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The REPORTER

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I-69 lane

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this week

Milestone Contractors plans alternating lane closures on northbound and southbound Interstate 69 during overnight hours this week for road construction, including removing the Brooks School Road bridge

Construction is dependent on favorable weather and schedules are subject to

• Tuesday night between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., the right lane of northbound I-69 was closed between State Road 13 (Exit 214) and State Road 38 (Exit 219) to place temporary concrete barriers along the con-

 Wednesday and Thursday nights between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., the left lane of southbound I-69 will be closed between State Road 13 (Exit 214) and Campus

• Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., one lane will

be closed and one lane will remain open on

northbound and southbound I-69 as crews

remove the Brooks School Road bridge,

which is south of Campus Parkway Exit

tion. During the closure, traffic is detoured to Promise Road via 126th and 136th

The Brooks School Road bridge over I-69 is closed until August for reconstruc-

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Parkway (Exit 210) for paving.

Atlanta's earthy young artists











Photos provided

For the past several years the Atlanta New Earth Festival has held an art contest at Hamilton Heights Schools. The top three student artists in each school win \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. This year's elementary school winners are: **(Top left)** Kristen Hubbard, first place; **(Top middle)** Tessa Hartwick, second place; and (Top right) Cassie Eikenberry, third place. Primary school winners are: (Above left) Lily Adams, first place; Cerenti Wilkins, second place; and Jolene Grubaugh, third place. Middle school winners are: (Above right) Joshua Snay, first place; Yeimi Eads, second place; and Haley Jones, third place.

New vice president of Riverview Health Physicians

The REPORTER

Riverview Health nounced that Nikki Swiney has been appointed as the new vice president of Riverview Health Physicians. In her new position, Nikki is responsible for the daily operations, strategic management and process improvement for all Riverview Health Physicians practices, wellness services, the sports/fitness program, long-

term care and laboratory.

medical staff leadership, Riverview Health Board members and administrative personnel selected Nikki for her experience, intimate knowledge of Riverview Health Physicians and forthright approach to communication," said Seth Warren, Riverview Health president and CEO.

Most recently, Nikki served as Operations Director for Riv-

erview Health Physicians for more than two years. Nikki received her Master's "A search committee comprised of degree in health administration from In-

diana University School of Medicine and her Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College. Nikki and her family reside in Zionsville.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital and 23 primary, immediate and specialty care facilities located throughout Hamilton and Tipton counties. Together, we provide comprehensive healthcare services in 35 medical specialties and have frequently been recognized for our clinical and service excellence. For more information, visit riverview.org.

Fishers invests in Geist park

The REPORTER

Mayor Scott Fadness announced plans to invest in a 70-acre waterfront park at Geist Reservoir. The park will be developed at the last-remaining undeveloped parcel of the 1,900 acre reservoir, located approximately at 111th Street on

the east side of Olio Road. 'The Geist area is one of Fishers' most distinct assets and this park sets forth a momentum for the long term sustainability of Geist Reservoir, its residents, and our community at large," said Mayor Scott Fadness. "In conversations with multiple residents and stakeholders, I've heard time and time again the argument that the long term vibrancy of Geist is a concern. Part of that involves environmental, boat traffic, and new development. My hope is that this park development helps to mitigate those concerns for residents and turn Geist into a distinct asset for all of Fishers."

Conceptual designs of the park, to be named at a later date, show the possibilities of the park development: amphitheater, fishing dock, public beach, kayak, boardwalk, natural playscapes and opportunities for adventure races, triathlons, paddle boarding and more. Fishers residents will have the opportunity to be involved in the final design of the park. No motorized boat launch will be permitted in the park area.

"To have a major natural asset like we do with Geist Reservoir is a great opportunity to encourage residents to enjoy nature a little more and unplug,"

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Noblesville Parks Department offers three days of free events

The REPORTER

Beginning Thursday, June 1 and running through the weekend, Noblesville Parks and Recreation has lined up a free series of special family-friendly events to get residents and guests outdoors.

The Noblesville Parks Department is excited to kick off summer with a variety of events in addition to the normal amenities that we offer," Noblesville Assistant Parks Director Mike Hoffmeister said. "We want people to be active and enjoy their first weekend of summer break."

Thursday, June 1 – The Summer Concert Series kicks off with Not Your Average Boy Band at Dr. James Dillon Park, 6351 Midland Lane, from 7 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring their own food and beverages to enjoy while in attendance. For the full Summer Concert Series lineup, visit www.noblesvil-

Friday, June 2 – Hot on the heels of an exciting Indianapolis 500 comes Noblesville's sprint through downtown. The 7th Annual Darlington Bed Race will begin at 7 p.m. with teams competing on

Noble Kids Camp

The Noblesville Parks' Noble Kids Camp starts Monday, June 5 and slots are still available. The week-long full- and half-day camps run through July 28. Each week has a different theme and camps are available at Forest Park and Dillon Park. Before and After Care is available for parents by trained camp counselors. For more information on summer camp, call (317) 770-5750 or visit www.noblesvilleparks.org.

Ninth Street for the trophy and prizes. The contest involves racing custom designed beds on wheels and provides an enjoyable experience for onlookers and participants alike while raising money for financial-need scholarships for summer camp programming for area youth. There is no charge to watch, just for participating teams.

Saturday, June 3 – Noblesville Parks Naturalist Karen LeMere will assist anglers as the city participates in the Department of Natural Resources' Free Fishing Day. Noblesville Parks will have 30 poles available for use on a first come, first serve basis. The free fishing, which does not require a license, is available from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hague Road Nature Haven, main entrance off Hague Road between Indiana 38 and Indiana 32. We will be practicing "catch and release" fishing at the event. Pre-registration is encouraged.

At Federal Hill Commons, the morning will host the weekly Noblesville Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to noon. Macaroni and cheese enthusiasts will be in heaven from 1 to 5 p.m. during the Return of the Mac Festival. Attendance does require a ticket, which can be purchased at http://returnofthemacfest.com/noblesville/.

At night, the first Tribute Series Concert presented by Myers Construction Management, Inc. will be held at Federal Hill Commons. From 7 to 9 p.m., 16 Candles will perform all the great songs from the '80s you love. Don your side ponytails, acid wash jeans, neon shirts and Members Only jackets as we travel back in time for a totally tubular free dance party.

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Indiana State Fair announces first five concerts of 2017

The REPORTER

The first five of 17 concerts were announced that will be part of the Chevrolet Silverado Free Stage headline entertainment at the 2017 Indiana State Fair, which will take place Aug. 4 through 20. Each night of the fair features a concert that is free with paid fair admission.

The first five shows include:

- George Thorogood and The Destroyers Friday, Aug. 4
- Yacht Rock Revival Tour 2017 Thursday, Aug. 10 with special guests Robbie Dupree, Player's Peter Beckett, Matthew Wilder, and Elliot Lurie from **Looking Glass**
- Blue October Friday, Aug. 11
- Patti LaBelle Thursday, Aug. 17
- Kiefer Sutherland Friday, Aug. 18

Additional Free Stage Shows will be announced soon.

Online ticket sales are available now at a discounted rate of \$8 plus convenience fee on the Indiana State Fair website. Tickets can also be purchased at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum Box Office during regular business hours at the discounted rate. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$12.

Purchase of an Indiana State Fair ticket allows for general admission to the Chevrolet Silverado Free Stage concert seating area. No seats can be reserved unless otherwise specified. For more information please visit our website.

About George Thorogood and The Destroyers

George Thorogood and The Destroyers, with more than 40 years of touring and recording; 15 million albums sold; and 8,000 live shows, has amassed a catalog of hits that includes "Who Do You Love," "I Drink Alone," "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer," "Move It On Over," "Get A Haircut" and the anthemic "Bad To The Bone." The band has released 16 studio albums - powerhouse live performances that have made GT&D legendary. George will also be releasing his first-ever solo album on Rounder Records on Aug. 4 titled PAR-TY OF ONE, featuring 14 stripped down, raw, in studio recordings.

About Yacht Rock Revival

Yacht Rock Revival is a tour that consists of hit-makers from the past. Featured special guests in 2017 include: Robbie Dupree (Steal Away), Matthew Wilder (Break My Stride), Player featuring Peter Beckett (Baby Come Back) and Looking Glass featuring Elliot Lurie (Brandy, You're a Fine Girl). All backed by the Yacht Rock Revue band, www.yachtrockrevue.com

About Blue October

Blue October is a modern rock band originally from Texas known for shimmering rock songs and haunting lyrics. The band was formed in 1995 and currently consists of Justin Furstenfeld (lead vocals, guitar), Jeremy Furstenfeld (drums), Ryan Delahoussaye (violin), and Matt Noveskey (bass guitar). The band has had eight Top 40 singles over their past seven studio albums and is best known for their platinum singles "Hate Me" and "Into the Ocean" from their 2006 platinum album Foiled. he Texas four-piece makes a triumphant return with Sway (Up/Down Records), the band's first album in two years. They've returned strong with a revitalized energy and a positive outlook.

About Patti Labelle

Commonly referred to as the "Godmother of Soul", Patti LaBelle (born Patricia Louise Holt-Edwards) has had a career spanning more than 50 years and has sold more than 50 million albums. As time continues to evolve, the soulful songbird's name has become synonymous with grace, style, elegance and class. Belting out classic rhythm and blues renditions, pop standards and spiritual sonnets have created the unique platform of versatility that LaBelle is known and revered for.

including six Gold and two Platinum discs - but it's their It's a small wonder that she has time for anything else in between recording and touring, but at 73 years old, LaBelle is also an author, actress, and entrepreneur. In addition to her successful career as an entertainer and entrepreneur, LaBelle's work as a humanitarian is just as legendary. She remains an advocate for adoption, foster care, Big Sisters and the United Negro College Fund, among many other initiatives.

About Kiefer Sutherland

Legendary actor Kiefer Sutherland released his Americana-tinged debut album "Down In A Hole" in 2016. A professional actor for over thirty years, Sutherland has starred in movies like 'Stand By Me', 'The Lost Boys', 'Young Guns', Flatliners', 'A Few Good Men', 'A Time to Kill' and most recently, a western called 'Forsaken,' as well as the TV series '24.' In 2002, Sutherland, with his music partner and best friend Jude Cole, began a small record label called Ironworks. The goal of this label was to record local musicians and distribute their music at a time when the music industry was going through a monumental shift. In early 2015 Sutherland played Cole two songs he had written and wanted to record as demos for other artists to record. Cole responded positively to the songs and the album grew organically from those recordings. Their collaboration resulted in Sutherland's album: 'Down In A Hole'.

About the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

The Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center is a modern public event facility that annually

hosts more than 400 meetings, shows, sports and agricultural events, including the Indiana State Fair. The year-round management of the Fairgrounds is overseen by the Indiana State Fair Commission, which is a quasi-governmental agency established in 1992 to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. Additional information is available at www.indianastatefair.com.



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Giving up favorite activities to pay for medical bills?

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After the work day is over and the long list of household chores is completed, there are important things young adults want to do with their free time. Whether it's gut-busting hilarity at the new comedy club or sweating out those toxins at the hottest yoga class in town, these activities cost money. However, when the unexpected happens and you're faced with going to the hospital, there is a chance your finances will be impacted.

Today, the average cost of a hospital stay is \$11,000, according to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and standard health insurance plans may leave you on the hook for unexpected medical expenses. Having to pay for even a sliver of that cost could throw your budget for a loop, and in many cases, the first casualties of a budget cut are the stress-reducing, mood-boosting, quality-of-life activities.

With that in mind, would you be willing to give up the following things if an unexpected medical event led to a pile of bills from a hospital visit?

1. Weekly date night, girls' night or any night out with friends. Are you afraid of missing out on fun with friends and loved ones? Well, if you are trying to pay a hospital bill, you just might suffer from FOMO trying to pay out-of-pocket expenses that are putting a strain on finances.

2. The gym membership. Working out makes you feel your best and can potentially stave off illness. Why side-step your fitness goals following an unexpected hospitalization because of finances? Once you are back on your feet, medical bills shouldn't put you behind. Insurance like Aflac's offers flexible coverage that can help protect income for such daily expens-

3. Streaming video services. Since cutting the cord, you have been able to keep up with the latest genius programming online. Even though a membership with various streaming video services doesn't seem like a lot of money, having to pay for a broken arm or unexpected surgery can mean that you need to cut inessential expenses – including your ability to binge watch the latest show.

4. Those daily lattes. A daily latte can add up to more than \$1,000 a year, according to an employee survey on payroll tax and spending habits by Accounting Principals. While many people believe that major medical coverage is enough, high-deductible health plans are on the rise, which could leave you paying \$1,000 or more before your coverage kicks in to help. Should that mean saying goodbye to the daily dose of caffeine that gets you through your workday?

To help keep your lifestyle healthy, consider supplemental hospital indemnity insurance, such as plans offered by Aflac. To learn more, visit aflac.com/hospital.

For many people, it is already hard enough to budget for everyday activities and expenses, let alone cover the costs of an unexpected hospitalization. Even if you are young and healthy, it's important to prepare for whatever life may throw your way.

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Carmel, Westfield honor veterans



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Members of the Carmel and Westfield VFW and American Legion conducted memorial ceremonies Monday at Farley Cemetery at 106th Street and Keystone Parkway. Patriotic remarks, prayer and a wreath laying were followed by a rifle salute and playing of TAPS. Members of the local Civil Air Patrol joined with veterans for the annual service.

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How to protect your skin this summer

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The summer can really take a toll on skin, when more of it is exposed to sun, bugs and poisonous plants.

To keep skin cool, comfortable and irritation-free no matter what conditions you encounter, use these tips from NYC-based dermatologist, Dr. Angela Lamb of Mt. Sinai hospital.

Stay Hydrated

Proper hydration is crucial when you're busy and active outdoors. It's also essential for skin health. So be sure to drink plenty of water and eat hydrating fruits and vegetables.

Treat the Itch

The itch, hives, rash, redness and irritation associated with insect bites, poison ivy, oak and sumac, and sunburns can be agonizing. However, it's important not to scratch the affected area and create an open wound susceptible to infection, even though it does provide temporary relief.

Dr. Lamb suggests treating discomfort right away with a dermatologist-recommended solution that stops the itch and heals the skin. One easy to apply steroid-free treatment to consider is The Itch Eraser, which contains soothing aloe, vitamin E and tea tree oil to calm, nourish and moisturize the skin while reducing redness and inflammation. Available as a gel, spray or cream, it can be used to treat every kind of skin itch, (formulas vary).

Find a retailer near you at TheItchEras-

Dress for Success

Whether it's your blanket on the beach or your sundress, fabrics should be well-chosen for the warm weather. For maximum comfort, stick with cotton, linen and other breathable choices. Working out? Look for moisture wicking materials that will dry quickly. Also, be sure to protect your scalp from sunburn with a widebrimmed hat.

Keep it Cool

Hot water is never great for skin, but after too much sun exposure, it can be particularly irritating. Luckily, it's easy to turn down the heat on your shower in summer. Use the hot weather as an opportunity to give skin a break and refresh with cooler water in the shower or bath.

Use Common Sense

Avoid burns and itches to begin with by applying plenty of sunscreen and bug spray, and by taking precautions in wooded areas to avoid poison ivy, oak and sumac. While preparation may not always be top of mind when you're headed outdoors for a day of fun and adventure, being sidelined by these issues is even more of a downer.

Additional tips on how to protect and treat your skin this summer can be found at **TheItchEraser.com**.

For a happier summer, treat your skin right from head to toe.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

Matthew 12:49



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When:

Saturday, June 17 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location:

Riverview Health Rehab & Fitness 601 Westfield Rd., Noblesville

Agenda:

- 10-10:30 a.m. Kids' fashion show with Lil Bloomers
- 11-11:30 a.m. Pediatrics: HPV vaccines for girls and boys, presented by Evan Kreutzer, MD
- 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Wellness: Body Knowledge featuring the BOD POD, presented by Brittany Nelson, RD, CHWC
- 12-12:30 p.m. Cardiology: What every woman needs to know about heart health, presented by Emily Ruden, MD

Other Attractions:

- Reading comer with Hamilton East Public Library
- Information on Noblesville Parks and Recreation's summer events and programs
- Touch-a-truck with Noblesville Fire Department and Noblesville Police Department

Learn more about the event at rive rview.org/WomensEvent.

Why high-speed Internet access matters to families and businesses nationwide

StatePoint

In the same way the telephone brought new opportunities for business development and economic prosperity to America's heartland decades ago, experts say that today, expanding broadband to every part of the country will have positive impacts on all communities nationwide. In short: no matter where you live it's important that all Americans — including those in more remote areas — have broadband access, too.

"Broadband has replaced the telephone, and represents the infrastructure opportunity of the 21st century," says Shirley Bloomfield, chief executive officer of NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association.

In 2015, the rural broadband industry supported nearly 70,000 jobs, over \$100 billion in e-commerce, and rural broadband companies contributed \$24.1 billion to the U.S. economy through investments and operations, with 66 percent of that economic activity benefitting urban, rather than rural, communities.

While small, hometown broadband providers are leading the way in building advanced networks that support the Internet's fastest speeds across large portions of rural America, a digital divide of availability and affordability still exists between the urban and rural parts of the country.

"To not have access to high-speed Internet today should be unimaginable — as it is needed for education, commerce, health care and government services. Yet millions of rural Americans have limited or even no access to robust broadband," says Bloomfield. "It is critical to deliver this service affordably to the unserved, and to ensure those already receiving broadband remain served."

Advocates at NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association say that the future economic health of the country depends on broadband, and it should be included in any broader infrastructure initiatives, with an emphasis on programs that have worked in the past and a focus on addressing obstacles that can cause delays on projects moving for-



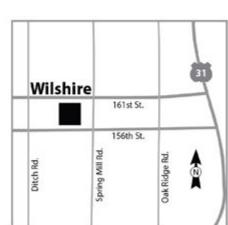




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said Fishers Parks and Recreation Director Tony Elliot. "By adding public access to Geist, our entire community can enjoy this wonderful natural setting and I look forward to working with the community as designs for this park start to come together. At nearly double Roy G. Holland Memorial Park, the possibilities are endless."

The land is made up of three separate parcels, held by two owners: Irving Materials, Inc. and Marina Limited Partnership. The City of Fishers submitted an offer to the owners to purchase the land outright. Negotiations are confidential until final. Condemnation of the land is possible if an agreement cannot be reached, considering the public usage. Acquisition of the land will take several months, with final design process beginning late 2017 or early 2018.

Irving Materials Inc. (IMI) currenty operates a quarry on these parcels with anticipated operations ending Summer 2018. A Planned Unit Development (PUD) was passed years ago that would allow more development with intent to add just over 100 homes.

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"I hear from residents all the time that increasing boat traffic on Geist is the fastest way to reduce the recreational experience out there," said City Councilor Pete Peterson. "This is a real opportunity to utilize Fall Creek and connect the reservoir in a natural way to some of the most beautiful areas of our city. This is a win-win situation for Geist residents. By creating this natural recreation area and reducing new development, it will ultimately lessen the added boat traffic that comes with more homes and docks."

Residents may direct questions or concerns to Dan Domsic at domsicd@fishers. in.us. More info can be found at www.fishers. in.us/GeistWaterfrontPark.

I-69

Madison County Road 650 West closes Friday

The Madison County Road 650 West overpass is scheduled to close on Friday, June 2 until August for bridge maintenance and preservation. During the closure, traffic will be detoured to State Road 38/State Street and Fall Creek Drive.

Both overpasses are scheduled to open in early August to minimize impacts to school transportation. For more information about the projects, and to see maps of the closures and detour routes, go to http://www.in.gov/indot/3442.htm.

About the project

The \$92 million I-69 Major Moves 2020 project is adding a travel lane in each direction to the median between State Road 37 (Exit 205) and State Road 38 (Exit 219) and adding a southbound lane along the shoulder between the 116th Street entrance ramp and the new 106th Street exit ramp.

The project includes widening the Campus Parkway bridge over I-69 and

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reconfiguring the Campus Parkway interchange (Exit 210) into a double-crossover diamond design.

In addition, other improvements are being made to rehabilitate existing bridges, pavement and drainage structures on the stretch of interstate.

Two lanes of traffic in each direction of I-69 are currently shifted to accommodate construction of the additional travel lanes. Signs direct large trucks to use the left lane while traffic is shifted toward the right shoulder through the work zone. The speed limit is reduced to 60 mph and further reduced to 50 mph when workers are present.

Stay informed

For more information about the I-69 Major Moves 2020 project, visit http://www.in.gov/indot/3440.htm and subscribe to receive project updates via text or email.

Motorists can learn about highway work zones and other traffic alerts at indot.carsprogram.org, 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or 511 from a mobile phone.









Robert "Bob" C. Peterson March 20, 1923 - May 29, 2017

Robert "Bob" C. Peterson, 94 of Westfield, passed away May 29, 2017. He was born on March 20, 1923 in Crawfordsville, IN, the only child of Byron C. and Ruth V. (Honecker) Peterson.

Bob received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Ball State University and his Master's degree in Animal Nutrition from Purdue University.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude (Trudy)

Survivors include his children, Janet (Larry) White, Bart Peterson (Pete McNamara), John (Susan) Peterson, Ann (Kevin) Day and Mary Peterson (Dawn Kellar); 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in Carmel United Methodist Church where the funeral service will begin at 2:30 p.m. Burial will follow in Carmel Cemetery.

Please visit www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com to share a memory and read Bob's complete obituary.

<u>Arrangements</u>

Calling: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. June 1 Service: 2:30 p.m. June 1 Location: Carmel United Methodist Church

Condolences: www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com

David A. Willis

March 20, 1923 - May 25, 2017

David A. Willis, 86, of Noblesville, formerly of Chesterton and Indianapolis, Indiana, and Penns Grove, New Jersey, died in Noblesville, Indiana, on May 25, 2017.

Willis was a graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences of Indiana University, Bloomington (B.A., Economics), and earned his Doctorate in Jurisprudence from the I.U. Maurer School of Law in 1960. A few years later, he helped his law school as a member of the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors and its secretary.

After serving Indiana as counsel to the then Department of Mental Illness, he practiced law in Porter County, Indiana, for nearly forty years. On his retirement from the practice of law, he formed a financial advisory firm in Indianapolis, specializing in employee benefits and estate planning.

As a practicing attorney, he served as president of the Porter County Bar Association; as a member of the Board of Managers and Secretary of the Indiana State Bar Association; as a member of the Indiana Bar Foundation; and as a Lifetime Fellow of the American Trial Lawyers Foundation. He was admitted to practice by the Indiana Supreme Court and by the Supreme Court of the United States. He was awarded the Presidential Citation from the Indiana State Bar Association.

As a financial advisor, he was involved as a member of the board of directors and president of the Indianapolis chapter of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters and Certified Financial Consultants. He was also national chairman of the Certified Senior Advisors Board of Standards for more than three years.

Long active in Rotary International, Willis was the Charter President of the Portage, Indiana Club; Charter Member of the Indianapolis-East Club; President of the Indianapolis-Northeast Club; President of the Noblesville Club; for many years President of the District 6560 Rotary Foundation; and a Paul Harris Fellow.

He was the author of five books, two of them about his beloved hometown of Penns Grove, New Jersey: Get Ready For Tomorrow; The School Bell Rang At Nine; Our Final Salute; Cooking Tools; and 1945.

Deborah Ann King Willis, his wife of more than 47 years, preceded him in death. He is survived by three daughters: Anne Willis Reed (Thomas); d'André Willis (Jamie Whalen); and Alexandra Willis. He is survived also by one grandchild, Deborah Katherine Reed. Kay Vesey was his loyal friend for many years. His parents, Russell and Margaret Willis, preceded

him in death, as did all of his siblings: Russell, Mary, William, and Lewis Willis.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Deborah A. Willis Fund of the Women's Fund of Central Indiana, 615 North Alabama Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or online at www.cicf.org. (Online donors can follow the "Give Now" prompt, select "Existing Fund" under donation choices, and enter "Deborah A. Willis Fund" in the field provided.)

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Dorothy Edson Stidham May 5, 1924 - May 27, 2017

Dorothy Edson Stidham, 93, of Westfield, formerly of Carmel, went home to be with Jesus on May 27, 2017. She was born on May 5, 1924.

Dorothy was an avid and accomplished bowler. For 19 years, Dorothy was a Class Manager and participant in her daughter's Jazzercise business in Westfield. She was an active member of Carmel Christian Church for over 50 years.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband of over 63 years, Bill Stidham; son, Bruce Stidham; 2 sisters and a brother.

Survivors include her son, Brian (Jody) Stidham and daughter, Susan (Todd) Dobbs; granddaughter, Heather (B.J) Garcia; grand-

sons, Jacob and Levi Stidham and William Dobbs; great-grandson, Brody Garcia. Family and friends will gather on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 10 a.m. in Carmel Chris-

tian Church. The funeral service will begin at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Dorothy, be given to

the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The Stidham family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff at Wellbrooke of Westfield for the loving care given to Dorothy.

Please visit www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Dorothy's complete obituary.

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Softball

Royals win big-hitting regional championship

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

Tuesday's Regional 4 softball game between Hamilton Southeastern and Kokomo at the Royals' field was like a prize fight: Both teams were exchanging hits one after the other.

The Wildkats got a few blows in the top of the sixth inning before the Royals pulled themselves off the ropes and made a

knockout punch in the bottom of the inning. out in the first inning. In the third inning, Southeastern then breezed through the seventh to earn a 7-4 regional victory.

It's the first regional title for the Royals since 2014, and qualifies them for the Harrison semi-state. Southeastern will play Homestead at 1 p.m. Saturday in the second

The Royals struck first, with Jordan Rager hitting a two-run home run with one

Ashton Kiehl blasted a triple to score two more runs, giving HSE a 4-0 lead.

But Kokomo began making things interesting in the top of the fourth, hitting back-to-back homers to cut the lead to 4-2. a two-run single by Nicole Dillow to push ahead 6-2.

"The two times they scored, we answered, and I love that," said HSE coach David Cook. "I loved how hard we played tonight."

The 'Kats made one more run in the top of the sixth, when Lauryn Hicks hit a one-Southeastern had to respond, and it did, with out solo homer, and Katelyn Dowden's double scored another run to make it 6-4.

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Baseball

Tigers hold off Carmel for first-ever sectional title

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

It was the only way this game could be

A sectional championship game between two teams that played a nine-inning game in the regular season. Not surprisingly, the Monday evening sectional game at Westfield between No. 3 Fishers and No. 1 Carmel needed another extra inning to reach its conclusion.

The Tigers got the run they needed in the top of the eighth, as an RBI single by Matthew Wolff pushed them ahead 4-3. Then Fishers pitcher Luke Duermit finished off a complete game by retiring the side, and that clinched the championship for the

It's the first sectional title in Fishers school history, and qualifies the Tigers for Saturday's Lafayette Jeff regional. Fishers will play Huntington North in the second semi-final game at 1 p.m.

"Carmel's a heck of a ball team, so we definitely knew it was going to be a close game," said Tigers coach Matthew Cherry. "We talked about it today after we won against Westfield, we had to win a one-run game tonight. And the guys did it."

The run was scored by Caleb Brenczewski, who was walked on to first base. Brenczewski advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Brendan Toungate. Carmel pitcher Ryan Woock got the second out on a strikeout, but during the third strike, Brenczewski stole third.

That brought up Matthew Wolff, who hit the ball into the left infield, where it was corralled by Greyhounds shortstop Trent Terwilliger. Brenczewski ran home with all eyes on first base, with Wolff racing to first - and beating the throw by less than a second for an RBI single.

"I hit the ball, and I hit it pretty good," said Wolff. "I knew I had to run as fast as I ever had, get down the line. To beat it out was just huge. I lost it when I got there."

Fishers grounded out for the third out. Now all that stood between the Tigers and history was three outs. Fishers would need one more inning from its star pitcher Luke

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Fishers baseball team won its first ever sectional Monday evening at Westfield. The No. 3 Tigers beat No. 1 Carmel 4-3 in eight innings.

101. (The IHSAA's one-day pitch count limit is 120.)

But Duermit and the Tigers' outfield got the game done quickly. Right fielder Wolff made catches for the first two outs, and center fielder Trevor Newman made a onehanded catch to take care of the third out.

Duermit finished his complete game with 10 strikeouts and four hits. He is undefeated for the season at 9-0.

"I knew going into that last inning, I was like, 'Alright, I really got to get my pitchers over and be as quick as possible," said Duermit, since he knew his pitch count was getting close to the limit.

"Normally I would be coming out in this game, but I was dealing, and I felt really,

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Duermit, whose pitch count was already at Duermit. "I was like, 'Coach, I can't come remained tied at 3-3 until the eighth inning. out.' So I went back out there and just did what I had to do."

> second inning. Kiel Brenczewski scored on a fielder's choice by Taylor Soper, then scored the third run on an error.

> Carmel answered back with two runs in Greene drew a walk, then moved to second on an Aaron Ernst single. Chris McNally then drove a single into center field, which sent Greene and Ernst home.

The Greyhounds then blasted in another Wintner sent a double into left field, and he Greene and Massman both hit triples, with quickly scored on another left-field double, really good going into that last inning," said this one by Parker Massman. The score

Duermit faced off against Carmel's ace, Indiana University-bound Tommy Sommer. The Tigers scored their other runs in the He pitched a solid seven innings, striking out seven and allowing just six hits.

"We got confidence in all of our guys," Newman singled home Wolff. Ryan Metz said Carmel coach Matt Buczkowski. 'Tommy did a tremendous job tonight."

The 'Hounds finished their season 23-3, the bottom of the second inning. Justin and won the Metropolitan Conference cham-

pionship. In the semi-final games, Carmel blitzed Noblesville 16-0 in five innings. JC Hanley and Wintner both hit home runs, with Jack Van Remortel going 3-for-3 and batting in run in the third inning to tie the game. Rhett three runs. Hanley also had three RBIs.

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Softball sectional at Central Catholic

No. 2 Frontier beats 'Hawks

The Sheridan softball team lost to No. 2 ranked Frontier 9-0 in the championship game of Class 1A Sectional 58 at Lafayette Central Catholic Monday morning.

Amanda Perry got the lone hit for the Blackhawks.

Frontier 9, Sheridan 0

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Sheridan	AB	R	Н	RBI
Lauren Railer	3	0	0	0
Sydney Neff	3	0	0	0
Audrey Reed	3	0	0	0

Cassie Vargas		3	0	0	(
Bre Bouse		3	0	0	(
Amanda Perry		2	0	1	(
Jillian O'Flaher	ty	2	0	0	(
Meredith Brook	Ś	2	0	0	(
Olivia Raines		2	0	0	(
Totals		23	0	1	(
Score by inning	gs				
Frontier	004	400	1 - 9	7 1	
Sheridan	000	000	0 - 0	18	
SHS pitching	IΡ	R	ER	Н	
Reed	4	8	0	4	
Bouse	3	1	0	3	
Strikeouts: Ree	ed 2.	Walk	s: Re	ed 3	

Baseball sectionals

Huskies stunned by Delta

Hamilton Heights lost to Delta 3-2 in the semi-finals of the Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown Monday.

The Eagles won the game on a walk-off sacrifice fly with no outs. Cole Meyer was 2-for-3 at the plate, with Reese Wills hitting a double. Wills also pitched the entire game, striking out six.

"This one game is not a good measure of who we were all season," said Huskies coach Matt Wallace. "We set a record for wins in a season, won the conference and had a 15-game win streak. These boys were bought in all year to each other, to the team first philosophy and it showed night in and night out That's what I'll remember most."

Heights finished its season 21-4.

	Delta	3, I	Hei	igh	ts 2
s		AB	R	Н	RBI

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Noah Wallace		4	0	0	0
Austin Sauerte	ig	3	1	1	0
Max Wahl		4	0	1	0
Reese Wills		3	0	1	1
Gabe Reel		3	0	0	0
Cole Meyer		3	1	2	0
Riley White		3	0	0	0
Sam Fulton		3	0	0	0
Michael Cross		3	0	0	0
Totals		29	2	5	1
Score by inning	gs				
Heights	100	100	0 - 2	53	
Delta	010	100	1 - 3	93	
2B: Wills.					
HH pitching	IΡ	R	ER	Н	
Wills	6.1	3	2	9	
Strikeouts: Will	ls 6. \	Nalks	s: Will	s 2.	

'Blazers fall to Lutheran

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

University fell to Lutheran 5-1 in the championship game of the Class 1A Sectional 58 at Sheridan Monday afternoon.

The Saints scored three runs in the top of the first inning, forcing the Trailblazers to play catch up the entire game. Lutheran then added another run in the second inning.

"The big thing we've talked about all year is, we've got to catch the ball," said UHS coach Chris Estep. "Every time we catch the ball, we win the game."

The Trailblazers scored their run in the bottom of the second, getting runners on first and second after Michael Bounsall and Kyle Richards were hit by pitches. Ben Westerkamm sent Bounsall home on a fielder's choice.

Bounsall had one of University's two hits, with the other going to Dawson Estep in the fifth inning. The 'Blazers allowed Lutheran just four hits, but had to absorb three errors.

Garrett Hill pitched five and two thirds innings, and threw very well, tossing nine strikeouts. In fact, Hill had struck out four in a row, getting the last two outs of the fifth inning and the first two of the sixth. But by then his pitch count was reaching the limit, and he had to be relieved. Zach Jannsen 1.

threw the last one and a third innings.

"He logged way too many pitches early," said Estep. "He was up around 70 pitches after the third inning. And we got him to settle down, and just look at trying to zero in on the strike zone. He has such electric stuff. It was just one of those things."

University finished its season with a 15-11 record against a much tougher schedule this year.

"I thought we stepped up the competition that we played this year," said Estep.

Lutheran 5, University 1

AB R H RBI

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Dawson Estep	4	0	1	0
Ryan Williams	2	0	0	0
Hudson Bebo	2	0	0	0
Cade Carlson	3	0	0	0
Michael Bounsall	1	1	1	0
Kyle Richards	1	0	0	0
Kolton Stevens	3	0	0	0
Ben Westerkamm	3	0	0	1
Will Spence	3	0	0	0
Totals	22	1	2	1
Score by innings				
Lutheran 310	100	0 - 5	40	
University 010	000	0 - 1	23	
SB: Williams. HBP:	Willia	ams, I	Boun	sall, Richards
UHS pitching	IΡ	R	ER	Н
Garrett Hill	5.2	5	1	3
Zach Jannsen	1.1	0	0	1
Strikeouts: Hill 9, Ja	annse	n 1. \	Nalks	s: Hill 5,

ROYALS

Kokomo now had runners on second and third, with the go-ahead run at the plate.

But pitcher Alexis Macha stepped up big time, striking out the next two batters to end the inning. Southeastern then added one more run, a home run from Ahliza Moore, in the bottom of the sixth. Macha retired the side easily in the top of the seventh, striking out the first two, then inducing a flyout to center fielder Kaelin Wincek to finish the game.

Macha wound up with 10 strikeouts, and issued no walks.

"I thought Alexis responded great," said Cook. "She gave up a couple big hits, and she responded, bounced right back."

Abby Taylor and Nicole Dillow both had three hits, with one of Taylor's hits a double. Rager and Libby Ratliff both had two hits for the game; Ratliff also had a double.

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Southeastern 7, Kokomo 4

Southeastern Abby Taylor 3 Nicole Dillow Jordan Rager 2 2 Danielle Planet 0 Libby Ratliff Ashton Kiehl Lilly Upchurch Nicole Lang Kaylee Carter Kaelin Wincek Ahliza Moore Katelyn Shonborn 0 Shelby Berthold 0 0 Score by innings

Kokomo 000 202 0 - 4 8 2
Southeastern 202 201 x - 7 13 0
HR: Moore, Rager. 3B: Kiehl. 2B: Ratliff, Taylor.
SAC: Shonborn, Carter.

HSE pitching IP R ER H Alexis Macha 7 4 4 8 Strikeouts: Macha 10. Walks: none.

TIGERS

Van Remortel and Wintner each getting a double. Max Habegger pitched the complete game, only allowing one hit.

Noblesville's DJ Owens got the lone hit.
The Tigers, meanwhile, beat Westfield
6-1. Andy Bennett and Wolff both had two
hits, with one of Bennett's hits a triple. Metz
pitched a complete game, striking out seven
and giving up just five hits.

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Brian Skelton had two hits for the Shamrocks. Matthew Meyer threw six and a third innings, with five strikeouts.

SEMI-FINAL GAMES Carmel 16, Noblesville 0 (5 innings)

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Carmel	AB	R	Н	RBI
Trent Terwilliger	4	1	1	0
Dylan Page	0	0	0	1
Rhett Wintner	4	3	2	2
Luke Thompson	1	0	0	0
Parker Massman	4	2	1	1
Jack Van Remortel	4	2	3	3
Ryan Woock	0	1	0	0
JC Hanley	4	3	2	3
Justin Greene	4	1	2	2
Luke Barnes	2	1	1	2
Aaron Ernst	1	1	1	0
Collin Donahue	3	0	1	0
Evan Petruzzi	0	0	0	0
Chris McNally	2	1	1	1
Robbie Levine	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	16	15	15
HR: Hanley, Wintne				
Van Remortel, Wintr		B: W	intne	² , Terwilliger.
HBP: Levine, Page.				
CHS pitching	IΡ	R	ER	Н
Max Habbeger	5	0	0	1
Strikeouts: Habegge				-
Noblesville	AB	R	Н	RBI

er 2. Travis Gillian 0 DJ Owens Alex Cleverly 0 Bryce Masterson 0 0 Mark Goudy Reese Sharp 0 0 Bryce Randolph 0 0 0 0 Cooper Miles 0 0 Zac Tuinei Harris Camp 0 0 Totals ΙP NHS pitching ER H 2.0 Tyler Owens 0 Sharp 1.1

1.0

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Kade Gorman

Clay Holzworth

From Page 8
Strikeouts: Sharp 2. Walks: Sharp 2, Halbert 1.

Score by innings
Carmel 203 74 - 16 15 0

Noblesville 000 00 - 0 1 5

Fishers 6, Westfield 1

FISHEIS	AD	г	П	KDI
Andy Bennett	4	1	2	2
Craig Yoho	3	1	1	0
Caleb Brenczewski	2	2	1	0
Brendan Toungate	3	0	1	1
Collin Statz	0	0	0	0
Taylor Soper	3	0	0	1
Jack Roudebush	0	0	0	0
Kiel Brenczewski	4	0	1	0
TJ Ratliff	0	0	0	0
Ryan Metz	2	0	0	0
Matthew Wolff	3	1	2	0
Trevor Newman	2	1	0	0
Totals	26	6	8	4
3B: Bennett. SB: 0		encze	ewski	i. SAC: Me
Yoho. HBP: Roudel	oush.			
FHS pitching IP	R	ER	Н	
Metz 7	1	0	5	
Strikeouts: Metz 5. \	Walks	s: Me	tz 1.	
Westfield	AB	R	Н	RBI
Logan McClurg	3	0	1	0
Matthew Meyer	3	0	1	0
Sam Eaton	2	0	0	0
Kaleb Pettijohn	1	0	0	0
Brian Skelton	3	1	2	0
Jason Gabennesch	3	0	0	0
Justin Miller	3	0	0	0
Kyle Pepiot				
rtyle r epiot	3	0	1	0
Evan Tomak	3	0 0	1	0
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Evan Tomak	3	0	0	0
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CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Fishers 4, Carmel 3 (8 innings)

Fishers	AΒ	R	Η	RBI
Andy Bennett	4	0	1	0
Craig Yoho	4	0	0	0
Caleb Brenczewski	2	1	1	0
Brendan Toungate	3	0	1	0
Collin Statz	0	0	0	0
Kiel Brenczewski	4	1	1	0
Matthew Wolff	4	1	2	1
Ryan Metz	3	1	0	0
Taylor Soper	3	0	0	1
Trevor Newman	3	0	1	1
Totals	30	4	7	3
2B: Wolff. SB: New	vman	, C. I	Brend	zewski. SAC:
Toungate. HBP: C.	Bren	czew	ski.	
FHS pitching IP	R	ER	Н	
Luke Duermit 8	3	3	4	
Strikeouts: Duermit	10. V	Valks	: Due	ermit 1.
Carmel	AΒ	R	Н	RBI
Trent Terwilliger	4	0	0	0
Rhett Wintner	4	1	1	0
Parker Massman	4	0	1	1
Jack Van Remortel	3	0	0	0
JC Hanley	3	0	0	0
Justin Greene	2	1	0	0
Aaron Ernst		1	1	0
Collin Donahue	2	0	0	0
Luke Thompson	0	0	0	0
Chris McNally	3	0	1	2
Totals	28	3	4	3
2B: Massman, Wi	ntner	. SB	: Ma	ssman. HBP:
Donahue.				
CHS pitching	IΡ	R	ER	Н
Tommy Sommer	7	3	2	6
Cam Pferrer	0	1	1	0
Ryan Woock	1	0	0	1
Strikeouts: Sommer	· 7, W	/oock	1. W	/alks: Sommer
1, Pferrer 1.				
Score by innings				
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10 Sports

Millers host girls lacrosse final four this weekend

By KIRK GREEN

In case you haven't noticed, lacrosse has been a substantially growing sport across the nation and Indiana.

In fact, over 70 four-year colleges have started a lacrosse program within the past two years with 50 more to add team within the next two years. Hamilton County has been developed some outstanding teams with many talented players this. Last year the combo team Fishers-Hamilton Southeastern won the girls' state championship.

This weekend Noblesville will host the girls Indiana Lacrosse championships final four at the White River Soccer Complex. The semi-finals begin Friday evening with the Millers (12-2) taking the field at 6 p.m. to face Culver (16-0) in the north bracket. The Millers play a very challenging schedule that has well prepared them for the playoffs. The south semi-state matchup starts at 8 p.m. when Bishop Chatard (10-9) will face Cathedral (15-1) in the South

On Saturday, there will be two Rising Star lacrosse games. The first game is at noon and is for freshmen and sophomores. The second Rising Star game will be played at 1:30 p.m. and will feature juniors and seniors. The INGLA (Indiana Girls Lacrosse Association) will present awards to lacrosse players from across the State at 3 p.m. Awards include All Region and All Academic Awards. Immediately following the Championship game, the INGLA will present the State Championship Award, All-Tournament, All-American, Academic All-American and All-State Awards to players from across the State.

Boys Lacrosse continues into June with



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Noblesville's Elle Palmer advances the ball during the Millers' regular-season game with Cathedral earlier this year. The two teams will participate in the Indiana Lacrosse championships this weekend at Noblesville's White River Soccer Complex.

the latest rankings as follows: 1. Culver, 2. Guerin Catholic, 14. Noblesville, 16. West-

Noblesville Lacrosse club was founded in in the Midwest. 2002; its web address is www.nhslax.

The Miller community have always had Noblesville Lacrosse welcomes you to join Cathedral, 3. Carmel, 4. HSE, 9. Fishers, 10. a long tradition of backing their teams. The in witnessing some of the best girls lacrosse

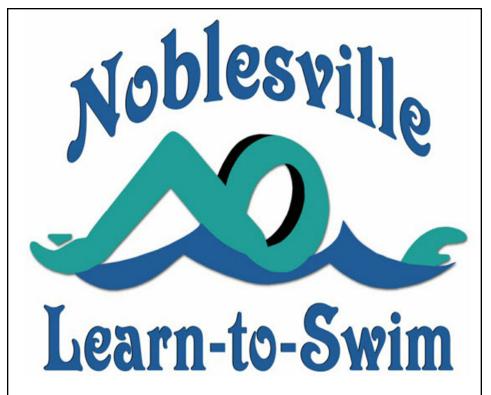






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Thoughts and observations from the Indianapolis 500

By RICHIE HALL **Reporter Sports Editor**

For the fifth year running, I got the chance to experience the Indianapolis 500 as a reporter.

Have I become jaded about going to the race every year? Nope. As someone who grew up in the Indianapolis area, I have been surrounded by the pageantry, the excitement and the tradition of the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" every May for the past 40 years. The opportunity to cover the race is something that I don't take lightly, and I've appreciated the fact that I get to see a side of the 500 that not very many people get to see.

So what is it like to cover the Indianapolis 500?

First of all, you have to get there early. Last year, I made a slight mistake in leaving after 5:30 a.m., and was stuck trying to get on to Crawfordsville Road from I-465 at 6 a.m. when the cannon went off. Granted there were many more people since it was the 100th running, but I didn't want to take any chances for the 101st running.

So I headed out around 4:40 a.m., and zipped on into the Speedway a few minutes after 5 a.m. - 5:08, to be exact. There was no traffic at all, and I got a decent parking space as well.

After setting my belongings in the vast media center (more about that in a minute), I decided to go look around the Speedway and see what it was like before sunrise. There is an atmosphere of a calm before the storm. Most of the people there are workers and television reporters, with maybe a few fans here and there.

I criss-crossed around the garages, and was surprised, but not really surprised, to see crew members working on a few of the cars. So now there are workers, reporters, mechanics and fans buzzing around the Speedway in the dark. I started wondering about the drivers themselves. Are they still asleep? I would guess that some were and some weren't - it probably depends on experience and how high their excitement threshold is.

About 10 minutes before 6 a.m., I met up with our photographer, Kent Graham, on the front straightaway. We chatted for a bit, and were appropriately startled when the cannon fired. (Kent estimated person. that it went off about 30 seconds early.) track at sunrise, right at the yard of bricks. Yes, I touched the bricks. How can you

I headed up to the media center a little later, and it was already bustling at 6:30 a.m. To say the media center at the Speedway is big is the same as calling the planet Jupiter big - a total understatement. The building is 35,000 square feet over four floors, with the main press area on the top floor. It's about as long as a football field, with television monitors everywhere. One monitor shows a continuous results board, while others feature live video of the race, either coverage feed.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Takuma Sato held off three-time champion Helio Castroneves to claim the 101st running of the Indianapolis 500 Sunday. Sato took the lead on Lap 195 and remained there through the checkered flag.

laptop, I bumped into a group of three fellow reporters, and chatted with them a bit. We then all decided to go out and walk around again - I was making my second trip to the main straightaway. Not that I was complaining.

Now if the 500 is the Greatest Spectacle in Racing, then what's the No. 2 spectacle? People watching! My cohorts and I amused ourselves by observing the fans that were casually strolling around the track, many of whom were in very casual attire and drinking adult beverages at 8 o'clock in the morning.

After about a half-hour, we heard the sound of bagpipes and wandered over that way. We got there just in time to see the Borg Warner Trophy make its way across the first row of the garage. Again, I make the Jupiter comparison: You don't know how big that trophy is until you see it in

James Hinchcliffe signing autographs for his fans. I bumped into Kent again at the garage of Noblesville's own Conor Daly and his A.J. Foyt Enterprises teammates. Foyt had given Daly his first shot at the 500 back in 2013, so it was a homecoming

Around 9 a.m., I headed back to the media center and decided to hunker down there for the duration of the race. We got a pleasant surprise at 10 a.m.: Sebastien Bourdais came up to hold a press

Bourdais, of course, had been injured

After about an hour of setting up my nearly head on into the SAFER Barrier. Despite serious injuries to his pelvis and hips, he was able to return to the Speedway for Race Day.

> "I'm doing good enough to be here," he said. "It's great to be out of the hospital environment. I've never really faced that results. before."

waiting for the race to begin. The last hour or so before the green flag is another calm before the storm, and is usually a good time to eat lunch, or chat with fellow reporters. Once the pre-race ceremonies begin, everyone is either outside on one of the decks or up against the huge glass window waiting for the race to start.

The race got under way at 12:20 p.m. when Tony George said "Drivers, start your engines!" (I'm surprised more people "Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines.") But the drivers were off.

The racing itself was exciting with this Tony Kanaan took over, leading Laps 6 through 28 until he went in for his first pit stop. Surprisingly, he never pitted again.

The pitting made for a handful of lead changes, but then a nice battle settled in between last year's winner Alexander Rossi and Formula One sensation Fernando Alonso. The two exchanged the lead three times through Lap 48.

Everything was going well until Scott Dixon's crash. You've probably already seen it, so I don't need to explain how frightening it was. When a replay was shown on the TV monitor, a loud through closed-circuit or the ABC in a nasty accident during the first day of collective gasp came from the media qualifying on May 20, when his car went members, louder than I've ever heard.

And yet, Dixon walked away. Not enough gets said about the safety improvements that have been made at the Speedway over the past several years. Fifteen years ago, Bourdais' and Dixon's accidents could've had much worse

Daly was racing well during the first After that, it was just a matter of third of the 500, getting up to 17th at one point. But unfortunately, that run ended on Lap 66 when he made contact with the SAFER Barrier on Turn 3. Daly and rookie Jack Harvey were involved in the incident. Both were uninjured, but their cars were done for the day. "Sorry guys, it was my fault," Daly said over the radio right after the incident.

It was at Lap 65 where Takuma Sato took the lead for the first time, and held it for 11 laps before surrendering it to didn't pick up on that, after decades of Rossi. Sato would not lead again for a while, until...well, you know. Rossi was battling it out with 2014 winner Ryan Hunter-Reay, and Helio Castroneves, There's really no place like being on the garage area. We had our first driver being such a wide-open race. Pole-sitter despite starting 19th and having to take a spotting at about 8:30 a.m.: A relaxed Scott Dixon led the first few laps, then drive-through penalty, got his first lead on Lap 96.

On Lap 100, the scoring pylon gave a tribute to Bryan Clauson, the Noblesville star who raced in three Indianapolis 500s, in 2012, 2015 and 2016. Clauson was taken from us way too soon, after an accident at the dirt track in Belleville, Kansas last August. Clauson led three laps at last year's 500, and after that race, took a bunch of fans to the Kokomo Speedway - where he won that night's feature race.

As the race went on, several of the early leaders began to drop out of contention. Rossi led Laps 105-109, but fell out of contention after that. Hunter-Reay was still in front on Lap 135, but then his engine smoked out, and his race was done. After all that, some new names began to show up in the lap leader list. Max Chilton, Charlie Kimball, James Davison.

Then on Lap 180, the biggest disappointment of them all: Fernando Alonso's engine gave out, and he had to drop out of the race. Alonso's sudden departure produced the second-loudest collective groan from the media center.

A few laps later, there was the five-car incident that took out Davison, Will Power (my pick to win the race), Oriol Servia, Hinchcliffe and Josef Newgarden. That would be the last yellow flag of the race. At Lap 189, it was green for the duration.

Chilton held the lead until Lap 194, when Castroneves took over. I will admit, I was rooting for Helio...history is king at the Speedway, and Castroneves joining the four-time champion club would have been a huge story. But Sato grabbed the lead at Lap 195 and never relinquished it. It was obvious to me on the last lap that he would be the winner.

"Until three laps to go, you really don't know," said Sato. "Me and Helio went side by side with three laps to go. You've got to go for it, run it flat. And we did it, and we pulled away. Fantastic."



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MLB standings

Tuesday's scores Cleveland 9, Oakland 4 L.A. Dodgers 9, St. Louis 4 N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 3 Arizona 3, Pittsburgh 0 Toronto 6. Cincinnati 3 N.Y. Mets 5, Milwaukee 4, 12 innings Miami 7. Philadelphia 2

San Diego

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Boston	28	23	.549	3.0
Baltimore	26	24	.520	4.5
Tampa Bay	28	27	.509	5.0
Toronto	25	27	.481	6.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	26	22	.542	-
Cleveland	27	23	.540	-
Chi. White Sox	24	27	.471	3.5
Detroit	24	28	.462	4.0
Kansas City	22	29	.431	5.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	37	16	.698	-
L.A. Angels	27	28	.491	11.0
Texas	26	27	.491	11.0
Seattle	24	29	.453	13.0
Oakland	22	29	.431	14.0

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N.Y. Mets	23	27	.460	8.5
Atlanta	22	28	.440	9.5
Miami	20	30	.400	11.5
Philadelphia	17	33	.340	14.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	27	25	.519	-
Chi. Cubs	25	26	.490	1.5
St. Louis	24	25	.490	1.5
Cincinnati	24	27	.471	2.5
Pittsburgh	24	29	.453	3.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	33	20	.623	-
Colorado	33	21	.611	0.5
Arizona	32	22	.593	1.5
San Francisco	22	32	.407	11.5

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ABOVE: Takuma Sato is the first Japanese driver to win the Indianapolis 500.

Johnny Rutherford (left) and Rick Mears (below left) were among the former winners attending this year's Indianapolis 500.



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Sato's win, of course, was historic too. He is the first Japanese driver to win the 500. It was redemption for him as well, since he finished second in 2012.

The race got over about 4:15 p.m. I hung around for a little bit, then made my way out of the Speedway and back into my car at 5:48 p.m. The only thing is, there was nowhere to go. I waited for about 20 minutes, then finally drove into a line of cars.

At this point, I got a condition called automobilius immobilus anxietus - call it car claustrophobia. The concept of being in a traffic line that was not moving wasn't appealing, so I just found a "parking spot" in some wet, muddy grass. Did I mention that it had been raining heavily for the past 40 minutes?

My new parking spot was next to a bunch of party-goers who thought I was afraid of getting stuck in the mud. One of them shouted "I got money on you!" to

"How much?" I asked. "It was just a joke," he replied. Okay, then.

Once the traffic cleared to my satisfaction, I got out of the grass and onto the gravel road, to the cheers of the partiers next door. There was no trouble at all getting out of the mud. That guy should have taken the bet!

It still took about 20 minutes to finally get out of the Speedway. We were sent down Auburn Street to Crawfordsville Road, which of course turns into 16th Street past the roundabout. After that, we headed downtown, where I made my way to Illinois Street, and turned north. I was home quickly thereafter.

That meant my total time at the Speedway was 14 hours. Yes, covering the race can be exhausting, and there are times when I wondered why I was putting myself through all of this.

The answer is simple: It's the Speedway. It's a privilege to get credentials for the race. It's a privilege to sit in the media center. It's a privilege to observe the Pagoda at 5:30 in the morning. That's why if I get the opportunity, I'll go back. It brings to mind the famous Al Unser Jr. quote after he won the 1992 Indianapolis 500 (the first one I attended!): "You just don't know what Indy means!"

Believe me, I do.



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