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Zack Reising never lets anything get in his way . . .

Noblesville Eagle Scout receives Merle Miller Service Project Award

The REPORTER

Zack Reising is an 18-year-old recent graduate of Noblesville High School, and is an adult member of Troop 183, with St. Michaels Episcopal Church. He has been in Scouting since he joined as a Cub in first grade.

Reising is an aviation enthusiast and has been pouring much time and energy into attaining his pilot's license. Because of his cerebral palsy, there have been many curvy roads to get there, but he is determined to achieve his goals, no matter how long it takes. Eagle Scout Neil Armstrong has always been his idol and a driving force for his quest to fly.

From the beginning of the discussions about his Eagle Scout Project, Reising was focused on creating a walking trail on his church property, Bethel Lutheran Church in Noblesville. His youth group leader, Joe Rudy, was supportive of his idea from the start, and along with Kirk Pfeil, another church member, they collectively narrowed his plan down, slightly.

His Troop Committee didn't feel as strongly about his project because the scope was so large, but after some discussion and a promise by Reising to phase the project, the Bethel Peace Trail was born.

Reising was able to raise over \$10,000 worth of goods, services and money to commit to the entire 0.4-mile stone trail. It took moving 400 tons of

dirt, 400 tons of crushed limestone and nearly 500 volunteer hours to complete the project. He also used proceeds from his popcorn sales over the years to buy and install the Peace Trail Sign. He has always said "go big or go home" and this project certainly qualified for "BIG."

About the Merle Miller Eagle Scout Service Project Award

Eagle Scout, Scout Leader, attorney, civic leader, humanitarian and loving husband and father Merle Miller dedicated his life to service others. During his 70 years of Scouting, Merle served as Firecrafter Chief, Scoutmaster, Webelos Leader, Board Member, Council Vice President, Council President and Regional Board Member. His many Scouting honors include Mimosino Firecrafter Rank and the Silver Beaver Award.

Eagle Scouts recognized with this high honor have planned and executed a service project with meaningful community impact involving effective use of the skills of leadership and extensive personal effort. The award also takes into consideration the planning and creativity involved in the project.

The Merle Miller family, Ice Miller and Crossroads of America Council proudly dedicate to his memory this annual recognition of the most outstanding Eagle Service Project through the Merle Miller Eagle Scout Service Project Award.



Photo provided

Zack Reising raised over \$10,000 worth of goods, services and money to building the trail at his church.

ITM ordered to vacate Forest Park immediately

By **JEFF JELLISON**
ReadTheReporter.com

Hamilton County Judge Paul Felix has issued a decision on a court battle involving the Indiana Transportation Museum (ITM) and the City of No-

blesville's decision not to renew the museum's lease at Forest Park.

As a part of the case, ITM had asked the court to issue a restraining order blocking a June 1, 2018 date established by Noblesville for the museum to va-

cate the property.

In late May, Felix conducted a hearing on the matter. On Thursday, Felix issued a ruling requiring ITM to immediately vacate Forest Park.

Felix's ruling stated:
• The ITM is to im-

mediately vacate the property.

• That any structures, additions, equipment or property remaining on the premises will be deemed abandoned if not removed by July 12, 2018.

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Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad begins foliage maintenance

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad is ensuring clear visibility for vehicular traffic at rail crossings with brush cutting efforts that will continue through July 6.

Atlanta Pacific Rail crew will cut all branches and brush along the track 4 to 5 inches or less in diameter. This will help maintain clear visibility for vehicular traffic at crossings. In addition, it will prevent the brush from scratching the sides of the historic and newly-restored equipment arriving in mid-July.

Weed spraying took place Thursday. The spray is an environmentally friendly mix of weed killer that will spray from the center of the track out both directions, killing vegetation. Weed spraying was

completed from Tipton to Indianapolis.

Nickel Plate Express' equipment is expected to arrive in mid-July, with excursions beginning in September.

Houses along the track should contact info@nickelplateexpress.com with questions or concerns.

About Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc.

Formerly the Arcadia Heritage Depot/Arcadia Arts & Heritage initiative, Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc. is a non-profit. The organization will serve as the governing body for the new heritage railroad operation, Nickel Plate Express. It will manage train programming and marketing with excursion rail service contracted to Atlanta Pacific LLC Railroad

New Pickleball courts coming to Cyntheanne Park

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com



Pickleball players packed the Fishers City Hall council chambers Monday to support more Pickleball courts at Cyntheanne Park.

The players, many from the Britton Falls neighborhood but others as well, told the Fishers Board of Public Works and Safety about the high demand for the four Pickleball courts already in place.

The Pickleball advocates want the city to add four new courts, but only one bid was received for two courts, none for the

option of four additional courts. Myers Construction, the firm that constructed the current four courts, was the only bidder. The board awarded the contract for two courts to Myers.

Although only two new Pickleball courts were approved Monday, Mayor

Scott Fadness promised to try and find the money for the additional two courts.

Fadness said he would "look at our donations account, continue to try find as much money as we can. If we can put two more (Pickleball courts) in we will."

The city could use the

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ITM

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• After July 12, 2018, Noblesville will be granted possession of the premises and is authorized to change the locks on the property.

• After July 12, 2018, the Sheriff is ordered to dispose of and remove ITM and all other occupants from the property at the expense of ITM.

On Friday, Noblesville released a statement regarding Felix's ruling.

"We are thankful to Judge Paul Felix and his fair, unbiased judgement on this matter. This case was based on the lease not being renewed and setting a deadline for the removal

of the Indiana Transportation Museum and its property within Forest Park, which originated from ITM suing the city. The order speaks for itself and is very clear and transparent. We are very pleased with the court's order and believe it is the right ruling and in the public's best interest. The property is a mess but will be restored in a safe and efficient manner. The city will continue to hold ITM responsible for any environmental issues remaining at the site."

More information on the environmental activities within Forest Park is available at [this link](#).

PICKLEBALL

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current bidding process to add courts later in the year. If funding goes into 2019, the bidding process starts anew.

Other items approved at the Monday Board of Works meeting included:

• The Kincaid House move from its current location along Interstate 69 to a nearby roundabout was okayed through a complex set of legal moves resulting in the relocation to a nearby roundabout.

• Pricing changes for

rental contracts at the Ambassador House and Saxony Hall gained approval. The prices will be reduced due to efficiencies implemented by the city.

• The board officially approved the intersection changes already implemented at 126th Street and Reynolds Drive.

• A supplemental one-year agreement with RQAW for management services in the State Road 37 construction project received board approval.

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Happy Independence Day, Hamilton County!

The REPORTER

Are you celebrating the 4th of July in Hamilton County this year? If so, here are things to do for Independence Day, including details on where to see fireworks and parades.

Carmel

CarmelFest

- Civic Square
- 3 to 10 p.m. on July 3
- Noon to 10:30 p.m. on July 4
- Free

Carmel's two-day festival includes a parade, marketplace, kid zone and live music, including a Carmel Symphony Orchestra concert at the Carmel Gazebo. A fireworks show is scheduled for July 4 at 9:45 p.m.

Fishers

Star Spangled Symphony

- Conner Prairie
- Gates open at 4:30 p.m.; June 29, June 30, July 3, July 4
- \$37 per adult, \$13 per child ages 2-12

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's annual celebration of America salutes the branches of the Armed Forces. Performance includes the famous 1812 Overture with cannons and a fireworks show to cap off the night.

Spark!Fishers

- Nickel Plate District
- 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on June 30
- Free

This new Fishers celebration includes a 5K, street fair, parade and fireworks.

Tuesday Night Concert presented by IU Health Saxony

- Central Green
- 7 to 9 p.m. on July 3
- Free

Enjoy the Spark!Fishers Show: WJK presents The

PettyBreakers sponsored by Johnson Jensen LLP.

Saxony Independence Celebration Concert & Fireworks Show

- Northside Park
- 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on July 3
- Free

Enjoy dinner from food trucks as local band My Yellow Rickshaw performs. The night caps off with a fireworks show at 10 p.m.

Glorious Fourth

- Conner Prairie
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 4
- Included with general admission

Celebrate Independence Day the 1836 way. Guests can decorate Prairietown, sing patriotic songs, test their history knowledge and partake in games, dancing, militia drills and Declaration of Independence readings.

Noblesville

Def Leppard and Journey

- Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center
- July 3

Rock into the 4th of July with this classic rock concert and a special fireworks show after the concert.

Noblesville Fireworks Festival

- Noblesville High School
- 6 to 10 p.m. on July 4
- Free

The schedule includes a parade at 4:30 p.m., festival from 6 to 10 p.m. and fireworks at 10 p.m.

Dave Matthews Band

- Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center
- July 6 and 7

Extend the holiday week with two performances from Dave Matthews.

Westfield

Westfield Rocks the 4th

- Grand Parks Sports Campus
- 6 to 10 p.m. on July 4
- Free

Westfield's biggest event of the year returns with fun for the whole family, including the Westfield Lions Club Car Show.

4th of July at Urban Vines Winery & Brewery

- 3 to 10 p.m. on July 4
- Enjoy a festive red, white and blue wine slushie, pizza, live music and a fireworks show at 10 p.m.

Cicero

Lights Over Morse Lake

- Cicero
- July 4-7
- Free

This multi-day festival includes a parade, kids' carnival, zip line, sports tournaments, craft and food vendors, live music, a talent show and fireworks.

Sheridan

July Fourth Festival

- Biddle Memorial Park
- Parade at 10:30 a.m. on July 4
- Fireworks at 10 p.m. on July 4

Come enjoy food, live music, ping pong drop, pony rides, bounce houses, the 4th of July Pageant, a horseshoe learning clinic, antique tractor games and more fun for all ages.

Koteewi Park

Independence Adventure Day

- Koteewi Aerial Adventure Treetop Trails
- July 4

Guests who arrive dressed in patriotic attire can enjoy a special discount.

State Fair concert lineup announced

The REPORTER

The State Fair has been periodically releasing dates for acts for the past couple weeks. On Thursday morning, it was announced that Robby Krieger of The Doors along with openers Brandon Whyde and Os Gringos will play on Saturday, Aug. 18.

The complete line up of acts performing at the 2018 Indiana State Fair is as follows:

- Rick Springfield – Friday, Aug. 3
- Natalie Stovall with openers Cook & Belle and The Brett Wisconsin Band – Saturday, Aug. 4
- Why Don't We – Sunday, Aug. 5
- Anthony Hamilton – Monday, Aug. 6
- Tyler Childers – Tuesday, Aug. 7
- Randy Houser and special guest Nora Collins – Wednesday, Aug. 8
- Kool & The Gang – Thursday, Aug. 9
- HANSON – Friday, Aug. 10
- Warrant with special guest FireHouse and openers DUDE! and Rok Hollywood – Saturday, Aug. 11
- For King & Country headlining the

Contemporary Christian Music Festival, with Sarah Reeves, All the Astronauts, and Jonathan Jackson – Sunday, Aug. 12

- Happy Together Tour – Monday, Aug. 13 featuring: The Turtles, Chuck Negron (formerly of Three Dog Night), Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, Mark Lindsay (formerly of Paul Revere & The Raiders) and The Cowsills
 - Dirty Deeds USA: Xtreme AC/DC Tribute – Tuesday, Aug. 14
 - Grand Funk Railroad – with openers The Easthills - Wednesday, Aug. 15
 - An Evening with Hunter Hayes – Thursday, Aug. 16
 - Here Come The Mummies – Friday, Aug. 17
 - Robby Krieger of The Doors with openers Brandon Whyde and Os Gringos – Saturday, Aug. 18
 - Kirk Franklin, headlining the Gospel Music Festival – Sunday, Aug. 19
- The Indiana State Fair runs from Aug. 3 to Aug. 19.*

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How to get around July's Interstate 65 closure

By **BRENNA DONNELLY**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A \$4 million construction project on seven Indianapolis bridges will begin Sunday along Interstate 65, displacing 190,000 vehicles daily.

Indiana Department of Transportation representatives have publicized the closures for months and urged drivers to find a detour route to avoid lengthy delays.

The project will last 35 days, and INDOT spokesperson Lamar Holliday said he is confident the contracted crews can finish by the Aug. 5 deadline. The closures stem from a need for bridge rehabilitation, Holliday said.

"They're too old. They have reached their useful life and once the pavement has reached its useful life you start to get concerned with safety," he said.

On Monday, crews discovered a **hole in an I-65 overpass** in Clinton County due to weakened and aged concrete.

"We get in and do what we have to do to make sure like incidents like the one in Clinton County don't happen," Holliday said. "So, that's why we're going in downtown and the northwest side of Indianapolis to make sure your bridges are in tip top shape

for motorists."

There are two closures beginning along I-65 Sunday:

- The I-65/I-465 interchange on the northwest side.
- I-65 between West 21st Street and Meridian Street downtown.

For southbound downtown motorists, INDOT crews and signs will direct all traffic off I-65 southbound onto the 21st Street exit. From there, WISH-TV traffic team member Nina Criscuolo recommended taking Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Capitol Avenue or Meridian Street south to the intersection of Delaware Street and 11th Street, where you can re-enter I-65 South.

For those headed northbound away from downtown, traffic will be directed off I-65 northbound onto the Meridian Street exit. Criscuolo recommended using Meridian Street or Illinois Street to travel north to 21st Street, where you can re-enter I-65 North at 21st and Senate Boulevard.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street/West Street exit and on-ramps will be completely closed during the construction.

For travelers heading south on I-65 toward downtown from Zionsville, Whitestown or other Boone County communities, IN-

DOT crews will direct traffic off I-65 just before the I-465 overpass. Holliday recommended drivers leave I-65 further north and take I-865 East to I-465 South. You can also take the exit onto I-465 South before the I-65/465 overpass closure. Those drivers would then take the 38th Street exit or I-70 exit into the city.

Throughout the closure, INDOT crews will watch traffic cameras to see which detour roads clog up quickly. Holliday said they can then make adjustments, such as changing traffic-light timing and detour signs, to ease the pressure on the detour roads.

INDOT also recommended drivers test out their detour paths Friday or Saturday while I-65 is still open. He said that will help you familiarize yourself with your new route and keep vehicles clear of crews beginning their preparation.

"Crews will actually start prepping tomorrow night, so tomorrow night you will see an increased presence on I-65 as crews are mobilizing equipment," Holliday said. "They will start closing down ramps exactly at 12:01 a.m. Sunday morning."

For more information, visit the **I-65 Bridge Rehabilitation Project Page** from INDOT.



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Rep. Brooks explains what tax reform means for Indiana

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Susan Brooks (R-IN5) recently spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to celebrate the six-month anniversary of the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Below are her remarks.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a number of my colleagues from Indiana and Ohio, the great Midwest, to celebrate the six-month anniversary of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act being signed into law. Our previous tax code was written more than 30 years ago and became broken, outdated, and overly complicated, and desperately needed to be reworked so Americans could receive much-needed relief. It was failing to support families with the resources they need in order to properly plan for their futures. Our tax code left those who were struggling to make ends meet behind. But on Dec. 22, 2017, that began to change when the president signed H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act, into law.

"In six short months, the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act is already working for those who need it most, our country's hardworking middle class families and workers, allowing Americans across the country, and in Indiana, to keep more of their income. For the typical family of four nationwide earning the median family income of \$73,000, with this new law, they will now receive a tax cut of \$2,059. In the Fifth District of Indiana –

central Indiana, which I represent – the average family of four is saving even more than that, at about \$2,590, and the average single person is saving about \$1,716 dollars. These savings allow people to put money aside for things like continued education; payments toward a new home; and, overall, provide relief by making the cost of living just that much more manageable. Additionally, more than \$4 billion in bonuses have been given out to employees all across the country – \$4 billion. Our nation's unemployment has fallen to the lowest in 17 years, an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent as of May of this year.

"Market confidence is also high. Our economy is booming, with 63 percent of small businesses saying they feel optimistic about the direction of our economy and 77 percent of manufacturers are planning on hiring new employees. This is good news, because when our economy grows, everyone benefits.

"A constituent of mine from Pendleton, who owns a restaurant, recently told me that instead of having to shut down for several days for repairs when a vital piece of his kitchen equipment broke, he was able to purchase a newer, more efficient model and remain open thanks to the new expensing provisions in the tax law.

"I also heard from a Hoosier who came to D.C.



Brooks

with NFIB [National Federation of Independent Business] who is now able to provide his employees health insurance thanks to the savings he has seen through the savings for small businesses resulting from the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act. This critical benefit has helped him retain workers – he, I recall, had eight employees – and is allowing him to recruit even better talent to further grow his operations.

"These stories are just two of millions from across the country showing just how much tax reform changes people's lives for the better and will provide certainty and optimism for much brighter futures. Still more good news is to come as Americans file their taxes next April for the first time using the new system.

"... There are companies throughout Indiana, companies like First Merchants Bank, one of the first in Indiana to announce they were going to have an hourly wage increase and \$500 bonus for non-senior management; a company in my district, one of the larger employers, Hoosier Park Casino, all employees received a \$500 bonus after the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act was announced; Fifth Third Bank, \$1,000 bonuses to over 13,000 employees, and they also raised the minimum wage.

"These are the types of stories that we have heard, whether it is from small companies or from large, national companies and companies that do business all across the country. They are competing for workers, and when they are competing for workers, the workers and the employees are winning because everyone is hiring and everyone is trying to compete ... Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to have been a part of the passage of this historic Tax Cuts & Jobs Act ..."

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

241st Street to close for bridge replacement

Effective on or after Monday, July 9, 241st Street between Overdorf Road and Fall Road will be closed for the replacement of Small Structure No. 33008 (Bridge No. 305).
The road is scheduled to be closed to all thru traffic for 120 calendar days, tentatively opening back up to traffic on or before Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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Martha Jane Habing, 67, Carmel, went to live with the Lord on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. She was born on February 9, 1951 in Elizabeth, N.J., to the late Karl and Beatrice Mould.



Survivors include her husband Richard; sister, Bea (John) Reifeis; brother, Dr. Thomas Mould; brother-in-law, Mike (Marty) Habing; eight nieces and nephews; many loving friends; and her beloved cats, Scalliwag and Muffin.

Family and friends will gather from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, July 2 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. The Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3 with an additional visitation one

hour prior to service.

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

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield.

Arrangements

Calling: 4 to 7 p.m., July 2; 10 to 11 a.m., July 3
Service: 11 a.m., July 3
Location: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedees children. When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

Matthew 27:54-61 (KJV)

Damage from fireworks may not be covered by insurance

The REPORTER

As Independence Day celebrations kick off this week, the use of fireworks may increase in your area. The Indiana Department of Insurance is warning Hoosier homeowners and renters that accidental damage caused by fireworks that are banned in their counties may not be covered by their homeowners or renters insurance policies.

Many insurance policies contain provisions disclaiming coverage for illegal acts committed by the insured. However, consumers who experience property damage due to another person's use of fireworks may be able to claim benefits under their homeowners or renters policy.

Indiana Fire Marshal Jim Greeson pointed out that the Fourth of July has the largest number of building fires on a single day than any other day of the year.

"It's important for Hoosiers to consider the consequences before using fireworks," said IDOI Commissioner Stephen W. Robertson. "If someone using fireworks acciden-

tally starts a fire, to their own property or that of their neighbors, they may not be able to turn to their insurance company for coverage."

In 2017, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, 77 percent of all reported firework injuries occurred from July 1-7, and 39.5 percent of all firework injuries occurred on July 4. Firework use on private property accounted for 61.3 percent of reported injury cases.

The following are laws governing fireworks in the Hoosier state, and many towns and cities have additional ordinances that Hoosiers must follow:

- Fireworks can be purchased only by persons 18 years of age or older.

- Fireworks may be used:

1. On the user's property;

2. On the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks on that property;

3. At a special discharge location.

- Consumer fireworks may be used only between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. on most

days that are not holidays.

1. On holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and New Year's Eve) fireworks may be used between 9 a.m. and midnight.

2. On June 29-30, July 1-3 and July 5-9, fireworks can be discharged until two hours past sunset. (Check with local officials to see when fireworks can be discharged as local ordinances may further restrict usage.)

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Nearly 300 coaches in attendance...

Noblesville High School hosts NHSSCA National Conference

By BRETT KUEHN
For the Reporter

Every day across the world coaches wake up with a mission of helping student athletes in sports and in life. Nearly 300 coaches attended the National High School Strength and Conditioning Association (NHSSCA) National Conference this year in Noblesville.

The event, which was hosted at Noblesville High School, is special and a reflection of the spirit and dedication of the men and women who are helping our youth not only become great athletes but the leaders of tomorrow.

Over 35,000 high schools in the United States serve 17.5 million students with millions of these young people participating in sports. So, it is unquestionable how much of an impact sports and coaches have on our youth. The NHSSCA provides education, experience, resources, and the chance to build relationships with and among high school coaches who want to make a difference in the lives of their student-athletes.

This national event, led by top strength professionals, included more than just strength and conditioning topics, it provided coaches with the tools and wisdom to develop their programs and athletes. NHSSCA did a great job inviting outstanding speakers to share their experiences and knowledge.

Noblesville strength and conditioning coach Brian Clarke was happy to host the event, and was quick to credit the Hamilton County Sports Authority with assisting him. The HCSA helped Clarke in matters such as scheduling venues and calling hosts.

"They're really a hidden gem for our county," said Clarke.

In addition, Clarke also hoped that more people would become aware of the NHSSCA, which he said has been in existence for about a year and a half. The association has a website, www.nhssca.us, and notes on its history page that while "there are a few organizations and associations serving the field of strength and conditioning, none were solely dedicated solely to the high school strength coach." Thus, the



Photo provided

Noblesville High School hosted the National High School Strength and Conditioning Association (NHSSCA) National Conference this summer. Nearly 300 coaches attended the conference.

NHSSCA was created.

The conference pre-con included Strength and Conditioning coach Micah Kurtz who is the Director of Sports Performance at Windermere Preparatory School and consultant coach to Oak Hill Academy basketball program. His three talks included "5 Reasons Why Every High School Should Have a Full-Time Strength & Conditioning Coach", "5 Core Values and Philosophy", and "Using Your Position to Not Only Maximize the Athletic Potential

of Your Student-Athletes but Also Your Entire School Community". Coach Kurtz's demeanor was positive and inspiring. He made sure to thank and shake every vendor's hand for supporting the event. Coach Kurtz wasn't there to just provide information, he was there to unify the strength coaches and reinforce the community of the NHSSCA.

Mike Boyle, the co-founder of Mike Boyle Strength and Conditioning, led the event with the keynote address. With an extensive background in strength and conditioning and a track record serving the Boston Bruins, Boston Red Sox, and the US Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Team, Coach Boyle has been a featured speaker at numerous events and the NHSSCA attendees were in for a treat. His keynote was titled "Success Secrets and Lessons from the Last 35 Years". These secrets weren't about physical training they were about life and character building. One of his very first lessons was advising everyone to read. Coach Boyle said, "Just read 10 pages a day, everyone has time to read 10 pages a day". He even recommended a few books that should be a requirement for everyone. Now, this advice isn't groundbreaking, but when coaches heard it from a success-

ful trainer in their field, it had an impact. Great life advice like that shared by Coach Boyle is how the NHSSCA National Conference does more than just provide coaches with training information.

The NHSSCA National Conference had some other great presenters and speakers. John Garrish, Jr. spoke about "The Coach & Social Media". Richard Burnett had a mini-session on "Developing an Internship Program". Fred Eaves covered "Fundraising Ideas & Opportunities". These coaches, as well as Mike Boyle and Micah Kurtz, are more than just strength and conditioning coaches providing information. They are leaders that are making a difference in people's lives. They want to help high school coaches develop their programs and character. The NHSSCA did a fantastic job making sure the speakers shared their life experiences and lessons. That is what great coaches do and I highly recommend anyone who can attend the NHSSCA do so in the future. The next time you see a high school coach, shake their hand because these professionals are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of young people every day.

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Carmel's Nick Frey finishes as Boys Junior State runner-up

Carmel's Nick Frey finished as the runner-up at the Indiana Golf Foundation's Boys Junior State Championship Friday at Purdue University's Kampen Course.

Frey, a recent graduate of Brebeuf Jesuit, reached the final by beating Peyton Snoe-

berger of Williamsport 1 Up in the semi-finals. Frey played the top seed, Lafayette's Nicholas Hoffman in the final, with Hoffman winning 3 & 2.

Hoffman advanced to the final by defeating Ty Gingerich, a senior-to-be at Guerin Catholic, 2 & 1 in the semi-finals.

HENDERSON PLACES SIXTH AT IWGA STATE AMATEUR

Westfield graduate Cailyn Henderson tied for sixth at the Indiana Women's Golf Association State Amateur Championship, which finished up Friday at Hillview Country Club in Franklin.

Henderson finished with a three-day score of 225, nine-over par. Henderson carded a two-over 74 in her final round, which helped lift her into the top 10.

T6. Cailyn Henderson, Westfield, 75-76-74=225, 15. Kennedy Brooker, Fishers, 74-78-78=230, T16. Morgan Lewis, Fishers, 77-82-72=231, T25. Nina Hecht, Carmel, 77-77-80=234, T27. Caitie Gehlhausen, Cicero, 80-77-78=235; Marissa Singer, Noblesville, 81-76-78=235, T39. Chelsea Morrow, Fishers, 80-80-77=237, T41. Angelica Pfefferkorn, Carmel, 82-80-77=239, T49. Sydney Hruskoci, Fishers, 83-83-80=246, T53. Margaret Wentz, Westfield, 80-83-84=247, 71. Sydney Longstreth, Carmel, 95-86-86=267.

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Friday's scores		Miami 8, N.Y. Mets 2	
Chicago 10, Minnesota 6	N.Y. Yankees 8, Boston 1	Texas 11, Chicago White Sox 3	Atlanta 5, St. Louis 1
L.A. Angels 7, Baltimore 1	Washington 17, Philadelphia 7	San Francisco 2, Arizona 1	Oakland 3, Cleveland 1
Toronto 3, Detroit 2	Tampa Bay 3, Houston 2	Colorado 3, L.A. Dodgers 1	Seattle 4, Kansas City 1
Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 2		Pittsburgh 6, San Diego 3	

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	53	26	.671	-
Boston	55	28	.663	-
Tampa Bay	40	41	.494	14.0
Toronto	38	43	.469	16.0
Baltimore	23	58	.284	31.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	44	36	.550	-
Minnesota	35	43	.449	8.0
Detroit	36	47	.434	9.5
Chi. White Sox	28	53	.346	16.5
Kansas City	25	56	.309	19.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	55	29	.655	-
Seattle	52	31	.627	2.5
Oakland	45	38	.542	9.5
L.A. Angels	42	41	.506	12.5
Texas	37	46	.446	17.5

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	46	34	.575	-
Philadelphia	43	37	.538	3.0
Washington	42	38	.525	4.0
N.Y. Mets	32	47	.405	13.5
Miami	33	50	.398	14.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	48	33	.593	-
Chi. Cubs	45	35	.563	2.5
St. Louis	42	38	.525	5.5
Pittsburgh	39	42	.481	9.0
Cincinnati	34	48	.415	14.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Arizona	47	35	.573	-
L.A. Dodgers	43	38	.531	3.5
San Francisco	43	40	.518	4.5
Colorado	40	42	.488	7.0
San Diego	36	48	.429	12.0

Tennis: USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Championship

Carmel's Fletchall wins in doubles, is singles finalist

Carmel's Patrick Fletchall had a successful week at the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Championship this week with matches in Indianapolis.

The event is the most prestigious junior tournament in the Midwest Section, and finished up Thursday, June 28, with the final matches in boys and girls singles. Over 1,000 talented junior players from all five USTA/Midwest Section States – Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin – competed in the event. These players are some of the best in the country and many have already committed to colleges across the nation. The tournament includes four age groups and players must earn the right to play or be endorsed by their respective USTA Districts.

Fletchall and his partner Lucas Horve of Forsyth, Ill. won the Boys 18-and-under Doubles championship, beating the team of Andrew Zhang (of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.) and Natan Spear of Chicago 6-1, 1-6, 10-8, the final set a 10-point super tie-break.

Winners from the USTA/Midwest Section Closed Junior Championship are automatically included in the section quota for the USTA Boys' and Girls' 12, 14, 16 and 18 National Championships this August. Other top finishers in each division will be included in the section quota provided they meet the designated tournament requirements.

Fletchall also reached the final of the Boys 18-and-under Singles event, but lost to Zhang 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. Even though he didn't capture the singles title, Fletchall was happy to make it to the finals and believes his doubles win helped prepare him for the match.

"It felt really good because I actually have never made it past the round of 16 in the outdoor Closed, and since it was my last one it felt really good to get through and to make the finals in my hometown," Fletchall said. "I think winning doubles was a huge confidence booster in the tournament; I had that win under my belt and it took some pressure off me. I think it was overall a good success in doubles."

Fletchall recently graduated from Carmel and is a two-time individual singles champion, with a record of 44-0 over his past two years. He also helped the Greyhounds to back-to-back team state championships.

Okemos, Mich. hosted the 14-and-under and 12-and-under age divisions, the finals of which featured three Hamilton County players.

In the Boys 12 Singles, Carmel's Dylan Long won the championship by beating Andrew Spruck of Palatine, Ill., 7-5, 6-2.

In the Girls 12 Doubles, Fishers' Mischa Briggs teamed with Kathryn Wilson of Columbus to win that division. They defeated Chicago's Sophie Baker and Sophia Kim of Hinsdale, Ill., 7-5, 6-2.

Carmel's Lauren Long joined Evansville's Ellie Myers to reach the final of the Girls 14 Doubles. They lost to Madeline Atway of Powell, Ohio and Susanna Maltby of Glen Ellyn, Ill., 4-6, 6-4, 10-5.

Revved-up lineup joining Florida Georgia Line on Sept. 8 at IMS during Brickyard Weekend

Global entertainers Florida Georgia Line are gearing up for their inaugural outdoor FGL Fest Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Announced earlier this year, FGL Fest is a multi-act music event produced by Live Nation and created to coincide with the Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Powered by Florida Georgia Line race Sept. 9 at IMS. FGL's inclusion in the Big Machine Vodka 400 title marks the first time a major recording artist or act has been added to the official name of a race over a multi-year period.

Speeding into Top 20 at Country radio with their lead single, "Simple," off their hotly anticipated fourth studio album (BMLG Records), FGL continues to reach colossal feats as they're the first act to top *Billboard's* Country Airplay (Morgan Wallen's "Up Down" featuring FGL), Country Digital Song Sales ("Simple"), and Country Streaming Songs ("Meant to Be" with Bebe Rexha), with a different song on each chart. All three are also currently Top 10 on the *Billboard* Hot Country Songs chart with their fated "Meant to Be" reigning for the 30th consecutive week.

Kicking into high gear, the multi-platinum superstar duo will bring those smash



hits and more to headline FGL Fest. Running from 3 to 11 p.m., the revved-up lineup includes Cole Swindell, Nelly, RaeLynn, Jillian Jacqueline, Mason Ramsey, Riley Green and Stephanie Quayle.

FGL's fan club community, [FGL Lifers](#),

have first presale access to tickets beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, July 2 through 10 p.m. Thursday, July 5 before Citi® cardmembers gain entry from 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 3 to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 5 with [Citi's Private Pass®](#) program.

Tickets go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. Friday, July 6 at [Ticketmaster.com](#), [LiveNation.com](#), and [IMS.com](#).

Big Machine became the title sponsor of the marquee NASCAR Cup Series race after a nearly decade-long partnership with IMS. The Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Powered by Florida Georgia Line event features an entire weekend of entertainment for racing and music fans. Besides the NASCAR Cup Series race Sunday, Sept. 9, the Lilly Diabetes 250

for the NASCAR Xfinity Series will race on the IMS oval Saturday, Sept. 8, and the Driven2SaveLives BC39 for the USAC P1 Insurance Midget National Championship will take place Wednesday, Sept. 5 and Thursday, Sept. 6 on the new quarter-mile dirt track at IMS. The annual Hauler Parade also will provide plenty of family fun Friday, Sept. 7 on Main Street in Speedway.

For more information about Florida Georgia Line, please visit the group's website at [florigeorgialine.com](#) and reach out on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Visit [IMS.com](#) for additional details and for tickets to the Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Powered by Florida Georgia Line.

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