



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools
(From left) A'Nyah Hizer, NHS sophomore and BSU vice president; Akwete Purifoy, NHS social worker and BSU staff sponsor; Ellis Tarver, NHS junior and BSU president; and Aniya Stanley, NHS sophomore and BSU secretary.

NHS Black Student Union wins \$5K grant from education foundation

The REPORTER
Noblesville Schools announced on Tuesday that the Black Student Union (BSU) at Noblesville High School (NHS) has won a \$5,000 grant from the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF). The grant is the largest amount ever awarded by the Foundation.

With approximately 100 student members representing over 60 percent of the high school's Black students, BSU's aim is to promote unity, increase engagement, foster educational success and grow future Black leaders.

"This grant really caught

the attention of our board," said NSEF executive director Adriann Young. "Their strong proposal made it clear that the BSU is worth investing in with our largest award ever. We're fully committed to supporting their success and excited to see how these funds will grow their vision into reality."

Plans for the funds include:

- Hosting a "family reunion" style social picnic for students, families and community members.
- Launching a community film series to showcase Black storytelling.
- Purchasing traditional African "Kente" cords for seniors who would like to wear them during graduation ceremonies.
- Organizing roundtable discussions regarding diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Providing scholarships for select BSU seniors pursuing higher education.

The BSU hopes to grow into other development opportunities in the future, including organizing a student visit to historically Black colleges and universities.

"At the end of the day, this money is about bringing everyone together to grow and learn," said Ellis Tarver, a junior at NHS and president of the BSU.

BSU vice president and NHS sophomore A'Nyah Hizer added, "I'm super excited to win this! Hopefully this gives people of color at Noblesville a chance to have a family here and feel like they belong."

The NHS BSU was founded in 2019 and is modeled after national collegiate Black student unions and organizations at other Hamilton County high schools.

To learn more about NSEF and how you can help support teachers and students at Noblesville Schools, visit noblesvilleschools.org/foundation.

Neumann appointed to Fishers City Council

By LARRY LANNAN
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It was a bipartisan event at Fishers City Hall Monday evening as Dr. Crystal Neumann was sworn into office by City Judge Dan Henke.

Neumann had friends, family and other council members on hand for the ceremony.

"This is not your seat on the Fishers City Council," Judge Henke told those assembled for the event. "The seat belongs to the citizens of Fishers and entrusted into you."

Fellow Democrat, Councilwoman Jocelyn Vare, was there, as were Republican Council Members Cecilia Coble, David George, John Weingardt and Brad DeReamer.

Neumann will represent the North Central Council District. She is filling the seat left vacant by Samantha DeLong, who resigned her council seat because her family is moving to Nevada. Delong was also on hand for the swearing-in ceremony.

Neumann was selected to fill the opening by a group of Democratic precinct officials in a caucus held Sunday afternoon.



Neumann

HSE Board mulls options on virtual learning for 2021-2022 school year

By LARRY LANNAN
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The Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School Board has an important decision to make on virtual learning options for the coming school year. The first will come tonight.

Dr. Matt Kegley, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, outlined options for a virtual learning program for the 2021-2022 school year. There are two options before the board, and board members discussed whether to decide at tonight's regular board meeting or postpone the vote to May 12.

Kegley's first option, which he recommends, would provide virtual learning for grades K-6 using HSE teachers instructing virtually, and grades 7-12 to use Indiana Online, an outside organization, to provide the virtual learning option. The class offerings would have some differences compared to the secondary classes offered in-person locally. Extra-curricular activities would be very limited for virtual students.

The second option would have HSE teaching staff instruct all online classes, grades K-12.

No teacher layoffs would happen under either option, Kegley told the board.

Kegley's proposal calls for a commitment to be made by parents and

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Noblesville encourages Westfield to move forward with State Road 32

The REPORTER
On Monday evening, at a regularly scheduled Westfield City Council meeting, three members from the Noblesville Common Council spoke in favor of a proposed widening of State Road 32 through downtown Westfield.

Attending the Westfield meeting from Noblesville were council members Darren Peterson, Megan Wiles and Greg O'Connor.

Peterson told Westfield council members, "As members of the Noblesville City Council, we understand the importance and duty of making fiscal decisions for the growth of our growing cities in Hamilton County. We are often faced with decisions that must balance existing restraints, growth, historical significance, financial responsibilities. With 19,000 vehicles driving this two-lane

roadway each day, there is no question State Road 32 through Hamilton County is in dire need of compacity improvement."

In 2018 Westfield, and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), announced a major State Road 32 reconstruction through downtown Westfield. The \$15 million project is a 50/50 cost split between the city and the state.

After the initial announcement, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook said, "Partnering with the

state on this work is a huge win for our city."

The project has recently been met with resistance. Opponents cite concerns for Westfield's historic district and project costs.

"Currently Noblesville is making significant investments to fix the same capacity problems in our downtown," Peterson said.

Peterson also said INDOT has funded an additional \$35 million project to add travel lanes from East Street

in Westfield to River Road in Noblesville.

"Westfield canceling their downtown project would result in INDOT reevaluating their investment and possibly canceling future investment along 32 in Hamilton County," Peterson said. "This would have detrimental effects beyond Westfield borders into Noblesville and throughout the county and state. Millions of dollars have been spent by the City of Westfield, the State of Indiana, and the City of Noblesville to design improvements along 32. The Noblesville City Council strongly requests the Westfield council trust their highly professional staff and consultants to move forward with their downtown project. This project is vital for our downtowns to grow and thrive."

The Westfield City Council did not respond to Peterson's comments.



Peterson



Wiles



O'Connor

Fishers man dies outside police HQ after self-inflicted gunshot

By LARRY LANNAN
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A Fishers man, 69, died Tuesday after alerting authorities he planned to take his own life in a phone call made just inside Fishers Police headquarters.

Shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday, authorities say the Hamilton County Communications Center received a call from the public telephone located inside the vestibule of Fishers Police Department Headquarters. The caller expressed his intent to shoot himself. Officers responded and found a white male standing in the vestibule.

Police instructed the man to exit the building and he complied. Upon exiting, officers saw the man shoot himself.

The man's identity has not been released as of mid-morning Tuesday.

Fishers Police are actively investigating. Anyone with information regarding this case should contact Detective Dean Mucha at (317) 595-3330.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, Fishers public safety officials remind you to please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 or 911. Additional resources can also be found at stigma-freefishers.com.

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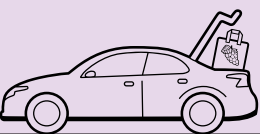


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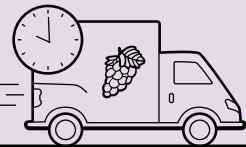
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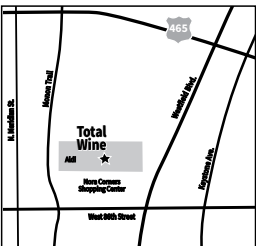
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How Indiana’s new budget could affect HSE Schools

By **LARRY LANNAN**
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Most of you may be aware that the new Indiana state budget has a large increase in money available for K-12 schools, so I posed the question to HSE Schools about how the increase in state support would impact their budget planning. School officials have said they need to cut spending due to a \$5 million shortfall.

Cecilie Nunn, Chief Financial Officer for HSE Schools, said she and her staff plan to recommend the spending reductions already explained to the board in a previous meeting

at tonight’s regular session. "We are cautiously optimistic about the new two-year state budget, but there are a number of variables that are still unknown at this time, including enrollment next school year and the number of students who might choose a virtual option (which will only be funded at 85 percent)," Nunn said in an e-mailed message to *LarryInFishers*.

The school board is scheduled to vote tonight on the budget recommendations explained at the April 14 meeting. The Feb. 1 student count was down 660. Fewer students mean less state support, in this case in the amount of \$3.3 million.

Lost revenue from lower interest rates and a lack of rental income raises the total deficit to \$5 million.

Nunn told board members on April 14 that the largest chunk of savings comes from adjusting class sizes to levels called for in the most recent operating referendum, kindergarten through grade 6. Those grade levels are currently overstaffed by 33 teaching positions. Resignations and retirements will reduce that number. Plus, the American Recovery Act passed by Congress and signed by the president will fund programs dealing with pandemic-related learning loss by students. The savings

from adjusting class sizes, plus the federal funds, amount to more than \$3.3 million.

Savings of over \$1.3 million will come from freezing incremental pay increases for support staff and school administrators, plus not filling several currently open positions. Several other line items will create savings that total \$5.045 million in the coming school year.

Administrators told the board on April 14 they are “optimistic” no Reduction in Force (RIF) of staff will be necessary. But some staff may need to be moved and transferred to accomplish that goal.

Rep. Spartz attending President Biden’s joint session of Congress

The REPORTER
Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.) announced on Tuesday she will attend President Joe Biden's joint address to Congress tonight, and released the following statement:



Spartz

"I am very disappointed with the current environment in Washington, D.C. and the first 100 days of the Biden Administration. Our country is in need of real policy solutions to many domestic and

foreign challenges. "I hope the President outlines how he is planning to lead and govern our divided nation and set the tone of collaboration from the top. "I also want to remind our current President of the warning from our first President in his farewell address in 1796 against ‘ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burden which we ourselves ought to bear.’ "I look forward to the joint address tomorrow."

AG Rokita issues statement on preventing two branches of state government from court battle

The REPORTER
Editor’s note: The following statement was made by Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita.



Rokita

“Under Indiana law, only the Attorney General may determine and advocate the legal position of all of state government. And that exclusive authority exists for good reason – so that Indiana speaks in court with a single legal voice. “In creating the Office of the Attorney General, the General Assembly resolved precisely this sort of situation – where two parts of the state government disagree on a legal question. And as the Indiana Supreme Court recognized more than 40 years ago, the Attorney General exists to resolve such disagreements and “to establish a general legal policy for

State agencies.” *State ex rel. Sendak v. Marion Cty. Superior Ct.*, 268 Ind. 3, 6-7, 373 N.E.2d 145, 148 (1978). “In declining to authorize outside counsel to represent the Governor here, the Office of the Attorney General is not beset by a conflict of interest but is instead fulfilling its core purpose – setting a single, unified legal position for the State as a whole. “The Indiana Supreme Court has also held that no state agency or office holder may file a declaratory judgment action. Allowing state agencies to resort to the judicial system for review of every statute passed would foster legislative irresponsibility and unnecessarily overburden the courts into issuing, essentially, advisory opinions.”

New premium calculator tool can be helpful when applying for health coverage on federal marketplace

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Insurance wants Hoosiers to know about a helpful tool they may use when taking advantage of the Special Enrollment Period for health insurance on the Federal Affordable Care Act Exchanges on [HealthCare.gov](#).

The Health Insurance Marketplace Calculator, developed by the Kaiser Family Foundation, will estimate health insurance premiums and subsidies for

people purchasing marketplace coverage.

You can find the Health Insurance Marketplace Calculator on the Indiana Department of Insurance [Open Enrollment Fact Sheet web page](#), along with information you should know to get coverage for 2021. With the calculator, you can enter your income, age, and family size to estimate your eligibility for subsidies and how much you could spend on health insurance. You can also use the calculator

to estimate your eligibility for Medicaid. As eligibility requirements may vary by state, please contact your state's Medicaid office or a local [Indiana Navigator](#) for Marketplace enrollment questions.

The 2021 Special Enrollment Period was extended until Aug. 15, giving consumers additional time to take advantage of new savings through the American Rescue Plan. New and current enrollees now have additional time to enroll or

re-evaluate their coverage needs with increased tax credits available to reduce premiums. Hoosiers seeking to take advantage of this Special Enrollment period can find out if they are eligible by visiting [Health-Care.gov](#).

About Indiana Department of Insurance

The [Indiana Department of Insurance](#) protects Indiana's insurance consumers by monitoring and regulating the financial strengths and market conduct activities of insurance companies and agents. The department 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 department also assists Hoosiers with insurance questions and provides guidance in understanding how insurance policies work.

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Administrative Assistant

The Cicero Plan Commission has a part-time opening for an Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant's duties include but are not limited to scheduling inspections and meetings, maintaining the website and social media. The Administrative Assistant also interacts with the public on a daily basis via phone, email and in person.

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Sen. Todd Young introduces bill to upgrade schools, public buildings

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) have reintroduced the Public Buildings Renewal Act, bipartisan legislation that incentivizes private investment to rebuild schools and public buildings through public-private partnerships. Implementing public-private partnerships to fund repairs in just 20 percent of all government buildings would create 1.3 million jobs nationwide.

Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), and Ben Cardin (D-Md.) also joined as co-sponsors of the bipartisan legislation that aims to spur needed infrastructure improvements.

"Many of our schools, courthouses, hospitals, and other public buildings in Indiana are in need of upgrades, particularly as in-person learning resumes for our schools as we emerge from

the COVID-19 pandemic," Sen. Young said. "The Public Buildings Renewal Act would enable local governments to more quickly address these needs by leveraging public-private partnerships to generate significant investment in critical upgrades. This bill will help to ensure that students, teachers, public employees, and Hoosiers across the state can safely access these spaces to work and learn for years to come."

"Across Nevada, school buildings are in desperate need of repair, including some schools in rural counties that are over 100 years old, and we need to work across the aisle to spur the investments necessary to rebuild them," Sen. Cortez Masto said. "This legislation is a commonsense solution that will invest billions in our local schools and buildings while helping



Young

Americans across the country get back to work. As Nevada's school children get back to in-person learning, it is vital that they have safe, upgraded facilities, and I'll continue to work across the aisle to make sure we can revitalize them while creating jobs and boosting our state's economy."

In the United States, public-private partnerships (P3s) have been primarily used for transportation projects and are currently ineligible to use federal tax-exempt facility bonds. The bipartisan Public Buildings Renewal Act would open the American public buildings market to P3s. The bill would create a \$5 billion Private Activity Bond allocation for state and local governments, allowing public buildings, including hospitals and schools, to access private investment for the first time.

Once enacted, state and local governments would be able to enter into long-term contracts with a private sector company to design, build, finance, and/or operate the building for a defined period of time. Private investment in public buildings provides state and local governments with access to private capital, accelerated project development, reduced risk, and the ability to spread out payments over the length of the contractual term. The ownership of the building, however, would always remain with the government entity.

Senator Young has led efforts in the Senate to invest in our schools, including [his letter](#) to Secretary of Education last year to protect the funds for rural schools in accessing supplies, technology upgrades, curriculum, transportation, and other educator support. In 2019, Senator Young [first introduced](#) the Public Buildings Renewal Act of 2019.



New stop signs on 226th Street at Mill Creek Road

Effective Monday, May 3, stop signs will be installed on 226th Street at Mill Creek Road, making the intersection an all-way stop. Advanced "STOP AHEAD" warning signs will also be installed east and west of the intersection.

Letter to the Editor

Is honesty really what voters want?

Dear Editor:

My Dad, in frustration, once said, "Maybe honesty ISN'T the best policy." He was referring to a news story about some lowlife who got away with murder, or perhaps a lesser offense. I don't remember.

Dad spoke mostly out of exasperation, but I remembered his words after former vice president Walter Mondale died. In his 1984 acceptance speech after winning the Democratic Presidential nomination, Mondale unflinchingly stated, "Mr. Reagan will raise taxes, and so will I. He won't tell you. I just did."

There were no doubt other factors contributing to Mondale's landslide loss to Ronald Reagan, but his tax admission was given the most credit – or blame.

Cynical observers may wonder how a seasoned politician like Mondale could make such a blunder, but here's another question: What does it say about an electorate that clamors for candor on one hand, while dismissing it so completely at the ballot box?

By the way, President Reagan raised taxes after his 1984 re-election.

Jim Newton
Itasca, Ill.

Potential Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate questions HSE administration's support of Black Lives Matter

Submitted by
MARK J. POWELL

Editor's note: The following release was sent to The Reporter by Mark J. Powell, a Lutheran pastor who also considering a run for the United States Senate on the Libertarian ticket in opposition to incumbent Senator Todd Young.

Lutheran Pastor Mark J. Powell, who is exploring a bid to run as a Libertarian for the United States Senate against incumbent Todd Young next year, criticized the Hamilton Southeastern school district in its support of Black Lives Matter.

Powell took exception with the school district – which is supported by taxpayers – publicly stating its support for Black Lives Matter. In an email to HSE stakeholders they wrote, "The racial division that we see today is not a new phenomenon; it is centuries-old, embedded in the fabric of our country. Dr. King articulated the impact of racism when he noted, "But tragically and unfortunately, there is another America." And so today, we affirm the following: Black Lives Matter."

This HSE email sent from the Administration to the school community adds to racial divisiveness and the "dumbing down" of an-

other generation to the more complex issues at hand for the United States and for the Free World.

Last year, watching George Floyd's death was traumatic. Anyone with a caring soul knows his life ended brutally. I see Mr. Chauvin received justice for his actions.

The subsequent protests last year did not seem out of the ordinary to me. After a few days into the daily marching, I saw professionally printed signs with the message DEFUND THE POLICE. When I saw those signs at numerous American and at European marches, that struck me as out of the ordinary.

I asked myself, who founded the organization Black Lives Matter? Here is what BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors stated in a 2015 interview: "The first thing, I think, is that we actually do have an ideological frame. Myself (sic) and Alicia (Garza) in particular are trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super-versed on, sort of, ideological theories."

Why does this matter to all of us?

The call to "Defund the Police" is coming from a Marxist (communist) ideology. The urban violence and racial incitement makes

more sense if it was part of a destabilizing strategy. Our CIA has a long history of destabilizing foreign governments like Guatemala, Iran and Chile to name a few – why can't Chinese intelligence do that to us?

As a Lutheran pastor and a first-generation Euro-American who ran for the 2020 Democratic nomination for Congress and received nearly 10,000 votes, I believe and preach the words of 1 Samuel 16:7: "The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Racism has no place in the heart of a believer.

As a hospice chaplain who visited many patients and their family members all over Indianapolis, my advice to Mayor Hogsett: Forget about the meetings and subsequent report cards, fix the potholes in the Black community, provide neighborhood concerts, theater and art productions year-round. Uplift the people in the neighborhood, focus on preschool and elementary STEM academies and provide micro-financing for new Black employee-owned businesses, then you will see a new spirit in Indianapolis.

If the budget is tight, ask Congressman Carson and Senators Young and Braun to go to work. Washington must be a major partner in

the solution. Indiana can be an incubator of positive ideas for every community – Black, Latinx, Asian, Native American, Euro-American et al.

We still are the United States of America, now we have to show the world that it is not in name only.

The Donkeys (D) and the Elephants (R) can "hee-haw" each other. I'd rather propose new policies and programs for a Better America.

— Sheridan —

Public Notice

The Sheridan Town Council will be conducting a Work Session on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069.

The purpose of the Work Session will be to discuss the Monon Trail in Sheridan.

Elizabeth A. Walden, IAMC, CMC, CMO
Clerk-Treasurer Town of Sheridan

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Public Notice

The Sheridan Redevelopment Commission will be meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Sheridan Community Center located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Members: Parvin Gillim, President; Beth Rush, Secretary; and members Daniel Bragg, Vance Wallace, and Shelly Weir.

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Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will hold a public work session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2021, in the Sheridan High School Media Center, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in a special session at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, in room A214 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Seating will be limited due to social distancing requirements. Anyone wishing to listen to the meeting may call (469) 998-6201 and enter conference ID 261 669 708# when prompted.

The City of Westfield will hold a public meeting regarding the State Road 32 project from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at the Grand Park Events Center.

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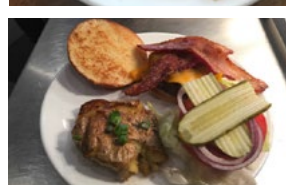
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Norma Jean Hammond
February 17, 1929 – April 24, 2021

Norma Jean Hammond, 92, Arcadia, passed away on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at her home. She was born on February 17, 1929 to Millard and Sylvia (Baxter) Butcher in Bloomington, Ind.

Norma was a member of Green Valley Church of Christ. She enjoyed traveling, cruises, cooking, and ballroom dancing.

She is survived by her children, Steve (Patsy) Hammond, Carol (Gene) Schnyder, and Julia (Jim) Miller; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Paul "Dick" Stewart Hammond; daughter, Kathy Crites; and her sisters, May Owens and Doris Adams.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a brief service at 12:30 p.m., on Friday, April 30, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Jean Ann (Stephenson) Maxwell
February 6, 1949 – April 23, 2021

Jean Ann (Stephenson) Maxwell, 72, passed away peacefully on Friday evening, April 23, 2021 at the Pendleton, Ind., home of her loving stepdaughter, Kristi Owens. Jean was born on February 6, 1949 in Richmond, Ind., the second child and first daughter of the late Rev. Paul Barkley Stephenson and Ernestine Lucille (Pask) Stephenson.

As a Methodist preacher's kid, she grew up in various Indiana towns: Richmond, Winchester, Noblesville, Fort Wayne, Portland, and Munster. Jean graduated from Fort Wayne's North Side High School in 1967, received her Bachelor's degree in education from the University of Evansville in 1971, and her Master of Science degree in education from Butler University in 1973. Her working career began as an elementary school teacher, teaching three years at Conner Elementary School in Noblesville.

Jean met her dearest husband-to-be, Alva Franklin Maxwell, on a blind date in the summer of 1973. They were married at the Grace United Methodist Church in Rochester on November 2, 1975. Frank and Jean converted a barn on their Lapel, Ind., farm property into a beautiful home, keeping a few exposed timbers to be reminded of the barn's history. After marriage, Jean's career path changed from education to social work. She started a 38-year career working for Madison County's division of Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration. She worked tirelessly for some of the poorest and least among us, making countless visits to clients in nursing homes, always with a gracious smile and deep empathy.

Jean loved being a member of the First United Methodist Church in Noblesville, where her father had been the minister from 1955 to 1964. Jean was a nearly 50-year member of the Chancel Choir, and also enjoyed her Bible study group at the church. She was renowned as a cat lady, caring for dozens of cats over her lifetime, and for her prodigious Christmas baking output, which she shared with so many others.

Jean was the loving stepmother of Frank's two children, Brian and Kristi; step-grandmother to Kristi's three children, Nathon Owens, Brandon Owens (wife Ashley), and Julie Owens Williams (husband Justin); and six step-great-grandchildren, Kennedy Williams, Kemper Owens, Owen Williams, Jobie Owens, Kase Owens, and Bennett Owens. Jean is survived by her three siblings, Philip James Stephenson (wife Gerri) of Rehoboth Beach, Del., Paul Bruce Stephenson (wife Maria Schmidt) of Bloomington, Ind., and Claire Ann Smith (husband Gary) of Portland, Ind.. She is also survived by two nephews, Peter Stephenson (girlfriend Elena) and Michael Stephenson (wife Christine); three nieces, Michelle Taylor (husband Robert), Greta Stephenson and Marta Stephenson; grandnephews, Noah, Nicholas, Aiden, Maddox, and Jackson; grandnieces, Ashley and Taylor; and a great-grandnephew, Spencer.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank; stepson, Brian; and Kristi's husband, John Owens.

Visitation will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 30 in the Whitcomb Chapel at the First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville. A Celebration of Life service will follow at noon. Clergy officiating will include Bishop John Hopkins, the Rev. Jerry Rairdon and the Rev. Jill Moffett. A private burial service will follow at Crownland Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial gifts in Jean's memory be given to the Noblesville First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, the Organ Fund, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Victor Elden Harber
April 28, 1933 – April 1, 2020

Beloved school principal, Victor Elden Harber, 86, went to be with Jesus on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. He was born on April 28, 1933 in St. Charles, Va., and was one of Jerry and Cornie (née Cottrell) Harber's 11 children. Jerry was killed in a coal-mining accident when Victor was just six years old, and Victor grew up in Rose Hill, Va.

Despite his aversion to English class, he earned his G.E.D., a bachelor's degree in business management from Lincoln Memorial University, a master's degree in elementary education from Ball State University, and an administrative license. Victor had served two years in the U.S. Army, including a tour in Korea, so he earned his college education through the G.I. Bill. He devoted most of his adult career to education – as a high school and grade school teacher, and then, for 19 years as principal of Noblesville North Elementary School.

Before finding his vocation, Victor worked at a fuel pump testing facility in Willoughby, Ohio, where co-worker, Armour Campbell, who was also from Rose Hill, showed Victor a picture of his younger sister, Thelma. Victor's heart melted, and he told Armour that he was going to marry Thelma. He quit his job, moved to Rose Hill, bought a gas station, and began courting her.

On the morning of her high school graduation, he presented her with an engagement ring and proposed. She happily accepted, and they were married on September 13, 1957. On their first wedding anniversary, they welcomed their daughter Vicki home, and their family was complete.

Victor had the privilege of being Vicki's sixth-grade math teacher. Although, like any child of a teacher, she was a bit apprehensive about being in her father's class, but by the end of the year, she told her parents she wished she could have him as her teacher for everything. Throughout grade school, Victor and his namesake could be found in his classroom or at their kitchen table with Victor grading papers while Vicki did her homework. Thelma worked at the grade school library, so education was the family business.

Victor also enjoyed volunteering in Vicki's after-school clubs. He served as the president of the Noblesville High School Band Parents Organization, and he was such a great helper with her Girl Scout troop – Hoosier Capitol Girl Scout Council Troop 651 – that they signed him up as an official member.

He volunteered for his community as well, serving in a variety of roles with the Lions Club, including president of the Noblesville chapter and district-level offices, too. In 2002, he was inducted into the Lincoln Memorial University's Hall of Fame for his leadership in the field of education.

When he and Thelma retired, they moved to Rose Hill, where they bought a rambling house with plenty of room to entertain family and friends, which they did frequently. They continued to volunteer, even spending a week on a crew repairing houses after Hurricane Katrina.

They kept in touch with their Noblesville friends, and eventually, they decided to return to Indiana, where their long-time home happened to be available for purchase. So, they settled back into their community, especially their church.

A constant throughout Victor's life was his faith. He, Thelma and Vicki were active members of Noblesville First United Methodist Church, and Victor served in just about every leadership role possible. He was, at various times, a lay leader, a Sunday School teacher, a worship leader and a member of countless committees. Early in his career in education, Victor left to study at a seminary and even served as the minister for two churches at the same time. But education was where God needed him, and he returned to teaching and administration for the rest of his career. Through his work, he improved the lives of thousands of children, which is even more impressive considering that one of his high school English teachers once described him as a "pleasant, but poor student."

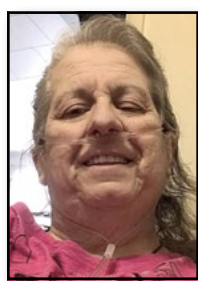
Victor Harber died during the COVID-19 pandemic, so the celebration of his impactful life had to be postponed until now. His family and friends are eager to gather and share their stories of how Victor positively influenced them. His funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 E. Monument St., Noblesville. Visitation will be immediately before the service from 9 to 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Preschool, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Sheila C. Campbell

March 10, 1953 – April 22, 2021



Sheila C. Campbell, 68, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at her home. She was born on March 10, 1953 to Eugene and Janet (Pickrell) Brumley in Noblesville.

Sheila worked as a hairdresser. She enjoyed shopping, cooking, and collecting figurines. Sheila loved being around her family and friends. She loved having fun and loved life!

Sheila is survived by her children, Russell (Christy) Campbell, Harvey Campbell, Karl Campbell, Michelle Edens, and Anita (Calvin) Guffey; siblings, Nina (Sam) Prater, Cindy Leonard, Ricky (Dalene) Campbell, and Teresa Coonce; grandchildren, Crystal, Natasha, Michael, Kelly, Nikki, MaLeca, Shauna, Josh, Jeremy and JoJo; great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Quentin, Onyx, Rosemary, Colton, Blaine and Gracie; and several nieces and nephews.

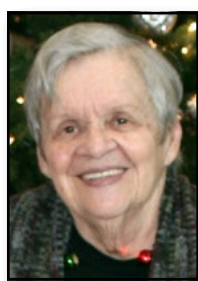
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Campbell.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., with visitation at 11 a.m., on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Jedediah Hanson will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Mary Louise Clark

March 2, 1941 – April 23, 2021



Mary Louise Clark, 80, Fishers, passed away on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Grand Brook Memory Care in Fishers. She was born on March 2, 1941 to John and Erna (Brattain) Moffitt in Noblesville.

Mary was a proud member of the 1959 class of Carmel High School. She served five terms as the Hamilton County Recorder, serving over 30 years in the recorder's office. Mary was very active in Hamilton County politics. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and hosting her family for holiday gatherings.

She is survived by her sons, Phil (Lisa) Waite and Matthew Waite; grandchildren, Kelsey Waite, Andy Waite, and Alex Waite; step-children, Jimmy, Marcia, and Linda; several step-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Buddy Clark; brother, Jack Moffitt; sister-in-law, Ruth Moffitt; and daughter-in-law, Kim Waite.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this.
1 Corinthians 5:1-3 (NIV)

Philip Warren McDowell

January 19, 1947 – May 1, 2020



Philip Warren McDowell, Sheridan, passed away on May 1, 2020 while visiting family in Florida. Philip was originally from Lake County, Ind.

After marrying Lorretta Harger, they moved to Noblesville and later retired outside of Sheridan.

Philip was born on January 19, 1947 to Arthur and Joan McDowell in Gary. Philip was a 1965 graduate of Hobart High School. Soon after graduation, while in the Army, Philip served a tour of duty in Vietnam. After his service in the military, Philip went to work at Western Electric which later became known as Lucent Technologies. Philip retired after 30 years of installing AT&T equipment for Indiana and Illinois Bell. Philip attended Cicero United Methodist Church. He was a life member of the Good Sam RV Club and he also volunteered for the Relay for Life Cancer Walks in Noblesville.

In addition to his parents, Arthur and Joan McDowell, Philip was preceded in death by his wife of 25 years, Lorretta (Harger) McDowell. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, John, Bradley, and Bruce McDowell.

Philip is survived by his son, Scott McDowell of Central Florida; daughter, Melissa (Woody) Brazill and granddaughter, Kaitlyn Nelson, Leesburg, Fl. He is also survived by his sister, Kathy (Byron) Buhr, Jefferson City, Mo.; sisters-in-law, Rose Mary (Bruce) McDowell, Goshen, Ind., Ans (Bradley) McDowell, St. Charles, Ill., and Juanita (John) McDowell, Highland, Ind.; and brothers-in-law, Ritch Harger and Mike Blackburn of Indiana. Philip is also survived by ex-wife, Linda Spencer Snell of Florida; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., with visitation at 11 a.m., on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion, the Vietnam Veterans Organization, Cornerstone Hospice of Lake County, Florida or a Hospice facility of your choice.

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Jerry J. Cook

November 21, 1936 – April 26, 2021



Jerry J. Cook, 84, Carmel, passed away on Monday, April 26, 2021. Jerry was born on November 21, 1936 in Rutland, Iowa, to the late Archie and Myrtle Cook. He was a graduate of the University of Iowa and served in the U.S. Army. His passion was his family and his faith; he was a devoted husband to his wife, a proud dad of five children, and a loving grandpa to 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Jerry was a Professional Engineer. Over his career he worked for Square D Electric, Farrell-Argast Electric Co., Inc and Simon Properties. He retired from his own company, Cook Systems, Inc. Jerry was a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, The Rotary Club and the Electric League of Indiana.

A proud alumnus of the University of Iowa and of his military service, nothing made him happier than watching the growth and success of his children and grandchildren. He was an active member and coach of the Carmel Dads' Club. He especially enjoyed baseball and was active in the development of the former Babe Ruth Field located near the American Legion.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 30 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, where family and friends are invited to gather from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Jerry is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Earlene, with whom he had his first date when they were 15 years old; his children, Kevin J. (wife, Barbara J. Byrne) Cook, Karee L. (husband, Dean) Petrucci, Keely A. Matthias and Kristin M. (husband, Perry) Paquette; grandchildren, Jade Council, Danielle (Joey) Elliott, Kyle (Lauren) Cook, Christina (Charlie) George, Kevin (fiancé, Taylor) Cook, Elyse Petrucci, Erika (Scott) Sanders, Erynn Petrucci, Evan Petrucci, Jerica Starkey, Josh (Stephanie) Matthias, Julie (Zachary) Busseni, Jaymee (David Joseph) Matthias, Emma Schmidt, Will Schmidt, Joey Schmidt, Sydney Paquette; 17 great-grandchildren; siblings, Jane Delahunt, Joanie (Maris) Doster, Jon (Helen) Cook, Judy (David) O'Leary; and brother-in-law, Jim Glaser. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly K. Regot; and siblings, Jean Beer, Jim Cook, June Glaser and Jack Cook.

Memorial contributions may be made to IWIN at iwin-foundation.org, or to the Carmel Dads' Club. Please visit flannerbuchanan.com to sign the online guest register.

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Softball

Tigers run away with Mudsock game

The Fishers softball team ran away with the Mudsock game on Tuesday, taking control in the later innings for a 10-2 win over Hamilton Southeastern in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest.

The Royals took an early lead when Ava Aguilar hit a solo home run in the top of the first inning. Southeastern added another run in the third inning; Aguilar scored again when Jenna Chase doubled her home.

The Tigers tied the game in the bottom of the third on a two-run homer by Kaylee Kardash. Sophie Schoch, who led off the inning with a single, also scored. The game would be tied at 2-2 until the fifth inning, when Hannah Mays cracked a three-run homer run, also sending home Schoch and Kardash.

Fishers continued to play long in the sixth inning, hitting three homers. Olivia Latimer hit the first one, a two-run homer that also sent Maggie Weber home. Kardash delivered her second home run of the game minutes later, with Schoch also scoring. Mays came up next and smacked her second homer of the game.

Kardash and Mays both totaled four RBIs, with Schoch and Kardash each getting three hits and scoring three runs. Mays pitched a complete game, striking out 12.

Aguilar was 3-for-4 for HSE, while Jenna Chase was 2-for-3. Chase also pitched a complete game, tossing five strikeouts.

On Monday, Fishers dropped a 3-1 game at Yorktown. Fishers scored its run in the fourth inning, with Kardash getting home on a single by Emily Walsh. Yorktown held Fishers to only two hits; Olivia Latimer hit a double for Fishers' other hit.

Fishers is 7-4 for the season, while Southeastern is 5-9.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Fishers softball team won the Mudsock game on Tuesday, pulling away in the later innings to beat Hamilton Southeastern 10-2.

Karyn Trice	2	0	0	0
Nyah Duplessis	2	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	2	1

Score by Innings									
Fishers	000	100	0	-1	2	1			
Yorktown	110	001	x	-3	5	0			

2B: Latimer.									
Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H					
Mays	2	2	2	3					
Kamara Walker	4	1	0	2					

Strikeouts: Walker 1. Walks: Mays 1.

FISHERS 10,

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 2									
Southeastern	AB	R	H	RBI					
Reece Massey	4	0	1	0					
Ava Aguilar	4	2	3	1					
Olivia Howard	3	0	1	0					
Jenna Chase	3	0	2	1					
Alli Boyle	3	0	0	0					
Ella Lewis	2	0	0	0					

Daphne Bush	2	0	0	0
Hailey Parkinson	1	0	0	0
Jolie Johnson	2	0	0	0
Maddie Bucher	1	0	0	0
Taylor Larson	3	0	0	0
Sage Peterson	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	2	7	2

HR: Aguilar. 2B: Massey, Chase.

HSE pitching	IP	R	ER	H					
Chase	6	10	10	13					

Strikeouts: Chase 5. Walks: Chase 3.

Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI					
Olivia Latimer	3	1	1	2					
Sophie Schoch	4	3	3	0					
Kaylee Kardash	4	3	3	4					
Hannah Mays	3	2	2	4					
Emily Walsh	4	0	2	0					
Abby Gavin	4	0	1	0					
Sydney Abel	3	0	0	0					
Nyah Duplessis	0	0	0	0					
Karyn Trice	4	0	1	0					
Maggie Weber	2	1	0	0					
Hannah Trueblood	0	0	0	0					
Hannah Abbott	0	0	0	0					
Totals	31	10	13	10					

HR: Kardash 2, Mays 2, Latimer. 2B: Walsh. HBP: Trueblood.

Fishers pitching	IP	R	ER	H					
Mays	7	2	2	7					

Strikeouts: Mays 12. Walks: Mays 1.

Score by Innings									
Southeastern	101	000	0	-2	7	0			
Fishers	002	035	x	-10	13	0			

Noblesville beat Westfield 18-8 in a six-inning all-county and HCC game Tuesday at the Shamrocks' field.

The Millers scored the game's first run in the second inning, when Cameron Grayson doubled home Ella White. Noblesville extended its lead to 5-0 after three innings; Lauren DeRolf blasted a three-run double, then was sent home by Gabby Fowler's sacrifice fly.

In the fourth inning, the Millers kept things rolling with four straight RBI hits. Myah Stuckey singled in Lydia Nelson-Mercer, Rylie Newcomer scored on a passed ball, then Aidan Gates batted Stuckey home with a single. Abby Harvey cracked a triple into right field to score Gates, and DeRolf picked up another RBI with a single to send Harvey home.

At that point, Noblesville led 10-0. But Westfield came back in the bottom of

the seventh, scoring seven runs. Natalie Deck got the first run, then Grace Fanelli scored on Cara Snedeker's RBI fielder's choice. Victoria Pucci was the next runner to score, coming in on Maggie Roh's RBI fielder's choice.

Avery Parker singled in Snedeker, then Roh and Parker scored when Deck reached on error. Brooklyn Carey then got home on an error, and the 'Rocks were within 10-7.

But the Millers would let Westfield get no closer, scoring four runs in both the fifth and sixth innings. Newcomer hit a fifth-inning home run that also got Ella White home, then Harvey singled in Kira Thomas and Bella Schatko.

In the sixth inning, White led off with a double, then went home immediately after Grayson hit a homer. Newcomer followed that with another home run. DeRolf later hit a sacrifice fly to score Scout Duplaga. The Shamrocks got one more run in the bottom of the sixth, when Parker hit a solo homer to right field.

Harvey and Grayson both hit 3-for-4 and totaled three RBIs, while DeRolf batted in five runs. Newcomer was 2-for-2 and drove on three runs. Grayson threw a complete game, tossing seven strikeouts.

Parker and Deck each had two hits for the Shamrocks, with Parker totaling two RBIs.

Noblesville is 8-4 for the season, while Westfield is 5-8.

NOBLESVILLE 18, WESTFIELD 8

Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI					
Reis Sjolholm	2	0	0	0					
Aidan Gates	1	1	1	1					
Lydia Nelson-Mercer	0	1	0	0					
Abby Harvey	4	2	3	3					
Kira Thomas	0	2	0	0					
Lauren DeRolf	4	1	2	5					
Gabby Fowler	4	0	0	1					
Ella White	3	3	2	0					
Cameron Grayson	4	1	3	3					
Kinsey Pfeiffer	1	0	0	0					
Rylie Newcomer	2	3	2	3					
Taylor Thompson	1	0	1	0					
Scout Duplaga	0	1	0	0					
Myah Stuckey	2	2	2	1					
Bella Schatko	2	1	1	0					
Totals	30	18	17	17					

HR: Newcomer 2, Grayson. 3B: Harvey. 2B: Grayson 2, DeRolf, White. SB: Stuckey. SAC: Sjolholm, Thompson, DeRolf, Fowler. HBP: Thompson, White.

NHS pitching	IP	R	ER	H					
Grayson	6	8	3	6					

Strikeouts: Grayson 7. Walks: Grayson 2.

Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI					
Maggie Roh	4	1	0	1					
Avery Parker	4	2	2	2					
Brooklyn Carey	4	1	0	0					
Natalie Deck	4	1	2	0					
Grace Fanelli	1	1	0	0					
Victoria Pucci	2	1	0	0					
Zoe Watson	1	0	0	0					
Zoe Klink	1	0	0	0					
Cara Snedeker	3	1	0	1					
Regan Oland	3	0	2	0					
Totals	27	8	6	4					

HR: Parker. SB: Parker 2. SAC: Pucci, Watson. HBP: Fanelli.

Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H					
Rylie Redstone	3	9	9	8					
Lilah Denton	2	8	8	8					
Fanelli	1	1	1	1					

Strikeouts: none. Walks: Fanelli 2. Redstone 1. Denton 1.

Score by Innings									
Noblesville	014	544	-18	17	5				
Westfield	000	701	-8	6	1				

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In another all-county game, Westfield beat Sheridan 12-1 in six innings on Monday.

The Shamrocks began with two solo home runs in the first inning, one from Avery Parker and another from Natalie Deck. Maggie Roh and Parker both added runs in the third inning to give Westfield a 4-0 lead.

In the fourth innings, the 'Rocks exploded for six runs. Cara Snedeker scored Zoey Watson with a bunt fielder's choice, then later scored on a single from Parker. Reghan Oland got home to make the lead 7-0, then Brooklyn Carey blasted a three-run homer, also sending Roh and Parker home.

The Blackhawks scored their run in the fourth inning when Addyson Ream got home on a passed ball. Westfield added two more runs in the sixth inning; Parker scored on Deck's RBI groundout, then Victoria Pucci singled in Carey.

Parker finished the game 3-for-3, while Carey was 2-for-3. Both batted in three runs. Ream was 2-for-3 at the plate for Sheridan.

WESTFIELD 12, SHERIDAN 1				
(6 innings)				
Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Maggie Roh	2	2	0	0
Avery Parker	3	4	3	3
Brooklyn Carey	3	2	2	3
Natalie Deck	2	1	1	2
Mya Hughes	0	0	0	0
Victoria Pucci	4	0	1	1
Zoey Watson	1	1	1	0
Grace Fanelli	2	0	0	0
K Partain	1	0	0	0
Cara Snedeker	2	1	1	1
Reghan Oland	2	1	1	0
Abby Stump	1	0	0	0
S Stegner	2	0	0	0
Totals	26	12	10	11
HR: Carey, Deck, Parker. 2B: Parker, Snedeker. SAC: Deck. HBP: Parker.				
Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Rylie Redstone	6	1	0	2
Strikeouts: Redstone 7. Walks: Redstone 3.				
Sheridan	AB	R	H	RBI
Katy Crail	2	0	0	0
Riley Reed	3	0	0	0
Taylor Bates	3	0	0	0
Addyson Ream	3	1	2	0
Caitlin Neese	2	0	1	0
Makayla Clark	2	0	0	0
Maelei Casler	1	0	0	0
Claudia Headlee	2	0	0	0
Jacquelynne Bates	2	0	0	0
Allie Delph	2	0	0	0
Emma Settles	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	1	3	0
SB: Crail.				
Sheridan pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Casler	2	4	4	3
Delph	4	8	8	7
Strikeouts: Delph 3, Casler 1. Walks: Casler 3, Delph 2.				
Score by Innings				
Westfield	202	602	- 12	10 2
Sheridan	000	100	- 1	3 1

Westfield split a Saturday doubleheader with Kokomo.

The Shamrocks won the first game 10-8. Westfield trailed 8-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, but began a comeback when Parker hit a three-run home run, then Deck scored on a wild pitch. Zoey Watson ended the game with a walkoff three-run homer.

Victoria Pucci had three hits, with Brooklyn Carey getting two.

Westfield dropped the second game 7-5. Pucci had three hits, including a triple, while Parker and Carey each had two hits.

WESTFIELD 10, KOKOMO 8				
Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Maggie Roh	3	1	1	0
Brooklyn Carey	4	2	2	0
Avery Parker	3	2	2	3
Grace Fanelli	4	0	1	1
Natalie Deck	3	1	1	0
Mya Hughes	0	0	0	0
Zoe Klink	3	1	0	0
Victoria Pucci	3	1	3	1
Zoey Watson	4	1	1	3
Reghan Oland	3	0	1	0
Cara Snedeker	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	10	12	8
Score by Innings				
Kokomo	100	201	4 -	8 14 1

Westfield	200	001	7 -	10 12 5
HR: Watson, Parker. 2B: Pucci. SB: Parker.				
Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Denton (W)	3.2	2	1	8
Redstone	3.1	6	3	6
Strikeouts: Redstone 2, Denton 1. Walks: Redstone 1.				
KOKOMO 7, WESTFIELD 5				
Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Maggie Roh	3	1	1	1
Brooklyn Carey	3	1	2	0
Avery Parker	4	2	2	1
Natalie Deck	4	0	1	1
Grace Fanelli	3	0	0	1
Reghan Oland	0	0	0	0
Allie Dolenc	2	0	0	0
Cara Snedeker	1	0	0	0
Victoria Pucci	3	1	3	0
Zoey Watson	3	0	1	0
Jenna Kingma	0	0	0	0
Abby Stump	2	0	0	0
Piper Oberbroeckling	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	5	10	4
Score by Innings				
Westfield	002	110	1 -	5 10 0
Kokomo	003	301	x -	7 11 2
3B: Pucci. 2B: Parker. SB: Parker.				
Westfield pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Pucci	2.1	3	3	3
Lilah Denton	2.0	3	3	7
Rylie Redstone	1.2	1	1	0
Strikeouts: Denton 1, Redstone 1. Walks: Pucci 3, Redstone 1.				

Noblesville lost a Monday game at New Palestine 15-1 in five innings.

The Millers scored their run in the fourth inning, when Ella White got home on Lauren DeRolf's center field hit. DeRolf finished the game 2-for-2.

NEW PALESTINE 15, NOBLESVILLE 1				
(5 innings)				
Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI
Reis Sjolholm	3	0	0	0
Abby Harvey	2	0	1	0
Lydia Nelson-Mercer	0	0	0	0
Ella White	2	1	0	0
Gabby Fowler	1	0	0	0
Cameron Grayson	2	0	1	0
Lauren DeRolf	2	0	2	1
Rylie Newcomer	1	0	0	0
Kinsey Pfeiffer	1	0	0	0
Taylor Thompson	2	0	0	0
Myah Stuckey	1	0	0	0
Bella Schatko	1	0	0	0
Totals	18	1	4	1
Score by Innings				
Noblesville	000	10 -	1	4 4
New Palestine	834	0x -	15	15 1
NHS pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Grayson	2.1	15	12	13
Kira Thomas	1.2	0	0	2
Strikeouts: Grayson 2. Walks: Grayson 2.				

Carmel's Paxton Law threw a no-hitter, Kylie Cunningham had an outstanding performance at the plate, and all that helped the Greyhounds to a big Metropolitan Conference win on Tuesday.

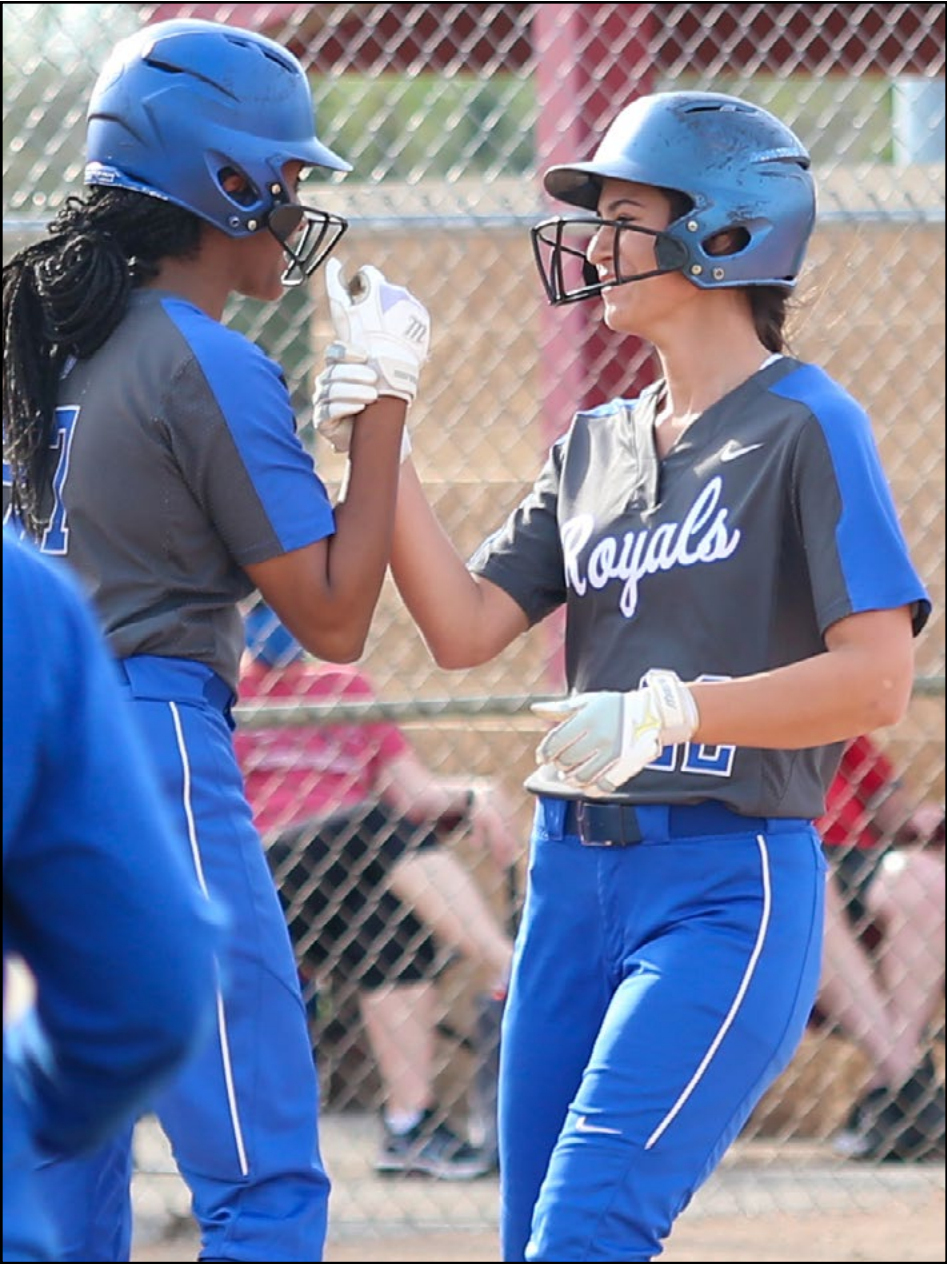
Carmel beat Lawrence Central 20-1 in a five-inning game at the Cherry Tree Softball Complex. Law gave up no hits during the game, allowing only four walks.

Cunningham smacked two home runs, totaling six RBIs for the game and scoring three runs. Cunningham hit a two-run homer in the second inning, then cracked a three-run home run in the third inning.

Ella Greenawald and Caroline Roop both hit a home run during the game, while Ella Ohrvall had two doubles in a 2-for-2 night, also scoring two runs. Megan Nichols went 3-for-3 at the plate, and Greenawald was 2-for-3 and drove in four runs, including three with her third-inning homer. Roop's two-run home run came in the first inning.

The Greyhounds are 7-6 for the season.

CARMEL 20, LAWRENCE CENTRAL 1				
(5 innings)				
Carmel	AB	R	H	RBI
Ella Ohrvall	2	2	2	1
Jessica Remm	2	2	1	0
Kylie Cunningham	4	3	3	6
Megan Nichols	3	3	3	0
Emmy Brown	1	1	1	0
Sophie Esposito	3	1	1	0
Caroline Roop	1	2	1	2
Addison Larsen	2	0	0	1
Hope McDonald	3	1	2	1



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Hamilton Southeastern's Ava Aguilar (right) is congratulated by teammate Olivia Howard after Aguilar hit a home run during the Royals' game with Fishers.

Audrey Hussain	2	1	2	2
Maddie Stacy	1	1	1	1
Ella Greenawald	3	2	2	4
Paxton Law	1	0	1	0
Lily Sullivan	3	1	0	0
Totals	31	20	20	18
Score by Innings				
LCHS	000	01 -	1	0 1
Carmel	37(10)	0x -	20	20 1
HR: Cunningham 2, Greenawald, Roop.				
2B: Ohrvall 2, Brown, Cunningham, Esposito, Nichols, Stacy. SB: Hussain 2, Nichols 2, Esposito, Greenawald, Ohrvall.				
HBP: Remm.				
Carmel pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Law	5	1	0	0
Strikeouts: Law 8. Walks: Law 4.				

Guerin Catholic kept its record perfect early this week with two overwhelming victories.

On Monday, the Class 3A No. 3 Golden Eagles cruised past Warren Central 15-1. Alicia Flores was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate, hitting three doubles and a single. Flores and Aliyay Dorsey both batted in three runs. Lucy Schenk and Ana Macha both were 3-for-4, while Sarah Dilley scored three runs. Flores pitched a complete-game victory, striking out 14 and allowing one hit.

Guerin Catholic then overwhelmed Lafayette Central Catholic 21-0 on Tuesday. Izzy Kemp pitched another no-hitter, striking out 15 and issuing just two walks.

Kemp was 2-for-3 at the plate, including a home run, drove in four runs and scored three. Kirsten Mascari went 3-for-4, batting in four runs, while Macha went 5-for-5, scoring four runs and batting in two more.

The Golden Eagles are 9-0 for the season.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 15, WARREN CENTRAL 1				
(5 innings)				
Guerin Catholic	AB	R	H	RBI
Ana Macha	4	1	3	1
Aliyah Dorsey	3	1	1	3
Karolina Clarey	0	0	0	0
Victoria Flores	4	2	1	0
Izzy Kemp	2	2	1	1
Lilli Everts	1	0	0	0
Alicia Flores	4	0	4	3
Zoey Bussick	1	2	0	0
Lucy Schenk	4	0	3	0
Olivia Labus	1	2	0	0
Julia Hartley	0	1	0	0
Kirsten Mascari	3	1	0	0
Sarah Dilley	2	3	2	2
Megan Powers	3	0	1	2
Totals	32	15	16	12
Score by Innings				
Guerin Catholic	285	00 -	15	17 0
Warren Central	000	10 -	1	1 2
2B: A. Flores 3, Dilley, Dorsey, Kemp, Schenk. SB: Macha 2, Hartley. SAC: Dorsey.				
GC pitching	IP	R	ER	H
A. Flores	5	1	0	1
Strikeouts: A. Flores 14. Walks: A. Flores 2.				

GUERIN CATHOLIC 21, LAF. CENTRAL CATHOLIC 0				
Guerin Catholic	AB	R	H	RBI
Ana Macha	5	4	5	2
Aliyah Dorsey	3	2	2	2
Lilli Everts	1	1	1	2
Victoria Flores	3	2	1	1
Zoey Bussick	1	0	0	0
Izzy Kemp	3	3	2	4
Lauren Wolfe	1	0	0	0
Alicia Flores	3	2	2	1
Olivia Labus	2	2	1	1
Lucy Schenk	2	0	1	1
Kirsten Mascari	4	2	3	4
Sarah Dilley	3	1	1	2
Megan Powers	2	0	1	0
Julia Hartley	1	2	0	0
Totals	34	21	20	20
Score by Innings				
Guerin Catholic	64(10)	01 -	21	20 0
LCC	000	00 -	0	0 4
HR: Kemp. 3B: A. Flores, Macha, Mascari. 2B: Dilley, Macha, Mascari. SB: Macha 2, Dorsey, Hartley, Kemp, Labus. HBP: Everts.				
GC pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Kemp	5	0	0	0
Strikeouts: Kemp 15. Walks: Kemp 2.				

Hamilton Heights dropped a 16-4 Hoosier Conference game at Northwestern in five innings on Tuesday.

The Huskies scored two runs in both the first and second innings. Alayna Baber hit a first-inning double, then was sent home by a home run from Hayley Greene.

The Tigers tied the game in the bottom of the first, but Heights added a pair of runs right away: Claire Cooper scored after Greene reached on error, then Sydney Massicotte drew a bases-loaded walk to send Kaylee Rhoton home. The Huskies now led 4-2, but Northwestern scored five runs in the bottom of the second and stayed in front from there.

Baber finished the game with two hits.

NORTHWESTERN 16, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 4				
(5 innings)				
Heights	AB	R	H	RBI
Kassidy Schakel	2	0	0	0
Alayna Baber	3	1	2	0
Hayley Greene	3	1	1	2
Sydney Massicotte	2	0	1	1
Lily Roush	3	0	0	0
Ashlyn Fletcher	2	0	0	0
Stephanie Spicer	1	0	0	0
Elizabeth Poisson	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Albright	3	0	0	0
Claire Cooper	1	1	0	0
Kaylee Rhoton	0	1	0	0
Totals	20	4	4	3
Score by Innings				
Heights	220	00 -	4	4 3
Northwestern	250	27 -	16	15 1
HR: Greene. 2B: Baber.				
Heights pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Albright	4	15	9	14
Cooper	0	1	1	1
Strikeouts: Albright 2. Walks: Albright 3.				

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Tennis

Fifth-ranked Royals stay perfect for season

The Hamilton Southeastern girls tennis team won two dual meets early this week over two ranked Hamilton County opponents.

The Royals are ranked themselves, tied for fifth in this week's Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association poll. Southeastern continued to justify that ranking with a 5-0 win over No. 16 Westfield on Monday, then beat No. 9 Fishers 3-2 Tuesday in the Mudsock dual. The Royals are unbeaten for the season at 7-0.

Southeastern won four of the five matches against the Shamrocks in straight sets. The three-set match came in No. 1 singles, with the Royals team of Misha Bukkasagaram and Emily Orme prevailing over Westfield's Maya Raymond and Olivia Krauss 6-3, 1-6, 6-0.

In the Mudsock battle, Bukkasagaram and Orme got HSE on the board first, winning in straight sets. Fishers' Lucy Loy took the No. 1 singles match to even the score, but Emma Bieberich got the Royals up 2-1 by winning at No. 3 singles.

The Southeastern No. 2 doubles team of Meghan Slaninka and Kaylee Etheredge clinched the Mudsock trophy for the Royals with their straight-set win. With the score 5-3 in the second set, Slaninka played a strong service game and Etheredge helped her out at the net.

"We knew it was going to be a close match with the wind being a big factor, and our girls came out ready to play from the start," said Southeastern coach Kirk Webber.

While that match was going on, No. 19-ranked Noblesville was hosting Westfield at the Noblesville East Middle School courts. The Millers beat the Shamrocks 4-1, sweeping all three singles matches in straight sets.

Noblesville's No. 2 doubles team of Sierra Leach and Lina Hamashuk pulled out a three-set victory, 7-5 in the third set. Westfield's Raymond and Krauss won the No. 1 doubles match in straight sets.

The Millers are now 7-3 for the season.

"They've had a really good season," said Noblesville coach Tim Samons. "It's a young team that competes very well. I think they're surprising a lot of people."

In a Monday match, the Millers beat Lawrence Central 5-0. Noblesville's three singles players – No. 1 Alli Maskew, No. 2 Allie Stamm and No. 3 Josie Flinchum – all won 6-0, 6-0, while the Millers doubles teams only lost one game in each of their matches.

Last Friday, Noblesville defeated Brownsburg (now ranked No. 26) 4-1. Stamm won 6-2, 6-1 and Flinchum got a 6-3, 6-1 victory in singles. In doubles, Decker and David pulled out a 4-6, 6-0, 10-6 win, while Leach and Hamashuk cruised 6-0, 6-1.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 5, WESTFIELD 0

No. 1 singles: Tea Vrkic def. Julia Gabennesch 6-1, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Taylor Wolf def. Alana Raymond 6-2, 6-4

No. 3 singles: Emma Bieberich def. Lauren Hammond 6-0, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Misha Bukkasagaram and Emily Orme def. Maya Raymond and Olivia Krauss 6-3, 1-6, 6-0

No. 2 doubles: Meghan Slaninka and Kaylee Etheredge def. Emma Schwind and Chloe Carlson 6-0, 6-4

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 3, FISHERS 2

No. 1 singles: Lucy Loy (F) def. Tea Vrkic (HSE) 6-0, 6-2

No. 2 singles: Isabella Mokra (F) def. Taylor Wolf (HSE) 6-4, 6-3

No. 3 singles: Emma Bieberich (HSE) def. Caroline Ober (F) 6-1, 6-2

No. 1 doubles: Misha Bukkasagaram and Emily Orme (HSE) def. Addy Kolb and Kirah



The Hamilton Southeastern girls tennis team swept Fishers 5-0 on Tuesday to win the Mudsock dual meet.



Westfield's No. 1 doubles team of Olivia Krauss and Maya Raymond won the No. 1 doubles match during the Shamrocks' meet with Noblesville on Tuesday.

Fuller (F) 6-0, 6-2

No. 2 doubles: Meghan Slaninka and Kaylee Etheredge (HSE) def. Meredith Ober and Maddie Barron (F) 6-2, 6-3

NOBLESVILLE 4, WESTFIELD 1

No. 1 singles: Alli Maskew (N) def. Julia Gabennesch (W) 6-0, 6-1

No. 2 singles: Allie Stamm (N) def. Alana Raymond (W) 6-3, 6-2

No. 3 singles: Josie Flinchum (N) def. Lauren Hammond (W) 6-3, 6-1

No. 1 doubles: Maya Raymond and Olivia Krauss (W) def. Katelyn Decker and Kaylee David (N) 6-4, 6-0

No. 2 doubles: Sierra Leach and Lina Hamashuk (N) def. Emma Schwind and Chloe Carlson (W) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5

No. 2-ranked Carmel took care of No. 17 Cathedral 5-0 in a Tuesday dual meet.

The Greyhounds are now 2-1 for the season and are scheduled to play at No. 11 Delta this evening.

Hamilton Heights dropped two dual meets over the past two days, but the Huskies are improving.

On Saturday, Heights fell to Pendleton Heights 5-0. No. 2 singles Rebekah Steffen took her opponent to a third-set super tiebreak, before falling 7-5, 2-6, 10-2.

In a Tuesday match, the Huskies lost to No. 22-ranked Heritage Christian 4-1. The Heights No. 1 doubles team of Madi Martin and Jenna Kelley won its match in a third-set super tiebreak, 6-2, 2-6, 10-7. No. 2 doubles Katie Smith and Olivia Mansfield stretched their opponents before falling 6-4, 6-4.



Noblesville's Allie Stamm won three matches for the Millers at No. 2 singles in their past three dual meets.

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Boys track and field

HSE takes first, NHS second at Miller Invite

The Hamilton Southeastern boys track and field team won the Noblesville Miller Invite on Tuesday, with the host Millers finishing second.

The Royals scored 155 points and won five events. Gage Pratt was a double winner in the 100 and 200 dashes. Stephen Sydnor placed first in the long jump, while Xan Cluff was part of a three-way tie for first in the pole vault. Southeastern also won the 4x800 relay.

Noblesville totaled 117.5 points and placed first in four events. Cole Kimmel led a 1-2-3 sweep of the 3200 run, Luke Shinneman paced the 1600 run, Andrew Anderson won the 700 run and the Millers also were first in the 4x100 relay.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 155, Noblesville 117.5, Mount Vernon 112.5, Lawrence Central 93, Delta 67, Greenfield-Central 38, Muncie Central 26, Frankfort 11.

4x800 relay: 1. Southeastern (Jack Struss, Ian Ross, Nolan Satterfield, Bennett Dubois) 8:20.74, 6. Noblesville (Caleb Dugger, Garion Eaton, Ian Montarsi, Sam Rinker) 9:11.46.

110 hurdles: 4. Will Gerig (HSE) 16.49, 6. Daniel Nevitt (N) 17.02, 7. Clayton Allen (HSE) 17.04, 8. Ben Kern (N) 18.00, 9. CJ Jarosinski (HSE) 18.59, 16. Peyton Cash (N) 21.81.

100 dash: 1. Gage Pratt (HSE) 11.15, 2. Mac Smith (N) 11.33, 5. Kobe Dade (HSE) 11.71, 7. Tanner Gibson (N) 11.76, 9. Brayden Colon (N) 11.88, 19. Anthony Reynolds (HSE) 12.77.

1600 run: 1. Luke Shinneman (N) 4:37.43, 2. Will Marquardt (HSE) 4:37.69, 3. Travis Hickner (N) 4:43.00, 5. Caden Click (N) 4:43.56, 9. Nolan Pham (HSE) 4:50.84, 13. Will Tuckis (HSE) 4:53.65.

4x100 relay: 1. Noblesville (Smith, Colon, Tanner Gibson, Christ Degni) 43.31, 2. Southeastern (Christian Miller, Xavier Dokes, Jaylon Cooper, Dade) 44.17.

400 dash: 4. Matthew Conard (N) 52.94, 7. Samuel Greenaway (N) 53.66, 10. Dylan Conner (HSE) 54.69, 11. Rico Ortiz (HSE) 54.69, 14. Chase Alsup (N) 55.13, 17. Ethan Falconer (HSE) 56.48.

300 hurdles: 6. Allen (HSE) 43.46, 7. Nevitt (N) 43.61, 8. Kern (N) 43.78, 13. Gavin Vogelgesang (N) 47.46, 15. Jarosinski (HSE) 47.76.

800 run: 1. Anderson (N) 1:58.76, 2. Dubois (HSE) 2:01.30, 4. Evan Campbell (N) 2:06.71, 5. Ross (HSE) 2:08.96, 9. Cade Ogan (HSE) 2:13.07, 11. Alex Hipkiss (N) 2:13.51.

200 dash: 1. Pratt (HSE) 22.38, 2. Smith (N) 22.82, 4. Dokes (HSE) 23.69, 12. Colon (N) 24.61, 15. Silas Newton (HSE) 25.25, 19. Joshua Krohn (N) 25.45.

3200 run: 1. Cole Kimmel (N) 9:53.21, 2. Asher Propst (N) 9:53.98, 3. Joel Mumaw (N) 9:56.09, 4. Garrett Hicks (HSE) 9:56.19, 5. Connor Sarkovics (HSE) 9:59.28, 7. Ash Caylor (HSE) 10:30.22.

4x400 relay: 3. Noblesville (Alsup, Greenaway, Conard, A. Anderson) 3:33.60, 6. Southeastern (Bryce Gray, Cooper, John McCoy, Deshawn Ternoir) 3:39.86.

Long jump: 1. Stephen Sydnor (HSE) 22-7.5, 5. Lamine Sall (HSE) 21-4, 6. Smith (N) 20-11.75, 8. Newton (HSE) 18-9.5, 16. Connor Meinerding (N) 16-9.25, 17. Will Johnston (N) 16-1.

High jump: 2. Manraj Grewal (HSE) 6-6, T4. Greenaway (N) 6-0, 6. Gerig (HSE) 5-10, 8. Alex Troutman (HSE) 5-10, T10. Conard (N) 5-6.

Discus: 2. Spencer Lotz (HSE) 133-4, 3. Teddy Miller (HSE) 128-11, 8. Jackson Constantine (HSE) 111-4, 11. Ben Decker (N) 94-6, 14. Mason Anderson (N) 91-8, 16. Evan Augsperger (N) 83-3.

Shot put: 3. Brandon Gonzalez (HSE) 48-2, 4. Jack Greer (HSE) 44-8.5, 8. Jon Grubbs (HSE) 39-8.5, 10. Reece Bowen (N) 38-5.5, 12. Zach Blevins (N) 36-7, 15. M. Anderson (N) 36-3.

Pole vault: T1. Xan Cluff (HSE) 13-6, T5. Patrick McGrath (HSE) 9-0.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

ABOVE: Hamilton Southeastern's Stephen Sydnor soared to first place in the long jump at Tuesday's Miller Invite at Noblesville.

BELOW: Noblesville's Luke Shinneman (left) won the 1600 run, with the Royals' Will Marquardt placing second.



Westfield girls track edges Fishers in dual meet



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Westfield girls track and field team edged out Fishers in a Tuesday dual meet, 67.25 to 64.75. Pictured here is the Shamrocks' Sophia Brown, who led a 1-2-3 sweep in the 800 run. Full results will appear in a later edition of the Reporter.



Carmel golf wins dual meet



Photo by Tammy Sander

The Carmel boys golf team beat Zionsville 315-323 Tuesday in an 18-hole meet at Prairie View Golf Club. The Greyhounds' Shoji Fujita was the meet medalist with a 74. Pictured is Carmel's Sam Booth. Full results will appear in a later edition of the Reporter.

NBA standings

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Brooklyn	42	20	.677	-
Philadelphia	40	21	.656	1.5
Milwaukee	38	23	.623	3.5
New York	34	28	.548	8.0
Atlanta	34	28	.548	8.0
Boston	32	30	.516	10.0

Miami	32	30	.516	10.0
Charlotte	30	31	.492	11.5
Indiana	29	32	.475	12.5
Washington	27	34	.443	14.5

Chicago	26	35	.426	15.5
Toronto	26	36	.419	16.0
Cleveland	21	40	.344	20.5
Detroit	19	43	.306	23.0
Orlando	18	43	.295	23.5

x - Clinched playoff spot

Tuesday scores	
Oklahoma City 119, Boston 115	Brooklyn 116, Toronto 103
Milwaukee 114, Charlotte 104	Minnesota 114, Houston 107
Portland 133, Indiana 112	Dallas 133, Golden State 103

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Utah	44	17	.721	-
Phoenix	43	18	.705	1.0
L.A. Clippers	43	20	.683	2.0
Denver	40	21	.656	4.0
L.A. Lakers	36	25	.590	8.0
Dallas	33	27	.550	10.5

Portland	33	28	.541	11.0
Memphis	31	29	.517	12.5
San Antonio	31	29	.517	12.5
Golden State	31	30	.508	13.0

New Orleans	27	34	.443	17.0
Sacramento	25	36	.410	19.0
Oklahoma City	21	41	.339	23.5
Minnesota	19	44	.302	26.0
Houston	15	47	.242	29.5

Major League Baseball standings

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	15	9	.625	-
Tampa Bay	12	12	.500	3.0
Toronto	11	11	.500	3.0
Baltimore	10	13	.435	4.5
N.Y. Yankees	10	13	.435	4.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	14	8	.636	-
Chi. White Sox	12	10	.545	2.0
Cleveland	11	11	.500	3.0
Detroit	8	16	.333	7.0
Minnesota	7	15	.318	7.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	15	9	.625	-
Seattle	13	11	.542	2.0
Houston	12	11	.522	2.5
L.A. Angels	11	11	.500	3.0
Texas	10	14	.417	5.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	9	9	.500	-
Atlanta	11	12	.478	0.5
Philadelphia	11	12	.478	0.5
Miami	10	13	.435	1.5
Washington	8	12	.400	2.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	14	9	.609	-
Pittsburgh	12	11	.522	2.0
St. Louis	12	11	.522	2.0
Cincinnati	11	12	.478	3.0
Chi. Cubs	10	13	.435	4.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	15	9	.625	-
San Francisco	15	9	.625	-
Arizona	12	11	.522	2.5
San Diego	13	12	.520	2.5
Colorado	9	14	.391	5.5

Tuesday scores	
Cleveland 7, Minnesota 4	Milwaukee 5, Miami 4
Pittsburgh 2, Kansas City 1	St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 1	Texas 6, L.A. Angels 1
Toronto 9, Washington 5	Houston 2, Seattle 0
Boston 2, N.Y. Mets 1	Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 2
Tampa Bay 4, Oakland 3	Arizona 5, San Diego 1
Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 0	Colorado 7, San Francisco 5, 10 innings
	Cincinnati 6, L.A. Dodgers 5

Portland's, size 3-point efficiency too much for Pacers

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After picking up three straight wins without its primary post players, the Pacers (29-32) had hopes of defeating a slumping Portland Trail Blazers (33-28) team at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

However, the size and 3-point efficiency of Portland proved just too much. Using a 21-5 run in the second quarter to break the game open, the Blazers routed the Pacers, 133-112, for their first win in the last six contests. The visitors finished with a 67-44 rebounding advantage and shot 20-of-35 (57.1 percent) from deep.

“It was the threes,” coach Nate Bjorkgren reiterated postgame. “We needed to do a better job of contesting better there. The glass got away from us there as well.”

Seven Blazers finished in double figures. The usual suspects, Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum, recorded 23 and 20 apiece. However, the real story belonged to reserve player, Anfernee Simons. The IMG Academy product tallied a game-high 27 points on 9-of-13 shooting. He shot 9-of-10 from beyond the arc, missing only a heat-check three late in the contest.

“You have to tip your cap, at some point,” Doug McDermott said of Simons’ performance. “He came in and just completely changed the game.”

Malcolm Brogdon and Oshae Brissett

recorded 18 points each for Indiana. Caris LeVert added 16, while McDermott’s 13 rounded out their double-digit scorers.

In the beginning, Indiana found offense through its veteran guards. LeVert and Brogdon combined to score the first 13 Pacers points. The first bucket from someone other than LeVert or Brogdon – a corner three from Edmond Sumner – broke a 13-all tie and gave Indiana a 16-13 lead. Oshae Brissett then followed with two triples, extending the Blue & Gold’s lead to 22-17 with 4:05 remaining.

The Pacers kept a slim lead until back-to-back threes from Simons and Lillard grabbed two brief Portland advantages with 1:46 remaining. From there, the squads played tight down the stretch. Indiana got the last bucket of the frame, as McDermott knifed to the rim for a layup with 18.8 seconds left. They took a 35-34 lead into the second.

The second unit sustained a small lead early in the next period. Seven points in a 0:59 span from McConnell, including a baseline 3-pointer, snagged a 44-41 Indiana lead at the 9:19 mark. However, the Trail Blazers shooters responded quickly. Five from McCollum and a textbook step-back jumper from veteran Carmelo Anthony pushed Portland in front, 48-46.

Midway through the second, Portland strung together the first prominent run of

the game. The visitors used a 21-5 run over a 4:39 span to grab a 71-55 lead with 1:43 to go. The surge came from a mix of multiple second-chance opportunities and shots from long-range. Brogdon’s 13-foot jumper finally halted the run and brought Indiana back to within 14.

With less than 30 seconds left, Indiana earned a five-point swing to cut Portland’s lead to 11. Brissett notched two free throws after McCollum’s foul was upgraded to a Flagrant-1. With Indiana remaining on offense, Justin Holiday buried a three from the left baseline with 25.6 seconds left to head into halftime down 73-62. Upset with a late call, Lillard was then called for a technical foul before the teams entered the locker room.

The Pacers quickly cut Portland’s lead to eight early in the third after Brogdon’s technical free throw and LeVert’s jumper from the left elbow. But, that would be as close as they would get for the remainder of the game.

First, the defense had trouble stopping Lillard. The potent shooter helped the Blazers jump ahead 82-68 with 8:43 to go.

Portland soon stretched their lead to 18 on two separate occasions midway through the third. The only Blue & Gold player finding offense was LeVert,

whose 10th point of the frame brought the squad to 90-74 at the 5:26 mark. Lillard quickly negated the bucket though, knocking in his fourth three of the night to push the visitors’ lead to 19.

Things got worse from there as Indiana had no answer for Simons. Already up 93-74, the third-year guard scored nine points of a 20-4 Portland run to extend the lead to 113-78 heading into the final frame. Through three quarters, he was 7-for-7 from beyond the arc.

Simons continued on, breaking his personal record by knocking in two more to start the fourth. Portland held a commanding 119-78 lead at the 10:35 mark.

With the game well in hand, Indiana rested its usual group in favor of the deep bench. New two-way contract player, Amida Brimah, notched his first NBA points on a nice post move with 7:55 to go. 0:58 seconds later, he gave the crowd a highlight alley-oop slam off a lob from Aaron Holiday.

The deep reserves ended the game on a bright note for fans, outscoring Portland’s group 34-20 in the frame. However, the Pacers are hoping for more than a moral victory in their next outing. They will face a tough Brooklyn Nets squad on April 29.

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