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# Heights IMPACT awards celebrates student success

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program celebrated the success of 15 amazing students at the third annual IMPACT Awards Dinner last week at Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta.

The event drew in approximately 200 students, their families, Hamilton Heights School Corporation personnel, local legislators and dignitaries from the greater Hamilton County area and beyond for this special celebration of accomplishment.

The program recognizes one student per grade (grades K through 12) who successfully maneuvered through a challenge in their life. Students can be nominated by a teacher, guidance counselor, administrator or any staff member that feels a student is deserving of the award.

2019 Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program IMPACT Award recipients:

- Kindergarten: Knox Pharis, presented by Carla Wiles
- 1st grade: Faith Lehman, presented by Denise Wisley
- 2nd grade: Fletcher Beeson, presented by Denise Wisley
- 3rd grade: Zayra Pena Rosales, presented by Lori Watson
- 4th grade: Kaelon Richardson, presented by Andria Cherry



Photo provided by Amanda Hill

The 2019 Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program IMPACT Award recipients included (front row, from left) Knox Pharis and Faith Lehman; (second row, from left) Kaelon Richardson, McKenna Stewart, Avianna Stewart, Drake Stewart, Fletcher Beeson and Jude Bogenschutz; and (back row, from left) Donald Games, Grace Miller, Tquan Spencer, Chloe Chris and Andrew Miessen. Not pictured: Eli Scott and Zayra Pena Rosales.

- 5th grade: Avianna , Drake and McKenna Stewart, presented by Heather Greider and Meghan Trees
- 6th grade: Jude Bogenschutz, presented by Kent Provence
- 7th grade: Tquan Spencer, presented by Jeff Beechler
- 8th grade: Andrew Miessen, presented by Kari Beery
- 9th grade: Eli Scott, presented by Elisa Garcia
- 11th grade: Chloe Chris, presented by Jane Shields
- 12th grade: Grace Miller, presented by Stephanie McQuinn and Janet Knott
- Artwork Recognition: Donald Games, presented by Erin Goodman

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Fishers High School student Madison Butler was named the winner at the state Daughters of the American Revolution conference in Indianapolis.

# DAR Good Citizen wins state award

**The REPORTER**

Madison Butler, Fishers High School student, is the winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution Horseshoe Prairie Chapter's Good Citizen Award, and was recently named winner of the State DAR competition on May 19 at the INDAR conference in Indianapolis.

The title of the essay that students were asked to address was "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It" and the focus question was

"What new challenges will America face as we move forward into the future?"

"I am deeply grateful to have received the DAR Good Citizen Award for Indiana," said Butler. "The banquet was a wonderful opportunity to meet incredible young people from across Indiana, and I am very humbled to be considered among them. Thank you to the DAR for this investment in my future."

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Mayor Andy Cook, along with several representatives from the City of Westfield and staff from the Hamilton County Tourism, powered up the new interactive kiosk located at the Monon Trailhead near East Greyhound Pass.

# Westfield powers up Monon Trail interactive kiosk

**The REPORTER**

On Tuesday, the City of Westfield and Hamilton County Tourism "powered up" the new interactive kiosk at the Monon Trailhead located at East Greyhound Pass and the Monon Trail. The installment is the first of its kind in Hamilton County and has several

safety and recreation features for trail users. "Today we are celebrating another Westfield first," said Mayor Andy Cook. "I am proud of the hard work and innovation that went into making this project a reality for our residents and visitors. The kiosk will add an element of safety and information accessibility to anyone using the Monon in Westfield." The kiosk was a group effort designed over the course of two years by City of Westfield staff. The project team wanted the installation to have broad functionality. It includes safety features such as surveillance and emergency dispatch capability, a function to report maintenance and service requests, a guided search for local amenities and a photo booth. "This project is an example of Westfield's commitment to being a

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Reporter file photo

# Social media exchange escalates to school threat

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville Schools announced Tuesday that an anonymous threat against Noblesville West Middle School was posted on social media.

According to school officials, an online social media exchange about the May 25, 2018 shooting at Noblesville West Middle School escalated over the past weekend. The threat stated, "Tuesday as the date for something to happen."

Noblesville Schools did keep West Middle school in session Tuesday with increased security. In addition all events at the school will proceed as planned with an increased police presence and counselors available to

students and staff.

Students that chose to stay home will be excused. West Middle School Principal Stacey Swan reported a lower than expected attendance rate. According to a statement issued by Noblesville Schools, if your student is going to be absent, please be sure to call the West attendance line at (317) 776-7799. Finals will be made up on an individual basis.

School officials also asked that large bags, including backpacks, be left at home during the West school day and for all West events for the rest of the week. The school will provide clear plastic bags for West students to take home items from lockers.

# Noblesville Parks partners with Indiana Pride Academy for open gym hours, referee class

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville Parks and Recreation has announced a new partnership with athletic organization, Indiana Pride Academy, to bring new recreational programs to Central Indiana's youth. From this collaboration, new drop-in gym hours and a basketball refereeing class will be available at the Ivy Tech Recreation Annex, 300 N. 17th St. Enter through Gate 18 near the football stadium.

Indiana Pride Academy is an up-and-coming nonprofit that aims to make basketball accessible to Indianapolis-area families at any income level. It is founded on the concept of P.R.I.D.E.: Principles, Respect, Intelligence, Determination and Effort. Together, Noblesville Parks and Pride Academy hope to give back to the community by teaching youth to accomplish their goals successfully and provide a place to be active and enjoy a local, safe

place to play basketball with other area youth who may not have that opportunity readily available.

"Watching these children develop life lessons of respect and determination while playing the sport they love has really increased the quality and expectations of Noblesville Park programming," said recreation director Nichole Haberlin-Medaris. "I am so proud to be in a partnership that builds on our youths' character

that will one day form strong leaders."

Beginning June 4, open basketball gym hours at the Recreation Annex will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays for ages 13 to 17 and on Wednesdays for ages 8 to 12 (open gym will not be held on July 9 and 10). The cost is \$7 per visit or a punch card can be purchased for \$50 for eight visits. Patrons are asked to please bring

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demonstrated success. “The outcome of the night was that I was personally inspired by these students,” Arrowood said. “They make me want to be a better person because of what they have overcome.”

“This evening is truly all about the students and their success,” said Mary Ann Haymaker, Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Early Intervention Advocate, who spearheads the event. “It’s about celebrating the hard work, resilience and effort demon-

strated by these students to rise above a difficult issue that may otherwise have negatively impacted their life.”

“I think as a nation we fall into the trap believing and sending the message that our leaders can only be adults who come from the areas of politics, athletics or the entertainment industry,” said Jeff Beechler, Hamilton Heights Middle School social studies teacher, who was the presenter of the seventh grade award. “And that’s just totally false. These awards were all about leaders who are young, have faced adversity and inspired those around them. That’s the reality and the message our country needs to hear and be teaching our kids. Quality leaders don’t change the world for the better because of their age, power or entertainment value. Real leaders inspire those around them to be better

versions of themselves. And those kinds of leaders come in all shapes, sizes, genders, ages, colors and socioeconomic backgrounds.”

“It was a fabulous evening to recognize and celebrate some amazing kids making an impact regardless of the situations they have been given in life,” said Denise Wisley, Hamilton Heights Primary School Special Education teacher and presenter of the first and second grade award recipients.

The memorable evening was made possible, in part, thanks to the generous support of this year’s sponsors: Achieva, Inc., Adler Attorneys, Beck’s, Big Dogs, Bolden’s Dry Cleaners, cch+a Attorneys at Law, Cicero Family Dental, Cicero Kiwanis Club, Cicero Market, Doak Financial, Duke Energy, Edward Jones, Noblesville Elks, The Farmers

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A special thank you to Pastor Adam Colter, the Youth Assistance Program Board and 2019 Youth Assistance IMPACT Committee Members: Perry Williams, Toby Etchison, Jessica Heiser, Michelle Heiser, Beth Henderson, Sydney Loomis, Melissa Martin, Jeremy Hunt, Jeanann Dodson, Dr. Derek Arrowood, Judge Paul Felix, Judge Michael Casati and Tricia Akers.

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program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools that are in good standing with their state’s board of education. United States citizenship is not required.

The student selected as the school’s DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of dependability (which includes truthfulness, loyalty and punctuality); service (which includes cooperation, courtesy and consideration of others); leadership (which includes personality, self-control and ability to assume responsibility); and patriotism (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation) to an

outstanding degree.

There were 13 finalists, with 368 students participating in the scholarship contest and 64 chapters sent their winner packet for state judging. The state judges, as the county judges, were not affiliated with DAR. The contest was based on student dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Personal information accounted for 70 possible points and the written essay counted for 30 possible points.

Horseshoe Prairie Chapter was honored to sponsor Butler in the annual Good Citizen program and will once again make the opportunity available for senior students in the 2019-2020 academic year.

For more information on the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution visit [dar.org](http://dar.org).

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*I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Prevail is strictly confidential, and since their core values include integrity and respect, they provide their services at no charge. Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County. - Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville*

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

- 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)

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# Songbook Academy in Carmel gets \$75K grant

**The REPORTER**

The Central Indiana-based Efroymsen Family Fund has awarded a \$75,000 grant this year to continue its national sponsorship of the annual Songbook Academy® summer intensive, the Great American Songbook Foundation's signature educational program.

Now celebrating its 10th year, the Songbook Academy® is the nation's only music intensive for high school students that is focused on the Great American Songbook, timeless standards from the worlds of pop, jazz, Broadway and Hollywood.

Each year, hundreds of talented teen vocalists from across the country apply for just 40 openings at the weeklong academy, a life-changing opportunity to learn and perform under the guidance of Broadway performers, entertainment industry professionals and

educators from top college arts programs. The week culminates in a final concert in which top participants earn, among other honors, opportunities to perform in the nation's most prestigious venues with the Songbook Foundation's founder, five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein.

"Working with these rising talents and seeing the Songbook Academy grow into a truly national program over the past decade has been one of the most rewarding developments of my career," said Feinstein, who leads the team of professional mentors each year. "We have impacted the lives of so many wonderful young people, and only with the support of the Efroymsen Family Fund – now in its fourth year – could we have reached this important milestone with such strong momentum to keep

moving forward." The 2019 Songbook Academy is scheduled for July 13 to 20 at the Songbook Foundation's headquarters, the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Events open to the public include the July 17 Public Masterclass, the July 18 Songbook Showcase and the July 20 Songbook Academy Finals. Tickets for the finals concert will go on sale June 7 at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).

**About the Great American Songbook Foundation**  
The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy® Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the Great American Songbook – the timeless standards of pop, jazz, Broadway and Hollywood. Headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, the Foundation

advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers and publishers; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy® summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum®. More information is available at [TheSongbook.org](http://TheSongbook.org).

**About the Efroymsen Family Fund**  
The Efroymsen Family Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, continues a long legacy of charitable commitment by the Efroymsen family in central Indiana. The



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Host Michael Feinstein introduces finalist Emily Estep of Fresno, CA, at the 2017 Songbook Academy® summer intensive, the only national program for high school students that focuses on the Great American Songbook.

Efroymsen Family Fund was established in 1998 by Dan and Lori Efroymsen to promote the viability of communities and to date has awarded more than \$100 million in grants in central Indiana and beyond. For more information about the Efroymsen Family Fund, visit [efroymsenfamilyfund.org](http://efroymsenfamilyfund.org).

## City of Fishers now accepting applications for nonprofit support

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

The City of Fishers started a new system a few years ago, determining what support the city will provide to local nonprofit organizations. In each year's budget

cycle, a three-member City Council committee, made up of council members Brad DeReamer, Pete Peterson and Cecilia Coble, review requests for funding and decide how money budgeted for these nonprofits will be handed out.

The committee is now accepting applications from local nonprofit groups for funding in the 2020 city spending plan.

[Click here](#) to review the application guidelines. [Click here](#) to access the actual application form.



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forward-thinking community," said City of Westfield Informatics Project Manager Sam Rivard. "We took this opportunity to think beyond the 'norm.' For example, a huge component of the installation is a means to provide trail surveillance in order to deter crime and access to emergency dispatch at the touch of a button."

Westfield Public Safety and Hamilton County Dispatch have around the clock access to the surveillance system which covers a 200-foot radius of the trail. It is equipped with a phone that connects directly to emergency dispatch providing peace of mind for trail users

who may not carry a mobile device while on the trail. It also provides weather updates including an alert override that enables other features in case of a severe weather emergency.

The city partnered with Hamilton County Tourism to fund the kiosk which will highlight local events, eateries and amenities. According to Google, the Monon Trail is the "most searched" attraction for leisure travelers to Hamilton County, making the kiosk's location prime for visitors looking for things to do in the area.

"Despite mobile technology and the ready

availability of information, studies show people love guided searches," said Hamilton County Tourism President/CEO Brenda Myers. "This partnership provides a sense of safety and, hopefully, sparks interest in all the great things to see and do in Westfield and the area."

In the future, the city plans to install other kiosks along the Westfield Monon Trail, including the trailhead at 161st Street and the new pedestrian bridge at State Road 32. The Monon Trail, established in 1996, runs more than 24 miles from downtown Indianapolis to Sheridan.

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exact change for cash payments. Parents of the players are asked to register and sign a waiver online at [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org) prior to the first open gym visit.

In addition to the open gym sessions, the partnership allows the parks department to offer basketball referee training throughout June. Those who are ages 16 and older and interested in officiating youth, recre-

ation or intramural leagues have the opportunity to learn from 20-year basketball official Ray Beverly. P.R.I.D.E. Basketball Officiating Fundamentals 101 will take place June 4 to 26 on Tuesdays (6 to 8 p.m.) and Wednesdays (8 to 10 p.m.) at the Recreation Annex, Gate 18. Cost for the two-day weekly session is \$160 and registration is open on [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org) through June 3.

"With youth sports growing every year we understand the need to have qualified officials calling the games," said Tyrone Daniels, Pride Academy CEO and licensed IHSAA official. "Once you complete this course you will be confident in your ability to maintain a very high level of professionalism and credibility while officiating a game."

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Hamilton Heights Middle School students enjoy the thrill and challenge of competition on one of the interactive inflatables at this year's Dawg-a-thon.

## Doggone fun at Heights MS annual Dawg-a-thon

### The REPORTER

The seventh annual Dawg-a-thon raised nearly \$13,000 for Hamilton Heights Middle School.

Megan Mathew, head of the PE/Health Department at HHMS, has been spearheading the outdoor fun and fitness event for the past six years. Under her leadership, the event has grown to include inflatables, a wiffle ball tournament, a variety of PE games and activities, and concessions in addition to walking around the track throughout the day.

The daylong event, open

to all students and staff, helps raise money for innovative ideas and needs to benefit students and staff that arise during the year and outside the established budget.

"These funds allow us to say 'yes' to more student activities, learning opportunities, instructional resources and professional development for staff that would otherwise be unavailable," said HHMS Principal Bret Bailey. "We are also able to help support smaller student clubs that have limited budgets. We can ensure that meaningful staff-led initiatives can

become a reality by providing the time, equipment and training necessary to provide rich learning experiences for our students. We are also able to provide fun awards and Husky gear for students and staff throughout the year."

"It's a day everyone can enjoy while helping to raise money to funnel back into the classroom that truly makes a difference," added Mathew, who continues to grow the event in size and scope. "It's something the students look forward to in May as school draws to a close."

## How to prepare for extreme weather before it's too late

### The REPORTER

Indiana storms in the spring and summer can produce potentially damaging weather. Knowing what to do before and after a storm can help protect your family and your property.

The Indiana Department of Insurance offers tips on disaster preparedness, including what to do before and after a storm hits, and how to protect yourself from fraud.

### Understanding extreme weather hazards

Check the weather online or a broadcast outlet every morning to better understand what the day may bring. Unpredictable weather means storms can come on quickly, taking you by surprise. Consider the following:

- Tornadoes can hit anywhere, anytime. Of the 50 states, 49 have experienced a tornado since 2005. Make sure to identify a shelter and practice an annual family tornado drill.

- Lightning is common, even if getting struck is rare. Stay inside during a lightning storm and take precautions such as unplugging your appliances and avoid talking on a phone.

- Flash floods are the cause of the most deaths associated with severe weather. Just one inch of water can cause \$20,000 in damage to your home. If you live in a 100-year floodplain, there's more than a 25 percent chance that you'll be flooded during a 30-year mortgage. In that period, you are 27 times more likely to experience a flood than have a fire. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a car. Don't ever drive or walk into flood waters and never underestimate the power of flowing water.

### Create a home inventory

To make the claims process easier, create a home inventory of your belongings. Include identifying information about your possessions (brand name, price, purchase date, model, serial number and receipts) and take photos. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has created a free smartphone app that will help you create a database of your possessions. The app is available for iPhone and Android. A simple-to-use printable home inventory checklist is also available.

If you don't have time to create a full list of the items in your home, consider videotaping and/or taking photographs in every room. The more detail you include, the easier it will be for your insurer to evaluate your loss. When making your list, open drawers and closets, and don't forget to document what's in your basement, garage and storage buildings.

Once you've created your inventory, send the information to your insurance agent and/or keep it on your app.

### Collect your insurance information

Before a storm hits, review your insurance policies. Make sure you know what is and is not covered. If you have questions, contact your

insurance agent or insurer.

Store electronic copies of your insurance policies with your home inventory and keep paper files in a safety deposit box. Make sure to have a copy of your policy declarations page listing all of your coverages, as well as your insurance cards.

Collect the 24-hour contact information for your insurance agent and insurer and enter it as a contact on your smartphone. Make a list that includes your policy numbers, insurer and insurance agent's phone numbers, website addresses and mailing addresses. Also, check to see if the company or agent has an emergency information hotline. It is a good idea to store this information – and your home inventory – in a waterproof, fireproof box or safe. If you evacuate your home, take this information with you.

Note: Flood damage is generally not covered by a standard homeowners or renter's insurance policy. If you have a separate flood insurance policy, remember to include a copy of the policy and the contact details for the insurer on your list. Flood is a covered event in most auto insurance policies. If you need flood insurance, you'll want to purchase it now because typically there is a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase before the policy goes into effect. For more information about flood insurance, check out [this consumer alert](#) issued by the Indiana Department of Insurance.

### Prepare for the worst

To help lessen the damage caused by a storm, take stock of your home. Clear your yard of debris that could become projectiles in high winds and trim dead or overhanging branches from trees surrounding your home. Ensure the roof sheathing is properly secured. Fasten end gables to the roof. Latch doors and garage doors properly. Secure shutters and outdoor furniture.

For personal safety, identify the nearest storm shelter and have an emergency or evacuation plan for your family. Practice your evacuation plan, making sure everyone knows where emergency supplies are stored. Have a storm survival kit that includes bottled water, a first aid kit, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, at least three days of nonperishable food items, blankets, clothing, prescription drugs, eyeglasses and personal hygiene supplies.

If you must evacuate your home, turn off all utilities and disconnect appliances, reducing the chance of additional damage and electrical shock when utilities are restored.

For more information about how to prepare your family and home for weather threats, visit the [American Red Cross](#).

### After the storm

The days following a natural disaster can be confusing and stressful, but report your insurance claim(s) as quickly as possible to help protect your financial future.

Contact your insurer and/or agent with your policy number and other relevant information. Be aware that your policy might require that you make this notification within a certain time frame.

Document damage by taking photographs/video before you begin any clean-up. After you've documented the damage, make repairs necessary to prevent further harm to your property (cover broken windows, leaking roofs and damaged walls). Don't make permanent repairs until your insurer has inspected the property and you have reached an agreement on the cost. Be prepared to provide the claims adjuster with records of any improvements you made prior to the damage. Save all receipts, including those from temporary fixes.

If your home is damaged to the extent that you cannot live there, ask your insurer or insurance agent if you have coverage for additional living expenses.

Work with your insurer to learn what documents, forms and data you need for your claim. Keep a diary of all conversations you have with the insurer and your insurance agent, including names, times and dates of the calls or visits, and contact details. Provide your insurer with all of the requested information, as incorrect or incomplete information may delay your claim.

If the first offer made by the insurer does not meet your expectations, be prepared to negotiate. If there is a disagreement about the claim, ask the insurer for the specific language in the policy and determine why you and the insurer interpret your policy differently. If you believe you are being treated unfairly, contact the Indiana Department of Insurance.

### Protect yourself from fraud

Home repair fraud is common after a major weather event. Get more than one bid from contractors and request at least three references. Ask for proof of necessary licenses, building permits, insurance and bonding. Record the contractor's license plate number and driver's license number, and then check for any complaints with the [Better Business Bureau](#). Finally, be wary of contractors who demand up-front payment for repairs. Ask for references and verify contractors are legitimate.

### About the Indiana Department of Insurance

The [Indiana Department of Insurance](#) (IDOI) protects Indiana's insurance consumers by monitoring and regulating the financial strengths and market conduct activities of insurance companies and agents. The IDOI monitors insurance companies and agents for compliance with state laws to protect consumers and to offer them the best array of insurance products available. The IDOI also assists Hoosiers with insurance questions and provides guidance in understanding how insurance policies work.

### Closures on Joyce Avenue to begin Monday

Effective on or after Monday, June 3, Joyce Avenue between Strawtown Avenue and 241st Street will be closed for the replacement of Small Structure #33044. The road is scheduled to be closed to all thru traffic for approximately 120 calendar days, tentatively opening back up to traffic on or before Monday, Sept. 30. [Click here](#) for information about the project.



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(From left) Christine Brown, Early Intervention Advocate, WYAP; Maya Raymond, NCL Class of 2021; Isabelle Crum, NCL Class of 2021; Emerson Gayes, NCL Class of 2022; and Ella Wettschurack, NCL Class of 2022.

## National Charity League supports Westfield Youth Assistance Program

### The REPORTER

The Crossroads Chapter of the National Charity League (NCL) recently donated \$150 to the Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) to support the Summer Meals Program. The Summer Meals Program feeds eligible children within the Westfield Washington School District during summer vacation. The NCL donation was made by the Classes of 2020 (\$50) and 2021

(\$100) – high school sophomores and juniors, most who are part of the district.

“It is wonderful to see these amazing young ladies give back so much to their community. Their financial donation allows us to feed one child for the entire summer,” says Christine Brown, Early Intervention Advocate, WYAP.

Enrolled families receive weekly food distribution during June and

July. For some children, their only meals for the day are the breakfast and lunch provided by the schools. This means that during breaks, it is possible they will not eat or their meals will be sporadic. WYAP and its partners are working to ensure no child goes hungry during the summer.

Kim Harvey, president of the NCL Crossroads Chapter, says WYAP and NCL are natural community partners: “We strive

to empower and encourage young women and their mothers to become engaged in their community through their leadership and service. This donation gives our girls a tangible way to see their impact.”

The Summer Meals Program partners include Sodexo, Student Impact, Westfield Washington Schools, Westfield Washington Township and Westfield Youth Assistance Program.

## AG Hill prevails in two cases involving Department of Correction inmates

### The REPORTER

In separate judgments this month, Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill successfully defended the State of Indiana against challenges brought by two Indiana Department of Correction inmates.

On May 10, the Indiana Court of Appeals denied inmate Hubert Williams’ appeal of a LaPorte Circuit Court decision. The circuit court earlier denied Williams’ petition for writ of habeas corpus, in which he argued among other things that the conditions of his parole did not apply since he refused to sign his parole agreement.



Hill

(A writ of habeas corpus is a court order requiring officials to prove that an inmate’s imprisonment is valid.) The Court of Appeals upheld the circuit court’s decision, finding that Williams is bound by the conditions of parole despite his refusal to sign the paperwork.

Also on May 10, a U.S. District Court judge ruled against inmate Edward Nicksich, who brought a lawsuit claiming that state officials provided him deficient medical care for his hepatitis C and end-stage liver disease in violation of the Eighth Amendment. **The judge found that**

Nicksich had no admissible evidence that state officials were aware of, let alone personally involved with, any denial of appropriate medical treatment.

“The State of Indiana takes very seriously the responsibility to follow proper policies with regard to incarcerated individuals,” Hill said. “We’re pleased that in each of these cases the courts affirmed that state officials appropriately fulfilled their obligations.”

### Letter to the Editor

## Shaffer criticizes Carmel for “overreach” on Lucas Estate situation

Dear Editor:

The City Carmel has once again embarrassed itself in public. It announced its intention of seeking a court injunction to prevent the Lucas Estate from violating city ordinances.

Their lawyers say Lucas Estate has never been cited for a violation of any zoning ordinance and that it hasn’t been ordered to stop hosting events. They were not informed of any legal action, have never been for rent, nor have the Lucases ever charged for the use of their facilities in violation of anything.

City Hall either acted out of ignorance, or more likely, sought publicity as an alternative to enforcing its own ordinances.

Just another act of overreach by the gang that can’t shoot straight, but can borrow like a drunken sailor – \$1.4 billion sailor.

**Bill Shaffer**  
Carmel

### Letter to the Editor

## OneZone praises Carmel for action against Lucas Estate

Dear Editor:

American business thrives on competition. Being named the best restaurant in town is meaningless if there’s only one restaurant in town. All businesses ask for is a level playing field, and a chance to compete fairly. When that happens, all businesses’ opportunities can rise.

That’s why we believe the City of Carmel is doing the right thing by demanding that the Lucas Oil estate either obtain the proper zoning to operate an event facility or stop doing so.

The banquet/event space business is big, but it’s also tough, and our members who provide such services continually invest in their businesses to remain competitive. They get permits when they add to their facilities, and they make certain they are zoned properly for their business activities.

If the Lucas Oil property wants to join the competition – great. They’ll be welcome. But they need to abide by the same rules everybody else has to follow to do so, and zoning is one of them. It’s simply bad for business to allow an unlevel playing field to continue.

**Mo Merhoff**  
OneZone President

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The purpose of the public hearing is to consider additional appropriation authority in the Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Fund to fund possible Right-of-Way acquisition along Pleasant Street in anticipation of future road improvements.  
The foregoing appropriations are in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy.  
Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville appearing at the hearing shall have a right to be heard in respect to this additional appropriation.  
Dated this 29th day of May, 2019.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders, And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority? And he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing; and answer me: The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not? But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet. And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was.*

Luke 20:1-7 (KJV)

### Beverly Ann Frederick

November 11, 1946 – May 1, 2019



Beverly Ann Frederick, 72, Sheridan, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at Harbour Manor Health Care in Noblesville. Born November 11, 1946 in Sheridan, she was the daughter of the late John Paul and Florence Elizabeth (Davis) Durbin.

For many years she served as the Activities Chairman, Clubhouse Organizer and member of the Residents Council for Spicewood Garden Apartments in Sheridan. Beverly also served as Director for the Sunflower Pantry in Sheridan and was an active member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church.

Beverly is survived by her three daughters, Shelley (Jeff) Weir, Shona (Thomas) Jones and Shelia (Steve) Thornton; her grandchildren, Tabitha (Gina) Weir, Josh Weir, Steven (Megan) Weir, Eric Scott, Jessica Thornton, Jacob (Kendra) Jones, Kristina Jones and Amber (Thomas) Boltjes; and nine great-grandchildren, Presten, Joselyn, Audrey, Evelyn, Mallory, Braydon, Kaytlynn, Sailor and Adriana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Forrest Eugene Durbin and James Phillip Durbin; her grandson, Travis Thornton; and by her great-granddaughter, Scarlett Grace Weir.

A Celebration of Life will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2019 in the Clubhouse at Spicewood Garden Apartments in Sheridan. Graveside services will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sunflower Pantry, 206 E. 2nd St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

#### Arrangements

**Celebration of Life:** Noon to 3 p.m., June 1  
**Location:** Spicewood Garden Apartments Clubhouse  
**Graveside Service:** 3:30 p.m., June 1  
**Location:** Crown View Cemetery  
**Condolences:** kerchevalfuneralhome.com

### Kyle Carter Leatherberry

September 6, 1995 – May 26, 2019

Kyle Carter Leatherberry, 23, Indianapolis, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2019 as the result of a motorcycle accident. He was born on September 6, 1995 to Steven and Tamara (Carter) Leatherberry in Indianapolis.

Kyle worked for Triumph Construction where he loved his job and work family there. Most of all, he loved his family and they were very important to him. Kyle had a very strong faith and his family takes comfort knowing he is in Heaven.

Kyle is survived by his parents, Steven and Tammy Leatherberry; brother, Eric Leatherberry; sister, Sara Leatherberry; grandparents, Carolyn Leatherberry, Linda Sokol, and Jeff and Vickii Carter; uncles and aunts, Brad and Tracy Carter, Dawn Patton, Scott and Wendy Cooper, and Curt Leatherberry; cousins, Nick (Lexy), Tyler, Courtney, Grant, Andrea, Meghan, Joshua and Andrew; and his beloved dog, Macey.

Services will be held at noon on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 10 a.m. to the time of service. Burial will follow at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

#### Arrangements

**Calling:** 10 a.m. to noon, June 1  
**Service:** Noon, June 1  
**Location:** Randall & Roberts Funeral Center  
**Condolences:** randallroberts.com

### George Richard Stamper, Sr.

August 21, 1932 – May 23, 2019

George Richard Stamper, Sr., 86, Westfield, passed away May 23, 2019. He was born August 21, 1932 in Indianapolis, son of Leroy R. and Dorothy E. Richardson Stamper.

George was a 1950 graduate of Carmel High School. He was owner of Indiana Stone Company.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Eddelman Stamper; son, Alfred Stamper; daughter, Georgia Stamper; grandchildren, Elvis Diffenderfer and Chyenne Diffenderfer; sister, Judy Meadows and son-in-law, Nelson Diffenderfer.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Joella Renfrow Stamper; children, Vicki Diffenderfer, George Stamper, Jr., and Diane (Bill) Hohl; grandchildren, Shannon, Nicholas, Shaun, Alicia and Cameron; and great-grandchildren, Evan and Sophia.

A Committal Service will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2019 at Carmel Cemetery.

Bussell Family Funerals, Westfield-Carmel, is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

#### Arrangements

**Service:** 11 a.m., May 31  
**Location:** Carmel Cemetery  
**Condolences:** bussellfamilyfunerals.com

### Bette Jane Allen

March 2, 1929 – May 2, 2019

Bette Jane Allen, 90, Carmel, went peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, May 2, 2019. She was born on March 2, 1929 in St. Paul, Minn., to the late Petrus and Judith (Cederbloom) Larson who immigrated from Sweden at a very young age. Bette was a fighter until the end, never letting her struggles get her down.

In her younger years, Bette loved to ice skate. She continued to be active throughout her life doing cross country skiing, hiking and swimming. Bette was an artist who loved to work with her hands, sewing matching outfits for her girls, oil painting, cross stitching, playing the piano and learning to play the dulcimer. She was an avid Indianapolis 500 fan, where you could always find her in the fourth turn. As a stay at home mom, she was extremely dedicated to her children, centering her entire life on them and protecting them with all of her heart. She taught her girls to be respectful and to only see people for who they were in their hearts.

While her husband Kenneth was fighting the war in Korea, Bette moved to California to live with her sister where she worked for Lockheed as a secretary. After her girls graduated from high school, she held various other jobs. Bette was very involved in her church, Noblesville First United Methodist Church, volunteering and leading the prayer chain. She worked and volunteered at both the Indiana School for the Blind and Conner Prairie. Bette was known as "Grandma" to all of the children who passed through her daughter Cindi's daycare.

Bette is survived by her daughters, Cindi (Jim) Martin and Sharon D. Allen; grandchildren, Josh (Suzie) Martin, Paul (Ashley) Martin and Erin (Drew) Hull; great-grandchildren, Kaylie, Chase and Malachi Martin; many nieces, nephews, godchildren and many dear friends. She is preceded in passing by the love of her life and husband of 67 years, Kenneth "Swede", whom she had known since grade school; brother, Roland Larson; sister, Ruth Nelson; and brother, Helmer Larson.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday June 2, 2019 at Flanner Buchanan – Oaklawn, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis. Friends are invited to gather at 1 p.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Vasa Order of America Svea 253 Lodge (8225 Castleton Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46256) or Indiana School for the Blind (7725 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46240).

Online condolences may be made by visiting flannerbuchanan.com.

#### Arrangements

**Calling:** 1 to 3 p.m., June 2  
**Service:** 3 p.m., June 2  
**Location:** Flanner Buchanan – Oaklawn  
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### Softball

# Tigers win first-ever regional championship

The Fishers softball team made history on Tuesday, winning its first-ever regional championship.

The Tigers beat Harrison 3-0 at their home field to take the Regional 4 title. Fishers will now travel to Harrison on Saturday for the semi-state, where it will play Crown Point at 1 p.m. in the second semi-final game.

"This is amazing," said Tigers coach Daren James. "We knew we were talented, but we weren't sure what we were going to be able to do with it. Now we know."

Fishers got on the board in the first inning, with Caroline Bernhardt batting in Cortney James. Bernhardt got another RBI in the third inning, as her perfectly placed bunt got her to first and squeezed in Brooke Benson to put the Tigers up 2-0.

"When I went up to the plate, I wasn't really expecting to hit the bunt," said Bernhardt. "I struggled a little last week with getting bunts down, so I was a little nervous when he called it. But the feeling on first when I heard the crowd erupt behind me because she scored was so amazing. I'm so happy I got that down."

In the fifth inning, Fishers opened up with three straight singles, loading the bases. Hannah Mays, Olivia Latimer and Maggie Weber all got on base, with Abbey Schmidt coming to run for Mays. Kaylee Kardash was then hit by a pitch, sending Schmidt home. That would be it for scoring, but it was more than enough for the Tigers to clinch the win.

Latimer finished the game 4-for-4 at the plate, with Bernhardt and Jade Frye both getting two hits. Meanwhile, Mays had an exceptional day in the pitcher's circle, going the distance with six strikeouts against five hits and no walks. That included getting out of a jam in the top of the fifth inning, when the Raiders had runners at second and third with two outs. A strikeout ended that threat.

Mays said she thinks she's pitching well, but quickly gave credit to her defense.

"If I didn't have my defense behind my back, I would not be able to do this today," said Mays.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Fishers' Hannah Mays pitched an exceptional game for the Tigers in their 3-0 win over Harrison to claim the Regional 4 championship on Tuesday. Mays went the distance, striking out six with only five hits and no walks.

Fishers is 17-9 for the season.

### Fishers 3, Harrison 0

	AB	R	H	RBI
Fishers				
Cortney James	2	1	1	0
Olivia Stinson	2	0	1	0
Brooke Benson	4	1	1	0

Hannah Mays	4	0	1	0
Olivia Latimer	4	0	4	0
Caroline Bernhardt	2	0	2	2
Maggie Weber	1	0	1	0
Kaylee Kardash	2	0	0	1
Jade Frye	3	0	2	0
Sara Bumps	3	0	0	0
Abbey Schmidt	0	1	0	0
Hannah Abbott	0	0	0	0

Totals	27	3	13	3
Score by innings				
Harrison	000	000	0-0	5 1
Fishers	101	010	x-3	13 0
SAC:	Stinson.	HBP:	Kardash.	
Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Mays	7	0	0	5
Strikeouts:	Mays 6.	Walks:	none.	

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### Baseball

# Royals power past 'Hounds, win sectional championship

By RICH TORRES  
NOBLESVILLE – It wasn't the most ideal situation, but Hamilton Southeastern's Cole Graverson didn't need much convincing.

The Class 4A Royals were without both senior aces Michael Dillon, an Xavier commit, and Ball State recruit Tyler Schweitzer, who had his day cut short due to a rainout during the Sectional 8 championship on Memorial Day at Noblesville's Don Dunker Field.

Graverson was up next, and the junior wasn't turning down the opportunity despite the title game resuming tied 1-1 in the bottom of the fourth on Tuesday night.

A closer for the Royals this season, Graverson had the mentality and he proved it from the first pitch.

"That first at-bat, he was down in the

zone," HSE catcher Jack DeWolf said. "I knew, we were set."

The lefthander slammed the door through the final three innings with six strikeouts and stymied Carmel's potent lineup with one hit en route to HSE's 7-1 sectional championship victory.

The Royals' bats backed up Graverson with back-to-back three-run innings in the bottom of the fourth and fifth, and he retired six of the last seven he faced, including a strikeout in the top of the seventh to seal it.

The combination of Graverson and the Royals' eight-hit performance were more than enough to push HSE's winning streak to seven in a row and seize the program's 15th sectional title all time.

"It's so rewarding to me, the things we preach. The two-strike hitting. Hitting the ball the other way, and to see those things help you win ball games, and Cole's big hit (in the bottom of the fourth)," Sassanella said. "We got guys disciplined at the plate, taking walks. It was a great thing to see."

The Royals drew six walks and three batters were by pitch, but DeWael broke the deadlock with a two-out triple in the fourth, which Greyson Droste later followed up with a bases-loaded walk.

"You could tell the focus was ready early on for us hitting. Once the game started, and we had that runner on first, we knew what was at stake, and we were ready to go," HSE senior Anthony Eggers said.

Eggers drove in two runs, including the game's first to put HSE up 1-0 in the bottom of the third, and the last in the fifth as the Royals posted four straight singles after a two-out double by Jake Stout.

Eggers went 3-for-3, DeWael was 2-for-4 with three RBI, and Stout was 1-for-4 with two runs scored. Cam Bolling finished 2-for-3 with an RBI single in the fifth.

"I feel like we're playing the best ball we have, and we just need to stay focused and continue to grow," Sassanella said. "We

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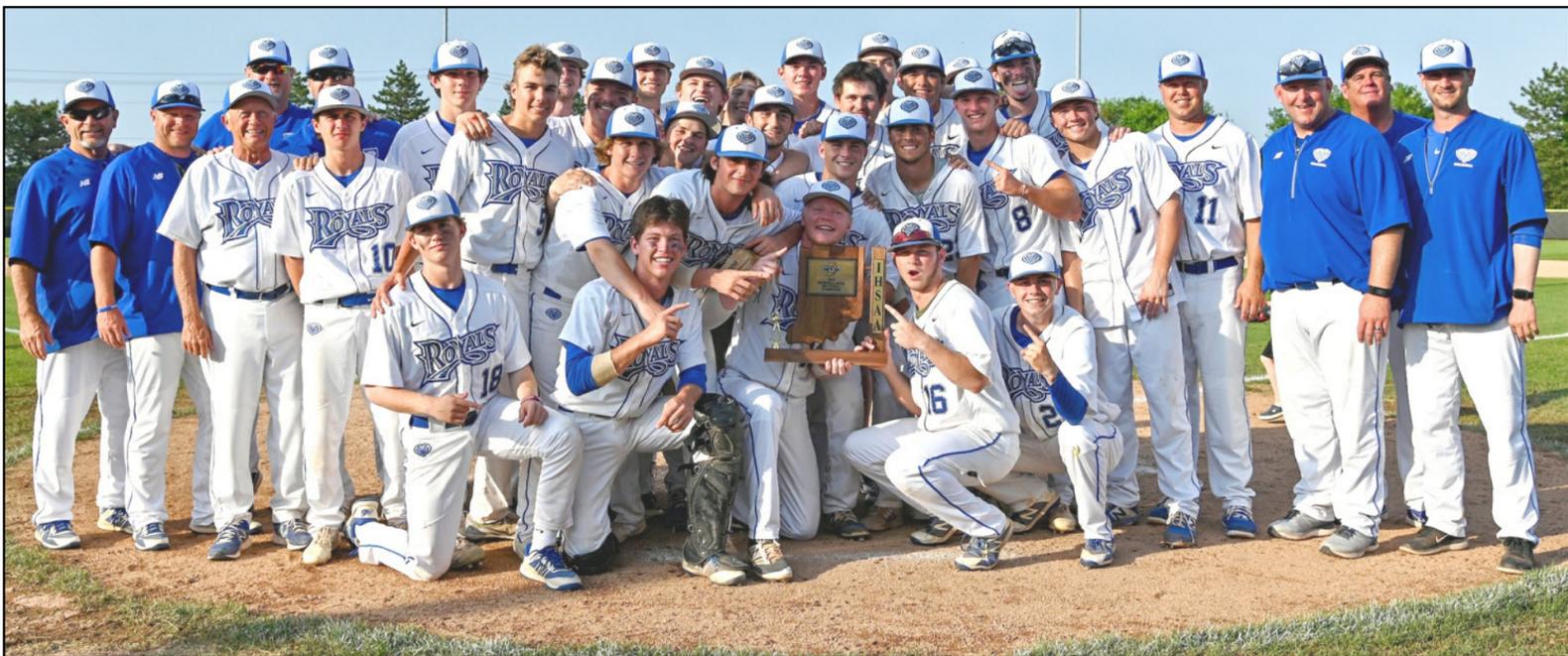
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Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Hamilton Southeastern won the Class 4A Sectional 8 baseball championship Tuesday at Noblesville's Don Dunker Field. The game was interrupted for a day by rain, but the Royals came back on Tuesday to beat Carmel 7-1 for the title.

# ROYALS

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get another step.”

Graverson made sure of it by allowing only one runner to advance into scoring position and striking out a batter to end each inning.

“My only concern was Cole the last half of the year has been more in a closer role. He comes in the sixth or seventh,” Sassanella said. “I had a little bit of trepidation today. We were trying to convince him that it’s the fourth inning, and he’s just coming out of the bullpen.”

Graverson was up for the challenge. “(Coach) told me I would have a big time win today,” Graverson said. “I was trying to get ahead and throw strikes and do my thing.”

Now, the Royals get a chance to vie for the team’s fifth regional title in history and first since 2004.

“As a senior class, we’ve talked about this our whole high school career,” DeWolf remarked after the sectional win. “Every year our team would lose early in sectional. We weren’t going to let that happen to us. We wanted to make a difference. It’s all about legacy, really. What we leave behind for this program and our own memories. It’s really cool.”

## Hamilton Southeastern 7, Carmel 1

Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI
Cole DeWael	4	3	2	3
Anthony Eggers	3	0	3	2
Brayton Harrison	3	0	0	0
Greyson Droste	1	0	0	1
Jack DeWolf	3	0	0	0
Matt Iacobucci	1	0	0	0
Jake Huston	3	0	0	0
Matthew Buckingham	1	1	0	0
Jake Stout	2	1	0	0
Cam Bolling	3	1	2	1
Totals	26	7	8	7

Carmel	AB	R	H	RBI
Drew Olssen	3	0	1	0
Christian Williams	2	1	1	0
Alex Brooks	3	0	0	0
Brayden Lentz	2	0	0	0
Jackson Adams	2	0	1	0
J.D. Rogers	3	0	1	0
Dryden Schroeder	2	0	0	0
Drew Kelly	1	0	0	0
Logan Urbanowski	2	0	0	0
Jared Greene	3	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	4	0

Carmel pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Aiden Bradbury	3.0	1	1	3
Alex Brooks	1.2	5	3	3
Mitchell Henneberry	0.0	1	1	2
Drew Harding	1.1	0	0	0

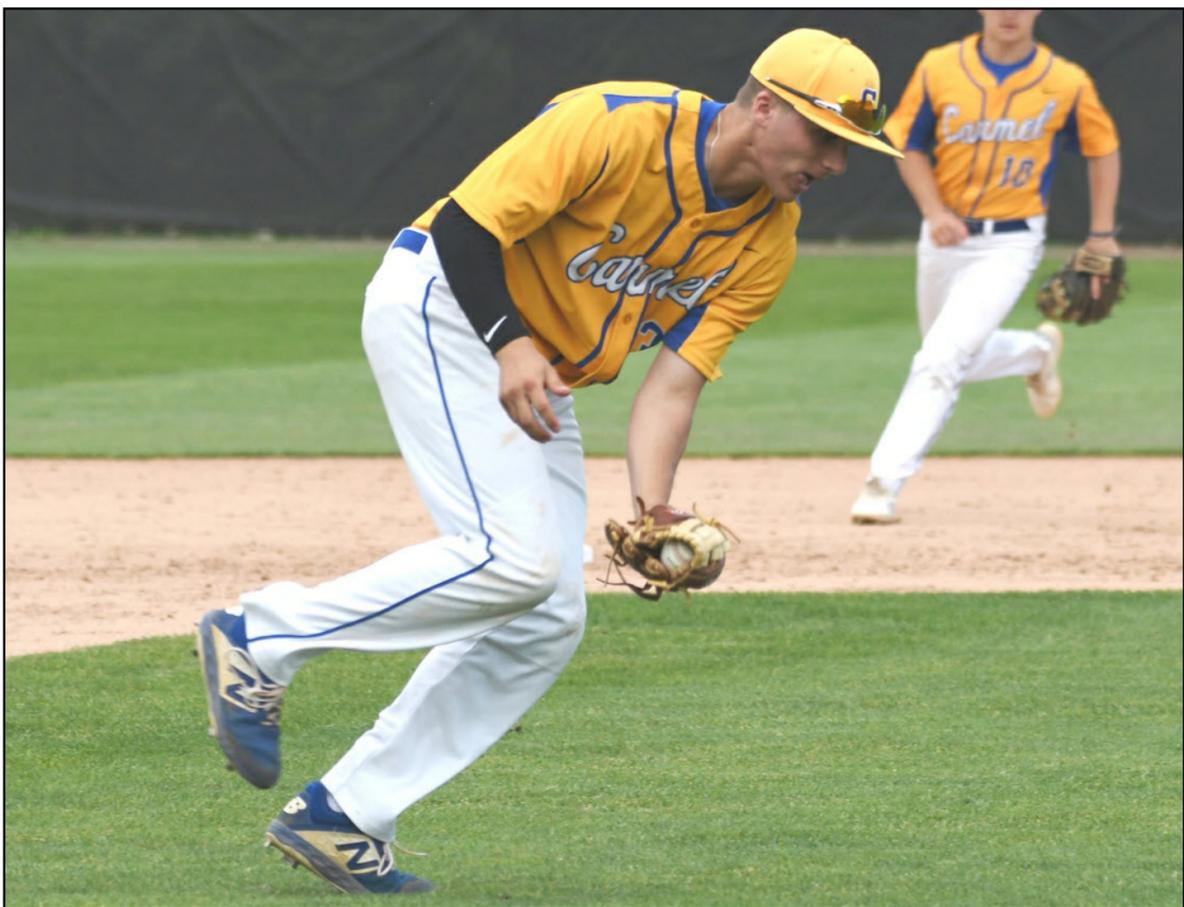
Southeastern pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Tyler Schweitzer	4.0	1	1	3
Cole Graverson	3.0	0	0	1

Strikeouts: Schweitzer 4, Graverson 6. Walks: Schweitzer 1, Graverson 2.

Southeastern	IP	R	ER	H
Carmel	001	000	0	14
Southeastern	001	330	X	78



Carmel's Brayden Lentz fields the ball.

## Yorktown stuns Golden Eagles



Engelking

Guerin Catholic was stunned by Yorktown in Monday's Sectional 24 final at Blackford, falling 13-3 in five innings.

The Tigers scored a run in the bottom of the first inning. The Golden Eagles tied it up in the third inning, getting on the board when Wes Gingerich hit a left field double to score Keenan Taylor. But Yorktown broke the game open in the bottom of the third, scoring six runs. Max Engelking hit a fourth-inning triple to bring in Bennett Ely and Braden Reel, cutting the Tigers' lead to 7-3. Yorktown finished the game with three runs each in the fourth and fifth innings. The Golden Eagles finished their season 20-8.

## Yorktown 13, Guerin Catholic 3 (5 innings)

Guerin Catholic	AB	R	H	RBI
Keenan Taylor	2	1	1	0
Wes Gingerich	2	0	1	1
Nate Bingman	2	0	0	0
Luke Godfrey	3	0	1	0
Bennett Ely	2	1	0	0
Braden Reel	2	1	0	0
Max Engelking	2	0	1	2
Sam Lewandowski	2	0	0	0
Josh Schaaf	2	0	0	0
Gavin Morrow	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	3	4	3

Guerin Catholic pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Engelking	2.1	7	2	4
Bingman	0.0	0	0	0
Ely	1.0	3	3	0
Lewandowski	0.2	3	3	4

Strikeouts: Engelking 3. Walks: Engelking 4, Ely 2, Lewandowski 2, Bingman 1.

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# Trailblazers roll to second straight sectional title

By RICHIE HALL

**BROWNSBURG** - University left little doubt that it was the school to beat at the Bethesda Christian sectional.

The Trailblazers took care of business at the Class 1A Sectional 58, beating Traders Point Christian 19-0 in five innings Monday morning. University thus defended its sectional title from last year and won its fourth overall. The 'Blazers will take on Indianapolis Lutheran at 10 a.m. Saturday in the first game of the Morristown regional.

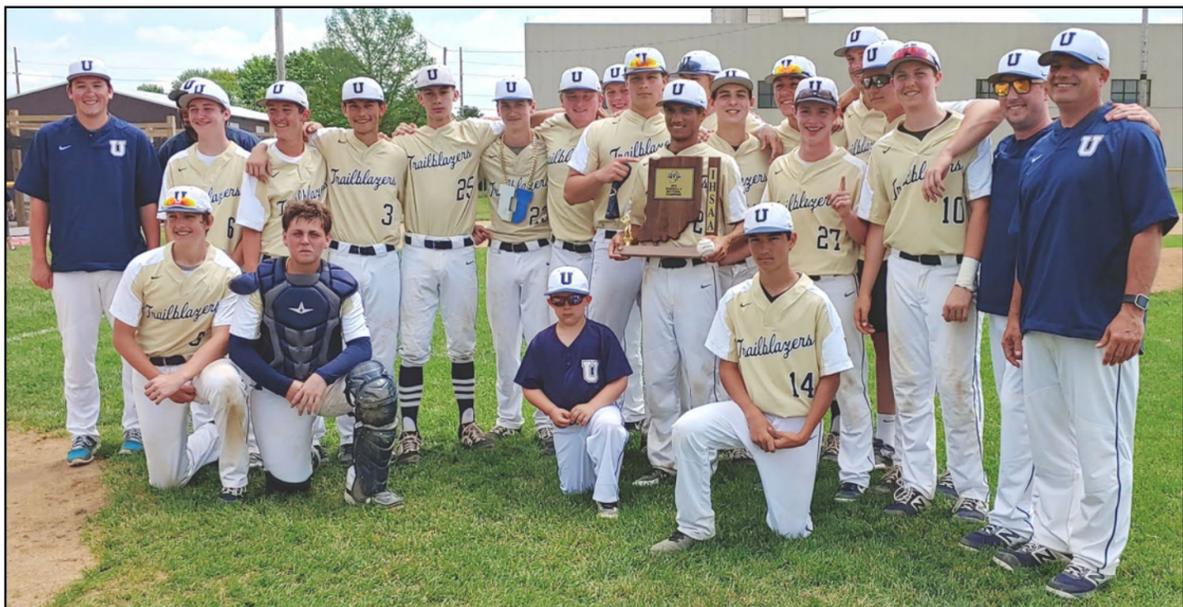
"I think the guys played well," said University coach Chris Estep. "We scheduled our schedule this year to try to repeat what we did last year." The Trailblazers reached the 1A championship game last season.

"Winning 29 games was way too many, and we wanted to make sure that we challenged ourselves so when we came to sectional time, regional time, hopefully possibly semi-state or state time, that we were prepared for what we would see, all the different kind of arms on the mound."

University scored three runs in the first, third and fifth inning, and added five runs in both the second and fourth innings. The 'Blazers hit two home runs: Dawson Estep sent a solo homer over the left field fence in the second inning, and Alex Washlock cracked a two-run home run into left field in the third inning. Estep and Washlock both scored three runs.

Tyler Galyean was 3-for-5, including two doubles, in the second and fourth innings. Both of those doubles scored two runs; Galyean finished the game with five RBI. Ben Ewer went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Adam Oxley pitched a no-hitter while getting the win. Oxley faced the minimum



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The University baseball team defended its Sectional 58 championship on Monday. The Trailblazers beat Traders Point Christian 19-0 in a five-inning game.

15 batters, only issuing one walk in the game. That happened in the fourth inning, but the Trailblazers turned a double play during the next at-bat.

University is now 18-10-1 for the season.

## University 19, Traders Point Christian 0 (5 innings)

University	AB	R	H	RBI
Dawson Estep	4	3	2	2

Ben Ewer	4	4	3	2
Gabe Mervis	1	1	1	1
Alex Washlock	3	3	1	2
Thomas Price	0	1	0	0
Ben Westerkamm	1	1	1	1
Matt Moore	2	1	2	2
Tyler Galyean	5	2	3	5
Ethan Johnson	0	0	0	0
Nate Shatkowski	3	0	1	0
Neil Pettinga	1	0	0	0
Adam Oxley	3	0	2	2
Kolton Stevens	3	0	0	0
Jacob Lange	2	2	1	0
Grayson Knight	1	1	0	0

Totals	33	19	17	17
Score by innings				
University	353	53	19	17
Traders Point	000	00	0	0
HR: Estep, Washlock. 2B: Galyean 2, Ewer, Lange, Westerkamm. SB: Ewer 3, Estep 2, Washlock 2, Galyean, Lange. SAC: Westerkamm. HBP: Washlock 2, Oxley. University pitching IP R ER H				
Oxley	5	0	0	0
Strikeouts: Oxley 6. Walks: Oxley 1.				

# Blackhawks overwhelmed by No. 1 Rossville in championship

Sheridan was overwhelmed by the No. 1 team in Class 1A Monday, as Rossville beat the Blackhawks 11-0 in the championship game of Sectional 54 at Sheridan's field.

The Hornets led 3-0 after five innings, which is when the game was interrupted by a weather delay. When play resumed, Rossville added two runs in the sixth, and then poured in six runs in the seventh inning.

Jake Vita had two hits for Sheridan, which finished the season 14-6.

"They're resilient to the end," said Blackhawks coach Adam Spencer. "Certainly wasn't the way that we wanted to end the game. They're a very good team, I'll give them a lot of credit. Rossville is very talented.

"I'm just proud of our kids. This is a season that I'm not sure that we even thought we would have. And to end up in the sectional championship game with 14 wins, I'm very proud of these boys."

## Rossville 11, Sheridan 0

Sheridan	AB	R	H	RBI
Steve Smith	4	0	0	0
Cameron Hovey	2	0	1	0
Sean Speck	3	0	0	0
Jake O'Hara	3	0	0	0
Silas DeVaney	2	0	0	0
Reece Fisher	1	0	1	0
Kyle Archer	2	0	1	0
Jake Vita	3	0	2	0
Nolan Buckner	3	0	0	0
Caine Spencer	2	0	0	0
Drake Delph	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	0	5	0

Score by innings  
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SB: Hovey.

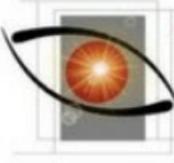
Sheridan pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Buckner	4	2	2	3
O'Hara	2	4	3	4
Gavin Reners	1	5	5	4

Strikeouts: Buckner 3, O'Hara 2, Reners 1.



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Sheridan's Steve Smith makes a catch during the Blackhawks' sectional championship game with Rossville on Monday. The Hornets beat Sheridan 11-0 to win the title.



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# MLB standings

Tuesday scores	
Chicago White Sox 2, Kansas City 1	Washington 5, Atlanta 4
San Diego 5, N.Y. Yankees 4	Houston 9, Chicago Cubs 6
Cincinnati 11, Pittsburgh 6	Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 3
Detroit 3, Baltimore 0	Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 3
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3	Colorado 6, Arizona 2
Cleveland 7, Boston 5	L.A. Angels 6, Oakland 4
Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 1	N.Y. Mets 7, L.A. Dodgers 3
Miami 11, San Francisco 3	Texas 11, Seattle 4

## American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	35	19	.648	-
Tampa Bay	33	19	.635	1.0
Boston	29	26	.527	6.5
Toronto	21	34	.382	14.5
Baltimore	17	38	.309	18.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	37	17	.685	-
Cleveland	27	27	.500	10.0
Chi. White Sox	25	29	.463	12.0
Detroit	20	32	.385	16.0
Kansas City	18	36	.333	19.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	37	19	.661	-
Oakland	29	26	.527	7.5
Texas	26	26	.500	9.0
L.A. Angels	25	29	.463	11.0
Seattle	24	33	.421	13.5

## National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	32	22	.593	-
Atlanta	30	25	.545	2.5
N.Y. Mets	27	27	.500	5.0
Washington	23	32	.418	9.5
Miami	18	34	.346	13.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	30	23	.566	-
Milwaukee	31	25	.554	0.5
Pittsburgh	26	27	.491	4.0
St. Louis	26	27	.491	4.0
Cincinnati	26	29	.473	5.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	36	19	.655	-
San Diego	29	26	.527	7.0
Arizona	28	27	.509	8.0
Colorado	26	27	.491	9.0
San Francisco	21	32	.396	14.0

# WHJE radio staffers cover the Indianapolis 500

By RICHIE HALL

For decades, Carmel High School sports fans who haven't been able to attend games have tuned to WHJE radio to follow their favorite teams.

This past weekend, four WHJE staff members took a trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, joining hundreds of other media organizations to cover Sunday's Indianapolis 500. The race was an exciting one, with Frenchman Simon Pagenaud outdueling Californian (and 2016 champion) Alexander Rossi to win on the famed oval.

The race was well-documented by WHJE's Ross Abdellah and Bailey Wright, who were there to take photos and videos of the race. Meanwhile, Sam Weixler and Mason Klain were working in the Speedway's vast media center.

Abdellah and Wright, both 18 and seniors at Carmel, took a moment to talk about covering the 500 after an early-morning photographer's meeting on Race Day. Both have been coming to the race for a while - "I've been going to the race with my family for I don't even know how long," said Wright. They are both aware that coming to the race as a member of the media is much different than attending the race as a fan.

"You have a different mindset coming into the race," said Abdellah. "Looking at drivers differently. Going through their schedule. You're not there to sit up there, eat food, enjoy the race. You're there to work,

so you have to schedule out your day in a timely manner and you have to plan ahead."

"When you come as a fan, people are coming into it thinking they're going to have a good time. But we're here to work and make content," said Wright.

Abdellah and Wright were at the Speedway to work, but they still were having an enjoyable experience at the race.

"Whenever the camera's out, everyone's always enjoyable, like being fun and giving you a good shot," said Wright. "It's a good environment out here and everyone has good intentions. It makes for a better race day."

The WHJE staff has gotten a chance to talk to some of the drivers as well.

"We've talked to Spencer Pigot, Ed Carpenter Racing, people like that," said Abdellah. "We have some close ties with them. We always wonder what their experience is like every year."

Abdellah and Wright also talked to fans as well. Abdellah said he enjoyed talking to people from all around the world that came to see the race.

"I'm trying to ignore the tailgate going on down there with my family, but I'm also trying some new things and both of us sparking our new media careers with the track," said Abdellah. He agreed that covering an event as important as the 500 is something that will look impressive to colleges, and prospective employers.

"Adding that to the resume is always a good thing," said Abdellah.



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Carmel seniors Ross Abdellah (left) and Bailey Wright were among the four WHJE radio staff members that covered the Indianapolis 500 this past weekend. Abdellah and Wright documented the race with photos and video.

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# Images from the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500

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Simon Pagenaud gives himself an impromptu bath with the traditional winner's bottle of milk after outdueling Alexander Rossi to win the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500. Pagenaud led 116 laps, but was involved in an exciting battle with Rossi during the last 13 laps of the race. Rossi passed Pagenaud outside of Turn 1 on Lap 198, but Pagenaud got the lead back in Turn 3 on the next lap, and held on for the checkered flag.

"It's hard to believe right now, to be honest with you," said Pagenaud after the race. "It's been such an intense race. I believe we led most of the race. The car was just on rails. The yellows came out perfectly. The stars are aligned. Man, wow, I'm seeing myself on TV with this. It's pretty amazing. It's a dream come true, a lifetime of trying to achieve this. So I'm just speechless. It's just incredible. I never expected to be in this position, but I certainly was trying to make it as hard as I could. I want to thank the fans. The fans are amazing. It was awesome to share that with you guys on the Yard of Bricks. You're the best, Indianapolis."

Alexander Rossi provided much of the excitement of Sunday's Indianapolis 500, at one point declaring himself the "angriest" driver out on the track. Rossi overcame several obstacles to put himself in contention for the race, battling Simon Pagenaud in the last 13 laps. He also provided what will likely be an iconic moment in Speedway lore, when he shook his fist at Oriol Servia for what appeared to be blocking him during Lap 154 of the race.

"Obviously, (Pagenaud) was on pole and led the most laps, but I think we had the superior car," said Rossi. "We just didn't have enough there at the end. Huge hat's off to the entire No. 27 NAPA Andretti Autosport team. They've been fantastic all month, and I'm happy to get them a result. But unfortunately, nothing else matters here but winning. This one will be hard to get over, but at the end of the day, it was a great showing for the team and good for the points overall. But today will suck for a while."



Noblesville's Conor Daly had by far his best-ever performance in the 500 on Sunday. In his sixth start, Daly finished in 10th place. He had been running with the leaders for most of the race, at one point getting as high as third.

"It was just really cool to be in the fight, to be with Alex (Rossi) and those guys. It was awesome," said Daly. "I think we can be proud of what we did today."

When asked if he had validated himself in his first race of the year, Daly said he thought he did.

"I would like to think so because this is all I get to do," said Daly. "I haven't been in a car for a year, and we are out there fighting with guys who are really good. Multiple Indy 500 winners, champions, and we were there. I don't know what else I can do. Winning helps a lot, and if we would have finished in the top five, that would have been great. But I, for sure, think we can be proud of what we did. We will see what happens after this."

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