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Cicero dedicates Charlie's Landing



Reporter photo by Paula Greene

Cicero's ADA accessible canoe and kayak launch was officially dedicated Saturday, Sept. 15 at Red Bridge Park, 697 West Jackson St., Cicero. The pier and the kayak launch are collectively called Charlie's Landing, in honor of Charlie Cambre. (From left) Charlie Cambre, Emily Pearson, State Senator Jim Buck, Rusty Miller, Terri Strong, Dan Strong, Mike Reed and Christina (Chris) Miller pose for The Reporter's camera after the ribbon cutting at Charlie's Landing in Red Bridge Park, Cicero. See more photos on Page 7 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

All aboard!

It was a beautiful Friday afternoon. I could hear the sound of the train coming north on the tracks into Atlanta. I saw the light on the front of the engine. The long anticipated Nickel Plate Express would be arriving soon.



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

Memories of days gone by warmly found their way into my brain as well as into my heart. I felt like a kid again.

I was in the fourth grade at North Elementary School in 1965 when all the kids in Noblesville schools got the chance to ride the train.

We had all grown up hearing the sounds of the train that traveled the tracks on a daily schedule. If you lived anywhere near the downtown, you heard it.

My grandparents lived in a tiny house in Muncie. The railroad tracks were so close to their house that we could feel the house shake as the train slowly made its way through their neighborhood. I'm sure the engineers and conductor recognized all those dozens of Catron grandkids who stood and waved every Sunday afternoon.

It was after many months of planning that the vision of so many who wanted their children and their grandchildren to know what it was like to ride a train had come to fruition. It would be close by and weekends would be filled with excursions that both young and old could enjoy.

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Chuck and I climbed aboard the train and up to the top of the double decker. The seats were spacious and comfy.

When Chuck was a kid, he had ridden

See All Aboard . . . Page 3

New Earth Festival less than a week away . . .

Atlanta could swell to 100,000

By **STU CLAMPITT**
ReadTheReporter.com

The population of Atlanta is approximately 750, but this coming weekend this little northern Hamilton County town will see 80,000 to 100,000 visitors at the 45th Annual Atlanta New Earth Festival.

The Reporter had the opportunity to speak with event organizers Robyn Cook and Jennifer Farley about what visitors can expect at the longest running and largest festival in Hamilton County.

While Cook is largely seen as the face of the festival, she called Farley, "The glue that holds the festival together," and said it would not have been possible for the last several years without her.

Now that the Nickel Plate Express is officially up and running, you can see and ride the train at the festival.

There will be over 600 vendors lining Atlanta's streets. "The town has three different areas it rents: Main Street, Dolles Park and Broadway Street, but homeowners

See New Earth Festival . . . Page 3



Reporter file photo

80,000 to 100,000 people will visit the Town of Atlanta this coming weekend for the 45th Annual New Earth Festival.

HSE K-8 redistricting process is underway

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

The Hamilton Southeastern School District is faced with redistricting all school boundaries for grades kindergarten through eighth grade, and the process is underway.

Dr. William Carnes, interim Assistant Superintendent for HSE Schools, told school board members Wednesday that Monday and Tuesday of this week, at four

separate locations, 115 parents from all K-8 schools put together their own revised boundary map, 18 plans in total.

Carnes says none of the 18 will likely become the final product, but the parents used a software program that gave them immediate feedback on every plan and tweak, including what impact any change would have on the overall redistricting process.

The next step in the process, according to Dr. Carnes, is putting all the 18 ideas

together with the board's priorities for consideration in the redistricting process. Those priorities, the extent possible, are listed below in no particular order:

- Assign students to attend school closest to their home
- Attempt to design a "feeder" pattern
- Maintain neighborhoods and subdivisions
- Consider a stability of programs for

See Redistricting . . . Page 2

HSE school board approves new talent development system

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com



When the Hamilton Southeastern school board considered a new talent development system the first time, board members suggested several changes. School officials went back to the drawing board to look at the board's suggested changes.

Wednesday, the board voted 5-2, approving the revised document. Board members Amanda Shera and Mike Bottorff voted no. Both said the changes did not go far enough, in their view.

The plan is aimed at talent development for teachers and other school corporation staff members.

Click here to review the talent development system document approved by the board.

Click here to see changes made at the suggestion of board members.

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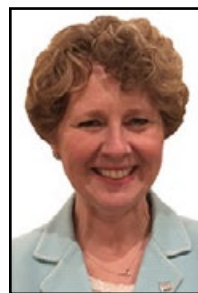
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Congresswoman Brooks to visit Carmel on Monday

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Susan Brooks will do a downtown visit of Carmel on Monday afternoon, Sept. 17. She will meet with small business owners and constituents, where she will learn more about their businesses and issues they care about.



Brooks

Schedule of Events

- 1:30 p.m.** – Donatello's Italian Restaurant, 9 W. Main St.
- 2:15 p.m.** – Joe's Butcher Shop, 111 W. Main St., No. 110
- 3 p.m.** – PEDEGO Electric Bikes, 254 Veterans Way, Suite E

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- Examine the continuation of choice as an option at the high school level

HSE Schools Superintendent Allen Bourff will present a proposed redistricting plan to the board on Nov. 28. The board is expected to vote on the redistricting plan in December.

The redistricting is needed because the new Southeastern Elementary, on Cyntheanne Road, will open in August 2019.

The school district produced a video about the redistricting process, which you can view at [this link](#).

Superintendent Bourff has a video message about redistricting, which you can view at [this link](#).

In other board news from Wednesday:

- Administrator Matt Kegley reviewed the Graduation Pathways program.

[Click here](#) to review his presentation to the board. [Click here](#) to review the executive summary of the program.

- The board approved a memorandum of understanding with the Fishers Police Department, dealing with officers working in HSE Schools as School Resource Officers (SROs). The document has been updated to reflect recent court decisions.

- Board members reviewed a draft agreement with Conner Prairie to conduct a program for HSE fourth-grade students. The Conner Prairie board is also reviewing the same document. A final agreement should be ready for board consideration at the next meeting.

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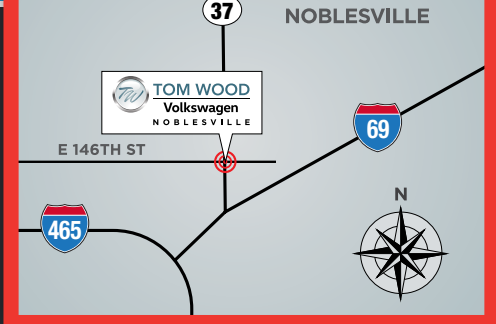
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ALL ABOARD

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a train from Russellville, Indiana to Indianapolis to visit his sister who was attending Butler University. He also had ridden one when he visited Japan. That one traveled about 100 mph. It was fun sharing memories as we rode a few miles to the south.

That's what this train is all about. Memories just waiting to be made by families.

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The Nickel Plate Express uses rare 1950s Santa Fe equipment. The El Captain Hi-level cars have two levels and sit up high like a London double decker bus. There are just a few of these on the track today.

The sights of the back roads and farmland of Hamilton County were a reminder of days gone by when life was a bit simpler and life traveled a bit slower.

Even the cows on a farm near Arcadia came out to watch the train.

If you want to treat your family to a special excursion, just find your way to NickelPlateExpress.com and you too can hear "All aboard!"

Thank you to Brenda Myers and all of those who had a vision for our community. Their perseverance and due diligence in researching how to make this all possible will benefit many generations to come.

Now let's all get on board and make some memories.

NEW EARTH FESTIVAL

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also get involved," Farley told The Reporter. "So around 600 vendors is the estimate throughout the whole town."

One example of homeowners getting involved is the historic Roads Hotel, owned by the Lost Limbs Foundation. The Roads hotel has been called one of the most haunted locations in Indiana and hosts several private and public events throughout the year. Mike Couch told The Reporter he will be offering \$5 tours of the hotel during the New Earth Festival.

It should be noted that official participation in the New Earth festival will involve all vendors and events taking place up to the south side of 296th Street.

"For the last 20 years we have seen at least this many vendors, but over the last several years the types of vendors has been slowly changing," Cook said.

According to Farley, Main Street will be reserved for vendors offering handmade items.

"On Broadway Street you will find antiques, collectibles, crafters, stuff for pets, honey, candles and while there will be handmade things there, not everything is focused specifically on that," Farley said.

There will also be a farmer's market on Broadway.

"A big thing the last few couple has been the woman's boutique clothing," Farley said. "We have several vendors coming with that. Then the vintage a repurposed items are also very big right now."

Vendors have consistently told Cook this is the event that puts them in the black for the year, the festival also helps the Town of Atlanta in many ways.

"It is a kick-off to Christmas shopping for many people," Cook said. "But it helps us too. Our general fund budget is not that large, so this festival helps us fund things that we otherwise could not do."

Trimming trees, the purchase and removal of abandoned properties, help with fire department funding and other local projects are paid for with funds from the festival.

According to Cook, a popular new feature should be this year's exhibit by the Indiana Historical Society.

History on Wheels is rolling in to Atlanta for the New Earth Festival. The 53-foot double expandable semi-trailer and traveling exhibit will be free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23. History on Wheel, sponsored by Hamilton County

Festival Information & Activities

Food Drive
A food drive will benefit northern Hamilton County. Drop-off locations will be at major parking lots off State Road 19, near the stage, in the public safety area and on Main Street. Food barrels will be set up at major parking lots, near the stage and in the public safety area. Please bring canned and dry goods to the food drive sponsored by the Good Samaritan Network.

Food
Gyros, pizza, tenderloins, Polish/Italian sausages, BBQ, Fish, roast beef, ribbon fries, elephant ears, kettle corn, crepes, fried pies and pumpkin rolls (just to name a few)

Vendors
• Main Street: Reserved for all handmade items, rare and unique
• Broadway & Dolles Park: Antiques, collectibles, vintage item, farmers market, jewelry, home décor, floral, wood and much more

Other Information
• Come visit the steam engines at Meridian and Railroad Street.
• The Kids' Zone opens at 10 a.m. at Dolles Park.
• Parking will be at the ball diamond, State Road 19 and Adams Street, and State Road 19 and 296th Street.

ty Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, will be located at Dolles Park.

If all that seems a little overwhelming, have no fear, the Boy Scouts are always prepared to help. There will be an information booth on Main Street, manned by local Boy Scouts, will help you find your way around. You can find fliers, maps, programs, T-shirts and more at their booth.

Cook wanted to emphasize the importance of the sponsors and volunteers who make this festival happen every year.

Some of the main sponsors include Christine Altman's public safety and health awareness area, Mark Heirbrandt's Indiana History on Wheels, Endeavor Communications' kids zone, Guardian Towing LLC's entertainment stage, Hamilton County Tourism, Nickel Plate Express and Mr. Muffins Trains.



Cook



Farley

A big draw for Hamilton County visitors is the live entertainment. That is made possible by the sponsorship of Guardian Towing.

"The entertainment sponsorship started at our 40th anniversary," Cook said. "We decided we wanted to do something new and we wanted to do it right. In order to fund that we started a sponsorship program. Guardian Towing is a local towing company that started about three years ago. They support other events and school programs in the in the community as well. The way he looks at it is that his business touches people all over Hamilton County and he can give back to the community by sponsoring the Guardian Towing Stage."

Once again the festival is also partnering with

Good Samaritan Network on a festival food drive.

Cook told The Reporter the Good Samaritan Network (GSN) is a project begun by Nancy Chance to unite several charitable organizations in one place. All the resources that are available for charitable and outreach projects are reachable in one location. Thus, the network can connect people with the right organization for their individual needs.

According to their website, gsnlive.org, GSN is a collaborative/network of non-profits in Hamilton County. GSN utilizes two serving approaches, direct and indirect services, and in part is designed to ensure efficiency and communication among the different agencies, social services, non-profits, local government, pantries and businesses, as together those serve the needs of Hamilton County residents who are at-risk or underserved.

When asked about the name and history of the festival, Cook told The Reporter, "The festival started on Main Street in 1974. One of the business that helped start it was called 'A Touch of Earth.' Everything at the first festival was handmade. Originally it was the first week in October, but in time it was moved the fourth weekend in September."

This weekend, the 45th Annual Atlanta New Earth Festival has plenty to offer. Visit atlantaindiana.com for more information.

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Cicero Kiwanis hit the road next weekend

The REPORTER

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero will host two back-to-back fundraisers taking place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23 to raise money for Riley Hospital and to support the club's work in the community.

Rain or shine, club volunteers will be stationed at local intersections on Saturday, Sept. 22 for its annual Roadblock for Riley. Indiana Kiwanis has supported Riley Hospital for a century, raising money and awareness four years before the hospital was built.

Last year the club raised over \$3,200 thanks to the generosity of motorists who stopped to share spare change or a few bucks as they passed by. All money collected at the roadblocks are directed to Riley Hospital.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23 take a break from the kitchen and get a jumpstart on your day at the 45th annual Atlanta

New Earth Festival with a hearty, homecooked breakfast prepared by the members of the Cicero Kiwanis Club. The breakfast will be served at the Atlanta Community Center at Dolles Park, 105 Walton St.

Breakfast will be served from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, and from 7 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23. Breakfast offerings will consist of biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, juice, milk, water and coffee. Cost for the Big Breakfast is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Small breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Proceeds from the breakfast help provide funding for scholarships to graduating high school students, support activities and projects of local Boy and Girl Scouts, student organizations at Hamilton Heights, and other worthwhile projects that impact the youth in northern Hamilton County and beyond.



Photo provided

Members of the Cicero Kiwanis have earned a respected reputation for their culinary skills and work in the community. The Cicero Kiwanis will be serving up a hearty breakfast at the Atlanta Community Center at this year's Atlanta New Earth Festival Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23. Pictured serving breakfast at the Cicero Kiwanis' 2018 Veteran's Day Breakfast is (from left) Mitch Russell, Keagan Trexler and John Kidwell.

Carmel's 21st annual Arts Festival coming on the 22nd

The REPORTER

They will come from as far away as California, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Minnesota ... and from as close as Carmel. But by the time they set up their booths on Main Street and Range Line Road, they will have collectively traveled more than 113,000 miles just to display their art (and maybe sell a few things) at the Carmel International Arts Festival scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 22 to 23 in the Arts & Design District.

This year's event marks the 21st annual International Arts Festival, an event that has grown over the years to claim the honor of being the second biggest festival in Carmel's busy festival calendar, behind only CarmelFest. The Arts Festival - presented this year by Current Publishing - typically draws thousands to the event that also features music, food, an interactive children's area and much more.

But in the end, it's really all about the art. Festival organizers invited 150 artists to the International Arts Festival this year, but it's not a simple process. Artists must apply to be accepted, submitting samples of their work in order to be considered.

"We have always taken seriously our role of selecting the best artists we can

find because we know that it's the beauty of the art that keeps people coming back to Carmel for this annual event," said Dawn Fraley, chairman of the event.

For a list of the artists, visit carmelartsfestival.org/artists. You can also check out some of the new artists featured on facebook.com/CARMEIntArtsFestival.

The Festival will award more than \$6,000 in cash prizes to selected artists. That includes a Best of Show award, Mayor's Choice award and prizes handed out in specific media categories. The list of media you will find includes 2D Art, 3D Functional Art, Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Painting, Photography, Watercolor and Wood.

In addition to the artist booths, the International Arts Festival will feature these special events:

- **Paint by numbers** - Carmel High School students will have community paint-by-number canvases for festival goers to put their mark on a project.
- **Guerin Catholic High School Live Mural painting** - Students have designed and will be painting live a mural in the lower level of the Indiana Design Center parking garage.
- **Young@Art** - Children's art project honoring military, sponsored by AARP, in conjunction

with Andretti Motorsports, Primrose School will be organizing art projects for children ages 2 to 12, with each designed to serve as an appreciation for our military and veterans.

• **Herron School of Art Emerging Artists Show** - A new event in 2018 sponsored by Renewal by Anderson, featuring juried Herron student works including, paintings, photography, art furniture and small sculptures at the Indiana Design Center first floor showroom.

• **High School Art Show** - A special high school curated art show at Hoosier Salon with students selected from Carmel High School and University High School. Scholarships will be awarded to winning artists.

• **Microsoft Digital art classes** - First year sponsor of the CIAF, Microsoft will offer digital art classes and a virtual reality experience on the second floor of the Indiana Design Center during the festival hours.

About the Carmel International Arts Festival

Now in its 21st year, the festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23. The event is free and open to the public. For more information and a schedule of events, visit carmelartsfestival.org.

State Parks and INDOT partner to celebrate National Public Lands Day

The REPORTER

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands.

To encourage volunteerism, the Indiana Department of Transportation has partnered with State Parks for employees to have a place to volunteer. As part of the INDOT Cares initiative, agency employees will volunteer their time to help maintain trails, paint structures, clean lakes and help with various other projects.

"Volunteering is a great team-building activity for businesses and organiza-

tions," said Jody Heaston, state parks volunteer coordinator. "The state parks are thankful INDOT chose us as a place to volunteer. With a large group of people, we will get a lot of much-needed work accomplished."

"Our Indiana State Parks are a natural treasure," said INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness. "The INDOT Cares program is about giving back to the community, and one of the most meaningful ways we can do that is to lend a hand in helping to care for these special places."

State parks properties participating with INDOT

Cares include Chain O' Lakes, Pokagon, Prophetstown, Shades, Summit Lake, Mounds, Fort Harrison, Potato Creek, Indiana Dunes, Clifty Falls state parks and Patoka Lake.

In 2017, more than 100 INDOT employees volunteered their time for National Public Lands Day. Employees removed invasive plants, picked up litter, cleaned and widened trails, pulled weeds, painted signs and repaired erosion at 13 state parks.

To find a National Public Lands Day event near you, go to calendar.dnr.IN.gov and look on Sept. 22.



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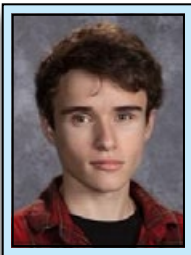
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New safety regulations across Hamilton County schools

Editor's Note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abigail Williams.



KEATON LAMBERT
Sheridan High School Student

Due to recent events and controversy regarding school shootings, school security and school safety, many schools across Hamilton County have put in place new rules regarding backpacks, clothing and other accessories.

At Hamilton Heights, students are no longer allowed to carry backpacks to their classes, wear zip up coats/jackets or wear ID lanyards with small pockets in the back. Emily Lester, a sophomore at Hamilton Heights High School, had this to say about the new regulations: "The new regulations are too much. I understand where they are coming from but these new rules are over the top." Lester went on further to say, "I think that I can understand the whole backpack regulation and I can understand the fear of a student bringing a firearm into

the building but there are other ways other than the backpack to sneak something in. There are still other ways to sneak a firearm into the building and they can't take all those ways away without violating students' human rights."

School and student safety definitely should be a top priority for any school corporation. However, is taking away privileges students had before the right direction to ensure students' safety? Should the tragic events that have happened hinder normal students' ability to dress how they want or carry their book bag for the sake of convenience?

Many students who have been affected by these new regulations feel as though they are being punished for something that they didn't do. Students feel like there are different approaches to these problems that won't seem like a punishment for students.

Not every school has

taken students' backpack privileges away but have instead provided clear backpacks to students. This allows students to have the convenience of a backpack and hinders the ability to sneak something potentially dangerous into the school. However, many students feel as though this violates their privacy.

Now, many might say if they have nothing to hide why do they care if someone can see the contents of their bag? That is true, however privacy is not something one should take lightly. The term "give an inch take a mile" infers that if you give someone a little power they take more than they should.

First, it might be no more backpacks or clear backpacks, but then what does that turn into? Then it's mandatory school uniforms. Then increased security and bag checks upon arrival at school, crack down on over-the-top rules with zero tolerance policies and possibly as far as making students line up in the halls and be escorted from class to class.

A school was meant to

be a school. If we are not careful we could turn it into a prison.

As a student who has not yet been affected by rules such as these, I am grateful, for I do not see a point in punishing and restricting a whole student body in light of actions committed by a few unstable individuals.

I have been disappointed in how schools across the country have decided to tackle these issues. Schools are showing that they are scared and that they are cowering in terror at the thought of a security breach happening in the school. Showing fear gives whatever you fear a power over you, a grip on you, if you will. And the more you show fear the tighter that grip gets, and the more you are afraid of becoming a target, the more likely you are to become one.

So why has the response to recent events been to hinder students even though students have done nothing wrong? A student body should not have to suffer consequences for the actions of a few individuals.

Heights works to lower lead levels in school water

The REPORTER

You may have read or heard that Hamilton Heights School Corporation was among six Central Indiana counties flagged for elevated lead levels in the water. What exactly does that mean for your student? Is the water at Heights safe to drink? In one word, yes.

Here's the backstory:

The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) offered a program (Lead Sampling Program for Public Schools) to test water that flows through a variety of plumbing components in Heights school buildings. Because isolating the exact source of lead can be challenging, Hamilton Heights, along with schools across the state, took advantage of the opportunity to participate in this program. Samples were collected in the spring of 2018.

The preliminary report of the test results, to date, found that 56 (and counting) schools across six Central Indiana counties had elevated lead levels in the water. Schools in Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, and Shelby counties tested positive for lead levels above the EPA recommendation of 15 parts per billion (ppb).

According to information provided by the IFA, based on a preliminary review of the sample results, while the majority of schools in our program (61 percent) had at least one fixture over the EPA Action Level (15 ppb), only a few fixtures within each building (8 percent on average) tested above this remediation threshold. These trends are consistent with other statewide school lead sampling programs.

At Heights, at least one fixture in each building was identified, of which many were not primary sources of drinking water. Upon receipt of the report, Heights began remediation and corrected nearly all. Fixtures identified were replaced and/or identified as "hand-washing only."

The last of the areas where remediation efforts are taking place are at the high school and involve outdoor fountains that are rarely, if ever used. Areas will be retested and sampled periodically to enable the corporation to be in a better position to proactively manage and maintain a high-quality water system.

Is the drinking water safe? Yes. Heights plans to keep it that way.

Indiana American Water petitions utilities commission for rate adjustment

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water filed a petition on Friday with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to adjust its rates for water service in the communities it serves across the state.

Indiana American Water's ongoing infrastructure investments are the primary driver behind the request. The company is including more than \$542 million of water infrastructure investments in its request. The investments are necessary to maintain and enhance ser-

vice, water quality, system reliability and fire protection capabilities for customers while keeping the cost of water service for most households their most affordable utility bill, at about a penny per gallon.

The company last filed for new rates through a general rate filing in January 2014 and received an order from the IURC in January 2015.

"Indiana American Water has made significant investments in aging infrastructure and its treatment

and distribution facilities to ensure service reliability, water quality and fire protection for the more than 1.3 million people who depend on us every day," said Indiana American Water President Deborah Dewey. "We are proud of our record of success in providing affordable water. These investments are critical to the public's health and safety and the economic health of the communities we serve and will also contribute to the creation of nearly 9,000 jobs across the state.

"We have also worked hard to hold our operating and maintenance expenses relatively flat by implementing efficiencies and leveraging technology and innovation throughout the workplace," said Dewey. "Our O&M expenses have risen at a rate below the inflation rate over the last decade. Our successes represent more than \$10 million of savings for our customers over what our expenses would have been if allowed to grow with inflation."

"At the same time," said Dewey, "we have been able to maintain top quartile customer satisfaction and efficiency levels, enhance our water quality and environmental compliance record, reduce water loss in our distribution system, and significantly improve safety for our employees by reducing and improving our OSHA recordable incident rate, a measure of workplace health and safety, by 77 percent since our last rate filing."

Indiana American Water has provided details on nearly \$31.5 million of investment in its rate filing for the Noblesville area, including nearly \$2.3 million to replace or relocate water mains and hydrants, more than \$4.5 million to install new meters and service lines, and approximately \$24.7 million for improvements to pumping, treatment, storage and operations facilities.

Major projects include constructing a new ground-

water treatment plant on Allisonville Road, installing five new wells to replace aging wells and add capacity, and switching from a gaseous chlorine disinfection system at the Wayne Street water treatment facility to liquid sodium hypochlorite to improve safety.

Nationally, much of the nation's critical water infrastructure is aging and is well past its useful life. The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) latest Report Card for America's Infrastructure, issued every four years since 2001, earlier this year gave the nation's water systems a D grade, and wastewater systems a D+ grade. This remains in line with the last few reports, and heightens the sense of urgency to take actions that will turn around the condition of the nation's water and wastewater infrastructure.

A 2016 study by the Indiana Finance Authority echoed the ASCE's recommendations for significant investment in water infrastructure. The report evaluated Indiana's water infrastructure and estimated more than \$2.3 billion in infrastructure needs for drinking water systems across the state, and found that an additional \$815 million is needed annually to maintain the systems into the future.

A breakdown of water systems can result in water disruptions, impediments to emergency response, and damage to other types of infrastructure. The price tag

for the critical upkeep and replacement of the nation's outdated water systems is at least \$1 trillion over the next 25 years, according to estimates by the American Water Works Association.

Indiana American Water's rates are based on the true costs of providing water service as reviewed by the IURC. No rates will change until the IURC completes a comprehensive review of the request and determines it is reasonable and justified. By statute, the IURC is required to return an order regarding the company's rate request within 300 days of the filing.

The company is proposing a phased approach to implementing the new rates that includes an increase of total revenues of 8.22 percent in July 2019, and a second increase of 8.57 percent in July 2020. Public hearings and opportunities for public comment are part of the process, under the direction of the IURC.

If approved as requested, the typical residential customer bill would increase approximately \$5.60 per month or 18 cents per day from the Aug. 1, 2018 rate. The monthly bill for most Indiana American Water customers using 4,000 gallons of water per month would increase by 16.0 percent when fully implemented in July 2020, after having just decreased on Aug. 1, 2018, by 4.4 percent because of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.



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Welcome to Charlie's Landing



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(Above) Charlie Cambre, an icon in the Cicero community and the Parks Department, stands next to the sign for the pier and kayak launch, collectively called "Charlie's Landing."
(Right) Several friends stand with Cambre as he cuts the ribbon on the newly-dedicated, ADA-compliant canoe and kayak launch at Red Bridge Park, 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The event lasted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and included not only the dedication ceremony, but also an opportunity for kids to fish from the pier and lunch provided by the Cicero American Legion.



Reporter photos by Paula Greene

State Senator Jim Buck (R-Kokomo) spoke at the dedication ceremony on Saturday just before the ribbon was officially cut on the new canoe and kayak launch, which stands next to the Cicero Pier.



Reporter photo by Paula Greene

No photographer's trip to Cicero would be complete without at least one photo from the Causeway looking at Morse Lake and Red Bridge Park.

Indiana Members Foundation provides 5,000 backpacks to students in need

The REPORTER

Indiana Members Foundation, the charitable arm of Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU), provided 5,000 backpacks to local community organizations to help provide assistance to underserved children in Central Indiana for the 2018 school year. Since 2006, Indiana Members Foundation has donated over 50,000 backpacks and 857,602 school supplies to students in need in the communities served by Indiana Members Credit Union.

Indiana Members Foundation partnered with the following organizations for its 2018 backpack donation:

- Beech Grove Schools
- Backpack United Boone County
- Exodus Refugee Immigration
- Fletcher Place PreK Graduates

- Franklin Township Schools
 - Hamilton County Backpack Attack
 - The Salvation Army Marion Corps Community Center
 - Hendricks County Backpack Attack
 - Johnson County Fast Track
 - Chin Community of Indiana
 - The Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce
 - Open Doors of Washington Township
 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School
 - Carmel Middle School
 - Rhoades Elementary School
 - Indy Backpack Attack
- Mandy Emery, vice president of community involvement for IMCU and executive director of Indiana Members Foundation, said, "We would like

to thank our employees, members and partners for making these donations possible! With their help, Indiana Members is able to help support the youth in the communities we serve. Statistics have proved that having the tools necessary to learn at the start of the school year are essential to being successful."

About Indiana Members Foundation

Indiana Members Foundation was founded in 2010, exclusively for the purpose of being a positive influence in the community served by Indiana Members Credit Union; specifically, providing school children in the Indianapolis area with the necessities essential for learning and succeeding in their education. For more information, please visit imf4kids.org.



Photo provided

(From left) Karen Schuldt, Robert Westfall, Francis Westfall, Vickie Batton, Cynthia Pratcher (parent liaison for Rhoades Elementary School) Mark Felty, Terry Renick (vice president of retail operations, IMCU) Mandy Emery (vice president of community involvement, IMCU and executive director of Indiana Members Foundation) and Monique Krider (vice president of human resources, IMCU).

Carmel hosts mental health resource fair

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Carmel Clay Schools leaders began a conversation with students and parents about mental health on Thursday night.

The district hosted its first mental health and community resource fair at Carmel High School.

Parents participated in breakout sessions on topics including handling children's stress and how to help students build resiliency.

School leaders said they hope parents left the fair with a better understanding of what is available to them when dealing with mental health situations.

"A lot of times we don't know until it happens and then we do have students and parents come to us, so we want to get in front



Cole

of it and show all the community resources we have around us," said Rachel Cole, the director of counseling at Carmel High School.

Cole said this year's fair mainly focused on teens, but next year the district would like to talk more about elementary and middle school students.

Former FBI agents open investigation, consulting, security service in Carmel

The REPORTER

After more than 21 years of serving our country in the FBI, Doug Kouns has announced plans to open a new intelligence, investigations and research firm in Carmel, serving primarily corporate and legal clients. The firm, known as Veracity IIR, has already begun piecing together a team of highly qualified professionals with significant experience to serve the needs of its clients from their new location in Carmel.

Veracity opened for business on Sept. 11 at 706 Pro-Med Lane in Carmel.

Kouns founded Veracity IIR with a vision of bringing the most experienced and accomplished law enforcement professionals, intelligence analysts and business people together to provide real solutions to real problems. A variety of investigative, risk management and threat mitigation products are offered.

Kouns is a former Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI. For more than 21 years he served the Bureau in the field and at FBI Headquarters while conducting or overseeing criminal, counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence investigations.

Kouns has assembled a team that includes:

Kathy Guider, vice

president of Veracity IIR, who will lead the training division and oversee investigations, human resources and most administrative functions. Guider is a former Special Agent of the FBI. For more than 23 years, she served in the Indianapolis Division where she conducted drug, terrorism and white-collar crime investigations. Guider also served as an adjunct faculty instructor teaching classes in Interview and Interrogation, Body Language, Presentations Skills and Instructor Development throughout the United States and Internationally.

Lori Achilles, director of the fraud division of Veracity IIR, who is a former Special Agent of the FBI specializing in White Collar Crime working in both the Indianapolis and New York City divisions of the FBI for more than seven years. While in Indianapolis, she worked on the White Collar Crime Squad investigating corporate fraud, investment schemes, health care fraud and mortgage fraud. She was also a member of the Bank Fraud

Working Group which involved coordinating with other law enforcement and regulatory agencies to discuss trends, potential frauds and weaknesses within the banking industry.

Jillian Dardani, senior intelligence analyst for Veracity IIR. Formerly of the Central Intelligence Agency, where she was an intelligence analyst and senior representative of the National Counter-terrorism Center, working in both Washington, D.C. and Chicago for more than eight years. While in D.C., she specialized in Al-Qaeda plotting against the United States and homegrown violent extremists. She was the lead analyst on several high-profile counter-terrorism investigations, including the aftermath of the Osama bin Laden operation, and was personally invited to meet with former President Obama as a result of her analytic expertise.

The ribbon cutting ceremony of this exciting new addition to Carmel has been set for Oct. 18. Keep up with all the news by visiting Veracityiir.com.



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Effective on or after Monday, Sept. 17, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., one lane in each direction along 146th Street just east of Lowes Way will be closed. The lane closures will be in place during these hours for up to four nights.

Effective on or after Friday, Sept. 21, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a single lane closure along westbound 146th Street. This lane closure will be in place during these hours for one day.

Please continue to use caution while driving through the construction zone.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Sept. 17

The REPORTER

USA Parkway

There will be road closures on USA Parkway from the roundabout to the south entrance of Navient from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18 through Thursday, Sept. 20 for Fishers Public Safety Training.

Morgan Drive

Morgan Drive will be closed to traffic from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18 and Wednesday, Sept. 19 for paving (weather permitting).

North Street

The westbound lane of North Street between Lantern Road and Maple Street will be closed this weekend, weather permitting, for concrete replacement.

Florida Road

Florida Road between Luxhaven Road and Martha Street is closed for the rehabilitation of Bridge 192 (Florida Road over

Fall Creek) by the Hamilton County Highway Department. The road will be closed to all thru traffic and will tentatively reopen before Nov. 3.

The intersection of 113th Street and Florida Road is closed for the realignment and construction of a new roundabout at the intersection. The closure is expected to last approximately 90 days. See the [Detour Map](#).

106th Street

106th Street is closed to through traffic from Eller Road to Allisonville Road and from Allisonville Road to Hague Road for the 106th Street Infrastructure Project. 106th Street is also closed to through traffic between Hague Road and the Crosspoint Boulevard/Lantern Road roundabout. An updated [project timeline](#) and [Detour Map](#) are now available.

Allisonville Road

Road construction is in

full swing along Allisonville Road. Traffic has been shifted to the east to allow for widening on the west side. Restrictions may be in place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and flaggers will be on site directing traffic, as necessary. Through September, all southbound left turns from Allisonville Road onto 126th Street will be prohibited. This is an active construction site with reduced speed limits. For more info on this project, view the [Fact Sheet](#).

State Road 37

A public meeting was held in May at the Delaware Township Trustee Office. The meeting presentation and updated information is available on the project's [new website](#). The State Road 37 improvement project is a \$124 million joint project between Fishers, Hamilton County, Noblesville and INDOT. Questions or concerns may be directed to SR37@rqaw.com.

When did classes start at Purdue University?

The REPORTER

1859 – Abraham and Mary Lincoln arrived in Indianapolis where the future President gave a speech at Masonic Hall. While promoting Republican candidates, he reminisced about his boyhood days in Spencer County. The couple stayed overnight at the American House Hotel and left the next day to return home to Springfield, Ill.

1874 – Classes began at the new land grant university named for John Purdue. There were six instructors and 19 students. Fourteen students made up the first graduating class.

1901 – Stuart Gorrell was born in Knox. At Indiana University, he became

friends with fellow classmate Hoagy Carmichael. Gorrell helped Carmichael write "Stardust" and composed the lyrics for "Georgia on My Mind."

1910 – A head-on railway collision near Kingsland killed 41 people. It was one of the worst inter-urban wrecks in state history.

1926 – Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim the English Channel, was in Indianapolis visiting friends. Speaking of the swim six weeks earlier, she said, "I can feel that cold

water even now." She said she loved the red Buick roadster automobile that was one of her prizes.

1951 – Indianapolis had one television station on the air, and residents were beginning to purchase receivers for their homes. It was an expensive decision. The William H. Block Department Store advertised the Motorola 17-inch console set for \$269.95. That was more than a month's pay for the average worker.



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

Mark 7:5-11 (KJV)

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Girls golf sectionals

Royals win team title; Millers, two Fishers individuals advance

By RICHIE HALL

Consistency was the word of the day at the Noblesville girls golf sectional, which took place Saturday at Harbour Trees.

Hamilton Southeastern reclaimed the sectional trophy, shooting a 334 to win the event and advance to next Saturday's Lapel regional at Edgewood Country Club. The Millers took third, also securing a spot at the regional. Fishers also had a great day, advancing two individuals.

The victory for the Royals was their first since 2015 and their ninth overall. Seniors Chelsea Morrow and Julia Eaton led the way, both carding a 75 and tying for second place individually.

"It means a lot knowing that this is my last year and that we could do this again as a team," said Morrow.

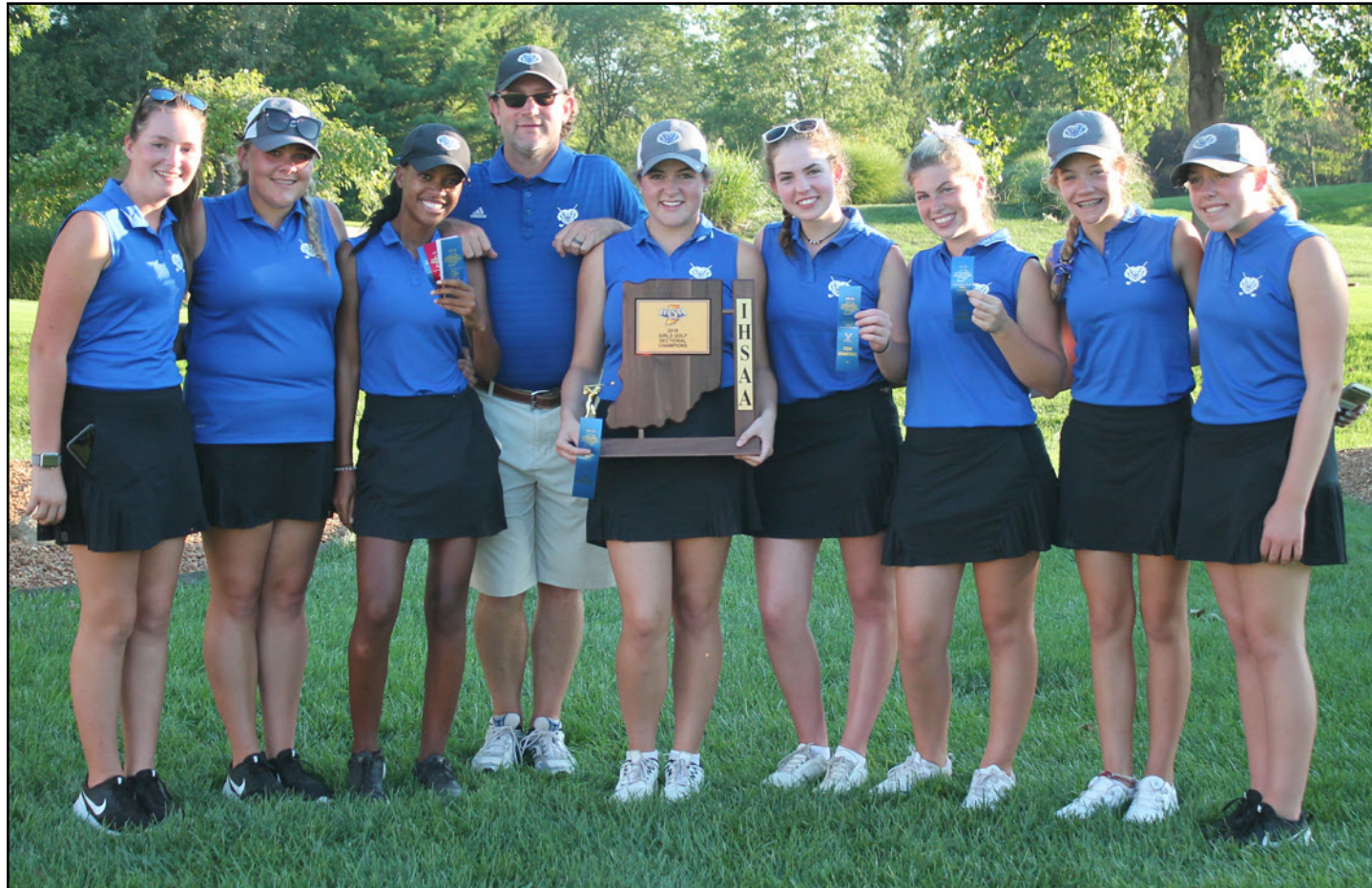
Southeastern coach Steve Guenin was also happy for the team win - "It's nice," he said. But of course, the important thing for the team is moving on to play next week.

"We had some girls put up some nice numbers today," said Guenin. "Julia played really well, Chelsea played solid again. Ashley Marcinko, she played really well. She struggled a bit on the front side and really put together a strong back side, so we're excited for her. And then Mara (Wilson) and Maggie (Watson) both played pretty consistent rounds."

Noblesville's consistency also helped it earn a spot at the regional, a streak that began in 2004. (Southeastern began its regional streak in 2005.) The Millers scored a 375; Mia Sommervold led Noblesville with a 92.

"We did okay," said Millers coach Justin Werkley. "We can play better and hopefully we'll do that on Saturday. We did fine today. Good enough to advance, which was the goal and we'll see what happens."

Fishers, the two-time defending sectional champion, finished fourth as a team. But the Tigers, who graduated five seniors from last year's team, had cause to celebrate as two players got out as individuals. Caitlyn Kim carded a 77, while Kaitlyn Brunner scored 84. Fishers coach Danny Smith said the other three Tigers players shot season



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

The Hamilton Southeastern girls golf team won the Noblesville sectional at Harbour Trees on Saturday. The Royals scored 334 and advanced to the Lapel regional at Edgewood next Saturday.

bests as well.

"With Caitlyn Kim shooting 77 and Kaitlyn Brunner shooting 84, they played so hard and they didn't let any adversity get to them," said Smith. "And they've been working all season long, all season long trying to improve their game and lead this team by example."

Hamilton Heights placed fifth with a 403. Kate Biggs led the Huskies with a 94.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 334, Lapel 359, Noblesville 375, Fishers 390, Hamilton Heights 403, Alexandria 452, Frankton 470, Anderson 473,

Shenandoah 484, Elwood 500.

Medalist: Kristen Hobbs (Lapel) 35-39-74.

Southeastern scores: Chelsea Morrow 38-37=75, Julia Eaton 39-36=75, Mara Wilson 44-48=92, Ashley Marcinko 50-42=92, Maggie Watson 45-49=94.

Noblesville scores: Mia Sommervold 48-44=92, Taylor Caldwell 45-48=93,

Ellie Karst 44-50=94, Sarah Brenneman 48-48=96.

Fishers scores: Caitlyn Kim 39-38=77, Kaitlyn Brunner 41-43=84, Kaelyn Tai 56-55=111, Lilly McVay 63-55=118, Ellie Metzger 64-64=128.

Heights scores: Kate Biggs 44-50=94, Alyx Harley 47-52=99, Ellie Arrowood 57-46=103, Rebekah Steffen 55-52=107, Veronica Meredith 51-63=114.

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Fishers' Kaitlyn Brunner (left) and Caitlyn Kim both advanced to the regional as individuals.

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LEFT: Noblesville placed third as a team, securing a spot at next Saturday's Lapel regional at Edgewood Country Club.

BELOW LEFT: Hamilton Southeastern's Chelsea Morrow (right) claps for a group that's finishing up on the 18th green.

BELOW: Veronica Meredith was one of the golfers playing for Hamilton Heights at the sectional.

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Cross country

County teams run at Flashrock; Heights, Noblesville girls win invites

Several Hamilton County cross country teams races in the annual Flashrock Invitational, which took place Saturday at Northview Church.

In the Boys Championship race, Carmel placed second to Cathedral, with the Irish scoring 52 points to the Greyhounds' 39. Carmel had two runners finish in the top 10: Calvin Bates took fifth and Pat Campbell was 10th.

Guerin Catholic had the highest county finisher, with Quinn Gallagher coming in fourth place. The Golden Eagles were eighth as a team.

Noblesville placed ninth, with Travis Hickner taking 13th individually. Westfield finished in 11th as a team; Max Gutwein led the Shamrocks by placing 26th.

Carmel also placed second in the Girls Championship race. The Greyhounds were edged out by Fort Wayne Carroll 35-39.

Carmel's Phoebe Bates won the individual race, clocking in at 18:09.2. Lindsey Roper placed sixth and Jamie Klavon was seventh.

Fishers finished fourth as a team, with Lindsey Roper taking sixth individually. Guerin Catholic was fifth as a team; Ellie Schroeder was the race runner-up in a time of 18:53.3.

Westfield finished ninth, with Sarah Coates placing 33rd individually.

Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers entered teams in the Boys Invitational race, with the Royals taking fifth and the Tigers sixth. Nolan Satterfield led Southeastern by finishing ninth, while Alec Foster placed 24th for the Tigers.

Southeastern entered runners in the Girls Invitational race, taking fourth as a team. Jehnea Mirro placed 10th to lead the Royals.

FLASHROCK INVITATIONAL BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

Team scores: Cathedral 52, Carmel 69, Pendleton Heights 102, Zionsville 140, North Central 154, Franklin Community 159, Guerin Catholic 182, Noblesville 197, Fort Wayne Snider 202, Westfield 240, Fort Wayne Carroll 252, Warren Central 367, DeKalb 385, East Central 468, Delta 497.

Race winner: Cole Hocker (Cathedral) 15:02.7.

Carmel runners: 5. Calvin Bates 16:06.8, 10. Pat Campbell 16:17.5, 11. Grant Moon 16:20.9, 15. Will Murphy 16:26.8, 22. Cam Harless 16:43.9, 24.



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Carmel's Brooke Waldal (left) and Abby Parker (center) helped the Greyhounds to a runner-up finish in the Girls Championship race at the Flashrock Invitational Saturday at Northview Church. At right is Fishers' Vera Schafer, who was part of the Tigers' fourth-place team.

Samuel Stage 16:47.7, 27. **Thomas Gastineau** 16:49.7, 36. **Brett Ploss** 17:04.3, 50. **Bing Hudson** 17:22.5, 52. **Will Anderson** 17:23.5, 61. **Jake Fisher** 17:34.5, 95. **Brady Firenze** 18:12.3.

Guerin Catholic runners: 4. **Quinn Gallagher** 16:02.7, 25. **Joe Barrett** 16:48.3, 80. **Matthew Fletcher** 17:55.4, 84. **Austin Callahan** 17:57.9, 86. **Gavin Morrow** 17:59.7, 98. **JP Spoonmore** 18:13.4, 100. **Weston Gingerich** 18:15.1, 104. **Dominic Stein** 18:16.8, 120. **Holden King** 18:32.9, 123. **Landon Swift** 18:37.2, 132. **Nathan Zurawski** 18:50.6, 142. **Aaron Banks** 19:17.6.

Noblesville runners: 13. **Travis Hickner** 16:22.4, 28. **Justin Amburgy** 16:50.5, 34. **Cole Kimmel** 17:03.6, 42. **Blake Hipkiss** 17:13.1, 46. **Nicholas Dombroski** 17:18.7, 49. **Jack Taylor** 17:22.0, 58. **Seth Koszyk** 17:29.2, 60. **Andrew Knight** 17:31.7, 75. **Kolby Kazmierski** 17:47.7, 83. **Billy Gregory** 17:57.3, 87. **Garrett Olges** 18:00.0, 93. **Luke Shinneman**

18:10.0.

Westfield runners: 26. **Max Gutwein** 16:48.3, 29. **Noah Douthit** 16:50.9, 32. **Samuel Novak** 16:57.4, 33. **Mahamat Djour** 16:57.6, 43. **Kai Connor** 17:14.6, 63. **Joe Barnett** 17:37.4, 65. **Jacob Beene** 17:38.2, 72. **Tyler Smith** 17:43.3, 77. **Emerson Bostic** 17:49.8, 85. **Josh Springborn** 17:58.0, 89. **Robby Bogdajewicz** 18:01.7, 92. **Nikolas Pensyl** 18:09.9.

BOYS INVITATIONAL RACE

Team scores: Brebeuf Jesuit 45, Center Grove 59, New Palestine 70, Roncalli 79, Hamilton Southeastern 148, Fishers 209, Shelbyville 249, Park Tudor 275, Lawrence Central 321, Norwell 327, Western Boone 340, Lebanon 368, Columbus East 371, Heritage Christian 380, Indian Creek 395, Connersville 401, Marion 504, Randolph Southern 542, Northeastern 581, Lighthouse Christian 584.

Race winner: Nick Perkins (Roncalli) 16:02.4.

Southeastern runners: 9. **Nolan Satterfield** 17:25.2, 18. **Will Marquardt** 17:48.7, 27. **Will Tuckis** 18:08.8, 29. **Conner Wright** 18:15.8, 31. **Luke Pfanstiel** 18:16.8, 44. **Jack Struss** 18:48.2, 48. **Lucas Rankin** 18:52.4, 75. **Caleb Lindsay** 19:17.5, 82. **Zane Davis** 19:29.8, 108. **Jackson Williams** 20:14.6.

Fishers runners: 24. **Alec Foster** 18:06.6, 25. **Aathreya Murthy** 18:08.0, 30. **Griffin Semona** 18:16.3, 46. **Adam Runion** 18:50.5, 51. **Bailey Wilson** 18:54.7, 57. **Josh Brown** 18:58.7, 58. **Roman Strobel** 19:01.1, 73. **Peyton Hagedorn** 19:16.6, 78. **Colin Simons** 19:24.8, 79. **Jack Wittrock** 19:25.9, 95. **Nathan Jordt** 19:53.1, 97. **Sean Simpson** 19:55.6.

GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

Team scores: Fort Wayne Carroll 35, Carmel 39, Zionsville 96, Fishers 111, Guerin Catholic 119, Cathedral 202, New Palestine 229, North Central 237, Westfield 245, Franklin Community 270, Delta 374, Columbus East 382, DeKalb 403, Fort Wayne Snider 422, Heritage Christian 481.

Race winner: Phoebe Bates (Carmel) 18:09.2.

Other Carmel runners: 6. **Lindsey Roper** 19:23.9, 7. **Jamie Klavon** 19:26.6, 14. **Alivia Romaniuk** 19:39.4, 17. **Brooke Waldal** 19:47.0, 19. **Abby Parker** 19:50.5, 22. **Lily McAndrews** 19:56.5, 30. **Madison Lindfelt** 20:21.6, 39. **Halle Welch** 20:32.6, 41. **Annie Christie** 20:36.0, 48. **Sydney Haines** 20:45.3, 57. **Roni Ledzema** 21:02.6.

Fishers runners: 8. **Emma Gillespie** 19:29.2, 13. **Vera Schafer** 19:39.2, 18. **Abby Carter** 19:48.7, 25. **Elizabeth Barrett** 19:59.1, 26. **Miya Wai** 20:08.2, 29. **Brynn Urban** 20:18.5, 34. **Tessa Kraft** 20:25.0, 35. **Corinne Yorkman** 20:26.7, 56. **Natalie Segura** 21:02.1, 84. **Lilia Bodnar** 21:48.3, 85. **Ellie Gaffin** 21:50.0, 100. **Emma Julien** 22:49.7.

Guerin Catholic runners: 2. **Ellie Schroeder** 18:53.3, 21. **Paige Schemanske** 19:52.8, 53. **Raegan Bohbrink** 20:53.0, 76. **Emma Hubbard** 21:39.4, 106. **Joelle Klavon** 23:14.7, 113. **Allison Wozniak** 23:36.6, 145. **Delaney Klee** 25:18.8.

Westfield runners: 33. **Sarah Coates**



Westfield's Samuel Novak (1862), Mahamat Djour (1839) and Noah Douthit (1840) were part of Westfield's lineup in the Boys Championship race at the Flashrock Invitational. Pictured at far left is Noblesville's Justin Amburgy.

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RIGHT: Westfield's ChristyAnn Delahunty was part of a Shamrocks team that placed ninth in the Girls Championship race Saturday at the Flashrock Invitational.

BELOW: Guerin Catholic's Quinn Gallagher (left) placed fourth and Carmel's Calvin Bates finished fifth in the Boys Championship race.



ABOVE: Noblesville's Travis Hickner finished 13th and helped the Millers to a eighth-place finish in the Boys Championship race.

BELOW: Carmel's Phoebe Bates won the Girls Championship race, leading the Greyhounds to a runner-up team finish.



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20:24.2, 44. Kyla Curtis 20:39.5, 46. Sophia Brown 20:41.3, 50. Sydney Clifford 20:48.7, 51. Julia Clark 20:49.4, 54. Morgen Houck 20:55.9, 63. Jasmine Herrell 21:14.1, 68. ChristyAnn Delahunty 21:21.9, 72. Sophie Porter 21:28.3, 75. Ava Zellers 21:36.9, 79. Ashley Baldwin 21:42.0, 80. Alyssa Schleper 21:42.6.

GIRLS INVITATIONAL RACE

Team scores: Norwell 17, Center Grove 72, Pendleton Heights 132, Hamilton Southeastern 135, Roncalli 150, Western Boone 176, Lebanon 202, East Central 219, Indian Creek 246, Shelbyville 264, Connersville 312, Lawrence Central 326, Brebeuf Jesuit 380, Park Tudor 396, Warren Central 436, Lighthouse Christian 489, Randolph Southern 543, Marion 575.

Race winner: Sydney Lambert (Norwell) 19:25.2.

Southeastern runners: 10. Jehnea Mirro 21:16.2, 18. Allie Latta 21:45.3, 21. Maddie McNarney 21:52.0, 23. Jenna McLean 21:58.5, 26. Ellie Johnson 22:02.3, 31. Katie Kesler 22:24.5, 32. Andrea Shick 22:25.2, 45. Grace Howard 22:52.6, 46. Katie Murhling 23:06.0, 51. Regan Wans 23:10.5, 65. Breanna Wright 23:50.5.

The Hamilton Heights girls team dominated at the Tipton Invitational on Saturday.

The Huskies took four of the top six places on their way to 22 points, including a sweep of the top two. Maria Mitchell won the individual race in a time of 19:48.93, with Abby Roth taking second. Abby Christiansen finished in fifth place, while Chloe Henderson was sixth.

University was fifth as a team. Jada Swearingen landed in the top 10 by taking ninth place. Sheridan's Lexi Weiss was 15th.

Hamilton Heights' boys team finished a close second to Lapel. The Bulldogs scored 48 points, with the Huskies scoring 53 points.

Preston Miller took sixth for Heights, with Price Knowles placing seventh.

University finished in fifth place, with Noah Laramore running to a third-place finish. Luke Poprik finished 31st for Sheridan.

TIPTON INVITATIONAL

GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Hamilton Heights 22, Frankton 78, Lapel 88, Elwood 97, University 123, Tipton 129, Madison-Grant 143.

Race winner: Maria Mitchell (Heights) 19:48.93.

Other Heights runners: 2. Abby Roth 20:46.23, 5. Abby Christiansen 21:48.67, 6. Chloe Henderson 21:58.92, 12. Madison Dotlich 22:55.31, 14. Alex Lopez 22:58.87, 16. Morgan Guthrie 23:22.65.

University runners: 9. Jada Swearingen 22:35.17, 26. Zoe Napier 25:54.27, 31. Isabella Garino-Heisey 27:19.74, 37. Jolin Xu 28:56.20, 40. Robin Kawarth 30:31.35.

Sheridan runners: 15. Lexi Weiss 22:59.84, 28. Breanna Hunter 27:06.07.

BOYS RACE

Team scores: Lapel 48, Hamilton Heights 53, Frankton 55, Lewis Cass 84, University 163, Wes-Del 164, Madison-Grant 167, Elwood 188.

Race winner: Luke Combs (Lapel) 16:59.51.

Heights runners: 6. Preston Miller 18:05.64, 7. Price Knowles 18:06.55, 13. Landon Hurley 18:52.82, 15. Landon Steele 19:08.29, 17. Clayton Forrer 19:25.31, 35. Alexander Pasaich 21:19.94, 38. Drew Monnin 21:29.65.

University runners: 3. Noah Laramore 17:44.92, 27. Thomas Price 20:18.60, 43. Cole Reinholt 21:55.29, 52. Neil Pettinga 23:29.84, 56. Ben Westerkamm 25:45.06.

Sheridan runners: 31. Luke Poprik 20:48.31, 42. Axel Aleman 21:52.02, 55. Eli Garner 24:45.83.

The Noblesville girls team won the 24-team Crawford County Invitational, scoring 35 points. Edgewood was the runner-up with 96 points.

The Millers landed four runners in the top 10, with Sophie Reichard placing second. Isabella Sharples-Gordon took fourth, Aubrey Swart was seventh and Taylor Gregory placed 10th.

Race winner: Annalysa Crain (Edgewood) 18:36.1.

Noblesville top 12 runners: 2. Sophie Reichard 19:38.3, 4. Isabella Sharples-Gordon 19:52.3, 7. Aubrey Swart 20:22.7, 10. Taylor Gregory 20:50.3, 12. Madison King 20:59.0, 14. Sophie Stahl 21:13.4, 20. Chloe Click 21:43.0, 25. Lauren Sandys 21:58.0, 30. Zoe Bruns 22:13.8, 31. Katherine Sandys 22:13.9, 34. Gracie Miller 22:28.8, 38. Ashley Newcome 22:37.0.

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MLB standings

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L.A. Dodgers 17, St. Louis 4
Washington 7, Atlanta 1
Cleveland 15, Detroit 0
Chicago Cubs 1, Cincinnati 0
Boston 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 7
Tampa Bay 7, Oakland 5

Chicago White Sox 2, Baltimore 0
Philadelphia 5, Miami 4
Houston 10, Arizona 4
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 1
Kansas City 10, Minnesota 3
Texas 6, San Diego 3
San Francisco 3, Colorado 0
Seattle 6, L.A. Angels 5

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Boston	102	47	.685	-
N.Y. Yankees	91	57	.615	10.5
Tampa Bay	81	66	.551	20.0
Toronto	66	82	.446	35.5
Baltimore	42	106	.284	59.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Cleveland	83	65	.561	-
Minnesota	67	81	.453	16.0
Detroit	60	88	.405	23.0
Chi. White Sox	59	89	.399	24.0
Kansas City	52	96	.351	31.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	93	55	.628	-
Oakland	90	59	.604	3.5
Seattle	82	66	.554	11.0
L.A. Angels	73	76	.490	20.5
Texas	64	84	.432	29.0

x - clinched playoff spot

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	83	65	.561	-
Philadelphia	76	71	.517	6.5
Washington	75	74	.503	8.5
N.Y. Mets	69	79	.466	14.0
Miami	57	91	.385	26.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	87	61	.588	-
Milwaukee	85	64	.570	2.5
St. Louis	81	68	.544	6.5
Pittsburgh	73	74	.497	13.5
Cincinnati	63	86	.423	24.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	82	67	.550	-
Colorado	81	67	.547	0.5
Arizona	78	71	.523	4.0
San Francisco	70	79	.470	12.0
San Diego	59	90	.396	23.0

y - clinched division title

Girls soccer

Millers get big HCC win, Royals beat Bulldogs

The Noblesville girls soccer team scored a big Hoosier Crossroads Conference win on Saturday by taking care of 3A No. 7 Brownsburg 3-0.

Carly Hudnall scored a goal in the first half for the 3A No. 3 Millers. Jenna Chatterton then sent an assist to Lauren Chatterton, who put it in the net for Noblesville's second goal. Ellie Jaensson got the Millers' third goal in the 74th minute of the game.

Noblesville is 4-0-1 in HCC play and 7-1-2 overall. The Millers host 3A No. 4 Carmel on Monday.

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 1 in 3A, won its third game in four days by beating Crown Point 5-1 on Saturday.

The Class 3A No. 20 Bulldogs scored the first goal of the game, but the Royals answered with three goals by halftime. Taylor Pozzebon scored first, assisted by Ava Keaffaber, then Layla Brown got two goals, both assisted by Claire Wilkinson.

"Claire earns player of the game on her two assists but just hustled every minute she was on the field," said HSE coach Greg Davidson.

Nathalie McLeish scored next, assisted by Ashley Wilson. Ashlyn Freeman scored Southeastern's fifth goal on a steal.

The Royals are 10-1-1 and play at McCutcheon on Monday.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Hamilton Southeastern's Nathalie McLeish makes a header to defend the Royals' goal during the HSE-Crown Point girls soccer game on Saturday. The Royals won 5-1.

Boys soccer

Millers upset Pike, Huskies win at Invite

The Noblesville boys soccer team got another big win on Saturday morning, upsetting Class 3A No. 17 Pike 1-0 in an away game.

After a rough start, the Millers got going in the second half. A combination play between Braden Cofer and Spencer Holland allowed Drew Barnes to post up right in front of the Pike goal. Holland slotted a ball across and Barnes kicked it into the upper 90 to the near post for the goal. The Millers held on for the win, despite the Red Devils' high pressure.

Noblesville is now 6-5-1 for the season, the first time the Millers have been above the .500 mark. Noblesville will travel to Franklin Central on Tuesday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Hamilton Heights won the first game of its Husky Invitational on Saturday, 5-1 over Crispus Attucks.

The 2A No. 17 Huskies had goals in the first half from Donovan Trew, Luke Vanderwall and Josh Thorpe. Zach Clark made one assist. In the second half, Nate Jozsa and Will Hilton each scored, with Sam Blake assisting Hilton's goal.

"All 23 players for the Huskies received great minutes on the field," said Heights coach Derrick Dean. "Caleb Grabarz recorded six saves on the game. Luke Vanderwall received player of the game with his great runs from the back field and free kick goal. Great win."

The 1A fourth-ranked **University** Trailblazers defeated Indianapolis Shortridge 5-0 in the Pioneer Athletic Academic Conference third place game.

The Trailblazers jumped on the Blue Devils early, with Roman Sally and Michael Bounsall scoring in the first 20 minutes of the contest. Sam Gailey scored

from close range to give University a 3-0 lead in the 21st minute.

Senior Coghlin Kumler scored on a corner kick with 14:08 remaining in the second half for the Blazers fourth goal. Gailey served a perfect cross in front of the goal and Kumler rose up and headed the ball in the net.

Sally secured his brace scoring from just inside the box off another corner with 4:42 remaining.

Jacob Sager earned the clean sheet in goal as University improved to 8-3-1.

While disappointed to not be playing the PAAC championship game (University lost to PAAC champion Seton Catholic on penalty kicks earlier this month), coach Wes Priest is pleased with how his team is playing. "We are starting to round in to form. We are playing really well. We have a big game Monday with Greenwood Christian as we get ready for a really tough

Sectional."

The Blazers play 1A seventh-ranked Greenwood Christian at home Monday. University will close out the regular season with road games at Western Boone and Tri-West before entering Sectional play.

Carmel, ranked No. 14 in 3A, tied 3A No. 16 Homestead 1-1 in a Friday evening game at Murray Stadium.

Junior Babacar Diatta scored the Greyhounds' goal, with Drew Finkam making the assist.

"It was definitely an energetic game tonight," said Carmel coach Shane Schmidt. "I felt as though we played well. We missed some opportunities we should have capitalized on, but our ball movement was good and I felt that we defended well again."

The 'Hounds are 3-1-7 and will play at Pike on Tuesday.

Volleyball

Noblesville splits at Cathedral, HSE goes 3-1 at New Castle

Noblesville played two matches at the Cathedral 3-Way on Saturday.

In their first match, the Millers lost to the host Irish in four sets, 25-15, 18-25, 25-20, 25-22. Ava Nichols dished out 37 assists, with Lexie Almodovar hitting 18 kills and making one block. Rose Crist put down 12 kills and Kayla Thompson made nine digs.

Noblesville beat Greenfield-Central 25-21, 14-25, 25-14, 26-24 in its second match. Nichols handed out 44 assists and also served four aces. Almodovar had a solid all-around game with 16 kills, 10 digs and one block. Rose Crist hit 11 kills and made one block.

Ella Peter put down seven kills and Maddy Carr had six kills. Thompson collected 14 digs and Braden Caswell

had 12 digs.

The Millers are 7-12 and host Class 2A No. 5 Lapel on Wednesday.

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 4 in 4A, played four matches at the Warren Central Invitational on Saturday.

The Royals took on 3A No. 1 New Castle in their first match, falling in three sets, 25-18, 19-25, 15-7. Taylor Shelton led the offense with eight kills, while Grace Kane hit six kills. Carly Mills had 17 digs.

Southeastern rebounded to win its next three matches. First was a 25-9, 25-8 win over Greenwood Christian Academy. Maddie Cole put down seven kills in a strong

match, while Shelton had six kills and six aces. Annaka Pyle dished out eight assists and served one ace.

The Royals then toughed out a win over Brownsburg, 15-25, 25-19, 15-12. Abby Weber led the way with 11 kills. Olivia Phillips handed out 37 assists, also hitting five kills and three aces. Mills collected 17 digs.

In its final match of the day, HSE took care of 2A No. 1 Evansville Mater Dei 25-13, 25-23. Chloe Whaley put down six kills, while Zada Anderson added five kills. Lillian Leiner and Sarah Morroff both had seven digs.

The Royals are now 17-5 on the season and play at Zionsville Thursday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match.