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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Sunny. Humidity falls.
Tonight: Clear.

HIGH: 87 LOW: 61



Participants, sponsors, and generous donors worked together to raise \$28,784.70 for Beck's 5K on June 5.

Beck's holds second 5K to support cancer research

American Institute for Cancer Research selected as 2021 beneficiary

The REPORTER

Beck's, the largest family-owned retail seed company in the United States, held its second annual 5K on June 5 at its headquarters in Atlanta. Beck's 5K promotes health and wellness among Beck's employees and their families, customers, seed dealers, and the community.

From a combination of in-person racers, virtual racers, and children racers, the 5K had a total of 378 participants. Through registrations, sponsorships, and generous

donations, Beck's 5K generated \$28,784.70 to directly benefit the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR).

AICR was selected by a vote from Beck's employees. Because many have experienced the impact of cancer in some way, employees felt passionate about supporting an organization like AICR. AICR stays committed to preventing cancer and healthier survivorship through innovative research, community programs, and impactful partnerships.

"The collaboration between

Beck's and AICR's annual Shred Cancer event with Pro-Shred Security brings together the community to run, walk, and highlight the importance of physical activity, nutrition, and overall lifestyle habits in reducing cancer risk," said Jodi Street, director of corporate relations at AICR. "Beck's Hybrids is one of AICR's important partners in this effort."

Participants showed their support for loved ones by purchasing Tributes that were displayed on the Shred Cancer Wall in honor of fighters and

survivors and in memory of those who are no longer with us.

"We had a perfect day to bring together our family of employees and community to support cancer research," said Bethany Gremel, director of culture and brand experience at Beck's. "Cancer is no stranger to any of us, and this year's event allowed us the opportunity to support our employees and give back to AICR."

The event was open to all ages. In addition to the 5K

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Perhaps happiness can be found in the hard times

"You can't wait until life isn't hard anymore before you decide to be happy."
— Nightbirde, a.k.a. Jane Marczewski

Perhaps you saw her on *America's Got Talent*. Perhaps you heard her sing. Perhaps you heard her story. If you did, perhaps your eyes leaked. Mine did.

She was authentic. Her song told her story of fighting terminal cancer and yet, she sang, "I'm okay. I'm okay, I'm okay." She wrote the song. She is living the lyrics.

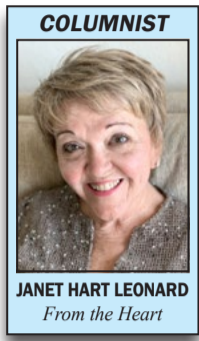
What do we do when we get gyped out of our happily ever after? What do we do when we get the test results that we prayed we would not? How do we handle the shrapnel of broken dreams?

Then someone like Nightbirde comes along and shakes us into seeing life differently.

Happiness does not always come gift-wrapped to those who deserve it.

Bad things happen to good people. We can live under our circumstances or we can decide to rise above them. Sometimes we must make the decision over and over. Sometimes we prevail with positivity. Other times we find ourselves in the middle of a pity party. We are human after all.

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From the Heart

Playhouse and TherAplay polo

Support Westfield Playhouse and Carmel's Children's TherAplay Foundation this month

By STU CLAMPITT
[ReadTheReporter.com](#)

June 25 will be all about chukkas and charity during Westfield Playhouse's annual polo match at Hickory Hills Polo Club, 7551 E. County Road 100 North, Whitestown. This year the playhouse is partnering with Children's TherAplay Foundation, 9919 Towne Road, Carmel, for an evening of outdoor family fun.

According to Carol Shadle from Westfield Playhouse and Main Street Productions (MSP), the entire MSP organization is run by volunteers, making events like this vital to keeping community theater alive.

"This event seemed like a good way to solve two challenges for us," Shadle said. "It helps us with funding, and this gets our name out to a whole new bunch of people and it is great for Hickory Hills to get their organization's name out there for new people too."



Polo for the Playhouse is an opportunity to enjoy a fun evening out and support your community theater.

Shadle said this event will be fun for adults and children alike.

For the adults, there will be a wine pull, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.

"We sell tickets for the raffle during the first half of the match in between chukkas, which are periods of play," Shadle said.

"We will announce the winner between the third and fourth chukka. There are four chukkas and they are 7 minutes and 30 seconds long unless the referee calls fouls."

For the kids, there will a kid's zone with one of TherAplay's therapy horses, candy falling from the sky and stick races.

Children's TherAplay Communications Manager Emily McDermott told The Reporter her organization has been looking at the possibility of a polo event for the last couple years.

Hickory Hills hosts a Polo at Sunset event every third Friday in the summer and the proceeds either go to one charity or get split between two and McDermott said she is very happy to have partnered with MSP.

"TherAplay does pediatric physical and occupational therapy for kids with special needs," McDermott said. "Our kiddos come in for one-hour sessions. Half of that session happens in our clinic. It is play-based therapy because especially for kiddos with special needs the therapy really does need to be play-based so it's not just coming in and doing exercises."

TherAplay works with children from 18 months to 13 years old.

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Summer art camps for youth in Westfield



Photos provided by Tina Mangos

Your kids could use a creative break in a stress-free, fun environment, so Westfield Washington Township is offering art camps for youth. The next four-day camp, Studio Art, for ages 13 to 17, runs from 9 a.m. to noon June 28 to July 1. Camps are taught by a certified art teacher and students work at their own level. Go to the [Westfield Washington Township catalog](#) for registration and details and for other youth activities.

Noblesville student earns \$5K scholarship from Taco Bell

The REPORTER

On May 18, the Taco Bell Foundation awarded \$7 million in Live Más Scholarships to 725 employees and students, selected from more than 10,000 submissions this year.

Out of this year's 725 winners, one of them is a student from Noblesville. Of the \$7 million being awarded this year, this student will receive \$5,000 in scholarships.

Ariella Vanderlaan, Noblesville, won \$5,000, which she plans to use to pursue her passion of Cyber Security at Cedarville University.



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Mark your calendars for upcoming events with ATI

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) wants to celebrate summer with you. During the month of June, ATI offers two opportunities to enjoy live music. And the fun will continue throughout the summer months.

The first chance to dance and sing along with ATI is the June 18 Drive-In Theatre at the Monon Square Shopping Center in Carmel. The Drive-In theme for June is "Our Father's Favorites." Terry Woods and the band will join in as the ATI Co-Founders have put together a night with songs inspired by their own dads. Joining the trio is Brandon Alstott (Johnny Cash in *Million Dollar Quartet*) and his guitar. It's a real mix of country, folk rock, and tight harmonies.

Tickets are available at three different levels. "Lawn Seats" are available at \$60 per car. "Pavilion Seats" are \$100. A third VIP option is \$120. There will be no refunds and there will be a limited number of cars for each section of parking, with a first-come, first-served format, with a limit of six guests per car.

To ensure continued safety for guests, social distanc-

ing is still in place. Guests are invited to bring their own food to the event or purchase from restaurants inside the plaza. No food vendors will be on hand.

Due to the Drive-In nature of the event, no one on foot will be permitted to attend.

June 24 is the first of five-monthly shows in partnership between ATI and Feinstein's Cabaret at Hotel Carmichael. On Thursday, June 24, ATI Live at Feinstein's presents: Katy Gentry "Strings of My Heart: The Judy Songbook." This live show features the powerhouse voice of Katy Gentry who creates a space for laughter, reminiscing and reflection in this one-night only event, as she performs the music of Judy Garland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for the 7:30 show. Feinstein's Cabaret is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. **Update: The show is now SOLD OUT!**

In addition to the June events, there are many additional performances throughout the summer. On Tuesday, July 13, join ATI at Carter Green outside of The Center for the Performing

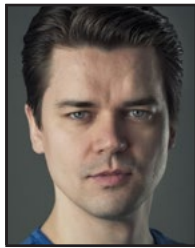
Arts. From 6 to 7 p.m., the public is invited to share in the announcement of the ATI 2021-2022 Season.

The next Drive-In event will take place on Friday, July 16, Dwight Lightning and the Conch City All-Stars will join ATI for some island/beach tunes in the heartland of America – a little Jimmy Buffet, a little John Fogerty, a little Doobie Brothers and much more. ATI will take you to that roadside haunt or beach destination in your mind. Tickets for the July Drive-In can be purchased at ATIlstage.org.

Additional Live at Feinstein's performances will take place from July through October with a variety of special guests presented by ATI. Announcements for each of those guests will be coming soon. Tickets for each show will be available closer to the actual events.

About Actors Theatre of Indiana

Actors Theatre of Indiana was co-founded in 2005 by Cynthia Collins, Don Farrell, and Judy Fitzgerald



Alstott



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with a mission to celebrate the power of theater and contribute to the quality of life in Central Indiana by offering high quality professional theater performances and programs that engage, inspire, educate, and entertain. An award-winning Equity Professional Theater company, Actors Theatre of Indiana is the resident professional theater company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Visit ATI on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). For more information on schedules, educational initiatives and ways you can order tickets, visit atistage.org.

Community News

Bethel Lutheran Church's Huge Rummage Sale next weekend

Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, will hold its annual Huge Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 18, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 19.

This sale encompasses all the rooms in the church and is filled with good quality items at inexpensive prices, plus a grill café to purchase a bite while you shop. Anyone who wishes to contribute items to the sale is invited to drop them off now through June 16.

Proceeds go to the church's preschool, outreach programs, and mission programs in the community and beyond.

For more information, call (317) 773-4315 or visit BethelLutheranChurch.com.

Atlanta Town-Wide Rummage Sale

The Town of Atlanta will hold its annual Town Wide Rummage sales from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 19. A few items that you might find include antiques, household items, clothing, children's items, furniture and more.

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Kids TRI for Kids triathlons will return for 2021 season

The REPORTER

After missing the 2020 season, Kids TRI for Kids will return for 2021 beginning in July. Kids TRI for Kids is a series of triathlons for children ages 7 to 14. The initiative is to offer safe races where kids learn the value of fun competition and building affordable, healthy fitness options.

Kids TRI for Kids offers Triathlon options that include swimming, biking and running – all events the kids love to do all summer anyway. This is a great way to challenge the kids in a more structured, yet fun, setting. There is also a Duathlon option consisting of just running and biking events.

Kids TRI for Kids partners with Indianapolis area kids' charities such as Best Buddies, a non-profit that helps build one-to-one friendships and employment options for individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, plus help all kids get involved with physical activity, and to raise much needed funds.

The Kids TRI for Kids schedule for 2021 is as follows:

- July 4 – Zionsville: Zionsville High School
- Aug. 1 – Tri Indy: White River State Park
- Aug. 15 – Riviera Club
- Aug. 29 – Greenwood: Freedom Springs Aquatics Park

Kids are encouraged to complete one, or all, of the summer events. For kids completing the first race, they will receive a Kids TRI for Kids T-shirt. After the second race, kids will receive a KTFK water bottle. The third race participants will receive a sling bag. The fourth KTFK racers will receive a trophy.

Time tables and distances vary by age group and by location and facilities, but will conform to USAT Youth Triathlon guidelines and regulations. All races are \$30 with a family special option.

Kids TRI for Kids is sponsored by American Dairy of Indiana "Winners Drink Milk," Capital Group, USA Triathlon, Community Hospital with Dr. Kenneth Stumpf and Busy Bee Headbands.



Photo provided



For more information, visit the website at kidstriforkids.com.

About Kids TRI for Kids

Kids TRI for Kids was started in 2008 by Meg Gates Osborne, a swim coach and former IU swimmer, to expand fitness awareness to all kids. The events consist of swimming, biking, and running – all affordable fitness options for kids. The goal is to promote the value of fun competition as well as physical activities that can be carried into adulthood. A secondary purpose is to raise funds and promote interest in Indianapolis area kids' charities such as Best Buddies, in order to also show participants the concept of giving back.

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Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide celebrates 20th anniversary with open house

The REPORTER

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide (ICPYAS) is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. To celebrate, ICPYAS will hold an Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 25 at its office located at 4607 E. 106th St., Carmel.

The organization, formerly known as Chaucie's Place, works to end youth abuse and suicide through its educational programs.

"As we celebrate our

20th anniversary of serving the youth of Central Indiana, it is important to recognize our past," said Board President Matt Clark. "Our organization was founded and guided by community leaders that had the vision, passion and drive to live our mission. What started as a grass roots organization to help prevent other youth from experiencing what one brave young lady went through is now a statewide organization that is protecting our youth



across the state."

To celebrate the success and honor the past, the organization invites community members to join them in a casual celebration.

"We would not be where we are today with-

out the courage and bravery of Chaucie, the countless staff, volunteers, and Board Members over the past 20 years that have paved the way for the organization to grow to what we are now," said Executive Director

Melissa Peregrin. "So to say thank you and share our success with those who have worked alongside us, we are celebrating!"

[Click here](#) to RSVP for the Open House.

About Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide (ICPYAS) was founded in 2001. ICPYAS works passionately to end youth abuse and suicide through its ed-

ucational programs. With almost two decades of experience, ICPYAS provides evidence-based programming to educate youth and adults, empowering them to recognize, react and locate the appropriate resources available for help. ICPYAS offers five comprehensive programs that support its mission as the organization actively works towards a day when there will be no more abuse or suicide in the lives of Hoosier children.

HSE Superintendent Allen Bourff attends his final school board meeting

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

When Dr. Allen Bourff took his turn on the school board agenda last Wednesday night, it started out as a normal update about Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools. He thanked everyone involved in the "nearly flawless" high school graduation ceremonies held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum. He explained how the district

is trying to "celebrate" the many successes and strides toward life goals among the student population.

But this was not a normal board meeting for Dr. Bourff. There will be one more board session later in June, but he will not attend. Allen Bourff is retiring at the end of this month. June 9 was



Bourff

Allen Bourff's final HSE School Board meeting.

He counted about 720 school board meetings during his time as a school administrator. He has signed about 18,000 graduation certificates in his career. He has worked with 44 board members.

"Thank you to the parents who have entrusted

their kids to the school districts where I have been," Bourff said. He also complimented the many parents that spoke at the Wednesday board meeting, many critical of board policies. "I know you are here for your children ... I appreciate that."

In a previous podcast interview with *LarryInFishers*, Dr. Bourff said he and his wife plan to remain Fishers residents once his retirement is official in July.



When did the comic strip “Garfield” begin publishing in print?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history...

1885 – The Indiana Supreme Court, in a case involving Switzerland County, upheld the authority of school boards to levy taxes in support of buildings and teacher salaries. The unanimous decision of all five justices was written by Justice Byron Elliott. In part, the ruling stated that "the system which has prevailed for eighteen years has carried our schools to a high state of prosperity and usefulness."

1921 – Horseshoe pitching was all the rage in Indianapolis city parks. There were 78 municipal horseshoe courts, all illuminated by electric lights and open late into the evening. Pitchers had their choice of seven city parks: Ellenberger, Fall Creek, Riverside, Willard, Garfield, Spades, and Brookside, as well as the Riley Playgrounds.

1936 – President Franklin D. Roosevelt was in Vincennes to dedicate the George Rogers Clark Memorial. In his speech, the President said, "On this spot it was made known that we were to have a nation, instead of a confederacy of seaboard states." A crowd of over 75,000 came to the ceremony, which

included First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Indiana Governor Paul V. McNutt.

1938 – Mary Stewart Carey died in Indianapolis. A patron of the arts, she was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Civic Theater, and Matinee Musicale. She was a leader in the movement to adopt a state flag and was one of the founders of the Indianapolis Children's Museum and the Orchard School.

1978 – Garfield the cat, a creation of cartoonist Jim Davis, made his first appearance in newspapers around the country. Davis was born in Fairmount and grew up in Marion. He had been drawing comic strips for several years when he came upon the idea of the mischievous feline. Millions of fans follow Garfield's adventures in over 2,100 newspapers each day.

2018 – An Indiana historical marker was placed in front of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Richmond. It honors the work of Bishop William Paul Quinn, who assisted slaves on their way to freedom on the local Underground Railroad. He also established more than 50 AME churches across the country, including the one in Richmond, which was founded in 1836.

Fishers road construction updates, week of June 14

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#).

Northbound and southbound SR 37 is currently restricted to one lane in each direction north of 146th Street. This restriction will be in place for approximately two to three weeks as work progresses at this interchange.

There is currently a single lane closure for northbound Herriman Boulevard between 146th Street and the Circle K/Shell gas station driveway and is anticipated to reopen in June.

State Road 37 & 131st/135th Streets

The westside of 131st Street at SR 37 is currently closed as work progresses on the interchange. SR 37 will remain open both north and southbound. SR 37 southbound left and right turns onto 131st Street will be restricted. Westbound turns onto SR 37 will also be restricted on 131st Street. [Click here](#) to view the de-

tour map.

The northbound SR 37 right turn lane onto 135th Street is currently closed from 131st Street to approximately halfway to 135th Street for Phase 1 construction. This portion of the dedicated turn lane will not reopen to regular capacity until the interchange is complete.

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

116th Street at the Nickel Plate Trail

The City of Fishers started construction on the Nickel Plate Trail pedestrian tunnel beneath 116th Street on Tuesday, June 1. The closure is anticipated to last 60 days. During the construction, 116th Street will be closed from east of Municipal Drive to west of Maple Street. All local business and public parking access will remain open.

106th Street will serve as the [detour route](#), with the detour beginning at Hague Road for eastbound thru traffic and Lantern Road for the westbound thru traffic.

Portions of the Nickel Plate Trail are now open, including the paved portion from 131st Street to North

Street, and from South Street to 106th Street. The 116th Street tunnel will complete the trail connection through downtown Fishers, joining South Street and North Street, and establishing a full connection from 131st Street to 106th Street. While the tunnel is under construction, a pedestrian detour route will provide access through downtown between the north and south sections of the trail. View the pedestrian detour map [here](#).

To learn more about the project, view construction images and project renderings, and find detour maps, visit [playfishers.com/284/Nickel-Plate-Trail](#).

Nickel Plate Trail

On Wednesday, June 16 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., DPW will be cutting back vegetation overgrowing paved portions of the Nickel Plate Trail. For safety reasons, it is necessary to close segments of the trail in one-hour increments while work is completed. Closures will include: 106th Street to Fishers Pointe Boulevard, Fishers Pointe Boulevard to South Street, Lantern Road to 126th Street, and 126th Street to 131st Street.

116th Street

Beginning on Monday, June 14 at 6 a.m., eastbound 116th Street between Cum-

berland Road and Hoosier Road will be closed as DPW performs joint repairs and is anticipated to reopen on Thursday, June 17 by 6 a.m. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Cumberland Road to 126th Street to Hoosier Road to 116th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

Beginning on Friday, June 18 at 6 a.m., Westbound 116th Street between Hoosier Road and Cumberland Road will be closed as DPW performs joint repairs and is anticipated to reopen on Saturday, June 19 by 6 a.m. The official detour route will direct drivers to sue Hoosier Road to 126th Street to Cumberland Road to 116th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

Promise Road

Beginning on or after Wednesday, June 16, Promise Road will be closed just north of the entrance to Sedona (Chandler Way) between 136th and 141st streets for utility repair work and is anticipated to reopen on Friday, June 18. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained. Work is weather permitting. View the detour map [here](#).

Admirals Pointe Drive

Indianapolis DPW currently has Admirals Pointe Drive closed through mid-summer 2021 to replace the timber bridge over Geist and the north fork of Dry Branch. The detour will consist of Old Stone Drive East to Carroll Road/County Road 700 West, south to East 79th Street, and west to Oaklandon Road.

Royalwood

ADA ramp work is continuing in Royalwood and is anticipated to be completed in early June. Milling and resurfacing work is anticipated to begin the week of June 21.

Municipal Drive

On Monday, June 14, ADA ramp work will begin on Municipal Drive and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the week.

Canal Place

ADA ramp work is currently taking place in Canal Place and is anticipated to be completed in June.

Crack Sealing – DPW

Over the next two weeks, as weather allows, DPW will be crack sealing in the following areas: Hamilton Pass, Mollenkopf Road, 97th and 98th streets, 96th Street east of Olivo Road, 113th Street, USA Parkway, 106th Street (Eller Road to Lantern Road) and Eller Road (106th Street to Allisonville Road). Lane restrictions and flaggers will be in place.

The REPORTER

This past week, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) and Rep. Haley Stevens (D-Mich.-11) introduced the bipartisan [Accounting STEM Pursuit Act](#). This bill will help to establish the accounting profession as a valuable STEM career pathway and encourage diversity in the future of the accounting workforce.

"As a CPA who worked in a variety of industries, taught accounting at college, and started my own businesses, I understand the importance of finance and accounting skills for our students – regardless of which endeavor they pursue in life," Rep. Spartz said. "I am happy to join Rep. Stevens in leading this bipartisan legislation."

"As a founding Chair of the House Women in STEM Caucus, there are few issues in Congress that are more important to me than working to promote and advance STEM education

pathways for our diverse next generation of leaders and innovators," Rep. Stevens said. "This bipartisan

bill will work to increase access to high-quality accounting education for K-12 students to improve career awareness and workforce diversity in the field. Our financial institutions and their consumers

will benefit tremendously from a strengthened pipeline of talented workers of all backgrounds who are ready to meet the needs of our rapidly changing world."

This bill adds "activities to promote the development, implementation, and strengthening of programs to teach accounting" to the list of allowable uses of grant funding under the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant program with a focus on increasing access to high-quality accounting courses for students through grade 12 who are members of groups underrepresented in accounting careers.



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Humane Society’s Wine, Wags & Whiskers fundraiser back in person

The REPORTER

The Humane Society for Hamilton County returns to an in-person event with the 13th annual Wine, Wags & Whiskers on Saturday, July 31 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

The evening will feature hors d’oeuvres, a wine and bourbon pull, beer, wine and bourbon tastings, tempting sweets from Nothing Bundt Cakes, a silent auction with

over 100 unique items (and a few trips of a lifetime), “pawsome” jewelry from Hupp Jewelers, and equally tempting adoptable animals who’ll steal your heart.

Wine, Wags & Whiskers is a critical fundraising event supporting the shelter’s daily operation and Survivor Program which funds the life-saving medical care for thousands of animals each year.



“This event is great for the wine connoisseur, a business looking to entertain special customers or reward employees with an amazing experience, or for animal lovers just looking to have a great time for an even better cause,” said Rebecca Stevens, President and CEO of the Humane Society. “All net proceeds from the event will have an immediate and direct impact on our ability to give over 3,100 animals who will pass through our doors this year the chance to live, love and be loved.”

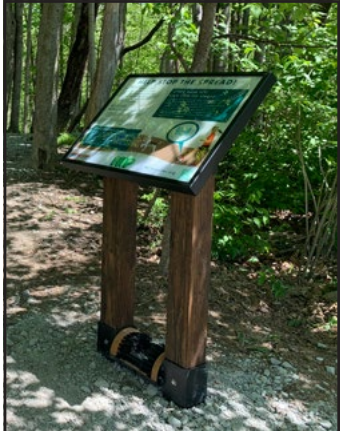
Admission tickets are \$85 in advance and \$95 at the door. Table sponsorships are available starting at \$750 for a half table seating four guests or \$1,500 for a full table seating eight guests. Visit WineWagsandWhiskers.com for more information and to purchase tickets. Attendees must be 21 or older for admission and to purchase tickets.

Wine, Wags & Whiskers is brought to you by Canine Cloud Nine and Cosmos Superior Foods. Presenting sponsors include Brown-Forman, Centier Bank, Curran Architecture, Current, Four Day Ray, Meyer Najem, RNDC, VCA and Vine & Table. Corporate sponsors include Tito’s Vodka and Lumina Foundation.

For more information visit HamiltonHumane.com.

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For more information visit HamiltonHumane.com.



(Left) Weed Wrangle Volunteers show off their work clearing invasive species from the Midland Trace Trail in Westfield. (Right) The new boot brush station at the trailhead at Cool Creek Park.

Cool Creek Park boot brush only first in series of stations to come

The REPORTER

County Commissioners proclaimed this past May 15-22 the first ever Invasive Species Awareness Week (ISAW) in Hamilton County.

This effort was led by the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). A variety of events were held designed to bring awareness to the general public on the number of invasive

species in Hamilton County and the destruction and disturbance to our ecosystems they cause.

The first of what will be a series of boot brush stations was opened at Cool Creek Park. These stations have invasive species educational signage and encourage trail users to wipe clean their shoes using the attached boot brush. A person’s shoes and gear can carry microscopic seeds of invasive species, so making

sure your shoes, gear, and pet paws are clean before entering and upon exiting a trail can help limit the spread of invasives from site to site.

These stations will be located at various trailheads across the county, but the first is now available at the main trailhead at Cool Creek Park.

Volunteer invasive species workdays known as Weed Wrangles were also held at Cool Creek Park,

Dillon Park, and along the Midland Trace Trail in Westfield. Other Awareness Week events included the premier of a video highlighting invasive pear trees as well as a webinar covering invasives species basics and native plant solutions.

More information about the activities listed above, upcoming Weed Wrangles and HIP events, and invasive species info can be found at hcinvasives.org.

Sen. Mike Braun calls for investigation into “political weaponization of IRS”

Submitted by Sen. Mike Braun’s Press Office

Following ProPublica’s publication of a “vast trove” of taxpayer information provided to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that appears to be confidential information and protected under federal law from disclosure, Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and colleagues Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah), Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), and Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) have sent letters to the Acting Treasury Inspector General and the Inspector General for Tax Administration to request a prompt investigation into how this IRS information was lost and to hold accountable any individuals who broke federal law by inappropriately sharing confidential tax information.

“Taxpayers must have the utmost confidence in

federal institutions that house their personal and confidential information,” the senators write in the letter. “Regrettably, American citizens have reason to be distrustful, having witnessed IRS personnel weaponize information in recent years for the purpose of targeting certain tax-exempt organizations for political reasons during the Obama Administration.

“Regrettably, it appears personnel with access to American’s personal and confidential information are again misusing protected information for political reasons. Treasury and the IRS must hold accountable any and all individuals who broke federal law by inappropriately sharing the confidential tax information and tax returns of multiple Americans.”

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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1 Corinthians 12:1-3 (NIV)

Velda R. Boenitz

September 18, 1939 – June 7, 2021



Velda R. Boenitz, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, June 7, 2021 at Woodland Terrace of Carmel. She was born on September 18, 1939 to Raymond and Edna (Stithem) Hecht in Kansas City, Kan.

For over 30 years, Velda worked as a legal secretary for the Indiana State Court of Appeals. She was a tireless animal advocate, helping to establish a Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic and pushing for legislation to make dog owners more responsible for their pets. Velda directed numerous fundraisers for the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Center Point, Ind., and the USA Dog Greyhound rescue.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Joseph D. Boenitz; mother, Edna Hecht; sons, Thomas D. (Lucile) Boenitz and Paul J. (Catherine) Boenitz; and her grandchildren, Claire, Justin, Joel, and Nico.

Velda was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Hecht.

Private family services will be held. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with Velda's care.

Memorial contributions on Velda's behalf can be made to the following organizations: Exotic Feline Rescue Center, Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic (Noblesville), Last Chance for Animals, Sierra Club Foundation, Native American Heritage Association, or the Central Indiana Land Trust.

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Fiction

1. Before the Crown – Flora Harding

2. Before the Summer Ends – Susan Mallery

3. Hidden – Fern Michaels

4. Jackpot – Stuart Woods

5. Last Thing He Told Me – Laura Dave

6. Legacy – Nora Roberts

7. Local Woman Missing – Mary Kubica

8. Robert B. Parker's Payback – Mike Lupica

9. See Her Die – Melinda Leigh

10. Shell Collector – Nancy Naigle

11. Side Trip – Kerry Lonsdale

12. Summer of Lost and Found – Mary Alice Monroe

13. Unforgiving – Heather Graham

DVD

1. Paw Patrol: Moto Pups

Video Games

2. Carnival Games (Xbox One)

3. Immortals Fenyx Rising (Xbox One)

4. Sea of Thieves (Xbox One)

Children's

1. Cara the Cowgirl – Elizabeth Dale

2. Double the Dinosaurs – Diana Murray

3. Firefighter Kayla – Fran Manushkin

4. Jungle Stink – Clare Helen Welsh

5. Mindfulness – William Anthony

6. Nana Ninja – Jenny Jinks

7. Pony Camp: Cassie and Charm – Kelly McKain

8. Stranger Things: Into the Fire – Jody Houser

9. The Freezosaurs – Jenny Jinks

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New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of June 7:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. The wife upstairs, by Rachel Hawkins

2. The Venice sketchbook, by Rhys Bowen

3. The son of Mr. Suleman, by Eric Jerome Dickey

4. Stargazer, by Anne Hillerman

5. Basil's war, by Stephen Hunter

6. The lady has a past, by Amanda Quick

7. Legacy of war, by Wilbur Smith

8. Family reunion, by Nancy Thayer

9. Turn a blind eye, by Jeffrey Archer

10. Hour of the witch, by Chris Bohjalian

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Bad medicine: catching New York's deadliest pill pusher, by Charlotte Bismuth

2. Think again: the power of knowing what you don't know, by Adam M. Grant

3. Love is an ex-country: a memoir, by Randa Jarrar

4. The truth at the heart of the lie: how the Catholic Church lost its soul: a memoir of faith, by James Carroll

5. Eat better, feel better: my recipes for wellness and healing, inside and out, by Giada De Laurentiis

6. The beginner's guide to growing great vegetables, by Lorene Edwards Forkner

7. Zoe bakes cakes: everything you need to know to make your favorite layers, bundts, loaves, and more, by Zoe Francois

8. Hope in times of fear: the Resurrection and the meaning of Easter, by Timothy Keller

9. The hardest place: the American military adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley, by Wesley Morgan

10. A work without email: reimagining work in an age of communication overload, by Cal Newport

New DVDs

1. All my life

2. Beneath a sea of lights

3. Corporate. Season 2

4. Corporate. Season 3

5. Crisis

6. Days of the Bagnold summer

7. Don't tell a soul

8. Finding Joy. Series 2

9. Follow me to Daisy Hill

10. Gun and a hotel Bible

New Music CDs

1. Kidz bop. All-time greatest hits, by Kidz Bop Kids

2. The lunar injection kool aid eclipse conspiracy, by Rob Zombie

3. We're all fruit salad! the Wiggles' greatest hits, by Wiggles

4. Shake your money maker, by Black Crowes

5. Detroit stories, by Alice Cooper


6. Absolute Disney. Holiday, by Walt Disney Records

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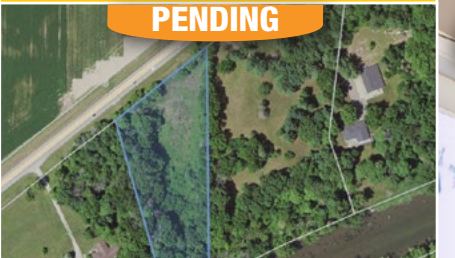


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Baseball

Comeback Tigers are state bound again

Consecutive sixth-inning RBI singles send Fishers past Munster

By RICHIE HALL

KOKOMO - Even after trailing the entire game, the Fishers baseball team never stopped believing it could win.

The Tigers were stuck behind Munster for almost six innings Saturday at the Class 4A Kokomo semi-state at Kokomo Municipal Stadium. But Fishers kept battling, almost as if the team was living up to its nickname — just waiting for the right time to pounce.

The Tigers did that in the bottom of the sixth inning, nailing back-to-back RBI singles to take the lead. Fishers then took care of the Mustangs three up, three down in the top of the seventh, and the Tigers were celebrating a 3-2 semi-state championship win, sending them back to the state finals.

Fishers will play Jasper at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22 at Victory Field in the 4A state championship game. It will be the second time the Tigers play in the state finals. The first time was in 2018, when Fishers beat Cathedral for the big trophy.

“These guys have taught me that they’re just never out of it,” said Fishers coach Matt Cherry. “We had chances early. We didn’t get a runner in with a guy on third and less than two outs. It was getting a little tight, but these guys, all year long, have just never quit. They just keep doing it. They taught me that just to keep fighting no matter what.”

“We never stopped believing,” said junior Zach Cox, who hit the game-winning RBI. He was at Victory Field in 2018 as an eighth-grader, watching the Tigers win state. Now he will get to be



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Fishers players congratulate Jack Braun after he scores the go-ahead run for the Tigers at Saturday's Class 4A Kokomo semi-state game at Kokomo Municipal Stadium. Fishers beat Munster 3-2 to win the semi-state and advance to the 4A state championship game.

on the field.

“That’s one thing we always rely on is believing,” said Cox. “We always have

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Tate Warner pitched a complete game for Fishers, striking out five and only allowing four hits.

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TIGERS

each other’s backs and we had each other’s backs and we got the job done.”

Munster scored both of its runs in the top of the first inning. Denham Kozy batted in the first run, with a sacrifice fly to score Ben Greiner. Later, Bryce Schaum’s base hit sent Brady Ginaven home.

The Tigers cut into the Mustangs’ lead in the second inning. Zach Cox singled on to base, moved to second on Gavin Clayton’s single, then scored when Carson Dunn reached on error. The score was now 2-1, and it would stay there for a while.

Fishers changed that in the sixth inning. Caulin Brown got on base with a hit, then Matt Bryant came in to run for him. Bryant stole second base, and that him in scoring position.

Jack Braun came up with one out and hit a single to send Bryant home. Braun moved over to second on a throw, and now he was in scoring position. That brought up Cox, and he blasted a single to send Braun home.

“We finally got a leadoff guy on,” said Cherry. “We hadn’t got a leadoff guy on all game. He hit that single to right to get a leadoff guy on. Huge credit to Matt Bryant, stealing second to get in scoring position. And then Jack Braun just battled.”

Braun had the count at 2-2, also fouling off an extra strike before getting his single, which Cherry called a huge “senior moment.” Cox’s big hit was a good one, too; it was his second of the game.

“He didn’t hit in the sectional, and we put him back in the lineup in the regional and he gets the game-winning RBI up the middle,” said Cherry.

Fishers had the lead, and was now three outs away for a return to state. The Tigers made those three outs drama-free, as Munster flew out to the outfield for the first two outs, then Tate Warner took care of business with a strikeout to end the game.

“Tate was awesome,” said Cherry. “He’s a competitor, man. He’s a warrior.”

After a rough start, Warner pitched outstanding. While he gave up three hits in the first inning, Warner only allowed one hit for the remainder of the game. He finished with five strikeouts and only one walk.

“We adjusted our game plan a little bit,” said Cherry. “We went more off-speed to start him out and just kind of pitching backwards. His changeup was effective early in the count and then his slider was working.”

Warner was also backed up by the Ti-



The Fishers baseball team rushes on to the field to celebrate its semi-state victory over Munster. It's the second semi-state championship for the Tigers; the first came in 2018.

gers’ solid defense. A prime example of that was third baseman Gavin Clayton, who fielded six balls for groundouts. In fact, at one point he made three consecutive outs, getting the third one in the fifth inning and the first two in the sixth.

“I’m just always ready,” said Clayton. He paid attention to the Mustangs batters’ tendencies during the game.

“The leadoff batter hit it to me first, so I was always ready when he came up to bat,” said Clayton. “And then later in the game, I think the third batter, he hit a rocket to me and then later in the game, he hit another one to me. So I was ready for that one.”

“He started the year on JV and he was on our varsity roster, but he’s playing JV and dressing with us,” said Cherry. “We finally got to the point about mid-April, end of April that we just inserted him at third because he’s got really good hands defensively. He’s played a great third base. He’s had some big hits for us this tournament.”

The Tigers are 23-12 for the season.

FISHERS 3, MUNSTER 2				
Fishers	AB	R	H	RBI
Carson Dunn	3	0	1	0
Joey Brenczewski	3	0	1	0
Jack Brown	3	0	1	0
Caulin Brown	3	0	1	0
JP Preston	3	0	0	0
Jack Braun	3	1	1	1
Zach Cox	3	1	2	1
Gavin Clayton	3	0	1	0

Dom Oliverio	2	0	0	0
Matt Bryant	0	1	0	0
Totals	26	3	8	2
Score by Innings				
Munster	200	000	0 - 2	4 1
Fishers	010	002	x - 3	8 2
SB: Brenczewski, J. Brown, Bryant, Dunn.				
Fishers pitching				
Tate Warner	7	2	2	4
Strikeouts: Warner 5. Walks: Warner 1.				



Fishers third baseman Gavin Clayton fielded six balls for groundouts during the semi-state game.



Matt Bryant scored the Tigers’ first run in the second inning.

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Providence overwhelms 'Blazers at Mooresville

University's baseball season came to a tough end on Saturday, as the Trailblazers were overwhelmed by Providence 14-1 in five innings at the Class 2A Mooresville semi-state.

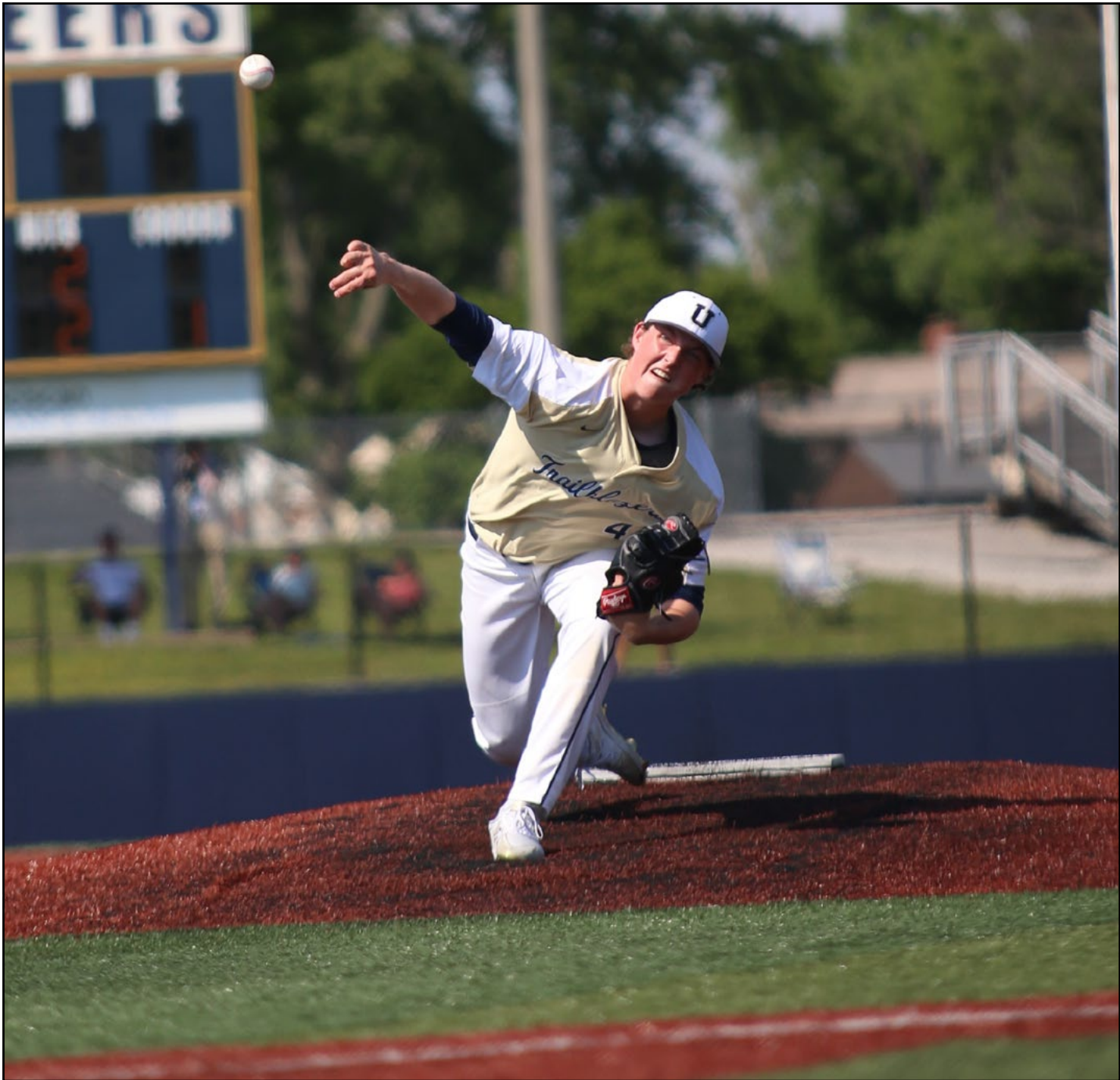
No. 8-ranked University scored the game's first run in the top of the first inning. Tyler Galyean led off with a double, then was later sent home by Seth Hogg's single. But the Pioneers scored two runs in the bottom of the first and held the lead from there.

Providence took further control of the game by scoring six runs in both the third and fourth innings. That included a three-run home run in the third inning.

The Pioneers held the Trailblazers to just the two first-inning hits. University starting pitcher Matt Moore threw four strikeouts in one and two-thirds innings.

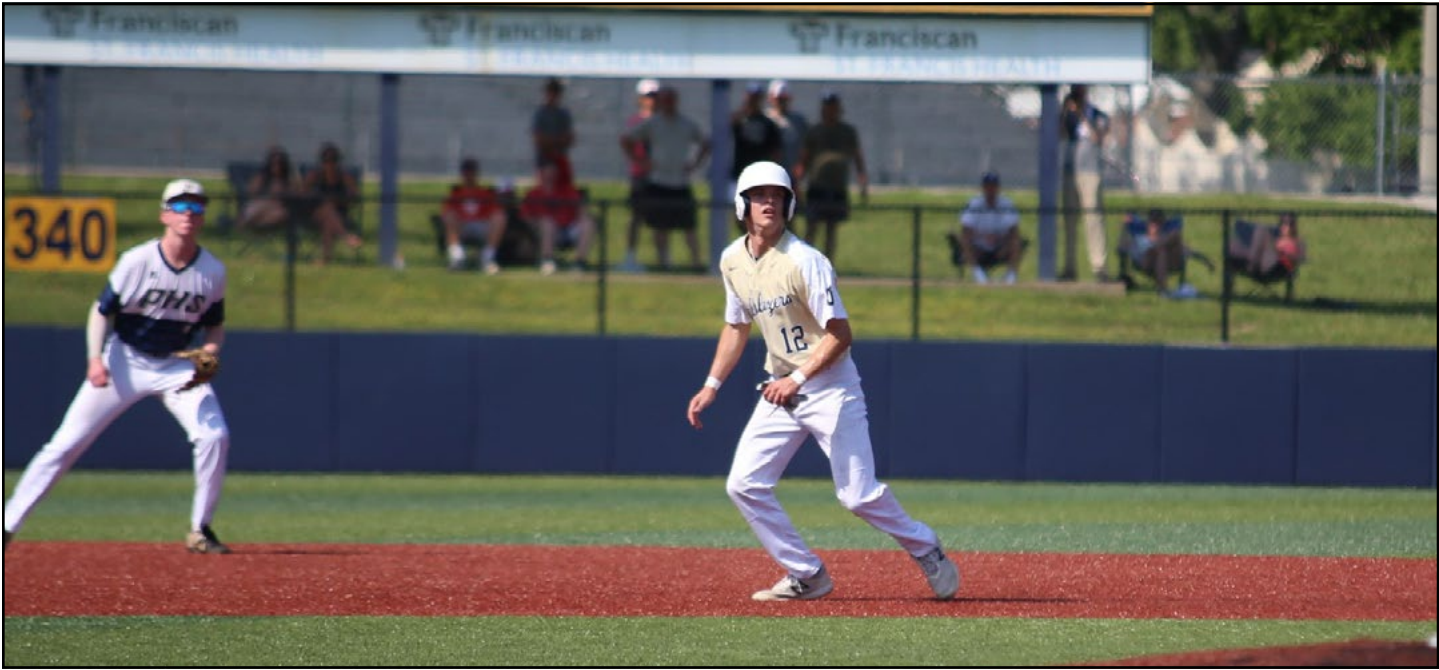
University finished its season with a 23-10 record, as well as its third consecutive sectional and regional titles. This was the Trailblazers' first season competing in Class 2A.

PROVIDENCE 14, UNIVERSITY 1					
(5 innings)					
University	AB	R	H	RBI	
Tyler Galyean	3	1	1	0	
Luke Hellman	1	0	0	0	
Owen Schellhase	1	0	0	0	
Adam Oxley	2	0	0	0	
Seth Hogg	2	0	1	1	
Jake Hooker	1	0	0	0	
Matt Moore	2	0	0	0	
Thomas Price	2	0	0	0	
Weber Morse	2	0	0	0	
Grady Hay	1	0	0	0	
Totals	17	1	2	1	
Score by Innings					
University	100	00	-	1	2
Providence	206	6x	-	14	7
2B: Galyean. SAC: Hellman. HBP: Hooker.					
University pitching	IP	R	ER	H	
Moore	1.2	2	2	2	
Grayson Knight	0.2	5	5	2	
Oxley	0.2	4	3	1	
Galyean	1.0	3	2	2	
Strikeouts: Moore 4, Knight 1, Oxley 1, Galyean 1. Walks: Knight 4, Moore 2, Galyean 2, Oxley 1.					



University's Grayson Knight delivers a pitch during the Trailblazers' semi-state game with Providence Saturday at Mooresville. The Pioneers beat University to finish the Trailblazers' season at 23-10.

Reporter photos by Kirk Green



Grady Hay watches the ball as he prepares to run.



Luke Hellman puts down a bunt.

County tennis players fall in individual state semi-finals

Hamilton County's five tennis players that competed in the individual singles and doubles tournament saw their seasons come to an end Saturday in the semi-finals.

Fishers senior Lucy Loy dropped her singles semi-final match to Park Tudor junior Lauren Long, 6-3, 6-4. Loy finished her season with a 28-1 record.

In doubles action, the Carmel team of sophomore Alexa Lewis and junior Hallie Reeves fell to Delta seniors Tynan Dishman and Maggie Manor 6-3, 6-3 in one semi-final. In the other semi-final, Hamilton Southeastern juniors Misha Bukkasagaram and Emily Orme fell to Evansville Memorial seniors Abigail Myers and Margo Throop 6-1, 7-6 (3). Myers and Throop beat Dishman and Manor 3-6, 7-6 (10), 6-1 in the state championship.

Lewis and Reeves finished their season 27-2, while Bukkasagaram and Orme finished their season 26-3.

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Saturday scores	
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San Francisco 2, Washington 1, 8 innings	Toronto 7, Boston 2
Philadelphia 8, N.Y. Yankees 7, 10 innings	Chicago White Sox 15, Detroit 2
Oakland 11, Kansas City 2	Miami 4, Atlanta 2
L.A. Angels 8, Arizona 7	Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 4
Cincinnati 10, Colorado 3	Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 2
N.Y. Mets 4, San Diego 1	Minnesota 5, Houston 2
Cleveland 5, Seattle 4, 10 innings	Texas 12, L.A. Dodgers 1

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	41	24	.631	-
Boston	39	26	.600	2.0
Toronto	32	30	.516	7.5
N.Y. Yankees	33	31	.516	7.5
Baltimore	22	41	.349	18.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	40	24	.625	-
Cleveland	34	27	.557	4.5
Kansas City	30	33	.476	9.5
Detroit	26	38	.406	14.0
Minnesota	26	38	.406	14.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	39	27	.591	-
Houston	36	28	.563	2.0
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Seattle	31	35	.470	8.0
Texas	25	40	.385	13.5

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	32	24	.571	-
Philadelphia	31	31	.500	4.0
Atlanta	29	33	.468	6.0
Miami	29	35	.453	7.0
Washington	26	35	.426	8.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	37	27	.578	-
Milwaukee	37	27	.578	-
St. Louis	32	32	.500	5.0
Cincinnati	31	31	.500	5.0
Pittsburgh	23	40	.365	13.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	40	24	.625	-
L.A. Dodgers	38	26	.594	2.0
San Diego	37	29	.561	4.0
Colorado	25	40	.385	15.5
Arizona	20	45	.308	20.5

WNBA standings

Saturday scores	
Chicago 83, Indiana 79	
Minnesota 80, Los Angeles 64	

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	8	2	.800	-
New York	5	4	.556	2.5
Washington	4	5	.444	3.5
Atlanta	4	6	.400	4.0
Chicago	4	7	.364	4.5
Indiana	1	11	.083	8.0

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	9	2	.818	-
Las Vegas	7	3	.700	1.5
Dallas	5	5	.500	3.5
Phoenix	5	5	.500	3.5
Minnesota	4	5	.444	4.0
Los Angeles	4	5	.444	4.0

Noblesville college athletic signings



Noblesville's Drew Barnes has committed to play soccer at Indiana Wesleyan University. Pictured: June Barnes (Mother), Drew Barnes, Ed Barnes (Father).

Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

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