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## Ila Badger named Pillar of Carmel Community

### The REPORTER

At Friday's Carmel Rotary Luncheon, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard presented the Pillar of the Community Award to Ila Badger. Badger is an active supporter of Carmel Clay Schools and its sports programs, Carmel Dads' Club and CarmelFest.

The Pillar of the Community Award was created in 2014 by Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard to honor an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to Carmel's business, civic, social, educational and cultural communities within the city of Carmel. This signature award reflects the recipient's total commitment to our mission of creating a warm and welcoming city, infused with a spirit of volunteerism and good will.

Like a stone pillar, the recipient of the Pillar of the Community Award will be one who has stood tall, upright and sturdy, through all challenges. Upon this pillar, many things can

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Reporter photo by Denise Moe  
Due to health issues, Ila Badger was not able to attend. Mayor Brainard was kind enough to pose for the Reporter's camera with the award.

## Fishers residents get update on State Road 37 construction plans

By LARRY LANNAN | [LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)



A crowd of about 70 people watched, listened and asked questions about the status of the plans to upgrade State Road 37 in Fishers. Officials from RQAW, American StructurePoint, IMAVEX and the City of Fishers all shared the latest information, but there were some questions still left unanswered.

First, there will be construction along SR 37 this spring and summer to relocate utility lines. This may look like the construction on the interchanges has begun, but be aware this will only be utility work.

There are some projects close to SR 37 that will be finishing up this year. The intersection improvement at 126th Street and Allisonville Road should be completed by July of this year. The construction of a roundabout at Parkside Drive and 126th Street is set for completion in September this year. Intersection improvements at 131st Street and Allisonville Road should be done by July of this year. Intersection improvements at 146th Street and Allison-

ville Road are not expected to begin construction until 2022 or 2023.

The roundabout at 126th Street and SR 37 is expected to begin construction in September of this year, with 126th Street open to traffic east and west for the remainder of this calendar year. In 2020, expect a full year closure of 126th Street. SR 37 will have two lanes open each way during the construction period. Access to 126th Street from SR 37 will vary at different phases of the construction. This project, from beginning to end, is expected to take 18 months.

The SR 37 roundabout interchange at 146th Street will take longer to construct, because plans call for both SR 37 and 146th Street to remain open to traffic during construction. Work on that project should get underway in November of 2019 and see completion in late 2021.

Two interchanges are to start at about the same time, August of 2020, at 131st and 141st streets. The 131st Street interchange is expected to be done by the end of 2021 and 141st Street in late 2022, due to a staggered construction schedule. The 141st Street roundabout interchange will be one-lane in the latest plans, consistent with previous plans.

## Najjar dismisses Nickel Plate case, awards Fishers legal fees

By LARRY LANNAN | [LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)



Hamilton County Superior Court Judge David Najjar has dismissed a legal action filed by the Save The Nickel Plate organization against the City of Fishers, and awarded attorney fees and court costs, meaning Save the Nickel Plate has been ordered by the court to pay the city's legal expenses tied to this case.

"This Court finds that [Save the Nickel

Plate] brought and continued to litigate frivolous and groundless claims . . . Accordingly, the Court finds an award of attorneys' fees and costs to the taxpayers of the City of Fishers is warranted under these unique circumstances," Judge Najjar wrote in his ruling.

Save The Nickel Plate alleged in the lawsuit that the City of Fishers had not adhered to the state's Open Door Law in approving plans for the Nickel Plate Trail.

## Best-selling author coming to Westfield library on April 26

### The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library will welcome best-selling author Edward Kelsey Moore for an after-hours program at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26.

Moore is the author of the best-selling novels *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat* and *The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues*. He is an Indianapolis native who now makes his home in Chicago, and in addition to his award-winning writing, he also maintains a career as



a professional cellist.

His essays and short fiction have been commissioned by Minnesota Public Radio and have appeared in the New York Times, as well as in many literary magazines. His books have been critically acclaimed and are celebrated for their humor, poignancy, quirky characters and magical literary qualities.

Doors will open for this adult event at 6:30 p.m., with the author's presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Wine and cheese will be served. This is not a program for children.

## Kids take over Noblesville government for a day



Photos provided

Members of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville recently participated in Youth in Government day. The students were chosen to shadow city and county officials and also represent the club at its annual recognition dinner. (Top row, from left) Alyssa Hantelman, 11, with Hamilton County Judge Paul Felix; Kaycee Smith, 11, with Noblesville Fire Chief Greg Wyant; Gia Parson, 11, with Noblesville Police Officer Jon Williams. (Bottom row, from left) Mia Rosales, 9, with Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear; Lilliana Perez, 11, with Hamilton County Prosecutor Lee Buckingham; Rebecca Seig, 11, with Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush.

## Indiana American Water schedules open house for Sheridan customers

### The REPORTER

Indiana American Water has scheduled an open house for its customers in Sheridan. The company acquired the systems from the Town of Sheridan late last year and provides water and wastewater service to more than 2,500 customers, which represents a population of more than

3,000 residents.

The open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 29 at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St. Representatives from Indiana American Water will be on hand to meet with customers

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**John Ray Patrick**  
February 16, 1943 – April 13, 2019

John Ray Patrick, 76, Sheridan, passed away on April 13, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. John was born on February 16, 1943 to the late Augusta and Mary Bell (White) Patrick in White County, Ill.

John graduated from Carmi-White County High School, Class of 1961. John met the love of his life Brenda Gail (Sweezer) Patrick and they were married on August 9, 1964 in Cynthiana, Ind.; and have been at each other's side for 54 years. John retired in 2010 from Doyle Equipment after working for them for 30 years.

John was a proud Republican, and after his retirement he decided to run for Adams Township Trustee on the Republican ticket. John won his election and ran again and won a second term, and it appeared that John started a second career. John looked forward to his morning card games and daily news at the Sheridan car wash; the crew would gather there every morning. John was a dedicated Sheridan Blackhawks football fan. He rarely missed a game.

John enjoyed his vacations with his wife in Branson, Mo. They enjoyed seeing shows, especially anything that had blue grass gospel music. John loved his St. Louis Cardinals and NASCAR. John always looked forward to the annual trip to Bristol to watch the NASCAR race with the Sheridan car wash crew. John was an umpire with the Indiana High School Athletic Association. He also played in men's softball leagues. John loved sports whether playing them or watching them.

John never met a stranger. Everyone who crossed John's path after having a conversation with him would feel like they'd known him for years.

John's greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren whom he was very proud of. He leaves behind his devoted wife of 54 years, Brenda, and his loving daughter, Melody Kimmell, Sheridan. John was a loving grandfather to Mary (Robert) Bell, New Ross, Ind., Rebekah (Zach) Sanders, Kirklintown, Cameron Kimmell, Sheridan, Payten Kimmell, Sheridan, and Reagan Kimmell, Sheridan. He was a proud great-grandfather to Eleanor and Oscar Sanders, and his daughter-in-law Marcy Patrick, Shelbyville.

John was preceded in death by his brothers, Byrd L. and Dan Patrick, his daughter, Jill Patrick in 2006 and his son, The Rev. David Patrick in 2011.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Sheridan United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan, where family and friends gathered. Burial will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Big Prairie Cemetery in Carmi, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278, or [donate3.cancer.org](http://donate3.cancer.org).

All are welcome to leave condolences for the Patrick family at [fisherfunerals.com](http://fisherfunerals.com). Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Patrick Family.

**Michael Lee Davis**

July 22, 1953 – April 18, 2019

Michael Lee Davis, 65, Noblesville, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at his home. He was born on July 22, 1953 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Mike was the neighborhood handyman who could fix anything. He was a member of the Noblesville Elks and enjoyed bowling and golf. Mike was a fan of the Detroit Red Wings, Tigers and Lions, and the Indianapolis Colts. He loved Saturday poker games and grilling out. His friends knew that “the garage door was always open.”

Mike is survived by his wife, Heather Davis; daughters, Leigh Davis and Valerie Davis; granddaughter, Samantha Stephens; and grandson, Gabe Stephens. He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Davis.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 3 p.m. to the time of service.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Maria L. Odorico**  
October 21, 1920 – April 15, 2019

Maria L. Odorico, 98, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2019 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on October 21, 1920 to Giuseppe and Cristina (Blasina) Metlikovec in Sistiana, Italy.

Maria worked as a seamstress and enjoyed making dresses. She was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana. Maria also enjoyed flowers and gardening.

She is survived by her daughter, Caterina (Angelo) Piga; grandchildren, John, Rosie (Seth) Pizzo, AJ (Sarah) and Eric; great-grandchildren, Nino and Gabriella; sisters, Vera Miller and Valentina (Frank) Feracco; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Maria was preceded in death by her husband, Ezio Odorico; brother, Giuseppe Metlikovec; and sisters, Poldina Kornov and Mira Bisard.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, with visitation from 9 a.m. to the time of service. Rev. Michael Bower will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes of Noblesville has been entrusted with Maria's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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**Andy “Peanut” Branham**

August 23, 1962 – April 15, 2019

Andy “Peanut” Branham, 56, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2019 at his home. He was born on August 23, 1962 to Andy and O. Louise (Stump) Mullins in Welch, W.V.

Peanut worked for I.D.I and loved to fish. He was a jack-of-all-trades, but master of none. Peanut loved to ride Harleys and collected Hot Wheels.

He is survived by his siblings, Tammi Burgess, Wally (Vickie) Branham, Dennis Branham, Robert (Marsha) Branham, Susie (Tom) Swenson, Georgette Branham, Marie Sizemore, Linda Branham and Junior Branham; sons, Tyler and Quentin Branham; step-daughter, Mary Wills; two grandsons; significant other, Mary Lou Goff; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Peanut was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Branham; and step-father, George Branham.

Visitation was held on Friday, April 19, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

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## HAND's Home Place Gardens wins LOVE Thy Neighborhood Award

### The REPORTER

Noblesville-based HAND Inc. was honored at LISC Indianapolis' third annual LOVE Thy Neighborhood Awards on Thursday, winning the Vitality award for its Home Place Gardens development in Carmel.

The LOVE Awards recognize community game changers in the Indianapolis region – “the people and places that have made outstanding progress in developing their neighborhoods as desirable places to live, work, learn, play and stay.”

HAND's Home Place Gardens development, which opened last year in a newly annexed area of Carmel, is located on 2.4 acres south of 106th Street between College Avenue and the Monon Greenway. The inter-generational community includes eight one- and two-bedroom duplex apartments for low-income seniors ages 55 and older and



Photo provided

HAND Executive Director Jennifer Miller, left, and Prevail Executive Director Susan Ferguson accept the LOVE Thy Neighborhood Award.

two three-bedroom detached homes for families who have survived violence and are referred by Prevail Inc. Those two rental houses are the only of their kind in Hamilton County, which does not have an emergency shelter.

HAND's mission is to be a leader in promoting prosperity and diversity in its communities by providing quality housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

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## Carmel Clay Parks names new ESE, summer camps director

### The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) has named Jennifer Brown as the organization's Extended School Enrichment (ESE) and Summer Camp Series (SCS) director. Brown has worked with the organization for 12 years and most recently served as the ESE and SCS assistant director.

As ESE and SCS director, Brown is responsible for logistics and operations of ESE and SCS. She oversees a team of more than 100 full and part time staff. Her staff

is responsible for overseeing more than 2,400 students at Carmel's 11 elementary schools during the school year, and more than 7,000 campers during the summer in the Summer Camp Series.

Two other staff members were also hired or promoted within the ESE and SCS division. Tiffany Buckingham was promoted to ESE and SCS assistant director. She previously served as site supervisor at Cherry Tree elementary. Jackie Lazdins was hired as the ESE and SCS administrative assistant.

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# Heights High School Band takes gold at state contest

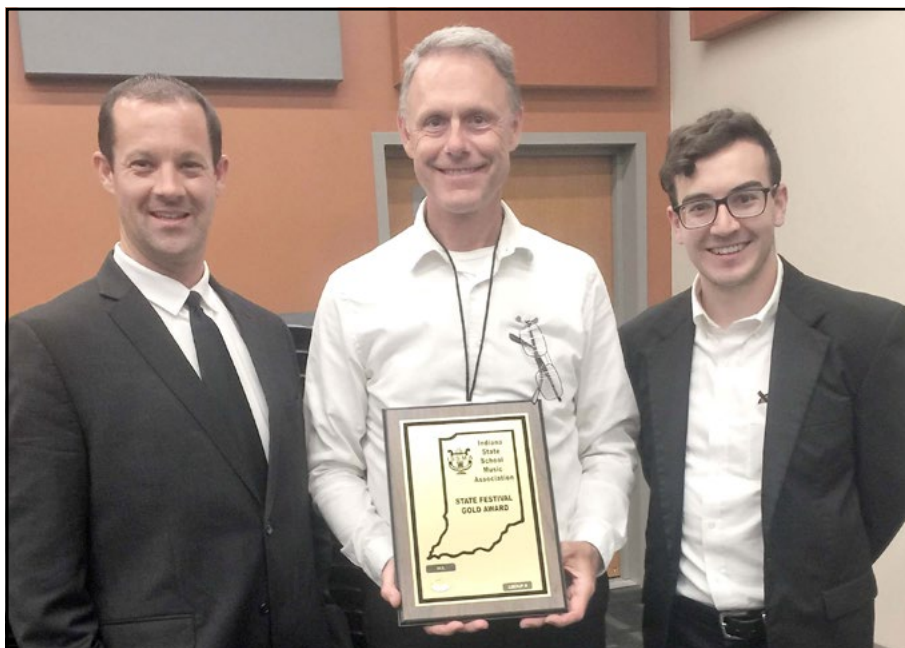


Photo provided by Amy Wolfe

Congratulations to the Hamilton Heights High School Band, which received a Gold Rating for the third year in a row on Friday, April 12 at the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Concert Band Contest at Pendleton Heights. The band performed three selections and sight read a piece for adjudication as well, earning a Gold Rating Overall and Gold Rating for the sight read. The award is a testament to the dedication and preparation by student musicians and their music educators. **(From left)** Hamilton Heights Assistant Band Director Mark Snelson, Band Director Craig Waltz and Student Teacher Ethan Stutz.

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be built and many are sustained by his or her presence. Like a pillar of belief, the recipient of the Pillar of the Community Award will hold

true to fundamental principles or practices, his or her words of wisdom and his or her actions accepted as true as a basis for reasoning or

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## SHERIDAN WATER

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and provide details on a number of local initiatives, including its plans for infrastructure investment and operational enhancements for the systems, billing and payment options available to customers and the company’s plans to replace lead water service lines in Sheridan. Customers are encouraged to show up anytime during the two-hour period to learn more about the company’s plans. Refreshments will be served.

“We look forward to meeting with our new customers and sharing information on our plans for these systems,” said Indiana American Water Senior Operations Superintendent Ryan Smith. “We have already made several improvements to our operations here and have additional plans moving forward to further upgrade the community’s water and wastewater infrastructure while, at the same time,

providing future rate stability and helping the Town of Sheridan to address other pressing needs in the community.”

The acquisition of the Sheridan water and wastewater systems for approximately \$10.75 million was approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in September and closed by Indiana American Water and the Town of Sheridan on Dec. 17, 2018.

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## Heights grad awarded \$10K for winning business plan



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Hamilton Heights graduate and High Point University student Caitie Gehlhausen was selected as the winner of a business plan competition last week for her design of a new product called Socket Lock-It™. Gehlhausen received \$10,000 to implement her plan. The Socket Lock-It™ functions as an adhesive cardholder for the back of a cell phone. It is compatible with most phone grips, which can be easily exchanged depending on user preference. Gehlhausen said she plans to use the funds to help market her new product.

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## Hamilton Heights annual Pops Festival set for May 11

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights Band Department will proudly present its 21st annual Pops Festival on Saturday, May 11 at the Hamilton Heights High School auditorium, located at 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

This year’s Pops Festival, under the direction of Craig Waltz, will feature more than 290 student performers from the middle and high school bands and offer a selection of classical to contemporary tunes. The dynamic performances of the 17-member High School Amber Guard will

be led by Kerri Young.

Members of the Heights Band Booster Club bring their culinary skills to life by preparing a delicious spaghetti dinner prior to the performance of the Hamilton Heights award winning bands along with specialty dance and flag routines by the talented Amber Guard.

Doors open at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Music begins at 4:30 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$7. Performances are free. All proceeds from the dinner support the band program.



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# Can we get more than 16% to vote this election year?

Primary election day is just over two weeks away. On May 7 voters in Hamilton County's cities and towns will choose Republicans and a few Democrats for their general election ticket. In the last municipal primary four years ago, a puny 16 percent of voters cast ballots.

Will there be greater participation this year? Maybe a little, but probably not a lot. Spirited contests for mayor in Noblesville and Carmel should increase turnout, but certainly the vote will be far less than it should be for an important local election.

You have to wonder why it is that so few people want a voice in selecting their future officials. Win-



FRED SWIFT  
The County Line

ners in a Republican primary are almost certain to be elected in November, especially if the Democrats fail to find candidates for their tickets.

Apathy is the biggest reason for many folks not voting. Secondly, there is the failure to understand the importance of a primary where only the winners qualify for the general election. It seems that this simple fact would be widely understood, but apparently not.

Conventional wisdom holds that a light vote favors an incumbent in any election. But, this year there is no incumbent for mayor in Noblesville. So, likely the winner will be the candidate with the best name recognition. Three of the four hope-

fuls have pretty good name ID; at least among longtime residents.

Chris Jensen has been essentially running for a year or more, and has gotten his name out well. Julia Church Kozicki, widely known for her work with the schools, is the only woman in the field with three men which should help, and Mike Corbett is probably in good shape with the historic preservationists as well as having a history of running previously for the city's top job.

This writer thinks it's a three-way tossup and will be decided entirely of which candidate gets his or her voters to the polls. So, this should mean a big vote. Don't count on that.

In Carmel, incumbent Jim Brainard with almost universal name recognition and plenty of campaign

funds should be the odds-on favorite. But, it's beginning to look like it could be the closest race in his 24 years as mayor.

Challenger Fred Glynn appears to be running well with folks who feel it's time for a change in City Hall. And, oddly enough in this race, a low voter turnout might favor Glynn because there is a segment of the community that has regularly opposed Brainard, largely because of public spending.

So, as in almost any election it depends on who gets their votes out. In that regard, we find more efforts to inform voters about the election, and make it easier vote. Early voting, currently in progress, will be extended to remote voting centers in Fishers, Carmel and Westfield beginning April 24.

*Editor's Note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.*



BAYLEE MURRAY  
Sheridan High School Student

thing in the crime scene. Accident reconstruction gives the detective and other police officers a clearer picture of the accident that occurred.

All of the techniques a criminalist uses aid in solving the case, but criminalists need the other areas of forensic science to help solve the case.

Engineering and applied science is an area of forensic science that is often overlooked. Forensic engineers are overlooked because most TV shows don't show this side of the process. Engineering and applied science mainly looks at car accidents, product failures and environmental contamination. Car accidents and product failures go hand in hand at times. Forensic engineers look at environmental contamination because the innocent people living in an area may need to be moved out based on the environment. Forensic engineers will go to court in lawsuits to show that there was a product failure or a harmful chemical that caused something. Forensic engineers are the unspoken heroes of the forensic science world.

Lastly, my favorite area of forensic science is psychiatric and behavioral analysis. Forensic psychologists look at the interviews of potential suspects. Forensic psychologists determine if a suspect has a forced confession or is being truthful. They also determine if an inmate or suspect has a mental illness, based on state definitions. Forensic psychologists and psychiatrists have been looking recently at serial killers and their way of thinking. The most recently released documentary is *Conversations with a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes*. This series has shed light into the ways Ted Bundy captured his victims. The research was conducted by forensic psychologists. The psychologists watched and listened to the way he talked and conducted his behavior. The way people conduct their behavior is the biggest tell of what they're thinking. Forensic psychologists are some of the most important forensic scientists because they help the detectives arrest suspects.

In conclusion, forensic science has helped solve several cases from homicides to product failures. Each area of forensic has a specific area of crimes they investigate. All of the areas of forensic science are very different but come together to solve crimes. As I continue to research each area of forensic science, I become more and more interested in the behavioral analysis side.

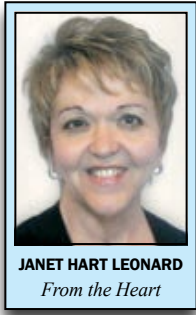
## Spring cleaning leads to words of wisdom

As I picked up my well-worn Bible, several pages fell out. I was supposed to be spring cleaning but I got sidetracked.

I had tucked away this Bible on a lower shelf beside my bed after the pages began to pull away from the binder. I got a new one but this one will always be special because it has my thoughts written down from when life had been its most challenging.

That Bible and the many notes I had written reminded me that my story hasn't been an easy one to live, let alone to tell. Each week I share my thoughts and my heart with those who take the time to read what I have to say.

At times it does scare me to put my life out there. I just keep telling myself,



JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Heart

“What if I can make a difference in the life of just one person?”

It seems each chapter and season of my life has led me to different favorite scriptures. I always say that my favorite scripture is somewhere between Genesis and Revelation.

When I have been overwhelmed I go straight to the Psalms. Oh, how sweet are the words in Psalms 34: “Oh the joys of those who trust in Him.” “Those who look to Him will be radiant with joy.”

When God plants a promise deep in your heart you just have to trust in His ways as well as His timing.

Do I trust God or fear the future? Either way I will endure and most likely survive, come what may.

I have suffered through the consequences of the actions of others. I've been told I am not enough. I've been made to feel less than. Yet, God has redeemed every heartache and tear. I have survived so much, by the grace of God.

You see, I know the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God. My life is evidence of it.

I wrote this thought and tucked it in my Bible: “Ordinary people who faithfully, diligently and consistently do simple things that are right before God will bring forth extraordinary results.” I wish I knew who said that. It's a great thought to remember and to live by.

Extraordinary is simply the ordinary that never gives up and always does the extra that is needed.

Hebrews 10 tells us to never lose our confidence

in our Lord, no matter what happens. Once we see the hand of God in our life... we are never the same.

Habakkuk tells us not only to wait but to wait patiently. Ugh. Not an easy thing for me to do.

I read Habakkuk 1:5 while sitting at Potter's Bridge on a Sunday in June of 2004. It says, “For I am going to do something you wouldn't believe if someone told you about it.” I was praying about a career change. A few days later I began selling cars at Don Hinds Ford.

Fifteen years later I find myself married to this wonderful man who I met in the waiting room. God had a plan.

Well, I have not made much progress in my spring cleaning but I am enjoying spending a little time with Habakkuk.

I like what he has to say.

## State lawmakers will soon decide COIT distribution issue in conference committee

By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness has been keeping a close eye on House Bill 1427 in the General Assembly, supported by local State Representative Todd Huston, which would deal with “abnormalities” in the state distribution formula for distributing County Option Income Tax (COIT) among cities within a county. Fishers has maintained that Carmel receives far more than its share of COIT funds under the state's current formula.

HR 1427, backed by Representative Huston, has

language dealing with a more than 5 percent discrepancy among cities within a county and would phase in changes to equalize the distribution based on the population of cities.

“So if I represent 30 percent of the population, but I'm receiving 50 percent of the income tax revenue, that's obviously more than a 5 percent spread. If that would occur, that would freeze that (city) at current levels and let everyone else catch up over time as new revenue came in,” accord-



Huston



Fadness

ing to Fadness. HR 1427 passed the House, but underwent major changes when the Senate passed the legislation, according to Fadness. Senator Victoria Spartz of Noblesville was behind the changes. Fadness described the Senate changes to the bill as “not an ideal scenario

for us (the City of Fishers).” The bill will now have the final version written in a House-Senate conference committee.

Fadness told council members that if this is not rectified by state lawmakers, Carmel is \$21 million ahead of Fishers this year and it will only get worse in future budget cycles.

Fadness argues that the \$21 million difference is enough to fund the entire Fishers Fire Department and a good portion of the city's police force.

The Indiana General Assembly will wrap up its work within the next two weeks.

## Noblesville breaks ground on Midland Trace Trail Phase III

The REPORTER

Noblesville officials have broken ground on the third phase of the Midland Trace Trail, a 12-foot wide multi-use path that will connect Willowview Road east to Hague Road. Construction of the 0.9-mile section will be completed this summer.

The Midland Trace Trail runs along the abandoned “Midland” Central Indiana Railway corridor (approximately 0.2 mile south of State Road 32). Phase I extended Westfield's portion of the Midland Trace across Gray Road to Hazel Dell Road in 2017. This portion of the Midland Trace Trail also provided a connection with the Little Chicago Road Trail and included a trailhead on Hazel Dell Road with restrooms, water fountain, parking lot, benches, a bike repair



Photo provided

(From left) Noblesville Common Councilors Greg O'Connor, Chris Jensen and Rick Taylor, Mayor John Ditslear, Councilors Brian Ayer and Megan Wiles, and Assistant City Engineer Jim Hellmann break ground on the third phase of the Midland Trace Trail, which will be completed this summer.

and air station and Zagster Bike Share.

Last year, Phase II extended the trail east to Willowview Road. Future plans included a fourth phase that will connect with the potential Pleasant Street extension from Hague Road

to cross Cicero Creek and the White River and beyond State Road 37.

Phase III also accomplishes one of the goals of the Noblesville NOW Capital Improvement Plan to improve pedestrian infrastructure. Midland Trace

is the second major trail project the city has begun in 2019. Levee Trail broke ground last week and Riverwalk Phase IV will start later this month. Noblesville will surpass 100 total miles of trails in the city this year.

### Public Notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

- 1904-ODP-07 & 1904-SPP-07; Wheeler Landing, Section 1; Southwest corner of Wheeler Road and 181st Street; Westfield Washington Schools and YMCA of Greater Indianapolis by Kimley-Horn & Associates, LLC requests Overall Development Plan and Primary Plat review of 3 lots on 36 acres +/- in the Wheeler Landing PUD District.
  - 1904-PUD-08; Urban Vines PUD; 303 East 161st Street; Urban Vines, LLC requests a change in zoning of 5 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture / Single-Family Rural District to the Urban Vines PUD District to accommodate an existing Agritourism Use.
  - 1905-PUD-09; Chatham Hills PUD Amendment VI; East and adjacent to Horton Road, south and adjacent to 199th Street; Henke Development Group, LLC by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC requests a change in zoning of 153.2 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture / Single-Family Rural District to the Chatham Hills PUD District.
  - 1905-PUD-10; Westfield Center PUD; 701 E. Main Street; WestCreek Partners LLC by SEA Group LLC requests a change in zoning of 10.367 acres +/- from the LB: Local and Neighborhood Business District to the Westfield Center PUD District.
  - 1905-PUD-11; Austrian Pine PUD; SE Corner of State Road 32 and Austrian Pine Way; Westfield Properties, LLC by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC requests a change in zoning of approximately 12.53 acres +/- from the EI: Enclosed Industrial District to the Austrian Pine PUD District.
  - 1905-ZOA-01; Unified Development Ordinance Amendment; The City of Westfield requests approval of an ordinance to amend various provisions of the Westfield-Washington Township Unified Development Ordinance.
- Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Economic and Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.
- Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Economic and Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
- Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission  
Westfield Economic and Community Development Department  
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074  
[www.westfield.in.gov](http://www.westfield.in.gov)





Track and field

# Millers place second, Westfield fourth at NHS Girls Invitational

The Noblesville girls track and field team hosted its annual invitational last Wednesday.

Homestead won the team championship by scoring 147 points. The Millers were a strong second with 106 points. Lawrence Central placed third (99) and Westfield was fourth (62.5).

Shelby Tyler claimed two first-place finishes for Noblesville. Tyler won the high jump by clearing 5 feet, 10 inches, and soared to a championship in the pole vault, with a winning effort of 11-6.

Tyler was part of the runner-up 4x100 relay team, along with DeLaney Boles, Lindsay Wormuth and Kianna Siefert. Aubrie Deal took second in the 1600, as did Anna Hazelrigg in the 800 run.

"We did really well," said Millers coach Dennis Scheeler. "The most exciting thing is just a really nice evening and a great meet. Lots of compliments, so the meet went off really well. Competition was really nice. Congratulations to Homestead, they did a great job."

"We had some really nice performances. Anna Kiser did a really nice job, 35-8 in



LEFT: Noblesville's Shelby Tyler (center) leans in at the finish of the 4x100 relay during the Noblesville Girls Invitational last Wednesday. Tyler won two events for the Millers, the high jump and the pole vault.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

RIGHT: Westfield's Sarah Coates (left) and ChristyAnn Delahunty race in the 1600 run. Delahunty finished fourth and Coates placed sixth.

the shot, that's a season best, right at her best. Aubrie Deal in the mile looked pretty solid. Coming off our spring break, two weeks, the girls looked pretty good."

Westfield's top finishers were the third-place 4x800 relay team of Ashley Baldwin, Macey Coots, Alyssa Schleper and Julia Clark.

ChristyAnn Delahunty placed fourth in the 1600 run, as did Hannah Fife in

the 200 dash, Sophia Brown in the 800 run, Clark in the 3200 run and the 4x100 team of Haley Boehm, Jayden Hammes, Alison Bullock and Ava Martin.

A list of top 8 finishers in each event now follows.

**4x800 relay:** 3. Westfield (Ashley Baldwin, Macey Coots, Alyssa Schleper, Julia Clark) 10:26.27, 5. Noblesville (Gracie Miller, Mya McGavic, Taylor Gossard, Ashley Newcome) 10:46.20.

**100 hurdles:** 7. Lindsey Wormuth (N) 17.77, 8. Marissa Schneider (N) 18.13.

**100 dash:** 6. Kianna Siefert (N) 13.68, 7. Alison Bullock (W) 13.90.

**1600 run:** 2. Aubrie Deal (N) 5:26.18, 4. ChristyAnn Delahunty (W) 5:29.69, 5. Madison King (N) 5:32.34, 6. Sarah Coates (W) 5:43.86.

**4x100 relay:** 2. Noblesville (Boles, Shelby Tyler, Lindsay Wormuth, Siefert) 52.00, 4. Westfield (Boehm, Jayden Hammes, Alison Bullock, Martin) 52.03.

**400 dash:** 3. Maria Anderson

(N) 58.55, 5. Hannah Fife (W) 1:01.05, 12. Grace Brisco (N) 1:04.66.

**300 hurdles:** 6. Boehm (W) 50.10, 8. Lauren Sandys (N) 51.12.

**800 run:** 2. Anna Hazelrigg (N) 2:22.31, 3. Bella Sharples-Gordon (N) 2:23.52, 4. Sophia Brown (W) 2:27.19, 8. Deal (N) 2:33.31.

**200 dash:** 4. Fife (W) 26.85, 7. Anderson (N) 27.65, 8. Bullock (W) 27.83.

**3200 run:** 3. Aubrey Swart (N) 12:10.75, 4. Clark (W) 12:25.30, 6. Sophie Stahl (N) 12:53.83.

**4x400 relay:** 3. Noblesville

(Anderson, Hazelrigg, Sharples-Gordon, Boles) 4:10.66, 4. Westfield (Boehm, Sarah Coates, Bullock, Fife) 4:19.70.

**High jump:** 1. Tyler (N) 5-10, 5. Siefert (N) 5-0, T6. Lili Wilhelm (N) 4-10.

**Long jump:** 6. Madeline Ferreri (W) 15-3.5, 7. Sydney Black (W) 15-2.25.

**Shot put:** 4. Anna Kiser (N) 35-6, 6. Devyn Palmer (N) 33-2.25, 8. Zoe Pentecost (W) 33-0.

**Discus:** 5. Pentecost (W) 109-5, 8. McEvoy (W) 103-9.

**Pole vault:** 1. Tyler (N) 11-6, 3. Erika Kneiper (N) 10-0, 4. Parker Davis (N) 9-6.

Softball

# Sheridan beats University in all-county game

Sheridan finished strong in an all-county softball game last Wednesday, beating University 10-1 at RoundTripper Academy.

The Blackhawks scored their first run in the top of the second inning, when Addyson Ream got home on a passed ball. In the third inning, Riley Reed hit a sacrifice bunt to score Allie Delph.

The Trailblazers scored their run in the bottom of the third, with Sophia Hwang getting home on a passed ball. Sheridan added a run in the top of the fourth, when Breanna Bouse singled in Caitlin Neese.

The 'Hawks began to take control in the fifth inning, scoring two runs. Katy Crail led off with a home run, then Neese singled in Ream. Sheridan then poured in four runs in the sixth inning: Crail batted in Emma Went, Reed's center field single scored Crail, Jayden Warren tripled in Reed, and Ream brought home Jayden Warren with a center field hit.

The Blackhawks added one more run in the seventh inning, when Bouse singled in Mia Brooks. Ream finished the game 3-for-3, while Crail, Shelby Hammack, Neese, Bouse and Went all had two hits. Bouse went three innings for the pitching win, Ream relieved her in the fourth and struck out seven.

"We're getting better every single day," said Sheridan coach Andi Malcolm. "We've got a very young team, and so we're going to continue to grind and work hard every single day to get better and better, and that's all I can ask for them."

On Tuesday, University cruised to a 16-1, five-inning win at Anderson Prep Academy.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

University's Grace Brenner (16) and Sophia Hwang (13) prepare to make a play during the Trailblazers' game last Wednesday with Sheridan.

The Trailblazers scored in each inning, including nine runs in the top of the fourth. Haley Tomlinson hit a triple, while Tatiana Dunipace was 2-for-2, including a double. Kendra Stevens pitched a complete game, striking out eight and allowing two hits.

Sheridan lost a Hoosier Heartland Conference game to Rossville 4-2 on Tuesday.

The Hornets led 2-0 after four innings. The Blackhawks tied the game in the top of the fifth when Jayden Warren hit



Sheridan's Emma Went prepares to cross home plate during the sixth inning.

a two-RBI single to score Shelby Hammack and Katy Crail. But Rossville took the lead back with two runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Bouse started the game in the circle, tossing four strikeouts. Ream struck out six in relief.

## Tigers get dramatically different wins

Fishers picked up two wins in dramatically different ways last week.

On Monday, Fishers overwhelmed Lawrence North 21-6 in five innings. The Tigers were unstoppable at the plate, hitting four home runs as a team. Hannah Mays homered twice, with Courtney James and Olivia Latimer each smacking one home run.

Fishers also pounded out nine doubles, including two each from James, Kaylee Kardash and Olivia Latimer. Jisele Ebanks pitched three innings for the win.

On Tuesday, the Tigers held off a comeback by Westfield to win 7-6 an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Fishers scored six runs in the second inning. Caroline Bernhardt singled in Abbey Schmidt, then Mara Lorkowski drew a bases-loaded walk to send Olivia Latimer home. Courtney James had



Zoe Klink Westfield



Hannah Mays Fishers

a two-RBI hit to send Bernhardt and Kaylee Kardash home, then Hannah Mays popped a two-RBI single into center field to score Lorkowski and James.

The Shamrocks got on the board in the third inning when Avery Parker singled in Reghan Oland. Mays hit a fourth-inning single to score Brooke Benson.

Westfield began to rally in earnest in the fifth inning, scoring three runs. Parker doubled Caroline Maymon home, then Savannah Arvin's center field hit scored Parker. Natalie Deck was next, and she doubled in Arvin. Zoe Klink cut Fishers' lead to one run in the sixth inning with a two-run homer, also scoring Lexi Martin. But that would be as close as the Shamrocks would get.

Mays, Jade Frye and Bernhardt all had two hits, with Kardash hitting a double. Mays pitched the complete game for the win. Parker and Deck each had two hits.

## Solid victories for Royals

Hamilton Southeastern got two solid wins this week.

Last week, the Royals beat Eastern Hancock on the road 11-4. Southeastern was in control early with six runs in the first inning. Jordan Rager hit a two-RBI single to score Abby Taylor and Ava Aguilar, Kaelin Wincek singled home Rager and Nicole Lang, Lillian Leiner stole home and Ella Lewis' single brought home Wincek.

Leiner hit a single to score Rager in the second inning. The Royals added three more runs in the fourth, when Libby Ratliff singled in Leiner and Wincek, then Lewis batted in when Kennedy Morgan hit a seventh-inning double to score Abby

Seifferlein.

Leiner finished the game 3-for-3 at the plate. Chelsea Ransom pitched four innings for the win. Isabella Butts relieved her for the other three innings, striking out five.

On Tuesday, the Royals returned to their home field and beat Avon 5-0 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Lang got Southeastern on the board with a two-run home run in the first inning, also scoring Aguilar. Taylor singled Morgan home in the second inning, and hit another RBI single in the fourth inning to score Ratliff. Aguilar batted Lewis in for HSE's fifth run.

Taylor was 3-for-4 at the plate, while Lewis hit a double. Olivia Bucher pitched a complete game for the win.

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## Millers beat Harrison, fall to Flashes

Noblesville split a pair of games last week.

The Millers beat Harrison 6-5 in a Monday away game. Ella White took the very first pitch of the game out of the park, hitting a home run into left field.

Abby Brown batted in Chloe Tragesser in the third inning. The Raiders kept with the Millers for most of the game, leading 4-2 after six innings. But Noblesville pulled away in the seventh: Maddie Taylor singled in Emily Minett and Rylie Moore, then White smacked her second homer of the game, also scoring Shea Sterrett.



Furiak

White finished the game 3-for-4 at the plate, while Tragesser and Moore both had two hits.

On Tuesday, Noblesville lost a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Franklin Central 9-8.

The Millers started the game with four runs in the first inning. Tragesser doubled in White, then scored on an error. Moore batted in Alyssa Solomon on a fielder's choice, and Taylor hit a sacrifice fly to get Moore home.

Julia Furiak hit a two-run home run (scoring Tragesser) in the third inning to put Noblesville up 6-2. But the Flashes took control after that, taking a 9-2 lead into the seventh inning. Minett hit a two-run homer, also scoring Solomon, but the Millers would get no closer.

Tragesser went 3-for-4 at the plate for Noblesville.

## Baseball

# Shamrocks pick up wins over two county rivals

Westfield took control in the second inning to win an all-county baseball game 6-5 at Carmel's Hartman Field last Monday.

The Shamrocks scored one run in the top of the first inning. Trey Anderson hit a double to get on base, and Bryce Dorton hit his own double to send Anderson home. The Greyhounds responded with two runs in the bottom of the inning; Jackson Adams hit a left field single to send Christian Williams and Logan Urbanowski in to score.

But Westfield grabbed the lead right back with five runs in the second inning. Luke Hutson singled in Kyle Pepiot and Eli Patchett to put the 'Rocks back up front. Later, Dorton hit his second double of the game, scoring Hutson and Anderson. Tyler Smitherman followed that up with a double to send Dorton home.

Carmel continued to battle, scoring a run in the fourth inning. Alex Brooks scored on Drew Olssen's RBI groundout. The Greyhounds added two more runs in the sixth inning. Adams led off with a double, then Brooks sent a double into left field to send Adams home. Brooks scored later in the inning on a fielder's choice from Olssen.

The Shamrocks finished the game with Parker Bard throwing three straight strikeouts. Bard is credited with the save. Smitherman got the win, tossing five strikeouts in four innings. Josh Stegner relieved him for two innings, before Bard came in.

"Tyler Smitherman gave us a solid outing today, definitely one to build on," said Westfield coach Ryan Bunnell. "He has a lot of room for growth but he showed us what he can do and, more importantly, what we need



**Kaid Muth**  
Fishers

him to do. Stegner gave us solid relief again to bridge to Bard, who I thought gave us a great inning when we needed it. Probably his best 'stuff' so far this year. Bryce Dorton had big hits for us tonight, we have been producing offensively."

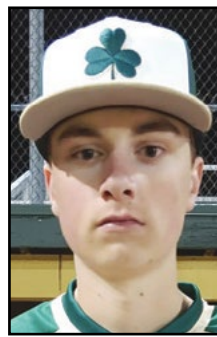
Anderson and Dorton both had two hits, while Zach Collins hit a fifth-inning double. Adams and Brooks finished the game with two hits each.

Last Tuesday, Carmel beat Pike 17-0 in a nine-inning Metropolitan Conference game. The Greyhounds scored six runs in the first and fourth innings.

Six different Greyhounds had two hits each: Olssen, Brayden Lentz, Adams, Dryden Schroeder, Brooks and Williams. Schroeder totaled four RBIs for the night. Brooks, Schroeder, Williams and Cody Li all hit doubles. Olssen pitched a complete game, striking out 11 and allowing only one hit.

Fishers scored two runs in the sixth inning, and that was enough to send the Tigers to a 3-2 Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory over Westfield last Wednesday at the Tigers' field.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning. The Shamrocks' Tyler Smitherman singled in Parker Bard in the top of the first. Fishers answered immediately, as Nick Lukac hit a lead-off home run in the bottom



**Tyler Smitherman**  
Westfield



**Jackson Adams**  
Carmel

In the fifth inning, the Fishers bats came back to life. With one out, Charlie Walker and Nick Lukac worked back-to-back walks. Colin Shelton scored Walker with an RBI double to left field. JJ Woolwine followed with a walk to load the bases.

Kiel Brenzewski delivered a two-strike, two-run single past a diving shortstop to make the score 9-3. Kaid Muth was hit by a pitch to load the bases again. After the second out in the inning, Dominic Oliverio and Grant Whetsel worked back-to-back RBI walks to draw the Tigers within four runs. With the bases still loaded, JP Preston connected on a pinch-hit two-run double past a diving first baseman. Lukac followed on the next pitch with a two-run double to tie the game at 9-9.

The Marauders answered right back in the bottom of the fifth scoring four runs to take the lead 13-9. "However, the Tigers continued to show the fight they have displayed all season," said Tigers coach Matt Cherry.

Woolwine led off the sixth inning with a double. One out later, Muth drove a deep ball over the centerfielder's head for an RBI triple. Daniel Owens kept the inning going with an RBI single to score Muth and make the score 13-11, but the Tigers hopes ended there as they were unable to score any more runs in the final inning.

Drew Loudon started on the mound for the Fishers and gave up five earned runs on eight hits in four innings. Loudon struck out three. Mason Sweeney (1-1) suffered the loss in relief. Sweeney threw two innings and allowed four earned runs on four hits.

## Heights gets conference sweep of Tipton

Slow and steady won the race for Hamilton Heights last Tuesday.

The Huskies got down very early to backyard rival Tipton, but kept chipping away at the Blue Devils' lead throughout the game. That eventually led Heights to a 7-5 win in a Hoosier Conference game.

The Huskies scored their first run in the top of the first inning, when Sam Fulton doubled in Brody Piel. But Tipton poured in four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Heights scored one run in each of the first four innings. Sam Allen batted in Andrew VanOeveren in the second, Fulton scored after Alex Hewitt reached by error in the third, and Lucas Letsinger batted in Allen in the fourth inning to tie the game.

The Blue Devils scored in the bottom of the fourth to lead 5-4. The Huskies tied the game in the sixth when Luke Stohler doubled in Fulton. Heights finally got in

front for good in the seventh inning: Allen scored on a wild pitch, and Erik Malott singled home Luke Thesier.

Allen finished the game 2-for-3 at the plate. Letsinger got the win in relief, pitching the final three innings. Dylan Zachary threw the first four innings, striking out five.

"Defensively we were off a little but good teams find a way to get wins when they aren't at their best," said Heights coach JR Moffatt. "I was happy for Lucas Letsinger to be able to come in and throw three shutout innings to get his first varsity win. He did a great job there and had a key RBI hit as well."

Last Wednesday, Heights got ahead early, and that propelled the Huskies to an 11-1, six-inning Hoosier Conference win over Tipton at home.

Heights scored three runs in the first inning and five more in the second. The Huskies finished the game in the sixth inning with back-to-back doubles: Piel sent one into center field to score Allen, then Nate Hulen followed that with another double, getting Harrison Hochstedler and Piel home and finishing the game on the 10-run rule.

## HSE's Sydney Parrish commits to Oregon

Hamilton Southeastern basketball star Sydney Parrish announced last Monday that she has committed to play for the University of Oregon.

Parrish, a junior for the Royals, has been a heavily recruited player since her freshman year and had been looking at several high-profile schools. Parrish was the driving force behind Southeastern winning the Class 4A state championship this season, scoring 30 points in the title game.

Oregon has been steadily raising its profile as a women's basketball school over the past few years. The Ducks made history this month by making it to the Final Four for the first time ever, being stopped by eventual national champion Baylor in the semi-finals. Oregon reached the Elite Eight the two previous seasons.



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## Millers get two easy wins, stay perfect in HCC play

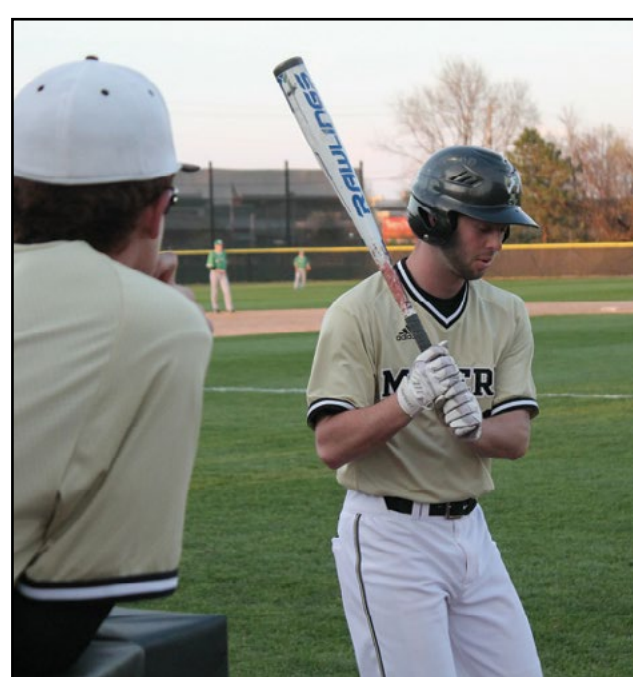
The Noblesville baseball team picked up two easy wins last week.

On Tuesday, the Millers got an easy 11-2 win over New Castle Tuesday at Don Dunker Field. Noblesville scored three runs in the first inning. Cade Nelis sent a home run over the center field fence, also scoring Cole Barnes and Matt Peek. Noblesville added four runs in the third inning, with Cooper Miles getting home on a wild pitch, then Nelis doubled in DJ Owens. Brady Walden was next, and he hit a two-run homer to left field.

Camden Nagel scored in the fourth inning after Peek drew a bases-loaded walk. In the fifth inning, Zach Gruver tripled home Walden, then later stole home plate. Miles batted in Nagel to complete the scoring.

Walden and Gruver were both 3-for-4 at the plate, with Miles and Nelis each getting two hits. Nelis totaled four RBIs. Jared Crandall pitched four innings for the win, tossing five strikeouts.

"Cade Nelis had a good day at the plate," said Millers coach Justin Keever. "ZachGruver and some other guys, good at bats. Brady Walden had a good day at the plate. I think our challenge is we need to play at a level all the time and not



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville's Matt Peek prepares for his at-bat during the Millers' win over New Castle last Tuesday.

chase the scoreboard and just play the way we train to play."

Noblesville overwhelmed Franklin Central 13-2 in a six-inning Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Wednesday at Don Dunker Field.

The Millers scored at least two runs in five of the six innings. Miles cracked two home runs; the first was a three-run homer in the second inning, then a two-run homer in the fifth inning.

Appropriately, the game ended with another home run. That one was by Walden, and his two-run homer over center field got the Millers over the 10-run margin in the sixth inning. Both Miles and Walden finished the game 3-for-4. Walden also hit a double.

Nagel pitched all six innings, tossing five strikeouts.

Noblesville is still unbeaten in HCC play at 5-0 and is 8-6 overall.

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