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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly sunny.
Tonight: Showers and storms possible in the evening, and likely overnight.
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Noblesville Council passes wheel tax, excise surtax

By JEFF JELLISON
Reporter Publisher

On Tuesday, the Noblesville Common Council unanimously approved two ordinances that will put in place a wheel tax and a motor vehicle excise surtax beginning January 2022 and paid when Noblesville residents register their vehicles.

The funds generated from the new taxes will fund a portion of the Pleasant Street bypass.

During the meeting, Mike Corbett, a Noblesville resident and former candidate for mayor, addressed the council and suggested to the council to make the Pleasant Street bypass a toll road instead of implementing new taxes. Corbett believes people might be willing to pay the toll to get through Noblesville more quickly.

Councilman Wil Hampton

ton said a toll would defeat the purpose of the road because people would avoid the toll.

Councilman Brian Ayer said, "I don't take lightly imposing a surtax, but I've heard about this road for 30 years. Eight years ago, the initial cost estimate was \$65 million dollars. Initial cost estimates now are \$113 million. I don't know what it is going to be if we keep delaying this. I think it is time to get the shovel in the ground and get this built."

According to the ordinance, the following vehicles registered in the City of Noblesville will be subject to the Motor Vehicle License Excise Tax Surtax in the amount of \$25:



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- Motor driven cycles
 - Collector vehicles
 - Trailer vehicles with a declared gross weight of 9,000 pounds or less
 - Trucks with a declared gross weight of 11,000 pounds or less
 - Mini-trucks
 - Military vehicles
- In addition, the following vehicles will be subject to a Wheel Tax of \$40:
- Buses
 - Recreational vehicles
 - Semitrailers

tor Vehicle License Excise Tax Surtax in the amount of \$25:

- Passenger motor vehicles
- Motorcycles

• Trailers with a declared gross weight of more than 9,000 pounds

• Trucks and tractors with a declared gross weight of more than 11,000 pounds

Vehicles exempt from the Wheel Tax are vehicles (1) owned by the state, (2) owned by a state agency of the state, (3) owned by a political subdivision of the state, (4) subject to the municipal vehicle excise tax imposed under Ind. Code 6-3.5-10, (5) a bus owned or operated by a religious or non-profit youth organization and used to transport persons to religious services or for the benefit of its members, (6) a school bus, (7) a motor vehicle that is funeral equipment and that is used in the operation of funeral services (as defined in Ind. Code 25-15-2-17), or (8) any other vehicle exempt pursuant to Ind. Code 6-3.5-11-4.

PrimeLife would welcome new seniors

PrimeLife Enrichment, the county organization that offers health enrichment and social activities for senior citizens, is trying to get more seniors enrolled from central and northern Hamilton County.

PrimeLife is a non-profit community group that offers many services at low cost in an informal setting at their facilities, 1078 Third Ave. SW, in Carmel. Basic membership is \$20 per month.

Membership entitles county residents age 50 and over to access Monday through Friday. Fitness is stressed with an indoor walking track and use of a workout room. There is also an indoor pool.

A lounge area for socializing and card playing is available. Lunch is offered daily.

PrimeLife was known as Hamilton County Senior Services prior to 2002 when the name was changed and the organization moved to its current location.

Among the services offered include transportation when required by members. PrimeLife has a fleet of eight vans which will assist members anywhere in Hamilton County.

Also available is assistance for the housebound. Respite care and home visitation are offered at reasonable fees.

Executive Director Gary Wagner said funding for operations comes from units of local government including Hamilton County and Clay Township, the Central Indiana Council on Aging, United Way and memberships.

In addition, a major annual fundraiser is set for June 26 at the Lucas Estate. Named 'Puttin' on the Glitz' it will have a 1920s theme and feature the band Endless Summer.

At the event, representatives from Riverview Hospital, Carmel St. Vincent and IU Health will be recognized as Heroes of Health for their actions during the pandemic.

All in all, PrimeLife is a great asset for the county, and possibly overlooked by some who could well benefit from its program of health enrichment and social interaction.



COLUMNIST
FRED SWIFT
The County Line

Hamilton County gearing up for Memorial Day remembrances

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Hamilton County will conduct their annual Memorial Day tributes to fallen veterans on May 31. The public is welcome to attend the traditional rites on Monday.

Noblesville Legion and VFW honor guard members will conduct an 11 a.m. service at the county memorial on the Courthouse Square, followed by a salute to veterans buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Then, a rededication of the expanded veterans memorial at Crownland will be conducted, followed by a lunch for veterans and friends at the VFW Hall.

Carmel Legion and VFW posts will hold memorial services Monday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery near Westfield.

Tributes will then follow at Summit Lawn, Little Eagle Creek, Farley and Carmel cemeteries.

Sheridan veterans organizations will have rifle salutes at Boxley Cemetery at 10 a.m. followed by similar observances at the other Sheridan area cemeteries.

Fishers Legion members will conduct a memorial at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. Monday, followed by a brief service at the Fishers American Legion Post where a meal will be served to veterans following the memorial.

Carmel paying tribute to local servicemembers Friday morning

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel will conduct its annual Memorial Day Ceremony to pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate price in service to our country at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 28.

The event will be held at Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial Plaza, 800 3rd Ave. SW. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be moved to the Tarkington Theatre, 3 Carter Green.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Darin Bibeau, U.S. Coast Guard veteran and Carmel resident. Bibeau has been on high-risk operations on the high seas and remote areas around the globe. In addition, Bibeau strives to help others, especially veterans, on their road to professional and personal success.



File photo

Fishers thanking heroes, dedicating Gold Star monument Monday morning

The REPORTER

Join the City of Fishers to honor the service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom at a special ceremony from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, May 31 in front of Fishers City Hall, 1 Municipal Drive.

During this ceremony, the city will also dedicate the new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on Central Green.

Gold Star Families are highly encouraged to register in advance so they can appropriately be honored. Masks are recommended for individuals who are unvaccinated. Learn more at fishers.in.us/Fishers-Honors.

Honor a Local Hero

The City of Fishers recognizes local heroes through the light pole banner program,

which honors veterans and active duty servicemembers with banners on display around the Nickel Plate District.

You can also recognize your patriotic loved one's selfless sacrifices for our country by purchasing an engraved brick paver, which will be placed in the Liberty Plaza walkway. Learn more and meet our local heroes at fishers.in.us/Fishers-Honors.

Former V.P. Mike Pence moves to Carmel

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

Former Vice President Mike Pence and his wife, Karen, are now residents of Hamilton County.

They registered to vote last month in Clay Center precinct, which is in the western section of Carmel.

Pence, 61, originally from

Columbus, Ind., left office as vice president in January and announced he was returning to Indiana.

At the time, he did not say where in the state he would be living, but recently it was reported he was locating in the Indianapolis area.



Pence

The former governor, before serving as vice president under Donald Trump, now has a position with the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

"It's good to be back home in Indiana," Pence said on social media.

Carmel is becoming a home for former vice presidents.

Dan Quayle lived in Carmel for several years after leaving Washington in 1993. He served one term as V.P. with George W. Bush and now lives in Arizona.

Charles Warren Fairbanks, who served as Teddy Roosevelt's vice president, had a farm in Carmel after leaving office in 1909.



Kaiser



Atha

Westfield Schools announces new district leadership

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees has announced a pair of hires at the top of the district leadership structure. Paul A. Kaiser, Ph.D. will be the district's new superintendent. John Atha, Ed.D. will become assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Both of these hires were effective Wednesday, May 26.

Dr. Kaiser previously served as superintendent of Beech Grove City Schools for 13 years. He has more than 40 years of experience in education. His career began as a teacher at Kokomo Haworth High School, moving on to an assistant principal position at Eastern High School in Greentown, Ind., principal at Decatur Central High School, assistant superintendent at Noblesville Schools, and then as superintendent of Monroe-Gregg Schools and Beech Grove City Schools.

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"I am excited to be 'coming home' to Westfield and Hamilton County as the superintendent of Westfield Washington Schools," Kaiser said. "When I served as Assistant Superintendent at Noblesville Schools, my family and I lived in Westfield and my daughters were proud Shamrocks! I am honored to have the privilege of serving the Westfield community as superintendent of schools. Westfield Washington Schools has a long-standing tradition of excellence. Our emphasis will always be to provide a rigorous academic program for our students to prepare them for a career in the next phase of their lives. I'm proud to be a Shamrock!"

Dr. Atha most recently served as president of Guerin Catholic High School and prior to that, was the associate superintendent of Avon Community Schools. The Indiana native brings more than 30 years of educational experience as a teacher, an elementary and secondary principal, and a central office administrator to this role. As assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, he will work directly with building administrators to support their curricular needs.

"I am excited to be joining the outstanding team at Westfield Washington Schools," Atha said. "My wife and I have lived in Westfield for the past 11 years, and we have a 2020 graduate of Westfield High School. We have experienced, first-hand, the high-quality education students receive and know the district's success is grounded in its amazing faculty, staff and administration who work tirelessly each day for students and their families. Westfield Washington Schools has a commitment to excellence and to making our community better for all who live here. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a Shamrock and I can't wait to get started."

Drs. Kaiser and Atha will be piloting a district with more than 8,400 students, more than 600 teachers and nearly 240 support staff. Westfield Washington Schools currently has an A-rating from the Indiana Department of Education and Westfield High School was recently ranked in the top 3 percent of all high schools in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

School Board President Jimmy Cox said he is confident that Kaiser and Atha will continue the district's success.

"We are thrilled with the qualifications and the diverse experiences that Drs. Kaiser and Atha will bring to our district and are excited to welcome them," Cox said. "Their experience in urban, rural, suburban, public and private school settings will help to build on the excellent reputation of Westfield Washington Schools."

Kaiser holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Indiana State University. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University, in addition to his Administration and Supervision, and Educational Specialist in Administration certifications.

Atha holds a doctorate of education from Ball State University as well as a Master's of Business Administration and a Master's degree in education from the same institution. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics-computer science from Saint Joseph's College.

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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.) 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

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Actors Theatre of Indiana welcomes Sam Arce as new board member

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) welcomes Sam Arce as the newest ATI board member.

Arce has been in residential real estate since 1985, has lived in Indiana since 1991, and has been a resident of Carmel since 1998. He is a licensed real estate broker with F.C. Tucker and has been an instructor at the Tucker School of Real Estate since 2007.

Arce says he has always had a passion for live theatre. In fact, he performed semi-professionally while in high school and college, and his love and passion for the arts continues to this day.

Prior to his professional involvement on Broadway and in the West End, Arce made numerous trips to New York City to see musicals and plays. Since 2018, he has invested in professional Broadway productions under his own company called

“Broadway Sam Theatrical Productions” and is part of a four-person producing team.

Some of the shows Arce has invested in include the Broadway productions *American Son* and *Getting the Band Back Together*; Off Broadway productions, including *Rock of Ages: The Musical* and *Broadway Bounty Hunter*; London West End productions *The Prince of Egypt* and *Be More Chill*; and the Las Vegas shows *Chris Angel Mindfreak* and *Heartbreak Hotel*.

As Arce continues to plan for several additional projects of his own, he says he is also anxious to be a more integral part in helping ATI reach its goals.

About Actors Theatre of Indiana

Actors Theatre of Indiana was co-founded in 2005 by Cynthia Collins,



Arce

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AG’s office files court brief reiterating proper limits on governor’s authority

The REPORTER

The Office of the Indiana Attorney General has **filed a court brief** that reiterates that the Indiana Supreme Court precedents hold that the Governor may not – without the consent of the Attorney General – call another branch of state government to account before a third branch of state government.

These legal issues arose when the Governor unlawfully sued the Indiana General Assembly following its override of the Governor’s veto of House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1123, which enables the legislature to call itself into emergency session fol-

lowing a declaration of a state emergency.

The Governor’s constitutional responsibility in regard to HEA 1123 concluded with his veto of the provision.

“Indiana law vests the Attorney General with the authority and responsibility for setting a single legal policy on behalf of the State,” the brief states. “Indiana courts, meanwhile, have authority to resolve concrete and justiciable legal disputes ... If HEA 1123 imposes a concrete injury on a private party that challenges the statute’s validity in a justiciable case, Indiana courts will resolve

that dispute.”

The brief argues that the Governor’s unauthorized lawsuit did not meet those tests.

Furthermore, the brief states, “The Rules of Professional Conduct expressly contemplate the Attorney General’s authority on this count. They acknowledge that lawyers under the supervision of the Attorney General ‘may be authorized to represent several government agencies in intragovernmental legal controversies in circumstances where a private lawyer could not represent multiple private clients. These Rules do not abrogate any such authority.’”

Most pools at state parks to open; lifeguards still needed at others

The REPORTER

Get ready to cool off, Hoosiers. Most public swimming pools located in Indiana State Parks will open this weekend, as will all DNR swimming beaches.

Pools opening as scheduled are at Clifty Falls, McCormick’s Creek, O’Bannon Woods, Shakamak, and Versailles state parks, and at Cagles Mill Lake (Lieber State Recreation Area). In addition, the beach at Indiana Dunes State Park will open on Saturday with lifeguards on duty.

The water slides and lazy river at Prophetstown State Park’s aquatic center will open Saturday, but its leisure pool will be closed until mid-June. The public pool at Brown County State Park will open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31; however,

the wading pool will be not in operation. The delays are the result of supply chain issues.

The public pool at Turkey Run State Park will remain closed this weekend due to lack of lifeguards; it is expected to open the first weekend in June. The public pool at Spring Mill State Park will remain closed until lifeguard and pool staff positions are filled.

The public pools at Mounds and Harmonie state parks remain closed, as announced earlier this year.

Applications are still being accepted for lifeguards. Positions are open to applicants age 15 and older. For more information, contact the state park property nearest you that is listed above. Phone numbers are at stateparks.IN.gov under “Find a park”.

Beaches that offer swimming with no lifeguards will open this weekend at Chain O’Lakes, Lincoln, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Summit Lake, and Whitewater Memorial state parks; at Starve Hollow and Deam Lake SRAs; and at Brookville, Cagles Mill (Lieber SRA), Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon SRA), Hardy, Mississinewa, Monroe, Patoka, and Salamonie lakes, as well as at Ferdinand State Forest.

The aquatic center at Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park and the pools at Clifty Inn (Clifty Falls State Park), Potawatomi Inn (Pokagon State Park), Spring Mill Inn (Spring Mill State Park), and Turkey Run Inn (Turkey Run State Park) remain open for registered guests at each.

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Consumer alert: AG Todd Rokita, DWD Commissioner Payne warn of phishing scam

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Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development have partnered to warn Hoosiers about a phishing scam involving unemployment benefits. Scammers are sending text messages asking Hoosiers to verify their identity by clicking on a link. Clicking the link may give scammers access to your personal data.

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner with state agencies to encourage Hoosiers to be vigilant in protecting their personal information," Rokita said. "Scammers are always coming up with new ways to try to steal your identity and your money. If you receive a text message asking to verify your eligibility for unemployment benefits, I urge you to delete the message and file a report both with my office and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development."

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development will never send a text message to verify your

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An example of the phishing attempt via text.

eligibility for unemployment benefits.

"The fact that scammers are now contacting Hoosiers directly via text message shows just how far they will go in their attempts to steal personal information," Department of Workforce Development Commissioner Fred Payne said. "DWD has many prevention and detection tools in place to thwart as much fraudulent activity

as possible, but individuals still should take the necessary steps to protect their personal information."

If you have received a suspicious text message or believe you may have been a victim of fraud, contact the Attorney General's Data Privacy and ID Theft section at [indianaconsumer.com](https://www.indianaconsumer.com), and also contact the [Indiana Department of Workforce Development](https://www.id.gov).

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
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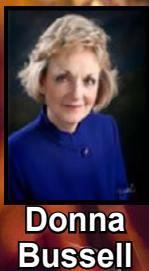
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Grayson's grand slam gives Millers momentum...

Noblesville makes comeback to take Sectional 8 softball championship

By RICHIE HALL

CARMEL - With one swing of the bat, the Noblesville softball team went from being in a big hole to back on solid ground.

A fifth-inning grand slam by Cameron Grayson tied the game up, and gave the Millers the momentum for the remainder of their Class 4A Sectional 8 championship game with Carmel at the Greyhounds' Cherry Tree Softball Complex. Noblesville went on to win 11-7 to claim its seventh sectional championship in program history.

"We knew it was going to be tough," said Millers coach Deke Bullard. "We knew the Carmel team we played in early April was not going to be the same team that showed up. We knew it was going to be tough, without a doubt, and it always is. That makes it a little more rewarding."

The two teams played each other on April 14, early in the season, with Noblesville winning 13-8. The Greyhounds came out firing, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. Megan Nichols batted in Ella Ohrvall, then was sent home by a Caroline Roop single.

The Millers got on the board in the second inning when Gabby Fowler doubled in Lauren DeRolf. Carmel answered that in the top of the third when Roop smashed a home run into center field.

The Greyhounds' lead increased to 4-1 in the top of the fourth inning; Ohrvall doubled in Lily Sullivan. Grayson led off the bottom of the fourth with a right field homer — a sign of things to come.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Noblesville softball team won a high-scoring game with Carmel 11-7 at Cherry Tree Softball Complex to win Class 4A Sectional 8. The Millers won their seventh sectional championship and advance to the Tuesday regional to take on the Sectional 7 winner.

But Carmel can hit the long ball too, and Audrey Hussain showed that when she cracked a two-run homer in the fifth inning, also scoring Roop. That put the Greyhounds up 6-2.

"There wasn't any panic, but we knew

that was a big hole," said Bullard. "We knew that Carmel was a good hitting team. Six to two is a big hole in a sectional game when there's a lot of pressure and a lot of anxiety and everything else. So, we knew it was a big hole, but we just kept trying to chip away at it."

Noblesville began the fifth inning with three straight singles. Myah Stuckey led off with a bunt to get on base, then Reis Sjöholm hit a pop-up single. Abby Harvey's bunt loaded the bases.

After the Millers absorbed a pop out, Grayson came up to the plate. She smacked a 1-0 pitch into center field, sending everybody home and tying the game.

"As soon as I hit the ball, I knew it was gone and it was just a sigh of relief after being down the whole game," said Grayson.

"We know that we can hit the long ball," said Bullard. "But we had to go small to get runners on base. It took us

a while to adjust to the pitching. But I felt like once we adjusted, our true colors started coming out with hard hits and the long ball flew in there a few times, so that certainly helps us."

Noblesville was in control after that. Taylor Thompson put the Millers in front with her home run, a two-run homer into left field that also scored DeRolf. Lydia Nelson-Mercer got home when Sjöholm reached on error. That made it seven fifth-inning runs for Noblesville, which now led 9-6.

The Greyhounds got a run back in the top of the sixth inning when Kylie Cunningham batted in Sullivan. The Millers responded with two runs in the bottom of the inning: Ella White stole home, then Kira Thomas scored on DeRolf's RBI fielder's choice. Carmel got runners on first and second in the seventh inning with two outs, but a Grayson strikeout

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Carmel girls tennis wins regional title

The Carmel girls tennis team continued its regional championship streak on Wednesday by winning the Kokomo regional.

The No. 1-ranked Greyhounds beat No. 22 Harrison 4-1. Carmel was led by 6-0, 6-0 victories from No. 2 singles Leila Antony, No. 3 singles Nora Perkins and No. 2 doubles Katelyn Conley and Anjali Natarajan. The No. 1 doubles team of Hallie Reeves and Alexa Lewis won its match 6-0, 6-2.

This marks the 15th consecutive regional title for the Greyhounds, extended their state record streak. Carmel has won 21 regionals overall.

The 'Hounds will advance to the La Porte semi-state, which takes place at noon Saturday. Carmel will play Peru, which won the Plymouth regional 3-2 over Bremen.

No. 9 Fishers will play No. 14 Cathedral in the North Central regional championship at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon.

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ended the game.

That turned out to be Grayson's only strikeout of the game. She had pitched 19 innings this week in three sectional contests.

"Today before the game, I just tried to keep everything low key," said Grayson. "I went and got lunch with my mom and then when I got here, I knew I had to show up and play. After throwing two games, Monday, Tuesday, I knew that I needed to give everything I got to finally finish out the sectional."

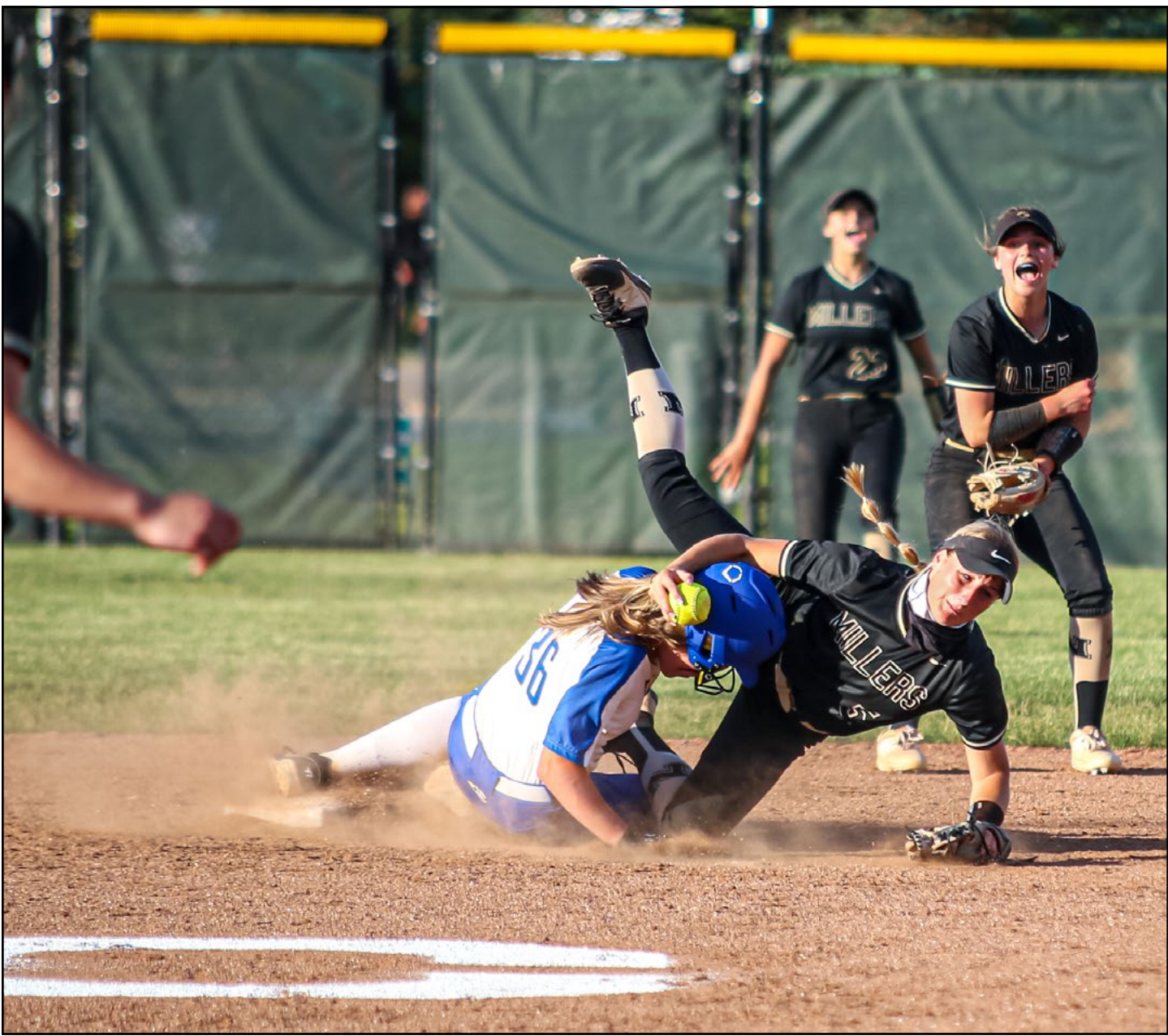
Grayson and Myah Stuckey both had two hits for the game.

Carmel got two hits from Ohrvall, Roop and Sullivan, with Sullivan hitting a double. The Greyhounds finished their season 15-13. Carmel coach Ginger Britton was pleased with the progress of the 'Hounds, noting that this Carmel team was a "very green team."

"We've made a lot of adjustments and we've come a long way both defensively and offensively, and I think our pitching staff has done a really great job of learning on the fly with three pitchers that had no varsity experience before this year," said Britton. "And I think offensively we did a really nice job starting out strong and being able to maintain that through the entire season," and then into the post-season.

Noblesville is 24-5 and will play at the field of the Sectional 7 winner Tuesday for the regional championship. Kokomo and Harrison will play each other tonight at Logansport for that sectional title.

NOBLESVILLE 11, CARMEL 7				
Carmel	AB	R	H	RBI
Ella Ohrvall	5	1	2	1
Kylie Cunningham	3	0	1	1
Megan Nichols	3	1	1	1
Sophie Esposito	3	0	1	0
Caroline Roop	4	2	2	2
Audrey Hussain	4	1	1	2
Hope McDonald	4	0	1	0
Ella Greenawald	4	0	1	0
Lily Sullivan	3	2	2	0
Paxton Law	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	7	12	7
HR: Hussain, Roop. 2B: Ohrvall, Sullivan.				
SAC: Cunningham.				
Carmel pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Maddie Stacy	4.1	6	5	7



Noblesville's Ella White (5) hangs on to the ball while Carmel's Hope McDonald gets back on the base during the Millers-Greyhounds sectional championship game Thursday.

Emmy Brown	0.2	3	0	3	Scout Duplaga	3	0	0	0
Law	1.0	2	0	0	Taylor Thompson	1	1	1	2
Strikeouts: Stacy 1. Walks: Stacy 1.					Rylie Newcomer	1	0	1	0
					Erin Clark	1	0	0	0
Noblesville	AB	R	H	RBI	Lydia Nelson-Mercer	0	1	0	0
Reis Sjöholm	4	1	1	0	Kinsey Pfeiffer	1	0	0	0
Abby Harvey	4	1	1	0	Myah Stuckey	3	1	2	0
Ella White	4	1	0	0	Kira Thomas	0	1	0	0
Cameron Grayson	4	2	2	5	Totals	33	11	10	9
Lauren DeRolf	4	2	1	1					
Gabby Fowler	3	0	1	1					

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Bates' walkoff hit powers Sheridan to final at Rossville

The Sheridan softball team blasted to a seventh-inning comeback Wednesday in the first semi-final at Class 1A Sectional 54 at Rossville, scoring three runs to get past South Newton 8-7 and advance to tonight's championship game.

The Blackhawks got off to a good start, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Allie Delph got the first run on a passed ball, then Riley Reed scored when Addyson Ream reached on error. Ream was sent home by a Caitlin Neese base hit.

South Newton got a run back in the top of the second inning, but Sheridan added two in the bottom of the inning. Katy Crail sent a triple into right field, then got home on Delph's single. Delph stole second base and then went home on Reed's center field hit.

That put the Blackhawks up 5-1. But South Newton scored three runs in the third inning, then took the lead in the fifth with three more runs. Neither team scored again until the bottom of the seventh.

Going into that inning, Sheridan trailed 7-5. But the 'Hawks worked quickly to get in a winning position. Delph led off with a single, stole second base and moved to third base on an error. Delph scored when Reed reached on error, eventually getting to second.

Ream came up and hit a single, then moved to second. Reed advanced to third base. After the Blackhawks absorbed a pop out, Taylor Bates came up to bat and nailed a triple into left field, sending both Reed and Ream home and getting Sheridan the win.

Delph was 3-for-4 at the plate and also stole four bases. Ream pitched the last two innings for the win.

The 'Hawks will play host Rossville at 6 p.m. tonight for the Sectional 54 championship. The Hornets beat Frontier 12-3 in the second semi-final.

SHERIDAN 8, SOUTH NEWTON 7				
Sheridan	AB	R	H	RBI
Katy Crail	4	1	1	0
Allie Delph	4	3	3	1
Riley Reed	2	2	1	2
Addyson Ream	3	2	1	1
Caitlin Neese	3	0	1	1
Taylor Bates	3	0	1	2
Makayla Clark	3	0	0	0
Kendra Blankenship	3	0	0	0
Maelei Casler	3	0	1	0
Totals	28	8	9	7
Score by Innings				
South Newton	013	030	0	7 7 6
Sheridan	320	000	3	8 9 3
3B: Bates, Crail. SB: Delph 4, Reed. SAC: Reed 2, Bates, Ream.				
Sheridan pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Casler	2	4	3	1
Delph	3	3	3	4
Ream (W)	2	0	0	2
Strikeouts: Ream 3, Delph 2, Casler 1. Walks: Casler 5, Delph 3.				

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Major League Baseball standings

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	31	20	.608	-
Boston	30	20	.600	0.5
N.Y. Yankees	28	20	.583	1.5
Toronto	24	23	.511	5.0
Baltimore	17	32	.347	13.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	28	20	.583	-
Cleveland	26	21	.553	1.5
Kansas City	23	24	.489	4.5
Minnesota	20	29	.408	8.5
Detroit	19	30	.388	9.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	29	22	.569	-
Houston	27	22	.551	1.0
Seattle	23	27	.460	5.5
L.A. Angels	22	27	.449	6.0
Texas	22	29	.431	7.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	22	20	.524	-
Atlanta	24	25	.490	1.5
Miami	24	25	.490	1.5
Philadelphia	24	26	.480	2.0
Washington	20	24	.455	3.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	27	22	.551	-
Chi. Cubs	26	22	.542	0.5
Milwaukee	24	25	.490	3.0
Cincinnati	21	25	.457	4.5
Pittsburgh	18	30	.375	8.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Diego	32	18	.640	-
L.A. Dodgers	30	19	.612	1.5
San Francisco	30	19	.612	1.5
Colorado	19	30	.388	12.5
Arizona	18	32	.360	14.0

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WNBA standings

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
New York	5	1	.833	-
Connecticut	5	1	.833	-
Chicago	2	2	.500	2.0
Atlanta	2	2	.500	2.0
Washington	2	3	.400	2.5
Indiana	1	5	.167	4.0

Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	4	1	.800	-
Las Vegas	3	2	.600	1.0
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2.0
Dallas	1	2	.333	2.0
Los Angeles	0	2	.000	2.5
Minnesota	0	3	.000	3.0

Pacers and Fever news: Next Fever home game is June 12

Pacers Sports & Entertainment released its May Highlights this week:

LOOKING AHEAD

The Indiana Fever full 2021 regular season schedule is now available, with the next home game taking place Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m. vs. Chicago Sky.

With ongoing construction on the Fieldhouse of the Future renovation project, the Fever's remaining regular season home games will all be played at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum, located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. Tickets for the first set of home games at the Coliseum (June 12 through July 9) go on sale to the general public Thursday, June 3 at feverbasketball.com/tickets. The Fever will continue to lives-

stream home games at no cost for fans statewide at [FeverBasketball.com](https://feverbasketball.com), on the Indiana Fever's Facebook page, or via the Fever app. This year's streaming services will extend to fans in Ohio and Kentucky for the first time, as well.

The Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever continue to celebrate Military Appreciation Month (May 1-31), headlined by the Hoops for Troops Auction presented by Yuengling, which runs through the end of the month and benefits Team Red White & Blue Indiana. Items available include Pacers and Fever autographed merchandise and apparel, Yuengling signage, grills, coolers and more. Visit Pacers.com/HoopsforTroopsAuction to place your

bid and help Indiana's military veterans. A year-round initiative led by the NBA in collaboration with the Department of Defense, USO, TAPS and other military and veteran-serving organizations, Hoops for Troops is designed to honor active and retired service members and their families. During Hoops for Troops Weekend, May 28-30, the Indiana Pacers and the Indiana Fever will join the NBA and the Department of Defense in recognizing members of the military and work side-by-side to positively impact central Indiana.

The Indiana Fever announced Hoosiers can begin nominating recipients for the 'Anthem Assists' award beginning Tuesday, June 1. Fans can nominate a student, co-worker, neighbor, friend, relative, volunteer or community leader who is making a difference through their commitment to inspiring change here. The year-round 'Anthem Assists' award serves as another key component in this year's announced partnership with the Fever and Anthem, Inc.

EARLIER EVENTS

Indiana Fever current VP of Basketball Operations and General Manager Tamika Catchings was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Catchings' banner with the new embroidered Hall of Fame designation was raised on May 23, proudly displayed along with five Pacers Naismith Hall of Fame inductees including Reggie Miller, Mel Daniels, Roger Brown, George McGinnis and Bobby "Slick" Leonard. Catchings' No. 24 was retired by the franchise on June 24, 2017. It is still the only number retired in franchise history.

As part of the ongoing Military Appreciation Month, additional Pacers and Fever activations have included:

Military Mondays: Each Monday during the month of May, the Military Monday Team, including the Indiana Pacemates, Boomer and Freddy Fever, surprised local military heroes to thank them for their dedication and service to our country.

Military Salute of the Game: The Pacers teamed up with Team Red White & Blue to present the Military Salute of the Game at Pacers home games in early May. This program allows military personnel and their families to serve as VIP guests at the game and be recognized for their selfless acts in protecting our country.

Behind the Bricks, a partnership between Pacers, Fever and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to treat four members of our military to a special "Behind the Bricks" look at the IMS on May 12. IMS President Doug Boles led the group in a lap around the track, followed by a tour of the Yard of Bricks, The Pagoda and the Media Center.

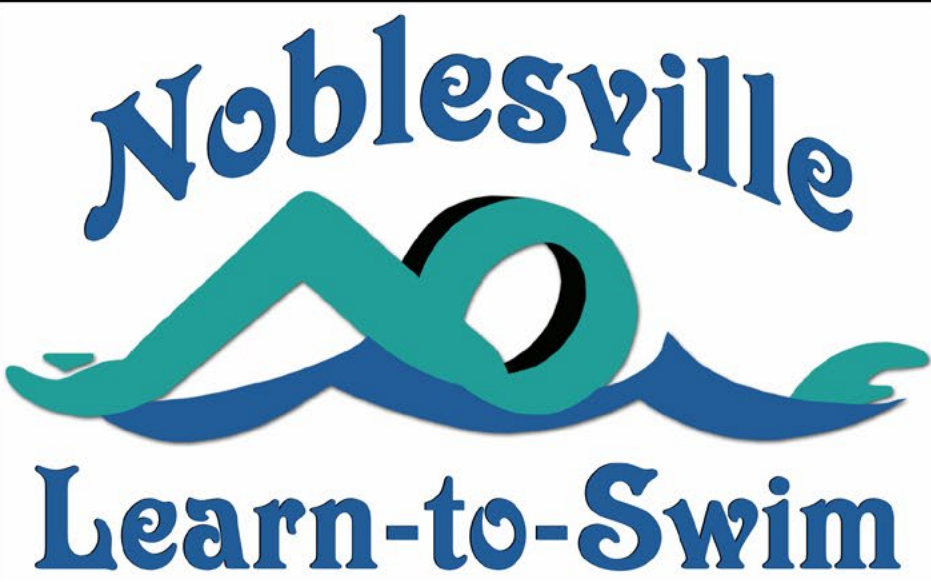
Commitment to Service Day: Volunteers from Pacers Sports & Entertainment

and the USO of Indiana participated in a Commitment to Service Day at Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana on May 20. Volunteers assisted in preparing Family Meal Packs to aid in feeding hungry Hoosiers. Through volunteers' efforts such as these, Gleaners is able distribute more than 2 million pounds of food each month.

Mayor Joe Hogsett released a proclamation that officially declared Indianapolis be renamed to "Block City" for the day (May 14) to support Indiana Pacers' star center and fan favorite Myles Turner's NBA Defensive Player of the Year (DPOY) campaign. The proclamation came in response to a fan petition released earlier this month calling upon the Mayor to give Turner an assist in creating national awareness for his on-court defensive efforts. The city's honorary name change to "Block City" references Turner's epic on-the-court blocks and defensive efforts through a historic statistical defensive season that's seen him dominate the competition all season long. With an average of 3.4 blocks, 6.5 rebounds and 0.9 steals per game, Turner has single handedly turned Indianapolis into "Block City," hosting nightly highlight reel block parties against the best in the NBA.

The Indiana Pacers' Malcolm Brogdon talked with Warren Central High School student Christian Oates for the Indianapolis Recorder, one of the country's oldest African American newspapers. Oates is part of the Next Gen Sports Initiative, which is partnering with the Recorder to empower and support young aspiring journalists in Indianapolis-area high schools. The conversation hit on a number of topics, including the powerful work Malcolm and the Brogdon Family Foundation are doing to support students in Indianapolis Public Schools and his efforts to expand access to clean water in Africa. The interview also discusses Malcolm's commitment to expose more students of color to opportunities at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as the important and unique platform Black athletes have in addressing issues of social injustice. <https://indianapolis-recorder.com/one-on-one-with-malcolm-brogdon/>

Pacers Sports & Entertainment partnered with Indianapolis-based cultural development firm GANGGANG to present Indianapolis' Day of Mental Health and Healing sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield on Friday, May 14, delivering mindfulness and mental health activities to more than 150 Hoosiers over three sessions at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Representatives from the nonprofit, corporate, and civic spaces came out to encourage participants and reinforce the idea that healthy minds and healthy bodies are both critical components for overall health and well-being.



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