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TODAY'S WEATHER Shower and thunderstorm chances continue today

> **HIGH:** 88 LOW: 72



Hamillton County Reporter

Sheridan home:

Halloween-style robbery

By DON JELLISON **Reporter Editor**

On Thursday morning, shortly after 3 a.m., five people, some dressed in costumes, robbed a home at the 20000 block of Fremont Moore Road.

According to the initial investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the ordered the victims to the ground, while the five suspects were in their early twenties.

The robbery took place in a Sheridan Halloween has arrived early in Sheridan blocked most of the view from the road.

Three black males walked in the open front door of a home near Sheridan. One of the suspects displayed a black handgun, while attempting to keep his face covered. He told the victims to give up their cell phones. He then demanded money and other suspects rummaged through the house.

The suspects are described as black males in their late teens or early twenties.

farmhouse located in an area in which corn 130 pounds with a thin build and a crime. noticeable scar running across his nose. He was wearing dark baggy clothing, a black description of the vehicle was available. hoodie and a black beanie.

> The second suspect was also around 5-7, 130 pounds, wearing a clown mask, black hoodie and gray sweats.

The third suspect was described to be mask and baggy dark clothes.

The suspects left after telling the victims 773-1282. not to call the police. One of the victims left

The alleged gunman was around 5-7, and went to a neighbor's house to report the

The suspects fled in a vehicle. No

The men took cell telephones, electronics, a saxophone and a purse containing a debit card.

No one was injured in the incident.

Anyone with information on this 5-7, 150 pounds. He was wearing a devil's incident should contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 317-776-9887 or 317-

Miller football takes the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

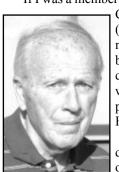


Photo by Brian Reddick

The Noblesville football team took a break Thursday afternoon to take the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. The challenge has raised awareness for the muscle disease, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Since the challenge began on July 29, over \$15 million has been pledged to the ALS Association. In a CNN report, the ALSA said that over 300,000 people had donated money for the first time due to the Ice Bucket Challenge.

Please, not another parking problem

By DON JELLISON **Reporter Editor** If I was a member of the Noblesville



Common Council (thank God I'm not), there would be a couple of questions I would want to ask the planners of Federal Hill Park.

Some of those questions popped Noblesville

residents who earlier this week attended the Council's special retreat at City Hall. It was a good session, kind of like an old-time Town Hall Meeting. Good for City Hall, good for the Common Council for presenting that type of opportunity to the folks who pay their salaries.

See Parking...Page 3

County to conduct sobriety checkpoint tonight

Partnership (HCTSP) will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on the night of Friday, Aug. 22 and the early hours of Saturday, Aug. 23.

The HCTSP is a consortium of law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County working to increase the usage of seatbelts, to combat aggressive driving, and to decrease impaired driving with the overall goal of creating a safer Hamilton County. The HCTSP is comprised of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Fishers Police Department, Carmel Police Department, Noblesville Police Department, and County, for example, the State filed 1004

The Hamilton County Traffic Safety the Westfield Police Department with the charges of operating while intoxicated. Of assistance of the Indiana State Police.

> most frequently committed violent crimes. Just in Indiana in 2012, alcohol-related traffic crashes killed 158 people (up from 140 County Traffic Safety Partnership will be in 2011), accounting for approximately twenty percent of all fatal crashes, and injured another 2,112 people.

> About 1000 people are convicted of an impaired driving offense annually in Hamilton County alone, and nearly 200 of those ing awareness of impaired driving and are repeat offenders. In 2012 in Hamilton

these, 158 drivers had prior convictions for Impaired driving is one of our nation's operating while intoxicated within the last five years.

> To combat this crime, the Hamilton setting up sobriety checkpoints around Hamilton County to aggressively deter, detect, and arrest those drivers who make the decision to drive impaired. Sobriety checkpoints have proven successful in both rais-

> > See Sobriety...Page 2

Atlanta receives grant to improve wastewater

By JEFF JELLISON

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced that twelve Indiana communities are receiving

grants totaling over \$5.4 million for projects through the Wastewater and Drinking Water Program managed by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

Funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant, this program is available to communities for a variety of infrastructure improvements to enable community to receive the grant, was awardlong-term growth.

Each grant must have a match of local ed \$394,383. Atlanta must provide matchfunds and meet certain grant requirements.

In announcing the grants, Lt. Governor Ellspermann noted, "Indiana's rural and smaller cities and towns are important to the a loan from the State Revolving Fund overall economic and social fabric of our state. Through this specific program and others, we want to help these communities remain attractive places to live, raise families and operate businesses.

Atlanta, the only Hamilton County

ing funds in the amount of \$120,410.

Atlanta Clerk Treasurer Robyn Cook indicated Atlanta would most likely receive (SRF) loan program to meet the match requirements.

"We are under an agreed order with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for state mandated waste water improvements. This grant money will be used to help with those improvements," said Cook.

Obituaries

Darlene Kay Summers

January 9, 1947 - August 20, 2014

Darlene Kay Summers, 67, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on January 9, 1947 to Lloyd and Pauline (Rogers) Kelley in Lebanon,

Darlene owned Summers Plumbing & Heating with her late husband, Basil, and was a long time member of First Church of the Nazarene of Noblesville. She recently attended Victory Chapel Community Church in Noblesville, and enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Kelli (Chase) Stinson and Shelli Summers-Bergren; son, Kyle Summers; sister, Cathy Kelley-Linville; four grandchildren, Olivia & Drew Stinson, and Molly & Kate Bergren; nephews, Zachary (Brandi), Noah and Eli Linville; and nieces Emma & Mia Linville.

In addition to her parents, Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Basil Summers Jr.; and granddaughter, Ella Stinson.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation from 11:00 am to the time of service. Pastor Andrew Marshall will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Noblesville Schools will present...

Parenting in the Digital Age program

Noblesville Schools is inviting the public to "Parenting in the Digital Age," a program scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Noblesville High School Auditorium, 18111 Cumberland Road.

There are two parts to the program: Guests will hear speakers from 7 to 7:45 p.m., followed by a discussion panel from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.

The program will highlight such important topics as protecting your children online, social media image, cyberbullying, sexting, privacy, technology overuse and more. It is presented by the Noblesville Schools technology department.

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- Psalm 117:2

50 Years Ago

August 22, 1964

Noblesville businessman Irving Heath was critical of the Noblesville Post Office hours of service. Opening time was changed from 8 a.m. to 8:30 and closing time from 5:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Heath called out the changes by saying, "It not only ridiculous, its a big headache.'

Fish of the Week makes a big splash

to Grand Park, one of the nation's largest sports complexes, and with the tremendous athletic programs produced throughout the local communities our sports thoughts often originally set to run nine weeks ending revert to high school state championships and club level travel tournaments.

If you visit any of the local coffee shops, restaurants or pubs you will most likely find someone talking about the big high school game or arm chair quarterbacking the most recent Colts game.

One sport that is often overlooked in the county, until just recently, is fishing.

According to Schwartz's Bait and Tackle owners, Lori and Steve Schwartz, fishing is more popular than most of us think. Steve Schwartz made that statement while recently discussing the Fish of the Week promotion published in the Hamilton County Reporter.

"Everywhere I go people mention the Fish of the Week," said Steve Schwartz.

When Lori Schwartz brought up the idea of a Fish of the Week promotion I knew it would be popular," said Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison.

With Morse and Geist reservoirs, White River, farm ponds dotting the countryside

With Hamilton County being the home and a pond in nearly everyone's neighborhood there are plenty of opportunities to fish Hamilton County.

The Fish of the Week promotion was Labor Day weekend. Because of its popularity Steve and Lori are now extending their sponsorship.

Schwartz also wanted to include the community in the extended promotion by offering the opportunity for readers to select a Fish of the Year photo.

"At the end of the promotion the Reporter will publish all Fish of the Week submissions and provide readers with the opportunity to vote for their favorite to be selected Fish of the Year. So keep sending vour photos" said Jellison.

The Fish of the Week is published each Sunday in the Reporter's online / email edition and on Tuesdays in the print edition. If you are a Hamilton County resident and have a Fish of the Week photo to submit

hamiltonconorthreporter@hotmail.com. Make sure to include the person's name in the photo.

reducing the likelihood of a person driving contact, the officer detects that alcohol may after they have been drinking.

prevalence of impaired driving in our community and the efforts of the Partnership to combat the crime, the Partnership maintains a webpage http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/topic/?t opicid=36&structureid=26.

At a sobriety checkpoint, law two minutes. enforcement officers evaluate drivers for land. Checkpoint sites are selected based upon analysis of available crash and consideration of officer safety.

sequence, such as every other vehicle, every third vehicle, every fourth vehicle or by stopping three, four, or five cars in proceed while checking the stopped vehicles. The planned sequence in which vehicles are stopped depends on the number of officers available to staff the checkpoint, traffic congestion, and other safety concerns.

Upon making contact with the driver, the and asks for the driver's license and the Andre Miksha at 317-776-8595. vehicle's registration. If, in the course of the

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be involved and that the driver may be In order to raise awareness of the impaired or if some other issue arises, then the vehicle is directed into a pull-off area for further investigation. Further investigation may involve the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs). On the other hand, if all looks right during the initial contact, the driver is often on his or her way in less than

Officers staffing the sobriety signs of alcohol or drug impairment at a checkpoints work on an overtime basis paid specified point along the roadway, often by grant funds from the National Highway depending upon the support of local Traffic Safety Administration through the property owners for the use of appropriate Indiana Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving.

Sobriety checkpoints are legal in 39 impaired driving arrest data and a states, including Indiana, and the District of Columbia. In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court Vehicles are stopped in a specific ruled that, if conducted properly, sobriety checkpoints do not constitute an illegal search and seizure. In the 2002 case of State v. Gerschoffer, the Indiana Supreme Court succession and allowing other traffic to found that sobriety checkpoints are constitutional when conducted properly. Members of the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office work with the Partnership to ensure that each checkpoint meets constitutional requirements.

Should you have any questions officer advises them that they've been regarding these sobriety checkpoints, please stopped at an HCTSP sobriety checkpoint contact Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Artistic rendering provided

Pictured above are the proposed amphitheater and the lawn area at Federal Hill Park. Estimated to cost nearly \$3 million, this is the area which likely would draw the largest crowds, and cause the biggest parking problems.

PARKING

When you think about it, what has been Noblesville's No. 1 problem on the Courthouse Square ... forever? Back in the 1950s, because of all the businesses downtown, you couldn't find a parking spot. Today, when minus all those big businesses (super markets, drug stores, clothing stores, restaurants, furniture stores, movie houses) you still have trouble finding a parking spot on the courthouse square.

Noblesville's early days when horse and buggies filled those same parking spaces.

Parking always has been a problem in Noblesville.

west side of the river if Federal Hill Park becomes what was presented by the City at the retreat.

More, much more of a problem now that the onceproposed walking bridge from downtown to the park has been pulled from the planning. Too expensive, they say. Not building the bridge will cut the price tag from maybe \$14 million to \$11 million.

I believe those who have designed Federal Hill Park have done a great job. What a gift it would be to Noblesville.

But, they may not have done all the homework they should have and they may not be holding themselves to some of the high standards they have set for others.

I would doubt if the City of Noblesville would allow any business to be built in this city without a better plan for parking than the one presented for Federal Hill Park.

They talk about overflow parking at the county lot on I would guess the same problem was present in the east side of the river and then folks walking across the Conner Street Bridge. Not a safe walk for kids; for parents pushing strollers, or for old guy like me. The walkway on Conner Street Bridge is too narrow for that type of Parking could, probably will, be a huge problem on the human traffic, and the way trucks zoom by on State Roads another) in the lawn area? 32-/38....well, you get the picture.

Same problem if you send heavy traffic walking across the Logan Street Bridge.

largest businesses, the Super Market will love that. Overflow parking at the new Godby Furniture Store? I would guess the Godby family is thinking about moving back to Sheridan. Just a guess.

So, where would folks park?

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There appears to be less than 100 parking spots on park property, which should handle most of the average-day or average-night traffic.

The problem is the planned Pavilion area. A view of that area with the amphitheater and lawn area is shown on the Reporter's page 3. Those who come to watch performances will sit on the lawn or pull up lawn chairs.

Here are my questions:

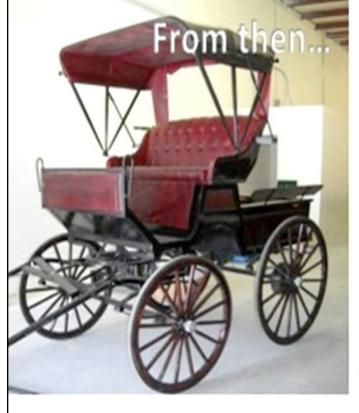
*What kind of acts does the park planners anticipate booking and how big of crowds are anticipated?

*How many spectators can be seated (one way or

In other words, how many parking spots will be needed a handle the crowds?

Ditch that \$3 million baby and instead build the bridge Overflow parking at Kroger's? One of Noblesville's across White River and the parking problem will be solved; the folks will have a nice park; and the City will have a nice gateway into the downtown area.

> If that happens, you would have my vote. If, of course, I was a member of the Common Council.



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Members likely to approve in next Thursday's vote...

BMW Championship to return to Crooked Stick in 2016

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

If you're a golf fan who enjoyed seeing the world's best compete at Crooked Stick in 2012, then be sure to make some longrange plans for 2016.

Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel will likely be the host of the BMW Championship, one of the premier events on the PGA Tour. Crooked Stick hosted the event in 2012, and drew record crowds and a worldclass field, including all 10 of the Top 10

ings. Rory McIlroy won the event in 2012. Crooked Stick members will vote host

the event this coming Thursday.

"We have a membership meeting next Thursday and I fully expect approval on the event," said Tony Pancake, director of golf and club operations at Crooked Stick. "In the meantime we are working on the details of the contract so once we get the approval,

players in the Official World Golf Rank- BMW Championship in Denver and then 2015 BMW heads back to the Midwest, as we will begin offering corporate hospitality it's scheduled for the week of Sept. 14 at packages in mid-September. The WGA Conway Farms in Chicago. will have staff on site in October."

affluent suburb just south of Denver. The Championships the following week.

The BMW Championship is one of This year's BMW Championship takes three tournaments in the FedEx Cup playplace Sept. 4-7 at Cherry Hills Country offs. The top 70 compete in the event, with Club, located in Cherry Hills Village, an the top 30 finishers qualifying for the Tour







Gov. Mike Pence is helping educate was detected in Bethel, Ohio, just east of Hoosiers about a potential threat to our Cincinnati. natural resources by declaring the week of Aug. 25 as Asian Longhorned Beetle signs and symptoms of ALB in order to Awareness Week.

Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) kills trees by burrowing into the wood, killing living tissue and weakening the tree's structure. Its broad host range and preference for maple trees poses a high threat to Indiana's forests and urban tree communities.

Maple species make up approximately 34 percent of Indiana's public trees, and nearly 50 percent of Indiana public trees are susceptible to ALB.

ALB has not been detected in Indiana. However, it was detected in Chicago and eradicated in the 1990s. More recently, it

It is important to routinely check for catch infestations at the earliest possible

The DNR asks citizens to check their maple trees the week of Aug. 25 and report possible ALB infested trees. They can report by calling 1-866- NO EXOTIC (866-663-9684). Those with a smartphone can use the ReportIN app available for download in the app store or by visiting EDDmaps.org/Indiana and submit reports through their phone.

Reported trees will be checked by the DNR staff to verify the report.

Learn how to quickly assess your trees for ALB at <u>asianlonghornedbeetle.com</u>.



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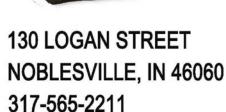








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The week of Sept. 8-15, Noblesville Parks will offer many of our classes for you to try before you buy. That means you register for the class over the phone, but do not pay the class fee at the time of registration. You attend the first class. If you enjoy it, you sign up for the session – usually four weeks. If it's not what you expected, then no money lost – your try it is free.

New Pi-Yo and Pi-Yo Lite classes start in September on Tuesdays. All Parks classes for September and October are listed at left on the following Recreation Report. Registration is open, so give Noblesville Parks a call today.

Artomobilia revs into Carmel this Saturday

District next Saturday for the IU Health in place. North Hospital Carmel Artomobilia presented by ADESA.

The event takes place from noon to 5 p.m. in the district, at Main Street and Range Line Road. More than 300 cars on display in celebration of the art and design of the automobile. Cars include everything from roundabout) early 20th Century rare models to the latest exotic sports cars

Car collectors from across the Midwest and beyond will show-off their prized automobiles. At the same time, guests who love to admire the collections enjoy the Carmel Arts & Design District's galleries, restaurants and shops.

Please note that roads will be closed in the District beginning at 6 a.m. on Saturday to accommodate setup of the festival and

Drive over to Carmel's Arts & Design move-in of the cars. Detour routes will be

The main road closure points are:

1st Ave. NE/SE & E. Main Street (by Woodys Library Restaurant)

• 1st St. NE/NW & N. Range Line Road (by PNC Bank and Simply Sweet Shoppe)

• 4th Ave SW & W. Main Street (by the

• 3rd St. SE/SW & S. Range Line Road (just south of the Indiana Design Center)

The event is free. Public parking is available in the Indiana Design Center underground parking garage located at 200 S. Range Line Road, Sophia Square's underground parking garage at the southwest corner of 1st St. NW and 1st Ave. NW and at the Carmel Lions Club lot located at 141 East Main St., in addition to available public parking surrounding the festival area.

photoGraphic

Public Information Meeting Hamilton County Highway Department

Bridge #159 - Eller Road over Cheeney Creek, located just north of 106th Street. The Hamilton County Highway Department will hold a public information meeting for the rehabilitation of Bridge #159 at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 in the auditorium at Fishers Town Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to publicly discuss and afford all interested persons an opportunity to comment and ask questions on the proposed design of the project. Preliminary plans showing the proposed design will be available for inspection.

Public Notice Sheridan Water Works

Beginning in early September Sheridan Water Works will be using chloramines instead of chlorine to disinfect the drinking water. The process has become more cost effective allowing Sheridan to take advantage of the greater disinfection benefit by doing so.

For many years cities in the United States, such as Indianapolis, use chloramines as a disinfectant. Chloraminated water is the same as chlorinated water for all of the normal uses we have for water.

However, there are two groups of people who need to take special care with chloraminated water: kidney dialysis patients and fish owners. Chloramines must be removed from water used in kidney dialysis process and from water that is used in fish

What are chloramines? Chloramines are a combination of chlorine and ammonia which are used to kill potentially harmful bacteria in water. They do not increase the pH levels, and they do not affect pool water. Chloraminated water will not harm plants due to the chlorine demand of the soil.

Why is the Water Works changing to chloramines? Ammonia is becoming a ground water problem throughout the State of Indiana. Ammonia drastically increases the chlorine demand and makes it more difficult for chlorine to be sustained out in the far reaches of the distribution system. Instead of ammonia being a problem to us we have decided to make it an asset by adding a very small amount of ammonia to the existing natural ammonia found in our ground water and combining it with a bit more chlorine to form chloramine. Because chloramine can persist in water for several weeks, whereas chorine dissipates over a period of days to hours this gives us greater disinfecting abilities. Other benefits are that less disinfecting by-products will form and chloramines are less of an oxidant then chlorine and the iron and manganese minerals will less likely stain your fixtures.

<u>Is chloramines disinfection safe?</u> Chloraminated water is no different than chlorinated water for all of the normal uses we have for water. Water that contains chloramines is totally safe to drink for pregnant women and children. The digestive process neutralizes the chlormines before they reach the bloodstream. Even kidney dialysis patients can drink the water. Boiling the water is not an effective method of removing chloramines either. The only practical methods of removing chloramines from water are using a water conditioner which contains a dechlorinator or by using granular activated carbon.

Where to call? If you have any future questions about the Town of Sheridan Water Works treatment process or water quality, please call the Water Department at (317) 758-5326 from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

If you have any questions about kidney dialysis, please call your physician or medical

If you have any questions concerning the care of your fish or pets, please call your

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Our companies are similar; both have deep roots in community banking and both are committed to local delivery of exceptional service. Both banks believe in building deep, lifelong relationships with our clients and in being part of the fabric of the communities we serve. We both strive to be trusted advisors and true partners with our clients.



Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, First Merchants is one of the largest financial services holding companies in the state. For more than 120 years, they have been providing trusted advice and counsel to clients and communities like ours. In fact, we are already neighbors, commonly serving the Noblesville, Westfield, Fishers and Lapel communities.

We are excited and proud of our intention to take the First Merchants name, but the people who serve you will not change. Although we would be a much larger company, you would see the same employees at your neighborhood banking centers, providing you with the high performing service and advice you have become accustomed to.

By combining Community Bank and First Merchants, we can bring you even more products and services while maintaining the legacy of real community banking that you expect and deserve. It is our pledge to continue to provide you with a great banking experience, delivered by the same great people you know and trust.

If you have any questions about this exciting news, please let us know. On behalf of the entire Community Bank team, we look forward to supporting your banking needs now and in the future.

Personally yours,



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P.S. For additional information about First Merchants, I encourage you to visit their website at



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6 games; 5 county victories

By DON JELLISON **Reporter Editor**

Carmel put on display its Class 2A No. 5 ranking when opening its season with a 4-1 victory at Noblesville and Guerin Catholic looked as if it is ready for another run at the Class 1A state championship by beating Northwestern 4-2 in a pair of Thursday

Also, Hamilton Heights opened its win at Taylor and host Westfield won a 1-0 thriller from West Lafayette.

Carmel got three goals from senior Jake Heckenberg at Noblesville. Also, senior PJ Gibson had a goal and an assist and senior Chad Baker tallied two assists for the Greyhounds.

"I am very happy with the way everyone played this evening," said Carmel coach

Shane Schmidt. "We played as one total unit defensively and finished our opportunities on the attack."

Shane Koppold notched a goal for Coach Brian Prange's host Millers. Peyton Mathis had nine saves in Noblesville's season

After goals from Luke Bestard and Jacob contests which highlighted boys soccer Cloran, 1A No. 1 Guerin Catholic went to halftime tied at 2-2 with 1A No. 13 Northwestern. With 16:30 left in the game, season with a 3-1 Mid-Indiana Conference Bestard found the net for a second time and eight minutes later Andrew Kaskie concluded the scoring with a header just inside the right post.

> The win evened Coach John Cech's Golden Eagles' record at 1-1.

Hamilton Heights had to beat the weather and Taylor in its opening win. The possession game, switching fields and game was called two minutes into the second

Boys Soccer

Guerin Catholic (1-1) 4, Northwestern

Carmel (1-0) 4, Noblesville (0-1) 1 Hamilton Heights (1-0) 3, Taylor 1 Westfield (1-0) 1, West Lafayette 0 Star of the Night: Carmel's Jake Heckenberg, 3 goals

Girls Soccer

University (1-0) 14, Broad Ripple 0 Lebanon 3, Sheridan (0-2) 2 Star of the Night: University's Lizzie Berry, 3 goals.

half because of bad weather with the Huskies leading 3-1.

"The defensive line played a very good alleviating the pressure on our mid-fielders who made great runs to get open," said

Heights coach Derrick Dean. "Colin Kaurich played well in goal with three saves. We outshot them 19-3.

Derek Thorpe, Sam Stallsmith and Collin Luckey each had a goal for Hamilton Heights. Roy Noller had an assist.

Coach Myron Vaughn got a goal from Matt Clary, an assist from Evan Rosser and three saves from Evan Seitz in 2A No. 19 Westfield's 1-0 win over West Lafayette.

University girls breeze

University's Lady Trailblazers opened their season by blasting Broad Ripple, 14-0.

Coach Maddy MacAllister's team was led by three goals from Lizzie Berry and two each from Emma Troughton, Lauren Ciulla and Lilly Snodgrass.

Also scoring for University were Mackenzie Waugh, Riley Spitzenberger and Shelby Wood.

Sheridan fell to 0-2 on the season while

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Volleyball

Huskies win all-county match

Hamilton Heights beat Sheridan in an all-county volleyball match Thursday.

The Huskies won 26-24, 25-17, 25-9. Sarah Sipe and Jessica Engelhardt both had good allaround games: Sipe had 10 kills, three aces and nine digs, while Engelhardt compiled seven kills, three aces and two blocks. Caitlyn Hays dished out 16 assists.

For the Blackhawks, Brooke Laughlin hit three kills, with Alys-Carly Klingaman made eight digs and hit two aces.

Carmel was defeated by Ron- dished out 39 assists. calli in a Thursday match, 25-17, 25-17, 25-23.

Carly Skjodt led the Greyhounds with 12 kills.

Greenfield-Central 25-20, 25-19, digs.

Abigail Huser hit 11 kills for the Shamrocks, with Lucy Grenda Jesuit was canceled. and Natalie Ravenell each hitting

Volleyball Scores Heights (1-1) 3, Sheridan (0-3) Roncalli 3, Carmel (1-1) 0 Westfield (1-1) 3, Greenfield 0 New Palestine 3, Guerin (0-1) Star of the Night: Westfield's Abigail Huser, 11

kills, 11 digs, four blocks

sa Railer handing out four assists. 10. Huser also had 11 digs and four blocks; she was Westfield's player of the match. Kari Losch made 13 digs. Samantha Reed

> Guerin Catholic lost to New Palestine 25-18, 25-18, 25-17 in a Wednesday match.

Kennedy Hale led the team Westfield evened its record to with nine kills. Lauren Gandhi had 1-1 Wednesday by sweeping 27 assists. Sarah Burgan had 13

Fishers' match with Brebeuf



Photo by Brian Reddick/RDK PhotoGraphic

Hamilton Heights' Jessica Engelhardt (left) spikes the ball during the Huskies' volleyball match with Sheridan on Thursday. At right for the Huskies is Caitlyn Hays. Pictured for Sheridan is Rachel Adams.

A rivalry?

Carmel has owned HSE

By DON JELLISON Reporter Editor

Some have labeled tonight's Carmel-Hamilton Southeastern matchup at Carmel Stadium the best head-tohead battle in Indiana this season.

both the AP and Indiana Football Coaches Association polls. Southeastern is No. 6 in the IFCA and No. 8 in the

Carmel might argue the point because the Greyhounds play in the MIC Conference. The Greyhounds later in the Central, which last season edged Carmel in the state championship game.

Both teams may dispute that. Carmel, because on Southeastern in last year's sectional. Southeastern among all the county teams, CHS plays only Sheridan and coached at Noblesville and still bleeds Hamilton County blood, might be a little more pumped up some of the Carmel players couldn't tell you what county Carmel is in. Or, do they care.

And, as big as the Carmel game is for Southeastern, it can't be as big as the Mudsock battle with sister school Fishers in a couple of weeks.

It is a huge rivalry game, this Greyhounds-Royals slugout.

Maybe.

Carmel athletic director Jim Inskeep each football game puts out a gigantic and very informing press guide to the team all-stater, and Perkins, the first Carmel footballer to game. It's college-like. It can knock your eyes out.

Inskeep knocked my eyes out with a section on the all-time results in Carmel-HSE games. Looking at Jimmy's You might buy that. Carmel enters the season No. 1 in numbers, this is not a rivalry. To have a rivalry, I've always been told, both teams need to post some wins. This may surprise you (it did mean) but Southeastern has beaten Carmel just two times in 15 tries.

Hello!

season have a little date with conference foe Warren has defeated Carmel just once. That was a 17-7 Royal victory in the 2005 sectional.

How about the best Hamilton County matchup this first time the two schools met, a 15-7 victory in 1997.

Not to mention there was that 40-7 number Carmel did

Southeastern. Carmel coach Kevin Wright, who played at a bold prediction on my part considering the state is ranking

for a county struggle than, say, his football team. Likely, has coached at Carmel. The defense is good. The offense had a catch. might have the best backfield you've seen in Carmel, or

> Hamilton County, football. to a wide receiver spot, lookout, baby, Carmel will be even tougher to stop. The key to that move is Micheal Viktrup opening at quarterback. Instead of James on occasions pitching the football to running backs Shakir Paschall and house will watch the two teams battle. Chris Perkins, he'll be streaking down the gridiron and will be hard to cover on potential passes.

You've probably heard of Paschall, a returning firststart four consecutive years in a couple of decades. James also is a returning first-team team all-state player.

In Carmel's win over Southeastern in the sectional last season James carried 15 times for 108 yards and Paschall 17 times for 72 yards, so Isaac and Shakir, you would have to think, have been noted by Coach Scott May in Southeastern practice sessions this week.

On the other side of the coin, Southeastern is no How about this? In six tourneys games, Southeastern cupcake, a fact, you would think, Wright has noted in Carmel practices this week.

Although they are new to the attack, May has a couple Southeastern's only other win over Carmel came the of speedsters in Aaron Matio and Curtis Goss. He has an experience quarterback in Tyler Janney, who last season passed for 1,444 yards. Janney has two of the best receivers in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference in very quick Chris Plus, this could be a darned good Carmel team. That's Ford and very big (6-4, 233 pounds) tight end Kyle Schrank. That group, however, didn't exactly rip apart Carmel's defense last season. Janney ran 13 times for 44 yards and Wright has said his offensive line is better than any he hit on 5-of-11 passes for 32 yards. Ford and Schrank each

That was last year.

As Wright pointed out this week, Southeastern is a team If Wright gets away with moving speedster Isaac James which doesn't beat itself. But, that is what the Royals did in the sectional game, turnover over the pigskin three times early in the game.

One thing is for certain, if it doesn't rain. A packed

A rivalry game? A great matchup? Don't under-play Carmel's 13-2 record against Southeastern.

Tennis

Close losses for 'Rocks, Huskies, Royals

Three Hamilton County tennis teams in action Thursday were dealt 3-2 losses

Hamilton Heights fell to Pendleton Heights, with No. 1 Noah Whyde and No. 2 BJ Fowler winning singles matches in straight sets.

In Hoosier Crossroads Conference meets, Westfield was edged by Zionsville. No. 1 Parker Kalis and No. 3 Charlie Warner were singles winners, with Warner getting a three-set victory. Hamilton three sets. Southeastern dropped its match to Avon; Addison Cazier won at No. 1 singles, with Jesuit was canceled.

Tennis Scores Pendleton 3, Heights (0-2) 2

Zionsville 3, Westfield (1-2) 2 Avon 3, Southeastern (1-2) 2 Star of the Night: Westfield's Charlie Warner, a three-set winner at No. 3 singles

Nick Cefali and Nick Krauter triumphing in

Guerin Catholic's meet with Brebeuf

Pendleton Heights 3, Hamilton Heights 2 No. 1 singles Noah Whyde def. Gaar 7-5, 6-3

No. 2 singles BJ Fowler def. Stump 6-2, 6-4 No. 3 singles: Hawkins Hochstedler lost to Fawc-

No. 1 doubles: Austin Sauerteig and Noah Wallace lost to Staley and Sam McKinney 6-1, 6-1 No. 2 doubles: Bryce Albright and Reese Wills lost to Kane and Alumbaugh 7-6 (3), 6-3

Zionsville 3. Westfield 2

No. 1 singles: Parker Kalis def. Skelly 6-4, 6-1 No. 2 singles: Evan Parshall lost to Gieser 6-4,

No. 3 singles: Charlie Warner def. Metzger 7-5,

No. 1 doubles: Cameron Hoffmann and Vlasta Florian lost to Eibling and Axelson 6-1, 6-1

No. 2 doubles: Harrison Freed and Alex Gabennesch lost to Eckart and Brow 6-1, 6-3

Avon 3, Hamilton Southeastern 2 No. 1 singles: Addison Cazier def. Lingle 6-3,

No. 2 singles: Mark Skelton lost to Langford 6-1,

No. 3 singles: Alec Gretencord lost to Zolcak 7-5. 6-4

No. 1 doubles: Josh DeFonce and Mark Slaninka lost to Toney and Collins 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5) No. 2 doubles: Nick Cefali and Nick Krauter def. Shelley and Van Duyn 7-6 (1), 6-7 (3), 6-2

Huskies cross country wins Hot Dog Invite

The Hamilton Heights cross country teams swept to victories at the Frankfort Hot Dog Invitational Thursday.

The Lady Huskies scored 21 points to Lebanon's 34. Frankfort, Crawfordsville, and Lafayette Central Catholic all had incomplete teams. Heights' Kat Williams won the individual race with a time of 23:38. Other top 10 Huskies finishers were Rachel Cross (sixth, 27:36), Karissa Rulon (seventh, 27:42), Stanley (eighth, 28:32) and Shrock (10th, 28:38).

Heights won the boys meet on a tiebreaker: Both the Huskies and Frankfort scored 47 points, but HH had the faster sixth runner. Crawfordsville was third with 50 points, Lebanon fourth with 79 and Lafayette Central Catholic fifth with 109.

Top 10 boys for Heights were Dylan Young (third, 19:00) and Tyler Rickman (eighth, 20:46).

Application deadline nears for state park deer reductions

Aug. 25.

Hunters must apply online by visiting Hunting.IN.gov and clicking on the "Reserved Hunt Info" link. The link also includes additional hunt details. Paper applications are not available.

Two reduction efforts will take place. The first round is Nov. 17-18. The second round is Dec. 1-2

Deer reduction hunts reduce the ecological damage that deer herds cause in state parks by helping to maintain deer browsing at a sustainable level. Biologists determine which parks require a reduction each year based on plant recovery and previous hunter success.

- Firearms-only properties (any firearm legal to take deer in Indiana):

The deadline for hunters to apply for Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlesthis year's state park deer reduction hunts is town, Harmonie, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River and Whitewater Memorial state parks.

> - Archery-only properties (any archery equipment legal to take deer in Indiana): Fort Harrison and Clifty Falls state parks.

Applicants must be Indiana residents and be 18 years old by Nov. 17, 2014, and possess at least one valid Indiana deer license to apply. Each person may apply only once for each state park deer reduction effort, regardless of primary or buddy status. All applications sharing duplicate names will be disqualified. Designated areas are available for participants with spe-Properties requiring a reduction in 2014 cial needs. For details, contact the property of interest before applying.

Venison donation program connects hunters and the public

this fall.

GiveIN Game, the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife's venison donation program, will be available for its fourth year. management biologist, decided to donate Hunters who are willing to donate venison venison himself. and people who would like to receive venison can begin registering on Sept. 1 at I found the interaction with people needing wildlife.IN.gov/7240.htm.

GiveIN Game makes it easy for people to

A program that allows hunters to give connect and set up a free exchange on their deer meat to the public will continue again own schedule. Selling, bartering or trading for venison is illegal.

> After several years of watching the program grow, Chad Stewart, DNR's deer

> "The system was incredibly easy to use, and

See Venison...Page 10

Tigers golf edges Millers

Fishers edged Noblesville 176-177 in a three-team meet Thursday. Greenfield-Central placed third with 215.

The Tigers' Katie Brooks was the meet medalist with a 41. She was followed by Kennedy Brooker 42, Anna DelPrince 45, Emma McCord 48 and Katie Brown 55.

For the Millers, Emily Padgett scored 42, along with Peyton Gigante 43, Sydney Moran 44, Sarah Hayes 48 and Hadley Moritz 49. Noblesville's other scores were Melissa Baker 45, Brooke Gigante 56, Kayla Packard 50 and Taylor Keating 52.

The girls seemed a little lethargic today," said NHS coach Mike Abbott. "We are going to rest up over the weekend and get ready for a big week next week."



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Carmel's WHJE announces fall broadcast schedule

Carmel radio station WHJE, 91.3 FM, has announced its fall sports broadcast schedule. Check out the table below to find out when you can hear your favorite Greyhound team in action.

#	Day	Month	Date	Opponent	Location	H/A	Time	Sport
1	Wed	Aug	20	Creekside vs. Carmel	Carmel Middle School	Home	5:00 PM	8FB
2	Fri	Aug	22	Hamilton Southeastern	Carmel Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	VFB
3	Sat	Aug	23	Hamilton Southeastern	Carmel Stadium	Home	10:00 AM	9FB
4	Sat	Aug	23	Sacred Heart (Kentucky)	Clark Activity Center	Home	12:00 PM	GVB
5	Sat	Aug	23	Holy Cross (Kentucky)	Clark Activity Center	Home	3:00 PM	GVB
6	Tue	Aug	26	Avon	Clark Activity Center	Home	6:30 PM	GVB
7	Wed	Aug	27	Center Grove	Murray Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	BSOC
8	Fri	Aug	29	Louisville Trinity (Kentucky)	Louisville Trinity	Away	7:30 PM	VFB
9	Sat	Aug	30	Louisville Trinity (Kentucky)	Carmel Stadium	Home	11:00 AM	JVFB
10	Sat	Aug	30	Cathedral	Murray Stadium	Home	11:00 AM	GSOC
11	Sat	Aug	30	Zionsville	Murray Stadium	Home	2:30 PM	BSOC
12	Sat	Aug	30	Fishers	Murray Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	GSOC
13	Tue	Sep	2	Brebeuf	Murray Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	BSOC
14	Fri	Sep	5	Center Grove	Center Grove	Away	7:00 PM	VFB
15	Sat	Sep	6	Center Grove	Carmel Stadium	Home	10:00 AM	JVFB
16	Wed	Sep	10	Carmel vs. Clay	Clay Middle School	Home	5:00 PM	8FB
17	Wed	Sep	10	Lawrence Central	Murray Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	GSOC
18	Thu	Sep	11	Lawrence Central	Murray Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	BSOC
19	Fri	Sep	12	Pike (Homecoming)	Carmel Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	VFB
20	Sat	Sep	13	Pike	Carmel Stadium	Home	10:00 AM	9FB
21	Mon	Sep	15	North Central	Murray Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	GSOC
22	Tue	Sep	16	Lawrence North	Clark Activity Center	Home	6:30 PM	GVB
23	Fri	Sep	19	Lawrence North	Lawrence North	Away	7:00 PM	VFB
24	Sat	Sep	20	Lawrence North	Carmel Stadium	Home	10:00 AM	JVFB
25	Tue	Sep	23	North Central	Clark Activity Center	Home	6:30 PM	GVB
26	Wed	Sep	24	Noblesville	Clark Activity Center	Home	6:30 PM	GVB
27	Fri	Sep	26	North Central	North Central	Away	7:00 PM	VFB
28	Sat	Sep	27	North Central	Carmel Stadium	Home	10:00 AM	JVFB
29	Sat	Sep	27	Evansville Memorial	Murray Stadium	Home	2:00 PM	BSOC
30	Sat	Sep	27	Zionsville	Murray Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	GSOC
31	Mon	Sep	29	Pike	Clark Activity Center	Home	6:30 PM	GVB
32	Tues	Sep	30	Clay vs. Creekside	Creekside Middle School	Home	5:00 PM	8FB
33	Tue	Sep	30	Cathedral	Clark Activity Center	Home	6:30 PM	GVB
34	Wed	Oct	1	Center Grove	Murray Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	GSOC
35	Fri	Oct	3	Ben Davis	Carmel Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	VFB
36	Sat	Oct	4	Ben Davis	Carmel Stadium		10:00 AM	9FB
37	Fri	Oct	10	Warren Central	Warren Central	Away	7:00 PM	VFB
38	Sat	Oct	11	Warren Central	Carmel Stadium	Home		JVFB
39	Wed	Oct	15	Regional	Murray Stadium	Home	TBA	GSOC
40	Fri	Oct	17	Lawrence Central	Carmel Stadium	Home	7:00 PM	VFB
41	Sat	Oct	18	Lawrence Central	Carmel Stadium	Home		9FB
42	Sat	Oct	18	Regional Championship	Murray Stadium	Home	TBA	GSOC
43	Fri	Oct	24	Sectional	TBA	TBA	7:00 PM	VFB
44	Tue	Oct	28	Regional	Clark Activity Center	Home	7:00 PM	GVB
45	Fri	Oct	31	Sectional Championship	TBA	TBA	7:00 PM	VFB
46	Fri	Nov	7	Regional	TBA	TBA	7:00 PM	VFB
47	Fri	Nov	14	Semi State	TBA	TBA	7:00 PM	VFB
48	Fri	Nov	28	State Championship	Lucas Oil Stadium	Away	7:00 PM	VFB
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Friday's county sports schedule

Football

Western Boone at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m. Fishers at North Central, 7 p.m. Tipton at Heights, 7 p.m. Southeastern at Carmel, 7 p.m. Noblesville at Lawrence North, 7 p.m. Guerin vs. Martinsville at Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer Southeastern, Noblesville at South Bend St. Joe Tourney, 6 p.m.

Major League Baseball standings

From mlb.com

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	73	52	.584	-
N.Y. Yankees	64	61	.512	9.0
Toronto	65	62	.512	9.0
Tampa Bay	62	65	.488	12.0
Boston	56	71	.441	18.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	70	56	.556	-
Detroit	68	57	.544	1.5
Cleveland	64	62	.508	6.0
Chi. White Sox	59	68	.465	11.5
Minnesota	56	70	.444	14.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Angels	76	50	.603	-
Oakland	74	52	.587	2.0
Seattle	68	58	.540	8.0
Houston	54	74	.422	23.0
Texas	49	77	.389	27.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	73	53	.579	-
Atlanta	67	61	.523	7.0
Miami	63	63	.500	10.0
N.Y. Mets	60	68	.469	14.0
Philadelphia	56	71	.441	17.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	71	56	.559	-
St. Louis	69	57	.548	1.5
Pittsburgh	65	62	.512	6.0
Cincinnati	61	67	.477	10.5
Chi. Cubs	55	72	.433	16.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	72	57	.558	-
San Francisco	67	59	.532	3.5
San Diego	59	67	.468	11.5
Arizona	53	75	.414	18.5
Colorado	50	76	.397	20.5

Thursday scores

N.Y. Yankees 3, Houston 0 Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1 Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 0 Washington 1, Arizona 0 Chi. Cubs 2, San Francisco 1 Atlanta 8, Cincinnati 0 L.A. Angels 2, Boston 0 San Francisco 5, Chi. Cubs 3 L.A. Dodgers 2, San Diego 1

VENISON

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venison highly rewarding," he said. "They were incredibly grateful, and I'm looking forward to participating again next year"

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