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K9 Moxy joins Sheriff's Department



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Just like their human counterparts, canines who enter law enforcement undergo a rigorous selection and training process. This week, Hamilton County's newest K9 deputy, Moxy, completed her tracking certification and will hit the road with her partner, Deputy Nate Biddle. The two have been working together since December on the fundamentals of tracking and other law enforcement K9 work. Moxy is an approximately one-year old female black Lab who was hired into the Sheriff's Office late last year. In addition to tracking, Moxy is also working toward becoming certified in narcotics detection.

Like mother . . . not so like daughter

My mom and I are alike in so many ways. The exceptions, mostly, have to do with sewing.

My mom tried to teach me to sew. My mom tried to teach me to crochet. My mom tried to teach me to embroider. My mom taught me to cook.

One out of four isn't the success rate for which she had hoped. You can lead the child to the hobby but you can't make it learn. The child has to want to learn.

I did make a babushka in my seventh grade Home Economics class. It was torture for both me



and Miss Rudolph. Mom still crochets at the age of 91. In fact she is taking orders for her sock dolls. She makes the doll and then crochets clothes for them.

She has so much detail in her designs. She will tuck a handkerchief in the pocket of a boy doll's overalls. The girl dolls are adorned with a beret or bonnet. The skirts have belts in coordinating fabric.

Growing up, Mom would have McCalls patterns spread out

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130 superintendents report teacher shortage

The REPORTER

Indiana school districts are dealing with teacher shortages.

According to a new survey, even more districts are feeling the impact now than in 2016.

So, what's going on? More than 130 of the 141 district superintendents in the survey said they have a teacher shortage now.

"The teacher shortage is real," said Dave Mundy, associate superintendent for Noblesville Schools. "What started a



Mundy



Arrowood

few years ago as a shortage of teachers in specialty disciplines is now a shortage of teachers in many disciplines, as well as a

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HSE, teachers propose contract

By **LARRY LANNAN**
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tax increase to solidify the financial situation of the local schools, one argument educators made to vote yes was the issue of teacher compensation. HSE Schools Superintendent Allen Bourff often

said HSE, because of the quality and reputation of the school system and the community, can recruit and retain good teachers without being at the top of the Indianapolis suburban pay school.

Dr. Bourff said HSE just needs to be competitive by raising the compensation closer to the middle of the pack among the Indy suburbs. The referendum passed overwhelmingly.

The Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA) and Hamilton Southeastern School administrators have

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Noblesville seeking skating rink monitors for Federal Hill Commons' Ice Plaza

The REPORTER

Looking for a seasonal winter break job? The City of Noblesville is seeking interested applicants for temporary employment in the parks department as skating rink monitors at Federal Hill Commons' Ice Plaza. Employees will be scheduled to work up to 40 hours per

week at the ice rink between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily with the exception of holidays. The seasonal position, which will include six to eight people, runs Nov. 1 through Jan. 9, 2018, and hourly pay ranges from \$10 to \$12 depending on experience.

"As a new park amenity, the

ice rink will be a fun and exciting winter activity for the Noblesville community and the skating rink monitor will be crucial to providing an enjoyable experience for ice skaters and park visitors this winter," said Recreation Director Nichole Haberlin. "We are an active team and our openings allow others to further

their experience in the recreation field and become more involved with community events and programs."

Skating rink monitors will provide customer service to guests, sell admissions and concessions, clean the ice and monitor safety of the plaza. This position also will assist with theme

night skating and fun holiday events. This temporary position is a great opportunity to earn some extra bucks during the holiday season, especially for students while on winter break.

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Give hope a shot at Jim Dandy

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Have a dandy time helping Hope Family Care Center (Hope Clinic) raise money for flu shots by having dinner from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 at Jim Dandy, 2301 Conner St., Noblesville.

Hope Family Care Center will receive 15 percent of all dine-in and to-go sales for the evening.

The money raised will go toward funding flu shots for those that cannot afford them and to help offset the cost of the vaccination that is used. The Clinic will accept \$10 donations from those that can afford to pay, but each shot cost the Clinic \$15.

So come out for a delicious dinner and help spread Hope, one shot at a time.

LIKE

Over fabric on the kitchen table. I loved the clothes she made me. She hoped that I would someday make clothes for my daughter. It never happened.

Over the years she has crocheted afghans and sewn quilts. I have always marveled at her creations. However, I never had any desire to learn these things myself.

A few days ago I signed up for a Hand Lettering Art Class at the Dwelling Place in Atlanta. When I told my mom, she was so excited. She told me that I needed to learn to do something or I would be a lonely old woman.

I don't know who

laughed harder, my mom or my granddaughter, Aleksa. I guess there is still hope for me. I guess you really aren't too old to learn something new.

I will tell you that I loved the class. While I am not ready to create a fancy sign, I will be practicing what I learned. Practicing, because I have found something I truly enjoy and want to learn more.

Maybe at 91 I will be taking orders for signs. Or maybe, I will still be baking chocolate pies like my mom taught me. I guess my mom would say... there is still hope for me yet!

Or... I may get around to writing my book.

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significant shortage of support staff. We're thankful that as a well-respected district we're able to attract strong talent, but we also struggle to fill positions and currently have support staff vacancies."

Hamilton Heights Superintendent Derek Arrowood stated, "Our challenges have been finding quality applicants in the area of Science and Special Education. To combat this challenge we have two outstanding educators that are pursuing licensure in the area of special education and science while teaching under emergency permits. We were very fortunate to find these teachers and they are doing great things for our students. Our retention rates for teachers have been very strong, specifically after the third

year of teaching in HHSC. Our best teacher recruiting tool has been our ability to demonstrate the quality of the HHSC Community and students as well as recent enhancements of our facilities creating and reinventing our teaching spaces into state of the art learning environments."

Indiana's governor and the state superintendent of public education both said Thursday morning they've got plans to fix it.

Jennifer McCormick, the Indiana superintendent, said, "It is a concern. I don't think there's anyone across the state who isn't concerned."

Some 94 percent of Indiana district superintendents recently surveyed said they have a teacher shortage.

McCormick said,

"We're dealing with those struggles in teacher shortage. Not just sometimes in quantity, but quality. I would say that goes into administration as well. We're all dealing with that."

This is the third year **Indiana State University professor Terry McDaniel** has done this survey. In it, nearly 70 percent of superintendents said they've got a shortage in special education teachers. Fifty-seven percent said their shortages are in math and science. McDaniel said many teachers are leaving the industry and few are coming in.

McCormick said her office is already working with other state officials on the problem.

"For the first time, we've hired a talent officer to really dive into

retention and attraction issues," McCormick said. "How do we get good people in the classrooms? How do we get those students who are interested in teaching?"

The survey found 23 percent of districts lean on full-time substitutes to cope.

Superintendents in the survey said poor pay is one of their biggest hurdles when it comes to attracting qualified candidates. Gov. Eric Holcomb said it's a problem that has a statewide impact.

"We also have shortages in five key sectors out there," the Republican governor said. "When you have about 100,000 unfilled jobs across the state of Indiana, we have to do everything we can to make sure we get our kiddos off on that right first step."

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CONTRACT

hammered out a new two-year contract covering calendar years 2018 and 2019 for teachers in the HSE school corporation. At the Oct. 25 school board meeting, Superintendent Bourff summarized the main provisions in the new contract proposal.

Those provisions include:

- In 2018, teachers will receive an average pay increase of 2.73 percent, with salaries ranging from a low of \$40,158 up to high of \$79,085.

- In 2019, the average salary increase will be 2.66 percent, with the low \$40,158 and the high \$79,751.

- There will be a group of teachers not always falling under the increases described above due to what is described as a "reset," which is an effort to increase the pay of newly hired teachers who suffered pay caps during the

tough budget years.

- Health insurance premiums will not increase in 2018, but 2019 premiums will depend on what the school system experiences in health claims, as that data is not known yet.

- Teacher compensation for extracurricular activities will not change in the current 2017-2018 school year, but the school corporation will inject \$17,500 into that money pool during the 2018-2019 school year.

- The administration PowerPoint presentation says this contract will increase teacher compensation by just over \$6.4 mil-

lion during the two-year duration of the pact.

Teachers must ratify this contract. The vote will be held Nov. 1 through Nov. 3. If teachers approve, the school board will hold a ratification vote at the Nov. 8 meeting.

It should be noted that I have covered a number of teacher-school board bargaining over new contracts. This is the first time I have ever seen a school corporation choose to reveal publicly the major provisions of a proposed agreement before the ratification process.

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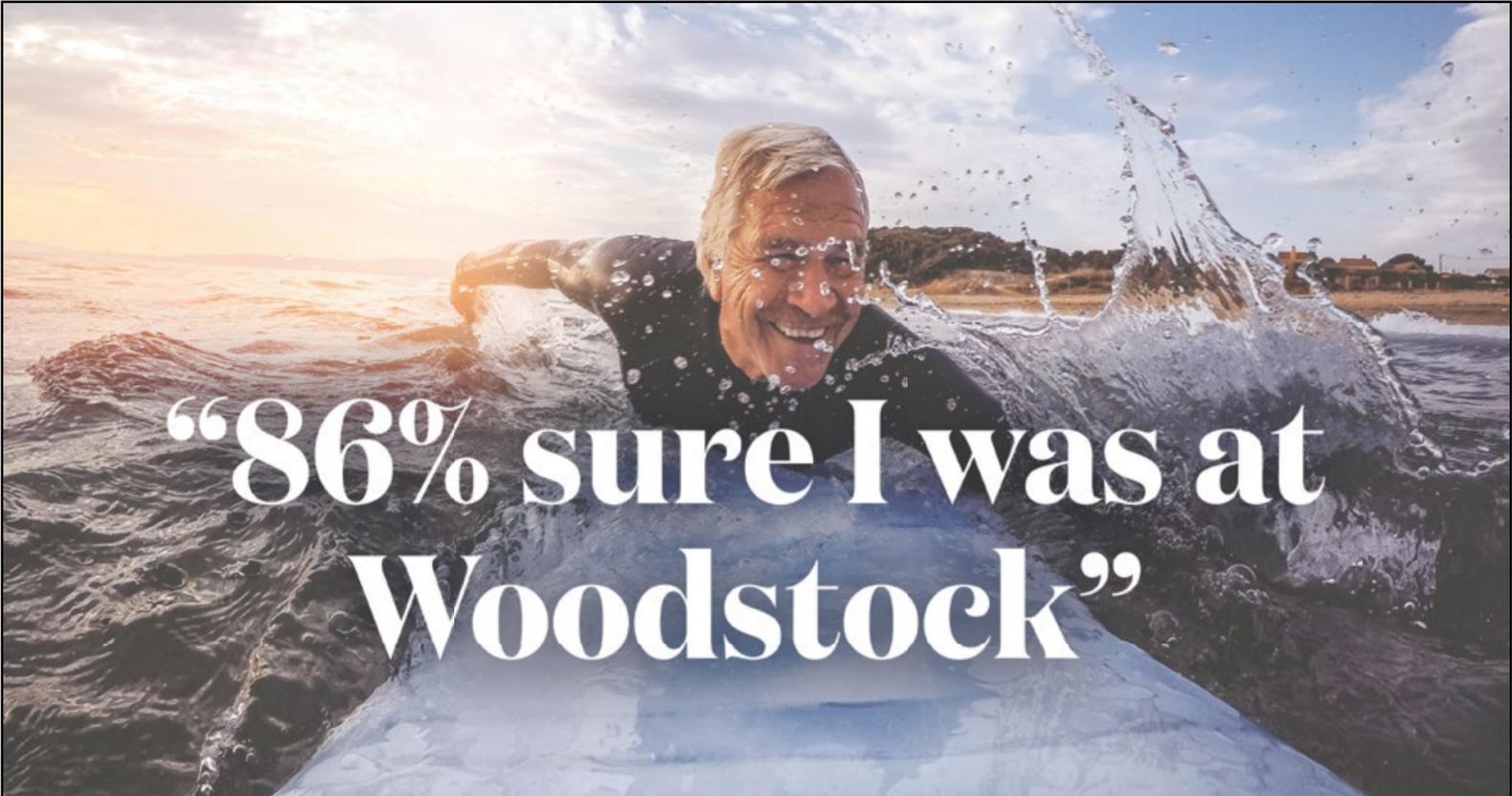
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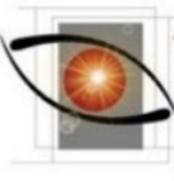
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Base Camp Leasing in Fishers hires new Chief Operating Officer

The REPORTER

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Base Camp Leasing has been dedicated to helping landowners lease their hunting rights since 1999 and is the largest hunting lease company in the country with roughly 2,600 leases. They dominate the DIY hunting space with their annual lease for all

game species model. Base Camp currently operates in 22 states east of the Rocky Mountains. Base Camp will be able to continue expanding and providing many more hunting opportunities with the addition of Mrnak as COO.

"I could not be more excited to join Base Camp Leasing and this dedicated and knowledgeable team, where it was clear to me very early on that our values, vision and passion for the outdoors align," said Mrnak. "I am looking forward to what the future holds for our customers, company and my family in this new opportunity."

With 10 years of operations leadership in the outdoor industry, most of which has been with Cabela's, both in retail and hunt bookings, Steve Meng, President of Base Camp Leasing, is confident of Mrnak's skills to drive extensive and sustainable growth for the company. Part of Mrnak's duties

as COO for Base Camp Leasing will be providing leadership, management and the vision necessary to ensure that the company has the proper operational controls, administrative and reporting procedures in place.

"Nate's experience and leadership skills match up perfectly with our culture, and vision for the next generation of Base Camp Leasing," said Meng. "It is truly humbling to be able to attract this caliber of talent."

Mrnak says that his favorite time to hunt is with his two daughters, ages nine and 12, who have harvested deer and turkey every season since they were eight. "It feels like a blessing to be able to create those kinds of opportunities on private land for other families," expresses Nate.

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HSE conducts survey on school calendar

By **LARRY LANNAN**
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One item that is of interest to almost all parents and students of any school district is the school calendar. When does school start? When is the last day of school? When are the breaks scheduled and how many days will they last?

Families often plan vacations well in advance, so knowing the calendar is important for that reason.

There are other reasons as well.

The Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School District is conducting a survey of the entire community on the issues surrounding future school calendars. As of Oct. 27, roughly 9,000 people had sent their views.

It is a simple multiple choice survey. If you would like to participate, please visit surveymonkey.com/r/NJ6TQBF.

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Judicial Officer issues recommendations on bail reform

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, a workgroup established by California's Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye to study the state's bail system, issued a slate of recommendations. It stated that cash bail should be replaced by a pretrial release program based on risk assessment that determines the probability that a criminal defendant is likely to show up for their court appearance and that they pose minimal risk to public safety. [Click here](#) to view the recommendations.

This is not a California-only issue. The recommendations add another controversial element to the topic of bail reform, a battle which is currently being waged in states across the country through ongoing lawsuits, bills pending legislation and judicial intervention. The arguments put forth by Cantil-Sakauye are the same ones used everywhere and are a part of a coordinated national effort to alter the criminal justice system.

Advocates for bail reform have cited the fundamental unfairness of keeping people in jail simply because they are poor. Unfortunately, opponents point out, often lost in the discussion is the fact that the individuals in question have been accused of a crime. Charges are leveled only after law enforcement and a judge

determines there is probable cause. They also point out that the cost of bail is directly scaled to the level of the offense.

Public safety is one of the key factors mentioned by those concerned about a radical overhaul of the existing cash bail system. In jurisdictions where bail reform has recently been instituted, there has been evidence of an increase in violent crime. For instance, in New Jersey, where cash bail was abolished earlier this year, a young man was shot 22 times by a career criminal who had been released just three days after being arrested on a weapons charge. And in Texas, a man arrested for looting a liquor store was released on his own recognizance despite having been arrested 10 times this year for a variety of offenses, including burglary, trespassing, theft and possession. On the earlier charges, he failed to appear in court numerous times.

Opponents also mention the use of risk assessment, which they feel is one of the primary flaws of bail reform. Using an algorithm, it determines who is "dangerous" and stays in jail, versus who is "safe" and allowed to go free while they await trial. The problem, they say, is that it is an either/or system with no human judgement involved. In a horrific case in Albuquerque

last year, Michelle Martens participated in the methodical drugging, rape and murder of her 10-year-old daughter, Victoria, by her boyfriend and his cousin. Although Martens was arrested and held with no bail (her trial is still pending at this time), New Mexico subsequently instituted bail reform. Under the new laws, Martens would have been eligible for immediate release, as the risk assessment tool, based only on an algorithm, would have determined she was low-risk and therefore, not a risk to public safety. New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, an opponent of bail reform has expressed outrage and is working to overturn laws in her state.

Another significant component to bail reform is the cost to taxpayers. Proponents often mention that freeing criminal defendants saves money through a reduced need for jails and associated administrative costs. But those opposed say that the amount spent in administering what is basically a free government-operated bail system -- minus the revenue from bail fees -- more than offsets any cost savings. These costs include creating an expensive infrastructure to monitor and track individuals who have been released.

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When did the new State Constitution take effect?

The REPORTER

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1851 – The new Indiana State Constitution went into effect, replacing the original document which was written in 1816. This 1851 Constitution continues to serve as the foundation of state government.

1877 – The body of Indiana Governor and United States Senator Oliver P. Morton lay in state at the

Marion County Courthouse. Morton had led the state through the tumultuous years of the Civil War. His funeral was in the county courthouse since the old Statehouse was being demolished to be replaced by the current structure.

1902 – Booth Tarkington from Indianapolis was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives. Politically active since his days at Princeton, he was good friends with Woodrow Wilson. He served one term in the legislature before resuming his career as author and dramatist.

1932 – United States Vice President Charles



Curtis spoke at the Coliseum in Richmond, Ind. He was there to campaign for the re-election of President Herbert Hoover. The Palladium-Item newspaper reported that it was one of the largest political rallies ever held in the city.

1963 – On Halloween night, a propane gas tank exploded during a performance of the "Holiday on Ice" show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum. The blast killed 74 people and injured nearly 400.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Matthew 15:27-28 (KJV)

Marjorie Ann Kaiser

May 27, 1926 – October 27, 2017

Marjorie Ann Kaiser, 91, passed peacefully into Heaven on Friday, October 27, 2017 at St. Vincent's Hospice, Indianapolis. Marjorie was born on a farm outside Cicero on May 27, 1926 to Wm. Watson and Gertrude Cornelius Kaiser.



She loved being a farm girl and taking care of animals. Marj graduated from Jackson Central in 1944. She worked at Herff Jones, Firestone and retired after 35+ years from Fort Benjamin Harrison. She was a lifelong member of Bethel Lutheran Church. A 50+ year resident on Clinton Street in Noblesville, she was often called "the Cat Lady of Clinton". Marjorie was an avid Larry Bird fan as well as the Pacers and Colts.

Marjorie is survived by her two daughters, Ann (Bob) Buscher, Crawfordsville and Tricia Kaiser, Indianapolis; grandsons Brett (Molly) Buscher, Indianapolis and Brandon (Karen) Buscher of Niskayuna, N.Y.; great-grandson Theo Buscher; sister-in-law, Rosemary Kaiser; special niece, Marcie Kaiser; and many other nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Phil Kaiser; and sister, Rose Kaiser Baden.

The family wishes to thank her past and present neighbors that enabled her to live independently for many years, including special friends Linda McConnell, Mary Rhea, Karen Crusenberry, Karen Huff, Ruth Roberts, the Sells family and Ross Callahan.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Randall Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation beginning at noon.

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Cross country state finals

Carmel, Fishers go 1-2; Fendel wins individual boys race

Carmel's Bates second in girls race, three county teams make top six



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

The Carmel boys cross country team won its 15th state championship Saturday at the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course in Terre Haute. The Greyhounds scored 94 points and placed in the top two for the sixth year in a row.

The boys race was true to form while the girls race had a few surprises at Saturday's IHSAA state cross country meet.

In cold conditions at the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course in Terre Haute, Hamilton County had the top two boys teams, and three of the top six girls teams. In addition, a county runner claimed the individual boys championship.

That champion is Hamilton Southeastern's Gabe Fendel. The senior won the race in a time of 15:17.2, finishing 2.3 seconds ahead of Cathedral junior Cole Hocker. The two had been trading the post-season championships over the past

couple weeks, with Hocker winning the Noblesville regional, then Fendel triumphing at the Shelbyville semi-state.

This marked the third straight top 10 finish for Fendel, who will be running at the University of Colorado next year. Fendel was the individual runner-up last season, placed ninth in 2015. Fendel was a state qualifier all four years; he finished the race his freshman year in a time of 16:38.3.

Meanwhile, the Greyhounds won the state championship trophy for the 15th time, extending their record. Carmel's victory also meant a sixth consecutive finish in the top two, only the fourth time in history that has

happened. The 'Hounds had a streak of seven consecutive top two finishes from 1976-82, and six in a row between from 1984-89. Anderson won the first seven state championships that were conducted by the IHSAA, dating from 1946 to 1952.

Carmel scored 94 points, with four of its runners finishing in the team top 20. Keelan Grant led the Greyhounds by placing 14th; he scored 10 team points for Carmel. Grant was followed by Colin Murphy in 18th place (13 points). Ben Myers and Calvin Bates were 33rd and 34th respectively, but scored 18 and 19 points. Ben Miller finished the team scoring by coming in 57th, and his 34 points clinched the deal for Carmel.

The Tigers were next in line with 152 points, returning to the runner-up spot that they held in 2015. Fishers won the state championship in 2007, in only the school's second season since re-opening.

Sam Kuhn led the Tigers by taking 15th place, which resulted in 11 team points. Ethan Meyer took 26th place, scoring 16 points. At that point Fishers was facing competition from Westview, which had two runners score low - five and eight points respectively.

But the Tigers more than made up the difference in their next three runners. William Clark scored 27 points (finishing 46th overall), making up some ground after Westview's third runner scored 33 points.

Fishers then quickly closed its scoring when Alex Meyer and Thomas Brelage finished within 1.8 seconds of each other, scoring 48 and 50 points respectively. The issue was settled once the Warriors' fourth runner scored 56 points. Overall, Alex Meyer placed 75th and Brelage was 79th.

Two more county runners competed as individuals. Guerin Catholic's Quinn Gallagher placed 16th, earning All-State honors. Westfield's Nick Leahy finished 37th.

In the girls race, Carmel's streak of seven straight state titles was brought to an end by

its neighbor to the west: Zionsville. The Eagles won their first ever state championship in cross country by knocking off Fort Wayne Carroll, 118-129. Zionsville had three runners score in the single digits and a third score 19 points; that was enough to hold off low scores from the Chargers' fourth and fifth runners.

The Greyhounds had the runner that scored one point: Phoebe Bates. The sophomore finished in a time of 18 minutes even, and that placed her second overall. The winner was Greencastle's Emma Wilson, who flew home in a time of 17:45.9.

Maddie Dalton was next for Carmel, scoring 17 team points and placing 25th overall, putting her on the medal stand. The 'Hounds finished with 169 points, ahead of Brebeuf Jesuit's 196. The Braves had gotten the better of Carmel at the regional and semi-state, but the Greyhounds finished ahead in the state battle.

Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers were within a point of each other: The Royals reached the podium by scoring 208 points, with the Tigers taking sixth on 209 points. Lulu Black and Halle Hill were 16th and 23rd respectively for HSE, earning them medals. Deborah Shera was Fishers' highest finisher, taking 29th.

Noblesville's Abi Little placed 18th overall, giving the Indiana University-bound senior a state medal for the third year in a row. Westfield's Gabby Dilick finished 43rd.

BOYS RACE

Team scores: Carmel 94, Fishers 152, Westview 171, Valparaiso 200, Cathedral 213, Bloomington South 216, Fort Wayne Carroll 256, Tell City 258, North Central 281, Avon 281, Christian Academy of Indiana 292, Lowell 321, Penn 347, Crown Point 348, West Lafayette 377, Jennings County 392, Columbus North 393, Concordia Lutheran 405, Zionsville 440, Chesterton 452, Pendleton Heights 458, McCutcheon 482, Bloomington North 504, West Noble 524.

Race winner: Gabe Fendel (Hamilton Southeastern) 15:17.2.

Carmel runners: 14. Keelan Grant 15:45.9, 18. Colin Murphy 15:53.1, 33. Ben Myers 16:07.6, 34. Calvin Bates 16:07.8, 57. Ben Miller 16:18.4, 100. Trey Harris 16:35.0, 108. Will Murphy 16:38.8.

Fishers runners: 15. Samuel Kuhn 15:46.9, 26. Ethan Meyer 16:02.9, 46. William Clark 16:13.0, 75. Alexander Meyer 16:26.0, 79. Thomas Brelage 16:27.8, 109. Quintin Goldman 16:39.0, 150. Matthew Brown 17:02.6.

Guerin Catholic runner: 16. Quinn Gallagher 15:47.4.

Westfield runner: 37. Nicholas Leahy 16:08.8.

GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Zionsville 118, Fort Wayne Carroll 129, Carmel 169, Brebeuf Jesuit 196, Hamilton Southeastern 208, Fishers 209, Brownsburg 251, Bloomington North

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The Fishers boys team finished as the runner-up at the state meet on Saturday. It's the second time in three years that the Tigers have placed second.



ABOVE: Carmel's girls team placed third at the state meet, with Phoebe Bates (front row, far right) finishing as the individual runner-up.

BELOW: Hamilton Southeastern's girls team finished fifth in the state, edging out Fishers by one point: 208-209.



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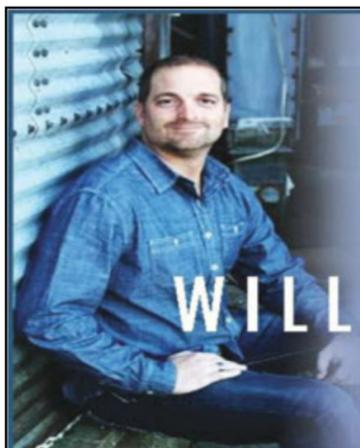
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ABOVE LEFT: Hamilton Southeastern's Gabe Fendel won the boys individual state championship, finishing in a time of 15:17.2. The senior Fendel has committed to the University of Colorado for next season.
ABOVE: Guerin Catholic's Quinn Gallagher finished 16th in the boys race, earning a state medal.
LEFT: Noblesville's Abi Little placed 18th in the girls race. The Indiana University-bound senior is a four-time state qualifier, earning three medals.
BELOW: Teresa Kraft (474) and Miya Wai (480) were part of Fishers' sixth-place girls team.



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Race winner: Emma Wilson (Greencastle) 17:45.9.

Carmel runners: 2. Phoebe Bates 18:00.0, 25. Maddie Dalton 18:39.3, 62. Lindsey Roper 19:11.0, 70. Lily McAndrews 19:13.3, 91. Izza Khurram 19:26.8, 111. Sydney Haines 19:37.6, 149. Anna Morozov 20:09.5.

Southeastern runners: 16. Lulu Black 18:29.6, 23. Halle Hill 18:35.9, 35. Lilly Cummins 18:49.6, 108. Sam Alphin 19:37.3, 115. Ellie Pedersen 19:40.5, 198. Ellie Johnson 21:07.1, 204. Brooke Ratliff 21:35.3.

Fishers runners: 29. Deborah Shera 18:43.9, 48. Abigail Carter 19:02.3, 68. Miya Wai 19:13.1, 78. Teresa Kraft 19:17.6, 86. Kamyia Lapsley 19:23.7, 103. Corinne Yorkman 19:36.1, 112. Corinne O'Leary 19:38.9.

Noblesville runner: Abi Little 18:31.3.

Westfield runner: 43. Gabby Dilck 18:57.5.



NBA standings

Saturday's scores		Philadelphia 112, Dallas 110
New Orleans 123, Cleveland 101	Boston 96, Miami 90	Utah 96, L.A. Lakers 81
Oklahoma City 101, Chicago 69	Memphis 103, Houston 89	Portland 114, Phoenix 107
		Detroit 95, L.A. Clippers 87

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Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	4	2	.667	-
Toronto	3	2	.600	0.5
Brooklyn	3	3	.500	1.0
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	2.0
New York	1	3	.250	2.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	4	2	.667	-
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	0.5
Cleveland	3	3	.500	1.0
Indiana	2	3	.400	1.5
Chicago	1	4	.200	2.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Orlando	4	1	.800	-
Washington	3	2	.600	1.0
Miami	2	3	.400	2.0
Charlotte	2	3	.400	2.0
Atlanta	1	5	.167	3.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	4	2	.667	-
Minnesota	3	3	.500	1.0
Utah	3	3	.500	1.0
Oklahoma City	3	3	.500	1.0
Denver	2	3	.400	1.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Clippers	4	1	.800	-
Golden State	4	2	.667	0.5
L.A. Lakers	2	4	.333	2.5
Phoenix	2	4	.333	2.5
Sacramento	1	4	.200	3.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	5	1	.833	-
San Antonio	4	1	.800	0.5
Houston	5	2	.714	0.5
New Orleans	3	3	.500	2.0
Dallas	1	6	.143	4.5

Girls basketball preview

Still-young Millers return top three leading scorers

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

While there are many familiar names who will be playing for the Noblesville girls basketball team this season, one thing is still true: The Millers are a young team.



Kiser

There are only two seniors listed on the varsity roster, along with three juniors. But that group of five also includes three of Noblesville's leading scorers from last season - including one who is one of the top seniors in the state.

That would be Emily Kiser, who averaged a double-double for the Millers as a junior last year. Kiser scored 19.4 points and pulled 11.6 rebounds per game. Kiser has been making news throughout the last few months, first by committing to the University of Michigan over the summer, then by helping Noblesville to a volleyball sectional championship this fall.

Next up are two juniors. Maddie Knight and Mallory Johnson contributed 9.0 points per game last season. Olivia Morales is the Millers' other senior, while Madison Whetro is a returning junior.

"We are excited about this season," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. "The girls are working hard and getting better every day. We hope to be aggressive on both ends of the floor for 32 minutes. We will be as good as our defense and rebounding. That is something we are working hard to get better at this season."

Sophomores to look out for on the Millers roster include Abby Haley, who played in the majority of Noblesville's games last season. Kailyn Ely, Anna Kiser, Devon Ray and



Knight



Johnson

Sarah Etchison are other sophomores in the group, with Etchison and Ray swinging between varsity and junior varsity.

The Millers open their season Thursday at Lawrence North, then play their home opener next Saturday against Fort Wayne Snider.

Noblesville preliminary rosters

Varsity

Seniors: Emily Kiser, Olivia Morales.

Juniors: Mallory Johnson, Maddie Knight, Madison Whetro.

Sophomores: Kaylin Ely, Sarah Etchison, Abby Haley, Anna Kiser, Maddy Randolph, Devon Ray.

Junior Varsity

Junior: Ashley Mathias.

Sophomores: Sarah Bimmerlee, Sarah Etchison, Isabelle Keller, Kelly Lehane, Maddy Randolph, Devon Ray.

Freshmen: Mallory Miller, Emily Wood.

Freshmen

Abby Baker, Olivia Busalacchi, Emery Denison, Jayla Jones, Makenna Mundy, Maddison Tedder, Sarah Unison.

Hamilton Heights' Jessica Kaurich signs with Grace College

Jessica Kaurich, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play softball for the Grace College Lancers this fall. Grace College is a member of the Crossroads League. She is the daughter of Kelley and Jeanine Kaurich.

Grace College was Kaurich's college of choice to continue her education and playing softball at the collegiate level. "I love the small, Christian college environment at Grace," explained Kaurich, who plans to work in a pediatric intensive care unit of a hospital to help the sickest children heal and find comfort after earning her nursing degree. "I'm excited to play for Coach Nora Reece because of her intense and positive approach to the game and love of her players."

Kaurich has found success and recognition in the classroom and on the field. She holds a 3.91 grade-point average, is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Athletic Advisory Committee, a Husky Ambassador, and among the students pictured on HHHS Wall of Academic Excellence.

She has been playing softball since age six and a member of a travel team since age eight. A varsity starter since joining the high school softball team as a freshman, this team captain helped take her team to semi state play her freshmen and sophomore years; earned Honorable Mention as a freshman; named to the First Team All-Conference, First Team All County Team; and received the Coaches Choice Award as a sophomore and junior. Wearing the No. 7 jersey, Kaurich, a catcher, has proven to be a solid force who is looking forward to her senior season.

Kaurich credits Chris Norwood, head coach of the Indiana Mayham, as a major influence in her athletic development over the years. "Coach Norwood coached me for three formative years (aged 11-14)," said Kaurich. "He taught me discipline, increased



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights

Hamilton Heights' senior Jessica Kaurich has signed a letter of intent to play softball for Grace College at Winona Lake, Indiana. Kaurich (seated) is pictured with her family (l-r) brother Cayman, parents Kelley and Jeanine, and brother Colin.

my skill level and gave me a love for the game which has only increased over time."

"I have coached Jessica since her freshman year," said Landi Lockwood, Hamilton High Girls Softball Coach. "She is one of the hardest working athletes I have coached. She shows up early, stays late, works with other teammates to help them if they ask her. She is one of a kind. Her

dedication to the game and love of the game is undeniable. What I believe sets Jessica apart from the rest are the qualities she has that you can't coach. She has passion for the game, grit and determination, heart, is a leader, wants to do well, wants her teammates to do well and wants to win at all times. She can accomplish anything she sets her mind to."

"Jessica is one of my favorite players over a 22-year coaching career," added Club Coach Chris Norwood. "She is always positive, willing to do whatever it takes to

make herself and her team better, and is the player you want at the plate with the game on the line."

Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director, said, "Jessica is a special student/athlete at Hamilton Heights. She leads by example in and out of the classroom, works extremely hard at everything she does and is one of the most polite kids I've ever met. Her leadership skills will certainly be missed. We wish her well in her new softball venture at Grace College."

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