergy/PSI decommissioned the coal-burning portion of the plant and installed three new combustion turbines that run on natural gas.

several years.

The project involves the drilling of de-watering wells around the ash storage site. The water from these wells is monitored and to date has shown no underground leaching that would create problems for neighboring properties,

McNulty learned.

The water from these test wells will now be discharged into nearby White River. This discharge plan apparently created concern recently on the part of some residents, but the water has been judged completely safe by IDEM, and will

continue to be monitored.

The county health department, not involved in the operation, has been made aware of all plans as a courtesy, McNulty said. Meanwhile, Duke is in the process of capping the ash pit in the way a landfill is covered.



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Mayoral candidate Logan Day accuses Fishers City Council of "platform plagiarism"

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

Logan Day says the announcement of "Council Connect" community meetings in the coming months has the appearance of "platform plagiarism." The Republican candidate for Mayor of Fishers in the May 7 primary election says he finds the timing of the Council Connect announcement "suspicious." Council leaders announced Tuesday morning a series of community

meetings each month beginning in late February, running through December, allowing citizens to comment before the council.

"One of the single largest complaints I've received from residents is the lack of transparency in City Hall," said Day in a statement. "That's why I made transparency a cornerstone and promise of my campaign. If the idea



Day

of better civic engagement was truly a priority for our current leadership, why have they not implemented plans like this over the past four years?"

Day posted this basic idea on his campaign website before the city announced the Council Connect meetings.

"I hope to see this level of resident engagement continue with our elected leaders beyond this election," Day said.

Logan Day is challenging incumbent Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. According to the city news release announcing Council Connect, Fadness plans to attend those monthly sessions.

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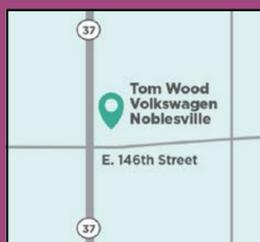


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- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

You can drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, located at 14701 Tom Wood Way. You can also donate directly to Prevail of Central Indiana by visiting Prevailinc.org.



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SAFETY

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(From left) Assistant Parks Director Mike Hoffmeister, NFD Division Chief Todd Estes, NPD Sgt. Matt McGovern, Hamilton County EMA Executive Director Shane Booker, Recreation Director Nichole Haberlin-Medaris and Communications Manager Robert Herrington presented "Event Safety – Preparing for Today's Reality" at the Indiana Parks and Recreation Conference in French Lick.

Communications Manager Robert Herrington and Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Shane Booker. Due to overnight weather conditions in Noblesville, chief operators Nick Mosbaugh and Brandon McKinney were unable to attend but a prerecorded interview about the street department's role in special events was included in their place.

"Our session provided attendees with a different perspective and a broader viewpoint than that of just the parks' role in community events," Hoffmeister said. "Our committee collaborates well together and this presentation showed the unique backgrounds that each of us brings to the table and hopefully got others thinking how they can better collaborate and make their events safer for their communities."

The presentation highlighted the annual Noblesville Street Dance and Fourth of July festivities and its planning, public safety considerations and concerns, emergency action plans, weather planning and response, the use of street barriers and resources available; in addition to the various permitting needs for park events – stage, music, movie, food, alcohol and fireworks.

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\$185,000 in sponsorships, due in part to the of the city's new urban park. The city worked to develop the public-private partnership with Klipsch-Card Athletic Facilities Group to bring Finch Creek Fieldhouse to the community. Noblesville also implemented a four-station, bike share program in 2018 through Zagster.

"Noblesville Parks hangs its hat on a family-first, yet professional atmosphere. The culture within the organization is one which leads to little turnover and long tenured careers," said Bennett. "The continued progress and aggressive nature wouldn't be

possible without the support of the best team in the state, but also the incredibly supportive and collaborative city departments and administration, parks board, and common council."

The Park Agency of the Year Award identifies an exceptional IPRA agency who shows involvement and significant contributions to the parks and recreation field. The winner strives to improve the quality of life to both their community and to the State of Indiana. Noblesville Parks' staff have supported the IPRA with three past board presidents and the first ever, two-term president in assistant director Mike Hoffmeister.

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Common Immunization Myths and Misconceptions

Do you have questions about the safety and effectiveness of immunizations? Join Amy Sheller, PharmD, Riverview Health Outpatient Pharmacy manager, as she discusses common immunization myths and misconceptions. Amy will address common immunization concerns, and discuss the importance of vaccines for the health and well-being of your family and community. The seminar will conclude with a Q&A session. A light dinner will be served.

<p>When: Wednesday, March 6 6-7 p.m.</p>	<p>Location: Riverview Health 395 Westfield Rd. Noblesville, IN 46060 Krieg DeVault Conference Room (Entrance 3, Lower level of Women's Pavilion)</p>	<p>Registration: Visit riverview.org/classes or call 317.776.7999. <i>The program is free, but registration is required.</i></p>
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'Big Top' comedy reaches new Heights



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights junior Madeline Teal
 "Under the Big Top" is a dramatic comedy being performed at Hamilton Heights High School Feb. 22 to 24. Shenanigans unfold as a power-hungry secretary works to keep a circus from paying off their loan at the bank and the circus members desperately work against foreclosure. Bankers, circus members, clowns and some adventurous Texans all collide to create the comedy of the season. Organizers say the performance is sure to bring a smile to your face and tears to your eyes. **(Top left)** Mr. Marlow, played by junior Max Stallsmith (left), and Slipsey, played by freshman Elianna Watson (right). Leo, played by junior Gabe Young, looks on from behind. **(Above)** Texan Betsy Buckman, played by Chloe Bontreger, runs away and finds her home with the circus family. **(Left)** Chloe Bontreger (left), who plays Betsy Buckman, and Alyssa Potts (right), who plays Peggy Marlow.



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The REPORTER

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As part of its Urban Agriculture program, SWCD staff are available for free site visits to any backyard and community vegetable garden in Hamilton County. Staff

can provide guidance with planning, advice on weed and pest management, soil health information, yield increase through conservation, tip sheets and much more.

To schedule a site visit, contact Andrew Fritz at andrew.fritz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or (317) 773-2181. In addition, tip sheets and many other online resources on a number of gardening topics are available at HamiltonSWCD.org/UrbanAgriculture.



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Hamilton County Tourism once again named 'Best Place to Work in Indiana'

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Tourism was recently selected as one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana. This is the second year the nonprofit has been recognized by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Best Companies Group.

The Best Places to Work statewide survey and awards program honors participating employers with leading workplace cultures. The list names 125 companies with Hamilton County Tourism being one of them in the small employer category.

"We are aware of the im-

portance of talent attraction and retention and want to keep our amazing team engaged," said Tina Rodgers, assistant director of resources for Hamilton County Tourism. "We provide opportunities for people to be challenged and make an impact while also taking time to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments."

To be considered for participation, companies had to fulfill these eligibility requirements:

- Be a for-profit, not-for-profit business or government entity;

- Be a publicly or privately held business;
- Have a facility in Indiana;
- Have at least 15 employees working in Indiana;
- Be in business a minimum of one year.

Companies then entered a two-part survey process. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. The second part was an employee survey to measure the employee experience. Best Companies Group

managed the overall registration and survey process, analyzed the data and determined the final rankings.

"We have many tremendous employers in the state, so it's great to see more and more companies take part in this effort to evaluate their workplace cultures and gain the recognition they deserve," said Indiana Chamber President Kevin Brinegar. "These companies consistently demonstrate to their employees how much they value their contributions."

The final rankings will

be announced at an awards dinner on April 30 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, then published in the May-June issue of the Indiana Chamber's *BizVoice*® magazine.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in Indiana program, visit BestPlacesToWorkIN.com.

About Hamilton County Tourism Inc.

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Fishers' OfficeWorks named 'Best Place to Work in Indiana' third year in a row

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OfficeWorks in Fishers has been named "Best Place to Work in Indiana" by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Best Companies Group. This is the third year in a row that OfficeWorks has held the prestigious title.

"OfficeWorks' culture starts with our employees," said OfficeWorks President Tom O'Neil. "Our passionate, committed staff is invested in continuous growth and improvement. We are thankful for a great team that strives each day to help build a better community."

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and heal.

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Throughout the state, 125 companies have been named this year for "Best Places to Work in Indiana." The recipients are from 30 cities and towns in Indiana. In the Small Companies category, OfficeWorks represents Fishers with two other Fishers' companies, BLASTmedia and Ultimate Technologies Group.

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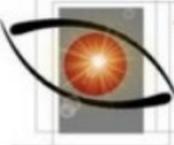




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Helen Elizabeth (Hand) Pickard

September 8, 1925 – February 18, 2019

Helen Elizabeth (Hand) Pickard, 93, Sheridan, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2019 in Sheridan with her loving family by her side. She was born on September 8, 1925 in Hamilton County to the late Ward and Carrie (Taylor) Hand.



Helen was raised on her family farm located in Sheridan. She graduated from the Sheridan High School class of 1944. After graduating from high school, she attended Indiana Business College and completed her coursework earning an Associates Degree.

Helen met the love of her life, Floyd Pickard, and they were married on November 25, 1945. Helen and Floyd spent 57 meaningful years together. They were at each other's side until Floyd passed away in 2002.

Helen was a tremendous role model for her family throughout her entire life; however, the greatest traits she bestowed to them were faith, strength and courage. Helen was a strong survivor of breast cancer. She was cancer free for 42 years and relished life. She was a founding member of the Sheridan chapter of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority. Helen enjoyed volunteering at Conner Prairie and Riverview Hospital where she met so many wonderful people. She also volunteered for 13 years serving Meals on Wheels.

Helen worked for many years and retired from American State Bank. Helen wasn't afraid to roll up her sleeves and never shied away from hard work. She assisted Floyd on the farm and in doing so, the two of them instilled this same value of hard work in their children. Helen loved the Lord and passed along her strong faith to her children.

She was a member of the Sheridan United Methodist Church and spent much of her time serving her church family and beyond. She especially enjoyed serving in the church kitchen cooking and preparing food for others. Helen was an active member in the Lydia Women's Circle. When Helen wasn't volunteering her time, she would tend her garden. All of her children remember how beautiful she kept her garden.

Helen loved to play cards, bowl and dance. She was a member of the Sheridan Square and Round Dancing Club. She was passionate for traveling and experiencing new cultures. Helen and Floyd traveled often visiting Europe and many places throughout the United States. One fond memory her children have is their parents returning home from one trip and Helen doing laundry so they could leave again the next day. Helen loved her family and instilled so many valuable life lessons.

Helen's greatest joy was her loving family. Helen is survived by her children, Janice Leigh (Ed) Heffelmire, Cicero; Dennis (Pam) Pickard, Sheridan; and Annette Lynn (Rick) Callahn, Lake Kiowa, Texas. She was a grandmother to many, Carrie Jean (Archie) Cox, Eric Matthew Heffelmire, Kendra Elizabeth (Evan) Albersmyer, Shawn David (Lori) Pickard, Nicole Leigh (Brian) Frazier, Abigail Lee (Robert) Garriott, Stephen Ward (Mallory) Callahan and Kathryn Helene Callahan. She was a proud great-grandmother to Taylor Charles (Audrey) Ramsey, Hannah Mae Jackson, Alexandria Dawn Pickard, Mackenzie Lauren Pickard, Kailey Grace Pickard, Katrina (Joe) Griffith, Alayna Leigh Frazier, Kaleb Andrew Frazier, Ellie Rose Albersmyer, Natalie Jean Albersmyer, Carson Ray Garriott, Laykin Lee Garriott and Adalyn Kade Callahan. She was a great-great-grandmother to Finley Ramsey and Nolan Griffith. Preceding Helen in death is her brother, William Robert Hand.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Sheridan United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan. Family and friends are invited to gather from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Carol Fritz will be officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sheridan United Methodist Church. All are invited to share thoughts with the family at fisherfunerals.com.

Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Pickard family.

Arrangements

Calling: 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 23
Service: Noon, Feb. 23
Location: Sheridan United Methodist Church
Condolences: fisherfunerals.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light. For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad. Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Luke 8:12-18 (KJV)

Alice M. Messersmith

February 2, 1932 – February 18, 2019

Alice M. Messersmith, 87, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, February 18, 2019 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on February 2, 1932 to George and Esther (Rice) Melick in Indianapolis.



Alice worked for Best Lock, now Stanley. She loved gospel music and reading her Bible. Alice also loved to cook and loved dogs.

She is survived by her brother, Roger Melick; sister, Sharon Melick; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Alice was preceded in death by her husband, David Messersmith; and siblings, Clifford Melick, Edna Mullinix, Nancy Conklin, Jean Cordle, Mary Powers, Eddie Melick and George Melick.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at United Family Wesleyan Church, 210 Washington Ave., Cicero, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Allen Gross will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Autumn's Angels, c/o United Family Wesleyan Church, P.O. Box 225, Cicero, IN 46034.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements

Calling: 10 to 11 a.m., Feb. 23
Service: 11 a.m., Feb. 23
Location: United Family Wesleyan Church
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Diana L. Iwig

October 5, 1951 – February 19, 2019

Diana L. Iwig, 67, Noblesville, died at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at her residence. She was born on October 5, 1951 in Tipton to William and Dora (Riley) Lacy.

Diana had lived in Tipton from 1951 to 1990; Napoleon, Ohio from 1990 to 93; Johnston, Iowa from 1993 to 2011 and Shepherdstown, W.V. from 2011 to 2016. Diane married Dan Cox in May 1970 and he preceded her in death on August 23, 1979. She then married Robert C. Iwig on September 12, 1980. He survives. Diana retired in 2014 as a commodity broker with IB Investments in Carmel. She was a member of Hope Bible Fellowship in Noblesville. Diana was a graduate of Tipton High School, Class of 1969. She enjoyed caring for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Diana loved her family like no other; apart from her faith, her family was her life.

Survivors include her husband Bob Iwig; two children, Shelly Lynn Colbert and husband Kevin, Windfall, Ind.; and Jason Robert Iwig and wife Christine, Minneapolis, Minn.; one brother, Randy Lacy and wife Shelia, Tipton; and one sister Lisa Lacy, Tipton. Diana is also survived by her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Cameron Colbert and wife Chelsie and their children Ainsley and Leland, Kaylee Colbert, Charley Mia Iwig and Andrew Powell.

Funeral services for Diana will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 23 at Hope Bible Fellowship Church, 2350 Conner St., Noblesville, with Pastor Don Jennings II, Pastor Van Marsceau and Pastor Ron Shipley presiding. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 22 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home, Tipton.

The family requests that memorial contributions in Diana's memory be made to Finish Line Ministries International, 250 E. Broad St., Suite 1250, Columbus, OH, 43215. Please use the "Donate" link at finishlineministries.org and designate the gift in honor of Diana Iwig.

Arrangements

Calling: 4 to 8 p.m., Feb. 22
Location: Young-Nichols Funeral Home
Service: 10 a.m., Feb. 23
Location: Hope Bible Fellowship Church
Condolences: young-nichols.com

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Boys basketball

Tigers beat Kokomo, set new season record for wins

By RICHIE HALL
KOKOMO - Fishers got several things out of its trip to Kokomo Wednesday night. The main accomplishment for the Tigers was a 64-54 victory over the Wildkats. That gave Fishers a new record for wins in a single season, as the Tigers won their 16th game of the year. It also gave Fishers a win heading into next week's sectional, and it was a nice way for Tigers coach Matt Moore to say hello to his old school; he coached there from 2014 to 2017.

"It's fun," said Moore. "I think Kokomo does a great job of competing. It's easy to look at their record and have an opinion. But every time we've played them, they've played hard, they've played together. And if they continue to live inside that, they're going to be a team that has a chance to upset some teams in the tournament."

The Wildkats played close with Fishers in the first half. The Tigers scored the first four points of the game off layins by Alex Szilagyi and Jeffrey Simmons, but Kokomo answered that with a 6-0 run to lead 6-4.

Fishers came back with a 7-0 run, with Willie Jackson scoring five of those points. Jackson made a 3-pointer, then Szilagyi scored on a putback. Jackson's layin made the score 11-6. But the Wildkats' Jayveon White hit a buzzer-beating 3 to get his team within 11-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Fishers led 16-11 midway through the second before Kokomo scored seven straight points to go up 18-16. A pair of Szilagyi free throws tied the game again, but Bobby Wonnell's 3 gave the Kats a 21-18 lead. Justin Long made a layin late in the quarter, so the Tigers went into halftime down by one, 21-20.

Fishers began to pull away in the third period, scoring 21 points. Szilagyi nailed a pair of 3s to get the Tigers ahead 26-23, and Fishers held the lead from there. The Tigers then scored on back-to-back possessions twice, and Jackson's 3 got Fishers up 37-29.

"They did a great job of coming out, making sure that ball movement was better," said Moore. "I thought we established lane touches a lot better. And we got a string of stops together. We got a stop right out of the



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Fishers' Emmanuel Davis looks to pass the ball during the Tigers' game at Kokomo on Wednesday. Fishers won 64-54 to improve to 16-7 on the season; that is a new record for wins in a single season.

half, led to a bucket. For us, the goal was to get three stops in a row, put it together a few times, which led to some offense."

The Tigers led 41-33 at the end of three, and Szilagyi hit a 3 to begin the fourth quarter, giving Fishers a double-digit lead for the first time at 44-33. The Tigers continued to roll until the end, with

Simmons scoring back-to-back layins, then Zach Webb came off the bench to make 7 of 8 free throws in the final 1:27 of the game. Moore said that with Terry Hicks and Geoffrey Brown still out, his team needed another player to make shots, and Webb filled that role nicely.

"Putting him in those positions to get some confidence and see the ball go in the basket will pay dividends for us as we move into the Tuesday game against Anderson," said Moore. "I thought Zach did a great job stepping into that role tonight."

Szilagyi finished the game with three 3-pointers and 17 points, while Jackson made two 3s on his way to 16 points. Simmons scored 10 and pulled six rebounds; Josiah Matthews led the rebounding with seven. Szilagyi handed out five assists.

The Tigers finished the regular season 16-7 and will take on Anderson in the first round of the Carmel sectional on Tuesday.

Fishers 64, Kokomo 54

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josiah Matthews	2-7	3-4	7	3
Willie Jackson	5-7	4-4	16	1
Alex Szilagyi	5-7	4-6	17	3
Luke Hernandez	1-3	0-0	2	2
Jeffrey Simmons	5-6	0-0	10	1
Justin Long	1-1	3-4	5	0
Emmanuel Davis	0-0	0-0	0	3
Zach Webb	0-3	7-8	7	0
Roman Molden	0-0	0-0	0	0
Drew Turner	0-0	0-0	0	0
Julian Hazel	0-0	0-0	0	0
Charlie Smith	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19-34	21-26	64	13

Score by Quarters
 Fishers 11 9 21 23 - 64
 Kokomo 9 12 12 21 - 54
 Fishers 3-point shooting (5-14) Szilagyi 3-4, Jackson 2-2, Matthews 0-4, Hernandez 0-2, Webb 0-2.
 Fishers rebounds (24) Matthews 7, Simmons 6, Jackson 3, Szilagyi 2, Hernandez 2, Davis 1, Long 1, Smith 1, Webb 1.

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	Noblesville City Council Regular Meeting Live	7:00 pm	
	Fishers vs Anderson (GM2) HCTV Sports Boys Basketball Sectionals at Carmel	7:30 pm	
Fri March 1	Noblesville vs Winner (GM1) Boys Basketball Sectionals at Carmel HCTV Sports	6:00 pm	
	Carmel vs Winner (GM2) Boys Basketball Sectionals at Carmel HCTV Sports	7:30 PM	
Sat March 2	Sectional Championship Boys Basketball Sectionals at Carmel HCTV Sports	7:00 pm	

Almodovar returns as Noblesville volleyball head coach

NOBLESVILLE - Noblesville Schools announced on Wednesday that Jill Almodovar has been named head volleyball coach at Noblesville High School. Almodovar replaces Steve Hawthorne who recently resigned.

"We're happy to welcome Jill back to this volleyball leadership role," said Leah Woodriddle, athletic director for NHS. "Her proven track record at NHS and her

experience on and off the court will be a great asset to the program and our athletes."

Almodovar's athletic background includes a previous stint as NHS's volleyball coach which included two sectional championships. As a student athlete, she won a volleyball college scholarship and was a member of the NHS state championship basketball team.

An elementary teacher at Noblesville Schools for 22 years, Almodovar holds a master's degree in education from Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, and currently teaches fourth grade at White River Elementary.



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Noblesville athletic college signings



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Chris Bostrom has committed to play football at Concordia University Ann Arbor.

Pictured - Front row: Brian Bostrom (father), Chris Bostrom, Courtney Bostrom (sister), Adam Metzler (Noblesville Football assistant coach). Back row: Paul Stinn (Noblesville Football assistant coach), Robert Konkoly (Noblesville Football assistant coach). Not Pictured: Justin Roden (Noblesville Football head coach).

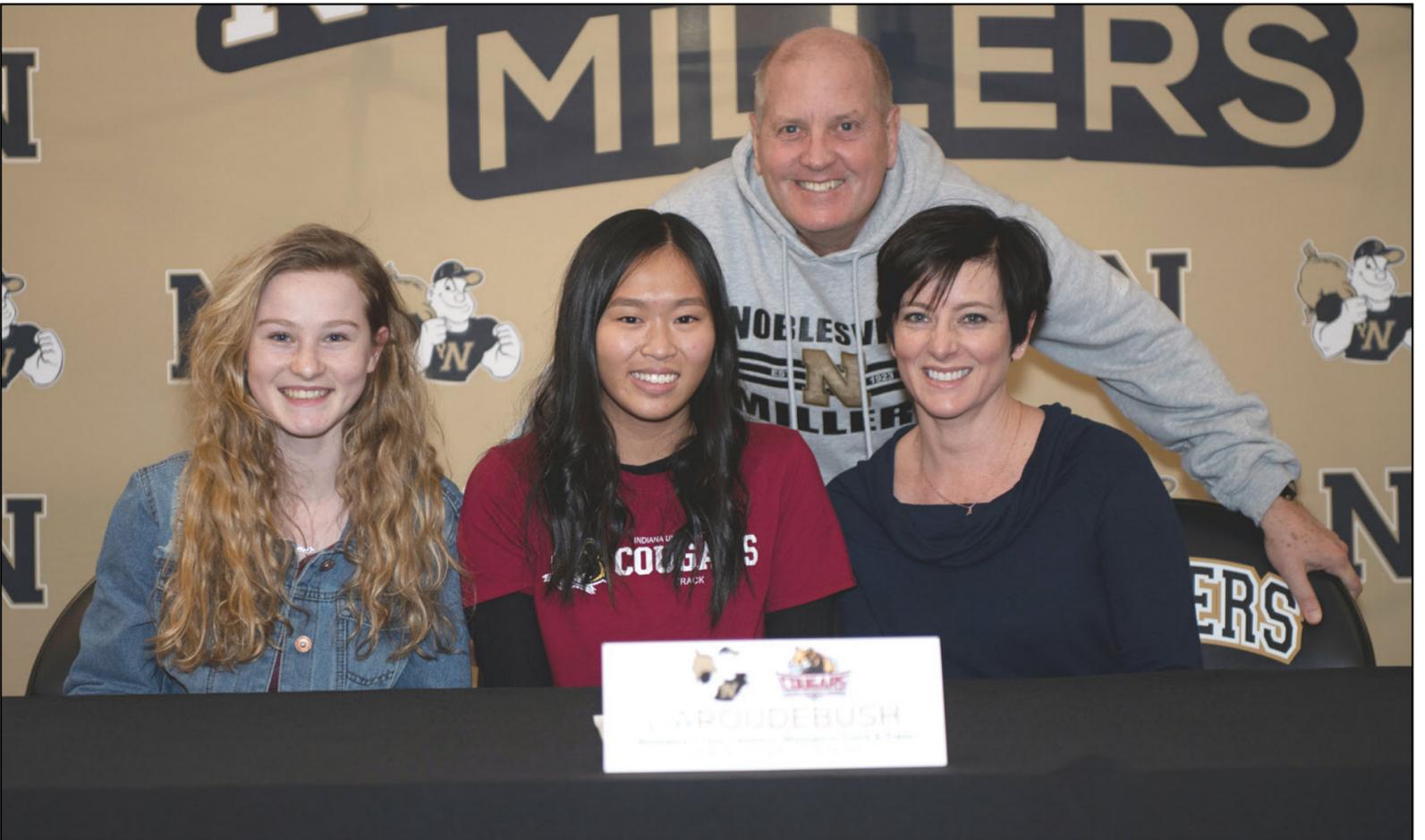


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Lia Roudebush has committed to the Indiana University Kokomo women's cross country and track and field teams.

Pictured - Front row: Brynn Roudebush (sister), Lia Roudebush, Shannon Roudebush (mother). Back Row: Dennis Scheele (Noblesville Girls Cross Country and Track & Field head coach).

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NBA standings

The NBA has been on its All-Star break. Games resume today.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	43	16	.729	-
Boston	37	21	.638	5.5
Philadelphia	37	21	.638	5.5
Brooklyn	30	29	.508	13.0
New York	11	47	.190	31.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	43	14	.754	-
Indiana	38	20	.655	5.5
Detroit	26	30	.464	16.5
Chicago	14	44	.241	29.5
Cleveland	12	46	.207	31.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Charlotte	27	30	.474	-
Miami	26	30	.464	0.5
Orlando	27	32	.458	1.0
Washington	24	34	.414	3.5
Atlanta	19	39	.328	8.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	39	18	.684	-
Oklahoma City	37	20	.649	2.0
Portland	34	23	.596	5.0
Utah	32	25	.561	7.0
Minnesota	27	30	.474	12.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	41	16	.719	-
L.A. Clippers	32	27	.542	10.0
Sacramento	30	27	.526	11.0
L.A. Lakers	28	29	.491	13.0
Phoenix	11	48	.186	31.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	33	24	.579	-
San Antonio	33	26	.559	1.0
Dallas	26	31	.456	7.0
New Orleans	26	33	.441	8.0
Memphis	23	36	.390	11.0



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Kenja Jenkins has committed to play football at Tiffin University.

Pictured - Front Row: Nick Frederick (father), Grace Frederick (sister), Kenja Jenkins, Joni Frederick (mother), Caylee Frederick (sister). Back Row: Robert Konkoly (Noblesville Football assistant coach), Paul Stinn (Noblesville Football assistant coach), Adam Metzler (Noblesville Football assistant coach). Not Pictured: Justin Roden (Noblesville Football head coach).

More signing photos will appear in future editions of The Reporter

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