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Today: Showers likely, with some thunder possible. Tonight: Any stray shower or storm ends early in the evening, then partly cloudy. **HIGH**: 71 **LOW**: 58



Westfield Kiwanians work to beautify their beloved city



Photo provided

More than 20 Westfield Kiwanians (and some future Kiwanians) spent Saturday morning on their annual Westfield Washington Library beautification project. There were 190 begonias planted and more than five yards of mulch spread around the Library on Hoover Street. The Westfield Kiwanis Club defines its purpose to be the uplifting of all children and families within its reach that they may be enabled in their faith, patriotism, and pursuit of prosperity. For more information about Kiwanis or how to join, visit Facebook.com/KiwanisOfWestfield.

Debunking the sensationalism of Carmel's debt

Oh, the agony, as I read yet another obituary describing the financial death of Carmel. Year after year, decade after decade, writers have warned Carmel is just a few dollars away from fiscal demise due to "outof-control" debt and spending. But, certain-



ly to the irritation of those wishing to see Carmel fail, the wake has yet to be held.

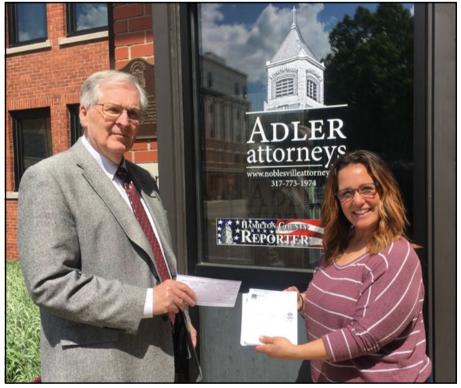
I often wonder why it has become the personal assignment of a small, but admittedly loud, minority to ignore the facts, throw common sense out the window, and automatically assume the worst.

While these prognosticators claim to have our community's best interests at heart, I often have conversations about why, even when provided with evidence of the many successes throughout the years, they continue the drumbeat that Carmel's day of reckoning is right around the corner.

In today's frenzied world of social media, I think it is more important than ever to make sure that the facts – those pesky things that often get in the way of a good doomsday story – are presented to inform and educate those who would like to know what's really going on. That's why I have agreed to write a series of columns about Carmel's financial prowess and topics associated that need clarification.

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Don't duck out on your chance to help



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

Not to ruffle any feathers, but The Reporter bought 100 rubber ducky race tickets to support Noblesville Main Street's (NMS) annual Duck Race taking place on Saturday, June 4. (Above) Ray Adler (left) and NMS Executive Director Kate Baker (right) trade The Reporter's check for our 100 duck tickets. If The Reporter's duckies win, the money will go to support Prevail, Inc. What other local businesses will step up next for a chance to double-dip on giving back? If you do buy a block of 100 of more ducky tickets, you'll be on the front page of The Reporter as well! Buy your tickets at the NMS booth at the Noblesville Farmers Market on Saturdays, the Indiana Peony Festival on Saturday, May 21, and at the Darlington Bed Race on Friday, June 3. You can also contact any NMS board member or email Baker at kate@noblesvillemainstreet.org. How do you know The Reporter really is your hometown newspaper? If it walks like a duck and talks like a duck . . .

Prevail, Inc. partners with county's schools to teach kids about healthy relationships

Submitted by Maddie Folta Prevail, Inc.

During the school year 2021-2022, Prevail partnered with local schools to bring Healthy Relationships programming into health classes in middle and high schools across Hamilton County.



This Healthy Relationships programming focuses on interactive learning ex-

periences for students with learning objectives, including recognizing warning signs of abuse, identifying types of abuse, understanding consent and boundaries, and identifying what to do or how to help a friend, all

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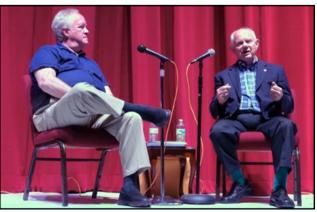
Indy 500 broadcasting legend spends an evening in Westfield

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The Central Indiana Region (CIR) of the Porsche Club of America presented An Evening with Paul Page, the Voice of the 500, presented by SONAX, on Sunday, May 15, at the Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St.

CIR member and veteran motorsports journalist Tom Beeler discussed with Page his life and times. Stories and memories of races past and present mixed with a behind-the-scenes prospective of the life and work of the greatest living motorsports commentator.

the lead announcer job by his mentor Sid Collins for lins. When Collins passed



CIR member Tom Beeler (left) leads a discussion with Paul Page at the charity event. Over 160 people attended the sold-out event at the Basile Westfield Playhouse.

the Indianapolis Motor in 1977 just a few weeks be-Page was tapped for Speedway's radio network, fore the 500, it was his wish which was started by Col-

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How would our mental health change if counseling was celebrated?

You may ask yourself, what is mental health? Why is it so important? U.S. Department of Human Health (2022) defines it as "our emotional, psychologi-

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well-being. It affects how Awareness we think, feel, and act."

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why is there be people say, "I don't need so much stigma to go to therapy. I'm not people depressed, anxious, grieving, etc." What if I told you that everyone could benefit from therapy? Therapy is focusing on is for anyone who wants men- to learn more about themtal health stig- selves and grow as a permas in honor of son. This could be in the Mental Health form of processing hurts, grievances, or trauma. Or would like to join in these it could help someone distorenter counseling, but till their values and goals those who find this cour-

I have heard many to guide them closer to the age experience tremendous person they are hoping to

become. How would the mental health of our nation shift if going to counseling were celebrated instead of criticized? What if there was no stigma associated with doing the work to become the best person, parent, friend, or spouse you could be? It takes great courage

personal growth.

Have you ever found things that others are able behaviors or thought patterns that keep you from achieving your goals? to any of these questions, Have you ever been frus- counseling is for you or trated with your child for your child. As a counselor, a behavior that you can't I hope to give clients a safe get to stop? Could you and space to process emotions,

your spouse benefit from healthier communication? Have you ever questioned yourself worrying about what you should do with your life? Have you ever to brush off? Do you have just felt alone and wanted someone to listen to you?

If you answered ves

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PREVAIL:

implemented through a variety cation through our Preven- efforts, Prevail has wit- port groups, safety planning, of activities adapted from the widely used evidence-based Safe Dates curriculum.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about one in 12 teens surveyed experienced physical and/or sexual violence (CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey in 2019). Even more close to home is the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking findings that rank Indiana fourth in the United States for high school females who reported being physically forced to have sexual intercourse.

Prevail provides critical Healthy Relationships edu-

tion Educators. Prevention nessed strong relationships and a 24/7 crisis hot line. Educators were able to inter- start to form between health 15 middle and high schools again in the future. in the county. Results taken from Hamilton South-Middle and High School, School showed that students in knowledge from pre- to venting violence and how programming. ally, Prevention Educators youth, the future leaders of reported that 98 percent of our communities. those students surveyed indicated that they understand efforts, Prevail also offers a their role in violence pre- variety of services to survivention. Along with these vors of violence such as sup-

act with 5,838 total students educators, with all educa-

As Prevail plans to continue this partnership, there eastern Schools, Sheridan is hope for expansion allowing these efforts to reach and Hamilton Heights High more students in the county. Prevail believes that we all gained an 8 percent increase have a role to play in prepost-tests given during the better to spread this message Addition- than to start in schools with

Along with its prevention

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and easy. When someone says, "Carmel has \$1.4 billion in debt," or "Carmel is spending us into oblivion using a credit card," or my personal favorite, "Your children and grandchildren will have to pay the bill," it can be scary. But is this really true? Should you be worried? Why or why not?

I'm passionate about Carmel. As a city councilman, I'm committed to serving our residents at the highest level. As a volunteer in our community, I'm dedicated to promoting our great city to those who live here and visit. As a Carmel resident, I'm thankful for our low tax rates and fanauthor here, I'm excited to do now.

Sensationalism is cheap share clear and concise facts about the true shape of Carmel's finances - backed up by verifiable data and examples of historical successes, not opinions. The truth will prevail right here in black and white.

> And just so I don't leave you hanging until next time - Carmel's debt is \$884 million, with only 5 percent being the responsibility of residential taxpayers. That's \$445 per person, not \$14,000. You don't buy a house for \$300,000 and go around telling people it cost you \$515,610.

Rest easy tonight as your children and grandchildren will also enjoy low taxes and top-quality services in tastic amenities. And as an Carmel, just as our residents

PAGE-

a young Paul Page take over the anchor position on the network.

That led to a shot at television in 1988 with ABC's coverage of the Indy 500. Page is still very much "old school" in that he paints a word-picture with a detailed description of the event. He tells a story, be it on radio, TV, or in this case, at the Basile Westfield Playhouse.

Page is enshrined in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame and has two Emmys for his coverage of the 500.

More than 160 CIR members and guests attended the event with all ticket sales going to Westfield's Heart and Soul Free

A highlight of the night was Carmel resident, CIR



Photo provided

Mayor Andy Cook declared May 15, 2022, as Paul Page Night in Westfield.

with the ABC/ESPN's Indy member, and 11-time Indy series coverage for several Paul Page Night in West- of the world's finest car 500 veteran Scott Good- years. You can easily tell field with the presentation care products.

500 and INDYCAR race clared May 15, 2022, as SONAX USA, distributor

year's introduction of Page. the friendship and respect of a declaration honoring The two worked closely the two have for each other. the event. The evening was Mayor Andy Cook de- sponsored by Westfield's

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thoughts, and actions without community leaders in Hamjudgment. I hope to help people recognize and meet the potential of who they are. I aim to help people feel heard and known. And I strive to help people find the beauty and strength in vulnerability. I hope to destroy shame and low self-worth. Brene Brown (2013) says, "If we can share our story with someone who responds with empathy and understanding, shame can't survive." If any of this sounds appealing, counseling is for you.

So, can we all agree to cheer on those that are fighting for their mental health? After all, it does affect every aspect of our lives, including our relationships. Let's be a community that praises others for working towards wholeness instead of contributing to brokenness.

Thank you to all the what-is-mental-health

ilton County who prioritize mental health and are breaking negative stigmas.

Lindsev Kotvnski Garrigus, MA, LMHCA, provides individual, family, adult, child, and adolescent therapy. For more information or to see if Garrigus could help you or a loved one, please visit thrivepointe.com/ourteam/lindsey-garrigus or call (317) 978-5501.

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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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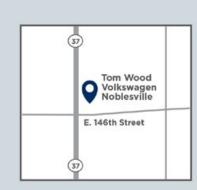
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Carmel unveils latest sculpture in Arts & Design District

"Swing Me Higher, Mama" designed, built by Zimbabwean artist Dominic Benhura

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A new sculpture was unveiled Saturday at Main Street and Veterans Way in Carmel. The sculpture, titled "Swing Me Higher, Mama," depicts a mother playing with her young daughter and was created by artist Dominic Benhura of Zimbabwe, commissioned by the City of Carmel, and facilitated by Jayne During of Kuaba Gallery, 404 W. Main St.

The unveiling took place at 5 p.m. on Saturday during the Allied Solutions' Meet Me On Main event in the Carmel Arts & Design District. "Swing Me Higher, Mama" is located on the southeast corner of the intersection at Main Street and Veteran's Way next to Carmel Chocolate Café.

Benhura traveled to Carmel from his home country of Zimbabwe to participate in the installation and unveiling of his work. Carmel City Council President Kevin "Woody" Rider and Clay Township Board Mary Eckard were joined by members of the Carmel Public Art Advisory Committee, the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations, and other city officials in celebration of the unveiling of this sculpture.

"Public art is an important part of our community's culture, and it is equally important that our sculptures and art pieces continue to reflect the growing diversity of Carmel. That is why I am thrilled to welcome this new sculpture on Main Street for all to enjoy," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "It is important for the community as a whole to have access to art from around the world, regardless of a person's intravel globally. Carmel's spire those who live, work or visit and enhances their experience while spending



Photo courtesy Kuaba Gallery / A.J. Miller Made of springstone, a natural rock found in Zimbabwe, the sculpture weighs 900 pounds.

time here."

Mayor Brainard issued a proclamation in honor of this event, declaring May 14, 2022 "Dominic Benhura Day" in the City of Carmel.

Benhura is an internationally renowned sculptor from Zimbabwe who is celebrated by galleries and clients alike for his themes focusing on the importance of family, the natural environment, and the relationship between them. His artworks celebrate common themes that unify people of all cultural backgrounds across the world. His sculptures connect directly with their springstone, which is a natuaudience, fostering a sense

is a sculpture celebrating the warmth of mothers," Benhuis 88 inches in height by 43 come level and ability to ra said. "It is befitting since inches in width and 12 inchit will be installed in public es deep. It weights approxipublic art provides visual and relates to everyone – to mately 900 pounds. diversity to engage and in- all visitors, the young and

of joy and wonder. 'This piece for Carmel

Jayne During is the owner and curator of Kuaba



Photo provided Jayne During moved Kuaba Gallery from Indianapolis to Carmel in 2018, where it now enjoys success on Main Street.

Gallery, a premier contemporary art gallery featuring a diverse collection of paintings and sculptures by internationally and locally established artists. After running her gallery for several years in Indianapolis, she moved her collection to Carmel in 2018 and has enjoyed success on Main Street.

"I'd like to thank the City of Carmel for working with me and my gallery to help diversify the public art in the city," During said. "I look forward to future projects as well."

The sculpture is made of ral rock found in Zimbabwe. It is an extremely hard serpentine of almost the consistency of granite. Its size

The new sculpture replaced a previous work by Carmel artist Scott Osbourne. The concrete pad on this street corner was designed to be a home for transitional artwork that would be changed on an occasional basis.

This sculpture unveiling comes two months after the unveiling of another sculpture, "Waiting To Cross," by J. Seward Johnson at Main Street and the Monon Greenway, and not long after the unveiling of a mural celebrating Black heroes and heroines with ties to Indiana, which was painted on the north side of Drs. Lauck & McLean Optometry Eyewear building, 301

Learn more about public art in Carmel by visiting in person or viewing online for an interactive map of the public art pieces.

Former Marion County deputy sent to prison for assaulting inmate

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A former Marion County Detention Deputy is going to jail for assaulting an inmate.

Jorge Alberto Mateos, 26, Noblesville, was sentenced Friday to 18 months in federal prison. Mateos had previously pleaded guilty to a felony civil rights offense for his unreasonable use of force against an inmate in his

documents, the incident to do it." He the hit him happened on Sept. 9, 2021, while Mateos was on duty at the Marion County Jail. During his shift, an inmate had been told to take off his jail-issued shoes. The to resist or fight back. inmate responded by kicking off his shoes and sitting ly separated the two and in the corner of his cell.

cell and told the inmate, hit him after.

"When a deputy tells you According to court to do something, you need in the face several times. Mateos knocked him to the ground and continued to hit him. Court documents say the inmate never tried

Deputies eventualplaced the inmate in hand-Mateos then entered the cuffs. Mateos continued to





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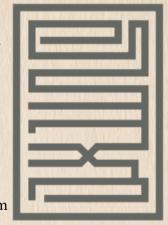
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Mon-Thu mornings at Forest Park Aquatic Center

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Lessons are open to all children. Swimmers are grouped according to skill level. Teacher to student ratio is no more than 4 to 1.

'Sheridinner' fish fry sells out



Reporter photo by JohnGeiger.com

According to Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Steve Nelson, this past Saturday's "Sheridinner" fish fry fundraiser sold out at 339 dinners, including plenty of bakery items. The second annual community event took place at Biddle Memorial Park in Sheridan to raise money for business programs at Sheridan and Hamilton Heights schools. Great work to everyone who made this fish fry possible, and thanks to everyone who came out to support it.

Don't forget to stop and smell the peonies this weekend in Noblesville

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activities and festivities, will run continuously to don't forget to stop and designated lots around Nosmell the peonies from 10 blesville, including The a.m. to 4 p.m. this Satur- Levinson, 868 Maple Ave., day, May 21 at Noblesville's Seminary Park, 350 S. 10th St.

More than 50 vendors offering peony-inspired art, decor, food and beverages, as well as plants and stems

will be positioned through-Amidst a month full of out the park. A shuttle bus and the Hamilton County Parking Garage, 225 N. 9th St. Parking is also available at Church Church Hittle + Antrim, 48 N. 10th St., and Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center, 802 Mulber-

A "bouquet-off" begins at noon with some of the area's favorite florists competing for petal perfection while growers (including attendees) can submit their favorite stem for judging as well; winners will be announced at 3 p.m. Education classes in the afternoon include "Handtied Bouquets" and "Peonies 101."

begins at 10 a.m. with Kel- crawl map. ly Yates followed by Cop-Kids activities include free airbrushed tattoos from Fabulously Fun; arts and crafts classes will also be available at varying prices from Caravan Classics, including paintable paper peonies, peony mini canvas and easels, peony acrylic pour and a peony 8-by-10 canvas to paint.

Those wanting to get an early start on their peony shopping will have an opportunity at "Peonies in the Park" presented by Duke lis 500 festivities occur.

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Energy and Smith's Jewelers. Tickets are \$100 each (get them online here) and include food and beverages from 10 Noblesville dining spots, musical entertainment and take home a commemorative 2022 Indiana Peony Festival poster and tote bag.

Also new to this year's festival is a Brunch Crawl. For \$6 per person (tickets available online), crawlers will receive a Brunch & Blooms button, crawl map, discounted brunch items and special peony promotions at participating retailers. Get your map stamped at two restaurants and three retailers for a chance to win free festival swag. Return maps to Brunch & Bloom sign-in locations (IPF tent at festival or Smith's Jewelers) or submit via email through Musical entertainment the QR code printed on

Have questions? Visit perpot from noon to 4 p.m. the Indiana Peony Festival's **FAQ** page for answers.

About the Indiana Peony Festival

The mission of the Indiana Peony Festival is to inspire Indiana residents to celebrate the state flower, to enhance Noblesville through peony beautification projects, and to promote Hamilton County as a desired visitor destination during May, when peonies are in bloom and Indianapo-

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Letter to the Editor

Don't Leave It to Beaver group pleased with Noblesville Plan Commission's unfavorable recommendation on gravel pit

At its May 16 regular meeting, the Noblesville Plan Commission voted 7-3 to pass along an unfavorable recommendation to the Noblesville Common Council regarding the proposed gravel extraction plan presented by Beaver Gravel and Hamilton County Parks.

The community grassroots group Don't Leave It to Beaver extends deep gratitude to the plan commission for valuing and hearing our community's concerns, and for giving us the opportunity to present at the public meeting alongside the pe-

titioners. Both sides of the issue – the cil will hear arguments on the issue DLITB community members and the at its June 14 regular meeting and is petitioners with their representatives presented thoughtful arguments for and against the operation. We are also thankful to the city for working with us to get our concerns heard by our public officials.

We are especially thankful for the many concerned and passionate Hamilton County citizens who marched, attended public meetings, and offered comments during the public comment portion of the Plan Commission meeting.

The Noblesville Common Coun-

scheduled to vote on the issue at its June 28 meeting. We look forward to its evaluation of the proposal, which would allow an industrial operation to extract sand and gravel next to hundreds of homes and Potter's Bridge Park for up to five years.

Concerned citizens can still get involved. Write your Common Council representatives and sign the online petition. Find out more at dontleaveittobeaver.com/take-action.

Don't Leave It to Beaver Stop the Gravel Pit

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Belfry Theatre auditions set for Frozen Ir. musical

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Hamilton County Theatre Guild announces auditions for The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players summer youth production, Disney's and a downloadable audi-Frozen Jr. The children's musical will be directed by James H. Williams of Fishers, on four dates, July 28 to 31, at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

The Belfry Theatre and En Pointe Indiana Ballet have teamed up this summer. Auditions for the play will be 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 22; and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 23, at En Pointe Indiana Ballet, 15309 Stony Creek Way, Noblesville.

Unlike past years for the youth - which alternated age groups, ages 5 to 13 during odd years and 13 to 20 during even years – this summer's Disney's Frozen Jr. production will open auditions to all youth ages 5 to 18.

With music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production, this story of true love and acceptance between sisters expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure and plenty of humor, Disney's Fro-

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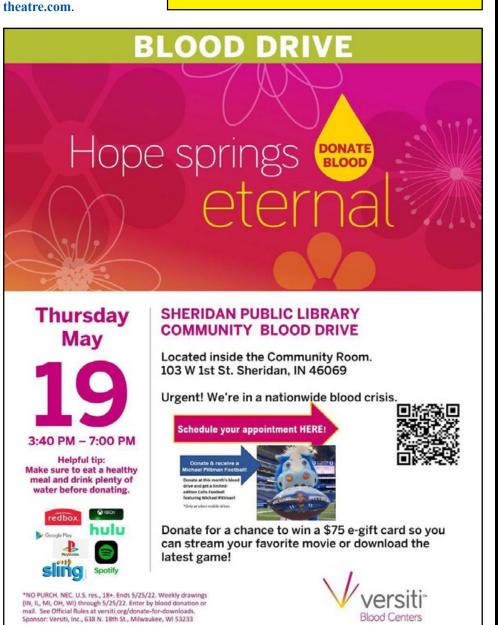
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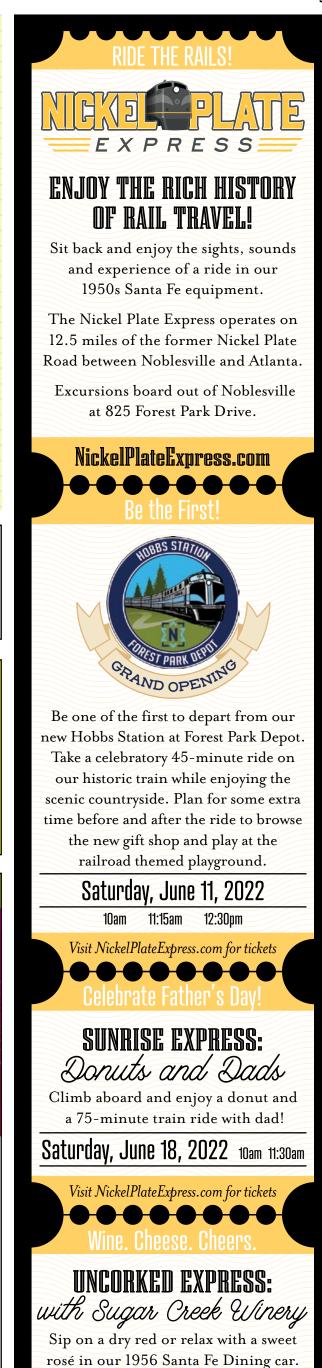
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Ivy Tech in Hamilton County to celebrate over 200 graduates at first commencement

Former State Senator Luke Kenley to receive Honorary Degree of Associate of Science in College & Community Service

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Ivy Tech Community College in Hamilton County will hold its first commencement on Saturday, May 21.

Ivy Tech Hamilton County, which became the official 19th campus of Ivy Tech Community College July 1, 2021, has confirmed a total of 43 students will walk across the commencement stage and participate in the very first official commencement ceremony for the campus. A total of 218 students will receive credentials in areas such as business, building construction, education, general studies, healthcare, human services,

"Graduation is a significant life event, and we couldn't be prouder of our graduates as they celebrate this significant milestone," Ivy Tech Hamilton County Chancellor Dr. Stacy Atkinson said. "We cherish our students' journeys and achievements and look forward to seeing what they accomplish next."

The College will also

recognize several individuals with distinguished awards and honors, including fomer State Senator Luke Kenley. who will receive Honorary Degree of Associate of Science

in College and Community ing Faculty Award recipi-Service. Kenley, who was instrumental in opening the site that is now the Hamilton County campus, is a Noblesville High School graduate who was elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1992 and served as a Noblesville City Court Judge for 15 years. Kenley will also serve as the campus' first commencement speaker.

ally recognize Senator Luke Provost of Ivy Tech Com-Kenley for his work to establish and full support of our Hamilton County campus," Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann said. "His lifetime of service to Indiana and Hoosiers, in addition to his dedication to the Ivy Tech

el of public service and advocacy for high-quality education."

Other individuals who will receive recognition at this year's commencement include Outstand-

ent, Nicol Bradberry, and Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award recipient, Kevin R. Jowitt.

The student commencement speaker who will address her graduating Class of 2022 will be Helen Paola Lizano Herrera, a Costa Rican-American and graduate of Westfield High School. During the ceremony, grad-"I would like to person- uates will also hear from munity College, Dr. Dean McCurdy.

"I am excited to participate in Ivy Tech Hamilton County's first commencement ceremony," McCurdy said. "Graduating from college is a major milestone, community, demonstrate an and our Hamilton County

unparalleled mod- graduates will always be able to say that they were the first to do so at our newest campus. I am eager to share that moment with them and the Hamilton County team, and to celebrate their suc-

About Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degrees, shortterm certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns to the needs of the community. The College provides seamless transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a bachelor's degree.

Atlanta man dies in motorcycle/truck crash

The REPORTER

On Monday at approximately 4 p.m., Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies responded to an accident at 276th Street and Devaney Road. The crash involved a vehicle and a motorcycle.

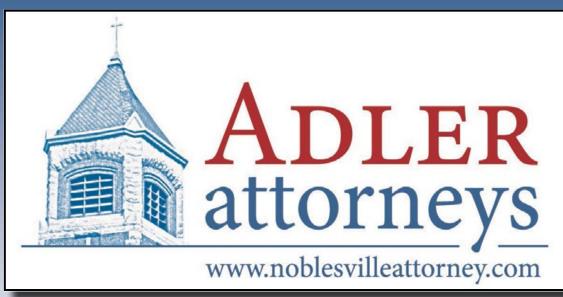
While responding to the investigation.

scene, deputies were advised that CPR was being performed on the injured party, who was later pronounced deceased by paramedics on scene. The roadway was closed from 4 to 5:52 p.m. for the on-scene

The initial investigation showed a red Chevrolet Silverado pickup was westbound on 276th Street and turning left onto southbound Devaney Road. This brought the truck into the path of the silver Suzuki motorcycle that was travel-

ing eastbound on 276th St. The vehicles collided in the intersection.

The driver of the motorcycle, Jeremy Chris, 45, Atlanta, died. The ongoing investigation is being led by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Crash Team.













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Noblesville High School senior earns scholarship from Fishers law firm

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Laura Wertz, a 2022 senior at Noblesville High School, has earned a \$500 scholarship from Indiana Estate & Elder Law that will aid in her tuition and book fees this fall while attending Ball State University to study music education and vocal performance.

In her Impossible To Fail Scholarship application, Wertz shared that she would not change any obstacles or difficulties in her life because without them she would never have found her passion.

"I have a deep need to share my joy of music with others on a more cerebral level," Wertz wrote. "Music is essential to our souls, and those who can translate all the things around us into audible emotions are gifts to each one of us."

Wertz was made aware of the scholarship through her high school's scholarship list.

Following her receipt of 31, 2023. the scholarship, Wertz had a message for hopeful 2022 scholarship applicants in



Laura Wertz with her Indiana Estate & Elder Law scholarship award.

vise a path to make your passion a reality, and then make a plan to finance your path."

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Police remind motorists to 'Click It or Ticket'

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership, along with other agencies across Indiana, will increase patrols as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign ahead of Memorial Day weekend. For the next three weeks, officers will be out in full force making sure drivers and passengers are buckled up and children are properly secured.

Their goal is to reduce the number of traffic injuries and fatalities from lack of seat belt use, a continuing concern. Data from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) shows that unbuckled motorists make up almost 40 percent of all passenger vehicle deaths in the state.

The overtime patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with grants administered by ICJI.

"Our focus is not on writing tickets but to encourage people to buckle up in order to saves lives," Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush said. "Seat belts are your best form of protection in a crash and against dangerous drivers. At the end of the day, we want everyone to reach their destination safely."

Since the "Click It or Ticket" initiative began more than 20 years ago, seat belt use has gone up 30 percent in Indiana to 92.9 percent, which is slightly higher than the national average of 90.3 percent.

Despite making prog-

ress and advances in vehicle safety, in 2020, 226 unbuckled vehicle occupants lost their lives on Indiana roads – the second highest in the past decade. drivers, Young especially males,

were the least likely to be Robert buckled during a crash.

"We cannot tolerate another deadly year like the one we just had on our roads," ICJI Executive Director Devon McDonald we lost would still be alive age eight must be propertoday had they made the ly restrained in a federally belts make a difference. booster seat. They save lives."

Research has repeatedly demonstrated the safety benefits of seat belts and the dangerous consequences when people choose not patrols during the day and to use them. Buckling up night, when unrestrained can reduce the risk of in- driving is at its peak. Drivjury or death in a crash by ers can be cited for lack of 50 percent. Without a seat seat belt use, but also for belt fastened, people can be each unbuckled passenger ejected from a vehicle and killed, and that risk increases if the driver is speeding are encouraged to make sure or impaired.

Tragically, vehicle collisions continue to be a rectly and properly installed. leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13, and NHTSA data shows that approximately 46 percent of all car seats are being used incorrectly. Parents and caregivers who do not buckle up are more likely to have kids who are improperly restrained.



Quakenbush

injured or killed because they weren't properly secure in a vehicle," ICJI Traffic Safety Director Duckworth said. "Parents are responsible for their child's safety, and car

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seats are only effective if and when used correctly." Indiana law requires the driver and all passengers to said. "Many of the people buckle up. Children under decision to buckle up. Seat approved child car seat or

> Throughout the campaign, officers will be watching for seat belt and car seat violations while conducting high-visibility under the age of 16.

Parents and caregivers children are in the right car seat and that it's used cor-Resources can be found at nhtsa.gov/TheRightSeat. To schedule an appointment with a certified car seat safety technician at one of Indiana's 100 fitting stations, visit on.in.gov/SafeKids.

Click here to learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership.



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Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Safety Committee will meet to discuss safety issues at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., No-

The Hamilton County Commission on Public Records will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, to discuss the PR-1 forms that were submitted by various agencies requesting destruction of specified records This meeting will be held in the Hamilton County Clerk's Conference Room, Suite 106, in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

the Hamilton County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business as needed. The meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing (219) 225-8177 and entering conference ID 249 974 845#.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a)

The Atlanta Redevelopment Commission will hold its Annual Entity Meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., At-



8 **Obituaries**

Jason Barrington Koss June 17, 1973 - May 9, 2022

Jason Barrington Koss, a lifelong resident of Cicero,



passed away on Monday, May 9, 2022. He was born on June 17, 1973, to Sally Jo Hackney in Indianapolis. He married his best friend and love of his life, Jessica Brooke (Anderson) Koss. He leaves behind their two daughters, Isabella Dyan and Lydia Adair, who will miss him greatly.

Jason also leaves behind his sister, Angie (Jason) Cosner of Bloomington; and niece and nephews, Madelyn, Benjamin and Samuel,

all of Bloomington.

In 1989, Jason started working in the carpentry business where he soon discovered his amazing abilities with the details of custom woodworking and one of his favorite talents. He later owned and operated his own businesses, J Koss Construction, LLC and JBK Woodworks, and was known for his superior craftsmanship for over 33 years.

In addition to his adoring love for his girls, Jason's enthusiasm for anything water-related was apparent early on as he never left living on the lake and will continue to watch over his girls there. His passion for boating, barefoot skiing and all sports behind the boat began at a young age. Jason was a founding teammate of the world-renowned barefooting endurance race team known as "The Wolfpack."

His love for the water continues with his girls. He enjoyed time behind many of his Nautiques over the years and recently restored and personalized a Ski Nautique for his daughter, Isabella.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Third Phase Social Service Organization, 15755 Allisonville Road, Noblesville, IN 46060; or The Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

Visitation was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St, Cicero, with Pastor Mark Knapp speaking afterward. You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.



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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

So, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest."

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:7-13 (NIV)

Bill Atkinson

October 3, 1930 – May 15, 2022

Bill Atkinson, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at his home. He was born on October 3, 1930, to Coy and Ava (Willmuth) Atkinson in Evening

> Shade, Ark. Bill proudly served in the United States Army in 1953 during the Korean War and later was a member of the American Legion. He owned and operated NAPA stores around the area, was the second largest dealer in Indiana, and was able to retire at the age of 50. Bill was a mechanic and licensed electrician who enjoyed working on cars.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Atkinson; daughters, Teresa (Shawn)

Salge and Gianna (Derek) Haas; grandchildren, Kara Martens, Ashley Dailey, Addison Haas, and Ryne Haas; great-grandchildren, Clementine Dailey and Amos Dailey. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 1 p.m. with Pastor Shawn Graham officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 508, Greenwood, IN 46142 (davmembersportal.org/in/default.aspx), or Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (alz.org/indiana).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Sharon Kay Tolle February 14, 1957 - May 12, 2022

Sharon Kay Tolle, 65, Sheridan, passed away on Thursday morning, May 12, 2022, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Born on



February 14, 1957, in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of the late Walter Junior and Norma Jean (Meador) Strough. She was a 1975 graduate of Carm-

el High School and a graduate of Ivy Tech where she earned her Associates Degree in Accounting. Her education served her well during her tenure with

St. Vincent Hospital, where she worked in the accounting department for 18 years, retiring in 2013.

Sharon lived life in the moment – and whatever she happened to be involved in at any given time was the absolute perfect place for her to be. She spent countless hours fussing over her garden, but to her it was time well spent. She loved flowers and enjoyed the various critters that would visit her garden from time to time. Birds were visitors she liked the best; she had feeders on just about every square foot of her property. Sharon also liked to let her artistic side take over. She enjoyed arts and crafts, especially ceramics, pottery and crocheting. One of her favorite projects was when she was able to use the flowers from her garden to create the floral pieces for her son's wedding. It was the perfect combination of Sharon's creative side and her professional, attention-to-detail side. Sharon was an avid and competitive bowler, playing in various leagues throughout the years, as well as being a member of the 600 club.

Any activity involving family was her happy place. Sharon was there for anything and everything. As the kids were growing up, she made it a priority to be involved in their activities. From running here, there, and everywhere for various sports activities, to being an active band parent – she was always there. And when the cycle started all over again, this time as a grandparent, Sharon was front and center.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband, Christopher Alan "Chris" Tolle. She and Chris were married on May 22, 1993. Also surviving are son, Jason M. Flint (Christina) of Noblesville; three daughters, Kira D. Flint of Noblesville, Tiffany Shari Hill (Seth) of Jamestown, and Felicia Renee Sample (Nick) of Noblesville; eight grandchildren, Trinity Hill, Lydia Hill, Sadie Hill, Alexander "Alex" Flint, Abigail Flint, Nicholas Sample, Jr., Jayden Sample, and Devon Sample; brother, Paul Strough of West Virginia; sisters, Diane Strough White and Melissa Strough, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; and by her golden retriever, Crosby. Everybody loves Crosby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Susan Strough.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St.,

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton County Humane Society.

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Girls track and field sectional

Setting a new standard

Royals win sixth straight team title; Scally triumphs in three events, five new sectional records set in exceptional meet

By RICHIE HALL FISHERS - The student-athletes that participated in the Hamilton Southeastern girls track and field sectional put together something special Tuesday night at TCU

Those athletes set a new standard for quality, competitiveness and sportsmanship at the meet. It was a fun evening from beginning to end, with five new sectional records established, many performances at or above the state qualifying standards (this word will come up many times), and there was a close race as to who would win the team championship.

Once all the results were in, the host Royals would get the trophy. Southeastern won its sixth consecutive sectional title (and 15th overall), scoring 141 team points. The Royals held off runner-up Noblesville, which scored 131 points, and third-place Carmel, which totaled 128 points.

It's the second big meet victory in eight days for Southeastern, which won the Hamilton County meet last Tuesday. Two weeks ago, the Royals finished second to the Millers at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference

"After the conference meet, losing to Noblesville, we were down a little bit," said HSE coach Julie Alano. The Royals tried a few different things at the county meet, and won that event by one point.

"And so I think we just really took that momentum into this meet," said Alano. "We talked with the team about every person doing their part in every event, and we almost scored every person in every event."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Hamilton Southeastern girls track and field team won its sixth straight sectional title Tuesday at its own TCU Field. The Royals won two events and had 14 overall qualifiers for next week's regional at Lafayette Jefferson.

Southeastern had two individual chamdles in a new meet record time of 14.27 seconds, blasting past the old record by 0.37 seconds.

pions and had 14 total qualifiers for next Tuesday's regional meet at Lafayette Jefferson. Ally Elsbury got the running events started in a big way, as she won the 100 hur-

The Royals' other winner was Rosiebella Fiabema, who was first in the shot put by almost a foot and a half, with a best throw of 39 feet, 4.25 inches. Fiabema also placed third in the discus, so she advances to the regional in both events.

the long jump, as Jehnea Mirro placed second (18 feet, 10 inches) and Elsbury was third (18 feet, 8.5 inches). Amazingly, the top seven placers in the long jump will all move on to the regional, as all of them bested the state standard of 17 feet, 8.75 inches.

Other regional qualifiers for the Royals are: Makenzie Loftin in the 100 hurdles, and Elsbury in the 300 hurdles, Jocelyn Davis in the 200 dash, Ella Wilhelm in the pole vault, and all three Southeastern relays.

FIELD DAY

Noblesville had the most individual victories at the meet, with five sectional champions. The Millers had their usual success in the field, qualifying for the regional in all five of the field events. That included two winners, starting with Hannah Alexander.

The sophomore triumphed in the discus with a throw of 141 feet, 6 inches, well ahead of the state standard. Alexander also placed second in the shot put, advancing her to the regional in both events.

Laina Lillge won the pole vault for Noblesville, clearing 11 feet, 6 inches, right at the standard. Lillge spoke of the people that supported her, who were thrilled to see her win the event - "my community, all my friends," she said. And her teammates too, of course.

We're all so close as a team and they help us and we encourage each other," said Lillge. "We have fun together, so it's great."

The Millers also had nice evening on the track, winning three events. Noblesville began with a win in the 4x800 relay, then later got a record-setting performance from Kiana Siefert, who set a new mark in the 300 hurdles of 44.82 seconds.

Right away, the Millers set another new record. Summer Rempe cruised to victory in the 800 run by clocking in at 2 minutes, 14.49 seconds, lowering Aubrey Smith's old record of 2:04.82 - which was set in 2004. Noblesville made it a 1-2 sweep in Southeastern also got several points in the 800 run, as Brinkley Cooper placed sec-

> Other Millers regional qualifiers were Siefert in the 100 hurdles and long jump, Rylee Hassan and Malina Miller in the high jump, and Noblesville's 4x400 relay.

NEW FACES

Several new faces contributed to Carmel's strong showing, which included three Regan Wans in the 400 dash, Blackmore victories and 13 total qualifiers to the regional. Among them were freshman Olivia Cebalo, who zoomed to victory in the 400 dash in a new record time of 56.69 seconds. She lowered the old record by nearly a half-second. Cebalo also ran on the Greyhounds' winning 4x400 relay team and was part of their runner-up 4x800 relay squad.

"It was definitely nerve-wracking at the beginning, just because there's a lot of older girls and I'm a freshman," said Cebalo. "But then once I got in the race, it just felt like all the other races and I just pushed through at

Carmel also won the 4x100 relay, and Cambell Wamsley's second-place finish in the open 400 gave the 'Hounds a 1-2 sweep in that event. Jamie Klavon and Olivia Mundt went 2-3 in the 1600 run, while Emily Norris and Lauren Bailey both advanced to regional in the long jump by besting the state standard.

Other Carmel regional qualifiers are Norris in the 100 dash, Alivia Romaniuk in the 3200 run and Taylor Reagor in the discus and shot put.

THREE WINS FOR SCALLY

Fishers placed fourth as a team with 77 points. Ella Scally picked up all three of the Tigers' victories.

Scally swept the 100 and 200 dashes,

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Reporter photo by Kent Graham Fishers' Ella Scally set a new sectional record in the long jump of 19 feet, 1 inch. It was one of three event wins for the Tigers senior.

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then had an outstanding day in the long jump, where she won with a new sectional record of 19 feet, 1 inch.

Fishers had two other qualifiers for the regional. Elizabeth Barrett took second in the 3200 run and Vera Schafer was third in the 800 run.

Westfield advanced four to the regional. Princess Campbell was second in the 100 dash, Tobi Fapetu finished second in the 200 dash, Ashlyn Bauer placed third in the pole vault, and the Shamrocks were third in the 4x100 relay.

Hamilton Heights' Kelsey Smith defended her high jump championship. Smith cleared 5 feet, 5 inches.

"The season's been a little rough, so I finally got to the point where I'm at my fullest right now, just at my best," said Smith.

Ella Ewing also advanced to the regional, qualifying in the long jump.

Guerin Catholic's Bridget Gallagher will represent the Golden Eagles at the regional. She was a double winner, finishing first in the 1600 run and the 3200 run, which is not an easy thing to do.

Gallgher said she wasn't really concerned about time. "I just wanted to be smooth and see how I could do in a double," she said.

In addition to the above-mentioned qualifiers, many other athletes are expected to get callbacks to the regional. The top three in each of the four feeder sectionals advance to the regional, with four spots open for at-large advancers.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 141, Noblesville 131, Carmel 128, Fishers 77, Westfield 55, Hamilton Heights 34, Guerin Catholic 33, Western Boone 13, University 8, Lebanon 4.

4x800 relay: 1. Noblesville (Summer Rempe, Brinkley Cooper, Riley Flynn, Paige Hazelrigg) 9:23.39, 2. Carmel (Audrey Ricketts, Olivia Cebalo, Jasmine Klopstad, Kara Wenzler) 9:28.38, 3. Southeastern (Grace Newton, Allie Latta, Ciara Kepner, Maggie Powers) 9:34.01, 4. Fishers (Megan Mybeck, Vera Schafer, Aubrey Baldwin, Anna Runion) 9:41.85, 5. Westfield (Nezira Djour, Ava Britton-Heitz, Sydney Klinglesmith, Angelina Abriani) 10:13.61, 7. Guerin Catholic (Eva Parr, Rosie Barrett, Camille Morrow, Claire Milam) 10:29.37.

100 hurdles - Finals: 1. Ally Elsbury (HSE) 14.27, new sectional record, 2. Kiana Siefert (N) 14.49, under old sectional record, 3. Makenzie Loftin (HSE) 15.26, 4. Ella Ewing (HH) 15.47, 5. Sophia Sullivan (C) 15.99, 6. Madison Clary (W) 16.56, 7. Ava Sinex (C) 16.82, 8. Olivia Boe (N) 18.96. **Prelims:** 8. Lilly Chesney (Sheridan) 17.14, 10. Anna Williams (F) 17.60, 12. Adelaine Allgeier (F) 17.98, 14. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 18.74, 17. Lily Westerkamm

100 dash - Finals: 1. Ella Scally (F) 12.05, 2. Princess Campbell (W) 12.14, 3. Emily Norris (C) 12.42, 4. Genesis Bowers (F) 12.43, 5. Sanai Smith (HSE) 12.58, 6. Tobi Fapetu (W) 12.69, 7. D'ahni Branch (C) 12.92, 8. Daniela Rios-Rojas (HSE) 13.01. Prelims: 9. Emma Bock (GC) 13.11, 10. Mya Baker (N) 13.23, 11. Lily Hovda (U) 13.59, 13. Jaydi Jones (N) 13.72, 16. Savannah Deetz (HH) 13.92, 17. Harleigh Abbott (GC) 14.00, 19. Taylor Seay (U) 14.42. **1600 run:** 1. Bridget Gallgher (GC) 5:06.27, 2. Jamie Klavon (C) 5:06.87, 3. Olivia Mundt (C) 5:08.77, 4. Paige Hazelrigg (N) 5:13.86, 5. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 5:16.64, 6. Kelly Pesyna (W) 5:18.04, 7. Kennedy Applegate (N) 5:18.57, 8. Addison Smith (HSE) 5:21.42, 9. Runion (F) 5:26.61, 10. Mybeck (F) 5:40.24, 11. Emily Loiselle (W) 5:47.15, 12. Kelley Trowbridge (U) 5:49.89, 13. Annabel Wright (GC) 6:02.44, 18. Juliana Springman (HH)



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Soaring to victory: Hamilton Heights' Kelsey Smith (above) jumped 5 feet, 5 inches to win the high jump, while Noblesville's Laina Lillge (below) cleared 11 feet, 6 inches to triumph in the pole vault.



6:38.22, 19. Ahli Buzan (HH) 6:42.59, 20. Polina Nix (U) 6:56.57.

4x100 relay: 1. Carmel (Lauren Bailey, Rebecca Belanger, Norris, Branch) 48.66, 2. Southeastern (Jocelyn Davis, Jehnea Mirro, Smith, Rios-Rojas) Hauser, Campbell, Fapetu) 50.05, 4. blesville (Kate Rollins, Keri Perkins, Boe, Baker) 52.05, 6. Guerin Catholic (Regan Hadley, Bock, Cora McGee, Mia Chang) 52.82, Fishers DQ.

400 dash: 1. Cebalo (C) 56.69, new sectional record, 2. Cambell Wamsley (C) 58.43, 3. Regan Wans (HSE) 59.22, 4. Kepner (HSE) 1:00.56, 5. Hovda (U) 1:03.20, 6. Maddie Coates (N) 1:03.39, 7. Clara Cameron (W) 1:03.59, 8. Kyndall Osborne (GC) 1:04.08, 9. Marina Agapios (F) 1:04.12, 10. Jones (N) 1:04.44, 11. Nova Cross (S) 1:04.73, 12. Hannah Samson (F) 1:04.78, 14. Maya Francisco (W) 1:07.18, 15. Emily Demmings (GC) 1:08.18.

300 hurdles: 1. K. Siefert (N) 44.82, new sectional record, 2. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 45.08, under old sectional record, 3. Elsbury (HSE) 45.49, 4. Hauser (W) 47.14, 5. Sinex (C) 47.15, 6. Williams (F) 48.58. 7. Clary (W) 49.00. 9. Mallory Kixmiller (F) 49.20, 10. Lani Samms (C) 49.51, 11. Lilly Chesney (S) 50.76, 13. Brielle Siefert (N) 56.32.

800 run: 1. Rempe (N) 2:14.49, new sectional record, 2. Cooper (N) 2:18.51, 3. Schafer (F) 2:19.40, 4. Latta (HSE) 2:21.33, 5. Klopstad (C) 2:22.52, 6. Ricketts (C) 2:23.23, 7. Baldwin (F) 2:24.80, 8. Barrett (GC) 2:26.40, 9. 48.68, 3. Westfield (Kate Malin, Lucy Newton (HSE) 2:27.22, 10. Klinglesmith (W) 2:28.86, 14. Morrow (GC) Heights (Victoria Lopez, Samera Henson, Lizzy Smith, Ewing) 51.97, 5. No-Trowbridge (U) 2:43.93, 17. Allyson Pruitt (HH) 2:59.28.

> 200 dash - Finals: 1. Scally (F) 25.26, 2. Fapetu (W) 26.04, 3. Davis (HSE) 26.17, 4. Kya Hoskins (F) 26.40, 5. Wamsley (C) 26.83, 6. Rollins (N) 26.90, 7. Coates (N) 26.94, 8. Mia Kemp (HSE) 43.41. Prelims - 9. Ashlynn Guerant (C) 27.28, 10. Hovda (U) (S) 27.82, 13. Hadley (GC) 28.14, 17. NOTE: Kemp ran a 27.24 in the pre-

> 3200 run: 1. Gallagher (GC) 11:02.37, 2. Barrett (F) 11:03.91, 3. Alivia Romaniuk (C) 11:04.28, 4. Powers (HSE) 11:04.71, 5. Nadia Perez (N) 11:06.92, 6. Liz Smith (W) 11:07.57, 7. Brooke Lahee (N) 11:07.79, 9. Ella Gaddis (C) 11:58.87, 10. Elise Herman (HSE) 11:59.14. 11. Robyn Schemel (W) 12:03.32, 12. Addison Kane (F) 12:24.81, 13. Grace Boivin (GC) 12:42.74, 15. Trowbridge (U) 13:09.01,

17. Nix (U) 15:17.25.

4x400 relay: 1. Carmel (Emersen Carlisle, Wamsley, Cebalo, Samms) 3:55.30, 2. Noblesville (Cooper, Rollins, K. Siefert, Rempe) 3:57.10, 3. Southeastern (Mirro, Blackmore, Kepner, Wans) 3:57.56, 4. Heights (Lopez, Ewing, Kelsey Smith, Camryn Runner) 4:12.99, 5. Fishers (Brooke Butts, Madeline Meier, Agapios, Elle Powers) Dinwiddie (HH) 2:54.57, 19. Veronica 4:17.44, 6. Guerin Catholic (Osborne, Barrett, McGee, Hadley) 4:22.08, 7. Westfield (Cameron, Francisco, Djour, Malin) 4:22.29.

Long jump: 1. Scally (F) 19-1, new sectional record, 2. Mirro (HSE) 18-10, under old sectional record, 3. Elsbury (HSE) 18-8.5, tied old sectional record, 4. K. Siefert (N) 18-5.25, 5. Norris (C) 27.37, 11. Malin (W) 27.58, 12. Cross 18-2.25, 6. Ewing (HH) 17-9, 7. Bailey (C) 17-9, 8. Kemp (HSE) 17-5, 9. Me-McGee (GC) 29.07, 18. Seay (U) 30.37. gan Feltner (N) 16-11.25, 10. Jurnee Hall (F) 16-11.25, 11. Bock (GC) 16-10.5, 13. Chang (GC) 16-1, 14. Amiyah Ballard (W) 15-11.5, 15. L. Smith (HH) 14-11, 16. Patty Chikamba (U) 14-7.25, 19. E'layah Ballard (W) 13-6.5.

High jump: 1. K. Smith (HH) 5-5, 2. Rylee Hassan (N) 5-4, 3. Malina Miller (N) 5-2, 4. Makenzie Holcomb (C) 5-1, 5. Kemp (HSE) 5-0, 6. Kori Dues (GC) 5-0. 7. Kenley Johnson (HSE) 5-0. 8. Kixmiller (F) 5-0, 9. A. Ballard (W) 4-10, 10. Runner (HH) 4-8, 11. Hannah Samson (F) 4-8, 12. Jillian Moore (C) 4-8.

Pole vault: 1. Laina Lillge (N) 11-6, 2. Ella Wilhelm (HSE) 11-3, 3. Ashlyn Bauer (W) 10-6, 4. Taylor Standridge (HH) 10-0, 5. Delaney Teachnor (N) 10-0, 6. Carissa Fuller (C) 10-0, 7. Julia Dong (C) 9-6, 8. Olivia Maynard (HSE) 8-6, T9. Paige Lemieux (W) 8-0; Mady Hutcherson (HH) 8-0, T12. Savannah Strange (F) 7-6, 14. Beth Whiteford (F)

Discus: 1. Hannah Alexander (N) 141-6, 2. Taylor Reagor (C) 132-11, 3. Rosiebella Fiabema (HSE) 125-1, 4. Marina Alphin (HSE) 117-3, 6. Audrey Dickson (C) 107-10, 7. Kayla Gregory (F) 105-3, 8. Anna Jozsa (HH) 99-0, 10. Macey Miller (F) 92-10, 11. Maris Bulger (GC) 92-8, 12. Thalia Siefert (N) 91-11, 13. Hadleigh Cherry (HH) 90-9, 14. Kendall Pagington (W) 89-10, 16. Alana Halsted (W) 83-9, 17. Sophia Moore (GC) 57-5.

Shot put: 1. Fiabema (HSE) 39-4.25, 2. Alexander (N) 37-9.25, 3. Reagor (C) 37-7, 4. Miller (F) 35-3.5, 5. Abby Hannon (U) 35-0.5, 7. Delaney Richards (HSE) 34-1, 8. Daley Rhodes (F) 33-7, 9. Bulger (GC) 33-4.5, 10. Taylor Bates (S) 30-11.5, 12. Cherry (HH) 29-11.5, 13. Dickson (C) 29-9.25, 14. Mya Bryson (HH) 29-8, 15. Alex Peltonen (W) 27-6.75, 16. Marielle Fitch (N) 26-6.25, 18. Moore (GC) 23-6.25, 20. Diana Luna Rodriguez (U) 17-10.75.



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Tennis

Sectionals begin today

today in Hamilton County - weather permitting, of course.

Defending state champion and No. 1-ranked Carmel will host sectional semi-fi-Greyhounds take on University, while No. 8 Westfield will play Guerin Catholic. Both matches begin at 5:15 p.m., with the winners advancing to the Thursday championship. (If there is a rainout today, the schedule will be pushed back a day.)

Fishers hosts the other county sectional. The No. 4-ranked Tigers play No. 15 Noblesville in one semi-final, with No. 10 Hamilton Southeastern taking on Hamilton Heights. Action begins at 4:30 p.m., and the winners move on to the championship on Thursday.

In Monday matches, Carmel beat Noswept the singles matches, with Lauren Lit- Chloe Carlson winning 6-1, 6-1.

Tennis sectionals are scheduled to begin tell winning 6-0, 6-2, Nora Perkins getting a 6-0, 6-0 victory and Hallie Reeves winning 6-2, 6-1. No. 1 doubles Thea Bertolini and Alexa Lewis won 7-6, 6-3.

The Millers' No. 2 doubles team of Siernals at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center. The ra Leach and Cami Crist won in three sets, 6-4, 5-7, 10-8.

> Fishers took care of New Palestine 5-0 on Monday, finishing its regular season 14-1. Mischa Briggs, Izzy Mokra and Caroline Ober all won singles matches 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, Emma Beehler and Cassie Maurer were 6-0, 6-2 winners, while Madelyn Baron and Meredith Ober won 6-0, 6-1.

Westfield defeated Pendleton Heights 4-1 in a Monday dual to complete a 13-3 regular season. In singles, Alana Raymond was a 6-1, 6-0 winner and Addi Kooi scored a shutout 6-0, 6-0. Lauren Hammond and Emma Schwind were victorious 6-0, 6-1 blesville 4-1 in a dual meet. The Greyhounds at No. 1 doubles, with Brooke Rodgers and

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Millers baseball beats Golden Eagles

Noblesville won an all-county baseball game with Guerin Catholic, 3-1 Monday at Don Dunker Field.

The Millers scored two runs in the second inning. Trevor Corbett doubled in Kolby Kazmierski, then Nolan Decker's line drive scored Corbett. In the fourth inning, Kazmierski got home when Corbett hit a sacrifice fly.

The Golden Eagles scored their run in the seventh inning. Adam Novelen got on base with a double, and was sent home by Sam Tabor's RBI groundout. Davis Wagner also hit a double.

Corbett and Decker were both 2-for-2 at the plate. Ty Haley got the pitching win.

Noblesville is 13-11 and plays this evening at Zionsville to start a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series. Guerin Catholic is 18-7 and hosts Lawrence Central on Thurs-

NOBLESVILLE 3, GUERIN CATHOLIC 1

Guerin Catholic	AB	R	н	RBI
Will Fremion	4	0	0	0
Adam Novelen	4	1	1	0
Clay Patton	3	0	0	0
Davis Wagner	4	0	1	0
Sam Tabor	4	0	1	1

Anthony Ferrucci	4	0	0	0	
Bryson Dorsey	2	0	1	0	
Sam Miller	2	0	1	0	
AJ Nunley	2	0	1	0	
Totals	29	1	6	1	
2B: Novelen, Wagn	er. SB:	Nunle	ey.		
GC pitching	ΙP	R	ER	Н	
Patton	3	2	2	3	
Wagner	3	1	1	4	
Strikeouts: Patton 4	, Wagn	er 3.	Walks	s: Pa	tto
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ton 5, Wagner 2. Noblesville RBI Trevor Corbett Nolan Decker 1 Luke Wilson Bryce Riggs Conner Bloss Logan Shoffner Josh Kern Jacob Edwards Kolby Kazmierski Drew Niswonger 0 Totals 2B: Corbett. SAC: Kern, Corbett. HBP: Deck-

R ER H **NHS** pitching Eli Ketterer 1.1 Ty Haley (W) 0 0 5.2 Strikeouts: Haley 4, Ketterer 3. Walks: Haley 2. Ketterer 1.

Score by Innings 000 000 1-162 Guerin Catholic 020 100 x - 376 Noblesville

Softball

Royals beat Millers

Hamilton Southeastern won an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference softball game with Noblesville 9-6 Monday at the Royals' field.

The Millers scored the first run, when Scout Duplaga led off the top of the second inning with a home run. When the Royals came up to bat in the bottom of the inning, Payton Fox led off with a homer. Later, Reece Garland smaked a three-run home run into right field, also scoring Jenna Chase and Paige Gould.

Noblesville got two runs in the top of the third; Gabby Fowler cracked a two-run double to send Lauren DeRolf and Reis Sjoholm in to score. Southeastern put up another four runs in the bottom of the third Fox singled in Taylor Larson, Maddie Bucher got home on Morgan Hicks' RBI groundout, Gould batted in Fox and Lani Wyrick singled Gould home.

The Millers' Taylor Thompson hit a tworun homer in the fourth inning, also scoring Erin Clark. The Royals got another run in the sixth inning; Bucher scored when Laila Wanza reached on error. Fowler hit a leadoff home run in the top of the seventh for

Fox hit a double for the Royals, giving her a 3-for-4 night at the plate. Sage Ladig was the winning pitcher. Fowler was also

On Tuesday, Southeastern beat Franklin Central 19-9 in a six-inning HCC game. The Flashes jumped out to a 6-0 lead after the first inning, but the Royals worked their way back into the game, taking the lead in the fifth inning by scoring five runs. The Royals then ran away with the contest in the sixth inning by putting up eight runs. Tessa Sexauer hit a two-run home run to end the game on the run-rule.

Sexauer scored five runs on a 3-for-3 night. Lani Wyrick and Taylor Larson both had three hits, with Larson batting in five runs. Wyrick, Larson and Emma Vance all scored three runs. Tori Donato got the pitch-

Noblesville also won a Tuesday HCC game, beating Zionsville 12-5.

The Millers scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning. Duplaga hit another home run, also sending Sjoholm and De-Rolf in to score. Kira Thomas scored when Bella Schatko reached on error.

Noblesville's next two runs came in the fourth inning; Duplaga's two-run hit send Sjoholm and Thompson home. The Millers then added five runs in the fifth. Aidan Gates doubled in Thomas, DeRolf's center field hit scored Schatko and Gates, then Fowler blasted a two-run homer, also scoring DeRolf. Gates hit another double in the sixth inning to send Nievah Nash home.

Lulu Van Beek got the pitching win. Southeastern is 13-10 and plays this afternoon at Mount Vernon. Noblesville is 12-12 and finishes its regular season Thursday

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 9, NOBLESVILLE 6

at North Central.

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Noblesville	AB	R	Н	RBI	
Reis Sjoholm	4	1	2	0	
Lauren DeRolf	3	1	0	0	
Gabby Fowler	4	1	3	3	
Scout Duplaga	2	1	1	1	
Kinsey Pfeiffer	4	0	1	0	
Bella Schatko	4	0	0	0	
Kira Thomas	2	0	0	0	
Aidan Gates	2	0	0	0	
Tatum Ball	2	0	0	0	
Erin Clark	0	1	0	0	

laylor I hompson	3	1	2	2		
Niveah Nash	0	0	0	0		
Totals	30	6	9	6		
HR: Duplaga, Fowle	er, Thor	npso	n. 2B	: Fowler.		
SB: Sjoholm, Nash.						
NHS pitching	ΙP	R	ER	Н		
Emme Yee	6	9	8	10		
Strikeouts: Yee 1. Walks: Yee 5.						
Southeastern	AB	R	Н	RBI		
Lani Wyrick	4	0	1	1		
Tandani anana	4	4	4	^		

Taylor Larson Sage Ladig Maddie Bucher Payton Fox Jenna Chase Morgan Hicks Stephanie Penny Reece Garland Paige Gould Laila Wanza Emma Vance 0 Totals 29 10 HR:Fox, Garland. 2B: Fox. HBP: Garland. **HSE** pitching R ER H Strikeouts: Ladig 2. Walks: Ladig 4.

Score by Innings Noblesville 012 200 1-6 92 Southeastern 044 001 x - 9 10 1

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 19, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 9

(6 innings)				
Southeastern	AB	R	Н	RBI
Lani Wyrick	4	3	3	2
Taylor Larson	5	3	3	5
Jenna Chase	5	1	2	2
Payton Fox	5	1	2	1
Morgan Hicks	4	0	1	1
Maddie Bucher	0	1	0	0
Paige Gould	3	1	1	0
Alex Kiemeyer	1	0	1	2
Stephanie Penny	0	1	0	0
Reece Garland	3	0	0	0
Madi Yankauskas	1	0	0	0
Tessa Sexauer	3	5	3	2
Laila Wanza	1	0	1	0
Emma Vance	4	3	2	0
Totals	39	19	19	15

Score by Innings Franklin Central 610 200 - 9 12 6 Southeastern 042 058 - 19 19 4 HR: Sexauer. 2B: Hicks, Fox, Wyrick. SB: Larson. SAC: Kiemeyer. HBP: Hicks. **HSE** pitching R ER H

Sage Ladig 7 2 6 Tori Donato (W) Strikeouts: Donato 1. Walks: Ladig 1.

NOBLESVILLE 12, ZIONSVILLE 5

Noblesville Reis Sjoholm Lauren DeRolf 2 Erin Clark 0 Gabby Fowler Scout Duplaga Kinsey Pfeiffer Nievah Nash Carly Motz 0 Kira Thomas Lala Blower Aidan Gates Tatum Ball Bella Schatko 0 Taylor Thompson 0 **Totals** 12 10

Score by Innings 200 030 0 - 5 92 Zionsville Noblesville 400 251 x - 12 10 2 HR: Duplaga, Fowler. 2B: Gates 2. HBP:

Pfeiffer. **NHS** pitching R ER H Emme Yee Lulu Van Beek (W) 4 5 2 Strikeouts: Van Beek 4. Walks: Van Beek 3.

Hamilton Heights beat Sheridan 10-0 Monday in another all-county game.

Complete results from that game, as well as other early-week softball and baseball games, will appear in Thursday's edition of the Reporter.

Thanks for reading!

Major League Baseball standings

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	24	9	.727	-
Tampa Bay	20	14	.588	4.5
Toronto	18	16	.529	6.5
Baltimore	14	20	.412	10.5
Boston	13	20	.394	11.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	19	15	.559	-
Chi. White Sox	16	16	.500	2.0
Cleveland	16	16	.500	2.0
Kansas City	11	20	.355	6.5
Detroit	11	23	.324	8.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	22	12	.647	-
L.A. Angels	23	13	.639	-
Seattle	15	19	.441	7.0
Oakland	15	21	.417	8.0
Texas	13	19	.406	8.0

WNBA update

Tuesday scores
Connecticut 92, New York 65
Atlanta 101, Indiana 79
Washington 84, Dallas 68

Las Vegas 86, Phoenix 74 Minnesota 87, Los Angeles 84

	Over	all stand	dings	
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	4	1	.800	-
Washington	4	1	.800	-
Las Vegas	4	1	.800	-
Chicago	2	1	.667	1.0
Connecticut	2	1	.667	1.0
Dallas	2	2	.500	1.5
Phoenix	2	2	.500	1.5
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2.0
Indiana	2	4	.333	2.5
Seattle	1	3	.250	2.5
Minnesota	1	4	.200	3.0
New York	1	4	.200	3.0

Tuesday's games

Chicago White Sox 3, Kansas City 0 Kansas City 2, Chicago White Sox 1 L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 6 L.A. Dodgers 12, Arizona 3 N.Y. Mets 3, St. Louis 1 St. Louis 4, N.Y. Mets 3 Cincinnati 5, Cleveland 4, 10 innings Tampa Bay 8, Detroit 1 Miami 5, Washington 1

San Diego 3, Philadelphia 0 N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 4 Toronto 3, Seattle 0 Houston 13, Boston 4 Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 0 Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 0 Texas 10, L.A. Angels 5 San Francisco 10, Colorado 7 Oakland 5, Minnesota 2

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	23	12	.657	-
Philadelphia	17	17	.500	5.5
Atlanta	16	18	.471	6.5
Miami	15	18	.455	7.0
Washington	12	23	.343	11.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	21	13	.618	-
St. Louis	18	15	.545	2.5
Pittsburgh	14	19	.424	6.5
Chi. Cubs	12	20	.375	8.0
Cincinnati	9	25	.265	12.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	20	12	.625	-
San Diego	21	13	.618	-
San Francisco	20	13	.606	0.5
Arizona	18	16	.529	3.0
Colorado	17	16	.515	3.5

Fever fall to Dream

The Atlanta Dream won the second double figures as the Dream shot 54 percent straight game against the Indiana Fever on from the floor, went 10-of-22 from 3-point Tuesday night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. range and knocked down 23 of 26 free Atlanta led wire-to-wire in the second of four meetings this year to win, 101-79.

Victoria Vivians finished with a season-high 16 points and matched a seanew career-high with 12 points and Danielle Robinson finished with 12 as the remaining Fever players to score in double figures.

Emily Engstler earned the first start in her WNBA career and set a new career-best house to welcome back the 2012 WNBA with 10 rebounds to go along with seven

her highest scoring mark this season, while Destanni Henderson went 3-of-4 from 3-point range to match her best shooting night from beyond the arc this season.

Tuesday night also snapped Kelsey Mitchell's streak of 28 straight games scoring at least 10 points dating back to 2021.

throws. Rhyne Howard led Atlanta again with 19 points, while Cheyenne Parker added 15 of her 17 points in the first half alone.

The Fever return to the floor at Conson-best six rebounds. Queen Egbo set a necticut on Friday at 7 p.m. Friday's game will be streamed on the official Indiana Fever Facebook page in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

Indiana will return to Gainbridge Fieldtitle team on Sunday afternoon against the Sun. Players and staff from the team who Lexie Hull came off the bench to have helped capture the first title in franchise history will be recognized on the court throughout Sunday's game at 2 p.m. Tickets are still available to purchase by visiting FeverBasketball.com.

Fans are encouraged to wear red to the game to commemorate the 'Red Out' during Game 4 of the WNBA Finals when Indiana Atlanta finished with four players in eliminated the Minnesota Lynx.

Sato surges to top of Opening Day at 228; Ganassi cars dialed in

Takuma Sato ripped off a lap of 228.939 very happy with. But in the end, in the afmph in the final five minutes Tuesday to lead the opening day of practice for the I'm very happy with the 51 car. Dale Coyne 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gain-

used the benefit of an aerodynamic tow on the 2.5-mile oval to lead the speed charts by more than 1 mph in the No. 51 Nurtec ODT Honda. Six-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Scott Dixon was second at 227.768 in the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing Honda, leading four Chip Ganassi Racing drivers in the top six.

We had a big tow," Sato said. "In Happy Hour, if you have new tires, I think you can do that. I'm pretty happy today.

"To be honest, this morning wasn't as smooth as we wished. We had to go back to the garage and check up on lots of things because there was something we were not those big-picture things.

Racing did a good job."

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Sato champion Jimmie Johnson opened preparations for his first start in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" by ending up third at 227.722 in the No. 48 Carvana Chip Ganassi Racing Honda. Johnson was an NTT INDYCAR SERIES rookie last season but only competed on road and street courses. He made his INDYCAR oval debut March 20 at Texas Motor Speedway.

"We have a really good race car," Johnson said. "It's just trying to work through extremes for me. What is a low trim setting? What's a high trim setting? What's mechanically tight? What's mechanically free? Just trying to work through some of

"All in all, a really good day. I feel like on the no-tow list at 220.869 in the No. 33 ternoon we quickly turned on good speed. where we ended in this session gives me a lot of confidence for working forward."

Marcus Ericsson was fourth at 227.094 the top five at 226.995 in the No. 21 Bitcoin Racing Team with BitNile Chevrolet.

Reigning NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Alex Palou completed the Chip Ganassi Racing domination of the top of the speed chart, ending up sixth at 226.973 in the No. 10 NTT DATA Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

Veteran practice was divided into two sessions, with two hours of running in the morning and three hours in the afternoon. Dixon was fastest this morning at 227.119.

VeeKay was the fastest driver without an aerodynamic tow, with a top solo lap of 221.551 mph. Ed Carpenter was second

Alzamend Neuro Chevrolet, with Johnson third at 220.724.

Thirty-three drivers combined to turn Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series in the No. 8 Huski Chocolate Chip Ganassi 3,229 incident-free laps under sunny skies Racing, with Rinus VeeKay rounding out during the two veteran practice sessions today. Veteran Stefan Wilson completed his refresher test during a midday session in the No. 25 DragonSpeed/Cusick Motorsports Chevrolet and then participated briefly in the afternoon open practice ses-

> Dalton Kellett turned 149 laps in the No. 4 K-LINE AJ FOYT RACING Chevrolet, more than any other driver.

> Practice resumes from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday (live on Peacock Premium), with PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying this Saturday and Sunday. The 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 29.





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