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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Criminal investigation, lawsuit still looms over County Treasurer's Office

By JEFF JELLISON
Reporter Publisher

Allegations of misconduct, a criminal investigation and a civil suit have employees in the Hamilton County Treasurer's office on edge.

The civil suit filed by Susan Byer alleges she was unjustly fired after she made

allegations of late property tax penalties not being charged to family members of office employees.

The criminal investigation being conducted by the Indiana State Police – now in its eighth month – was initiated by county commissioners after they learned of Byer's allegations.

Hamilton County Pros-

ecutor Lee Buckingham is not commenting on the criminal investigation.

Buckingham requested, and was granted, a Special Prosecutor to oversee the State Police investigation. Hancock County Prosecutor Brent Eaton now heads the investigation.

The commissioners have said they do not be-

lieve there is a factual basis behind Byer's allegations.

Commissioners have described Byer as a disgruntled employee.

A second Treasurer's Office employee, Julie Ward, was fired following Byer's termination.

Reports indicate Ward was fired for allegedly posting tax payments to

the wrong account multiple times.

Pamela Watson, a current employee of the Treasurer's Office, has been suspended for violation of office policies, according to county officials. Watson, represented by local attorney Tim Stoez, has filed a tort claim notice as a result of her suspension.

According to an article published by the Indianapolis Star, two current Treasurer's Office employees who asked to remain anonymous view Watson's suspension as the latest example of retaliation within the office.

Earlier this year, Ham-

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Blackhawk royalty stands ready for Friday's Homecoming game

Photo provided

Sheridan High School's Homecoming is Friday. The Blackhawks will take on Clinton Prairie at 7 p.m. The 2019 Fall Homecoming King and Queen will be selected at halftime. This year's Fall Homecoming Court includes (from left) Freshman Princess Jacquelynne Bates and Freshman Prince Peyton Cross; Sophomore Princess Kenzie Cork and Sophomore Prince Christian Clausen; Junior Princess Megan Lunn and Junior Prince Brently Alexander; and Senior Queen and King candidates Makaela Mosolf and Nolan Buckner, Becca Merritt and Will Zachery, Katie Cuevas and Vlado Tomko, and Mia Brooks and Charlie Cronin.

HSE Schools student count set at 21,794

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

The State of Indiana provides financial support for local schools based on the number of students reported in each school district throughout the state. Indiana has what is called the "Average Daily Membership" (ADM) count which is used by state officials to pass out money to local school corporations.

The Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools ADM count for this school year, as recorded by a head count of students conducted last Friday, shows a total of 21,794. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade are up a total of 273 over the previous school year.

HSE's Chief Financial Officer Mike Reuter provided board members with the following student population breakdown during a Tuesday morning work session:

- For kindergarten through fourth grade, the student count is up 5.
- The total number of first graders is 1,550.
- In grades 5 and 6, the student count is down by 2.
- The freshman and sophomore classes

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Noblesville Parks announces Pickleball drop-in gym hours

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has announced Pickleball drop-in gym hours for the fall and winter at the Recreation Annex at Ivy Tech Community College, 300 N. 17th St. As Pickleball continues to grow in popularity, drop-in gym offers a fun way for the community to play the sport. All skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Pickleball drop-in gym hours will begin Monday, Sept. 23. Morning hours will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; afternoon hours are 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays. Wednesday evening

hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Drop-in gym will not be offered Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

For those not familiar with the sport, Pickleball is a fun game for all ages and skill levels. It is played with a paddle and plastic ball and combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. The Recreation Annex holds no fewer than three indoor courts which provide great play for all experience levels.

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Carmel council eyes building fee, skateboard restrictions, parade rules

By JENNY DREASLER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Home-building fees, skateboard restrictions and parade rules were among the topics discussed at a Monday night Carmel City Council meeting.

Park impact fee increase proposal

The council heard a park impact fee ordinance on first reading. It would impact people looking to build a new house in Carmel.

Right now, the fee is \$2,972. Under the new proposal, that fee would increase to \$4,882.

Collins

Supporters of the increase say as the population of Carmel grows, the new people moving to Carmel should contribute financially to the growth of the city and its parks. But opponents of the ordinance said the increase is just too much.

"A 40 percent increase is pretty significant, especially when you look at how it's three times the next highest community," said Kate Collins with the Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis. "That just creates

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ilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger told the Reporter the Treasurer's Office is in "upheaval."

"We may need to make some changes, but until the investigation is concluded we can't," said Dillinger.

When asked about the timeline of the investigation, Prosecutor Eaton responded, "I'm hoping things wrap up soon, but I

want to be fair, complete and accurate: however long that takes."

Prosecutor Eaton told the Reporter it is his policy not to comment on an ongoing investigation. "I will say the Indiana State Police are very professional and are committed to doing a good job. They have worked hard on this case."

Dillinger, along with

Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt and Christine Altman, Prosecutor Buckingham, Hamilton County Attorney Mike Howard and Human Resource Director Sheena Randall are on Byer's list of witnesses that could be called to testify in the Byer suit.

Byer's lawsuit is scheduled for trial in April of next year.

STUDENT COUNT

are the largest entering high school this year.

- The count of freshman students is 1,786.
- The number of junior high students increased by 20.
- High school seniors outnumber the junior class.
- The total number of high school students is up by 245.

Reuter told the board that student population is "stabilizing." The number of kindergartners entering HSE this school year exceeded 1,500, compared to last year's kindergarten

ADM population of 1,476.

"We opened Southeastern (Elementary) and I know it feels like we just grew and grew, and we did grow out there, more than we'd hoped to," Reuter told board members. "But it's because of their kindergarten class. It's just completely off the charts compared to (Southeastern Elementary's) other grade levels."

HSE administrators have shared the ADM figures with the district's demographer Jerry McKibben and expects fresh future enrollment projections by

November.

Reuter also provided board members with an early overview of the 2020 school district budget. No overall budget number was available because Reuter is still processing the numerous sources of revenue and the wide range of expected costs for calendar year 2020.

The public hearing on the 2020 school corporation proposed budget will be held Oct. 9, with final budget approval by the board expected at the Oct. 23 board meeting.

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BUILDING FEE

additional burdens for those developers when they are thinking about their planning and how they can help offset some of those costs."

Council members said it's a one-time fee for new home builders, not a tax increase. The fee would only apply to new home development and not to someone looking to remodel or add on to their home.

The ordinance was sent to the finance committee and will likely be voted on by Nov. 18.

Skateboards could be restricted in more areas

The city council also discussed what the council president called a "clean-up ordinance" that aims to limit where people can skateboard and use similar "wheeled toy vehicles" in the city.

The ordinance came up after the council received complaints of numerous teens skateboarding in parking decks around town.

The amendment would add Carmel's Midtown, the Arts & Design District



Photo provided

The Carmel City Council has sent an ordinance to the Finance Committee that would increase a park impact fee from \$2,972 to \$4,882.

and parking garages to the list of places where skateboards and scooters are not allowed.

The amendment would also ban "wheeled toy vehicles" in Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation parks, except on greenways, trails, multi-use paths and at designated skate parks.

Council members said the addition of electric scooters to the ordinance will also be discussed.

But they say that's a "different animal" and will take time to get those rules down on paper.

A vote is expected by mid-October.

Saving spots at CarmelFest

The issue of spot-saving for Carmel's Fourth of July celebration, which has elicited significant public discussion, didn't make much council conversation on

Monday.

The proposal would limit when people can stake out their spots ahead of CarmelFest for the 4th of July.

Under the proposal, people could reserve their spots for the parade at 6 a.m. the day before the event, rather than weeks in advance. The proposal was brought up after some complained chairs and spot markers not only made for unsightly clutter but also caused damage to grass and irrigation systems around town.

Council President Jeff Worrell said there is still a lot to be talked about on the chair ordinance, and it will remain in land use committee.


Public feedback on the spot-saving proposal is still being accepted by the city.

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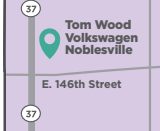


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State field trip grant program benefits Heights fourth graders

The REPORTER

Students at 67 Indiana schools this academic year will experience the outdoors thanks in part to a grant program that supports field trips to Indiana State Parks.

The Discover the Outdoors Field Trip Grant Program is for public, private, parochial, or home-school educators and is administered through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF), the supporting non-profit of the DNR.

Locally, 180 fourth grade students from Hamilton Heights will participate in the program by visiting Mounds State Park.

The grants, ranging from \$72 to \$200, fund transportation costs, program fees and classroom supplies related to preparation or follow-up for the field trips.

An estimated 4,921 K-12 students will benefit from the grant program in 2019-20. The program expects to

distribute \$11,624 through 72 grants.

This is the seventh academic year that the grant program has been in effect. Through the current academic year, the program has distributed more than \$41,000 in overall funding and helped more than 15,000 students visit an Indiana state park for a guided hike or talk with an interpretive naturalist.

To see students benefiting from this grant, visit youtu.be/uC4QjhsBLO8.

The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a long-time DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children in parks. Financial assistance also comes periodically from the Indiana Master Naturalist Advisory Council, and its contribution this year allowed the fund to double the number of grants offered, according to INFR Executive Director Jody

Kress. DNR staff also contribute to the fund through the State Employees Community Campaign.

“We appreciate the generosity of those who contribute to Indiana’s youth,” Kress said. “We hope to see this program grow so we can educate more students across the state about our natural and cultural legacy.”

To donate, visit IndianaNRF.org. Indiana has 24 state parks and eight reservoirs eligible for field trip funding. Field trips to state parks engage students in learning about Indiana’s fish, forest, wildlife, natural habitats and conservation.


New ER, urgent care facility in the works in Zionsville



Rendering provided

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, Riverview Health will conduct a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Riverview Health Emergency Room & Urgent Care to be located at 10830 N. Michigan Road, Zionsville.

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God's roundabout

Being the president of the Carmel Interfaith Alliance, I was thinking of the correlation between the physical roundabouts and the spiritual roundabouts in our lives. My wife Diane and I moved to Carmel in 2014. I had never driven in a roundabout, but living here with over 100 roundabouts was going to be a new experience.

A modern roundabout is a circular intersection where drivers travel counterclockwise around a center island. There are no traffic signals or stop signs. Drivers yield at entry to traffic in the roundabout, then enter the intersection and exit at their desired street.

Carmel was a town in 1960 that had a total population of 1,442. It was like most towns in the USA, with a downtown hardware store, a drugstore, and three

GUEST COLUMNIST



REV. JERRY ZEHR

stoplights. It had only four churches in the town, with Carmel Christian Church (the church I am presently serving as Senior Pastor) having been established in 1958.

Christianity was the only religion in the town, like most of the small towns across the country. Through the years of growth, the community moved from being a town with one major religious expression to a city in 2019 with a population of over 92,000 and a diversity of cultures and faith traditions.

In 1996, James Brainard became the Mayor, and over the last 23 years, he has helped the city evolve in many ways. The roundabout was an important part of his vision for helping the city to become a community of flow and grace. Many statistics prove the cost-effectiveness to the city and

the decrease in accidents, but I see a town with roundabouts as a correlation to how we can live in a multi-faith community.

Driving through a roundabout is a traffic flow where people have to drive slowly, allowing people to exit to the turnoff to their desired destination. God's roundabout is like that as well, as we are respectful, allowing people to enter the center island area (community) and exit as they travel their journeys of life.

If we can learn to respect and make space for people of other belief systems, maybe we can improve our life flow like the traffic flow, decreasing the number of accidents and improving our quality of life.

I have always seen God having a multifaith roundabout with entrances and exits of many faiths as we live together in this world. May we enjoy driving the roundabouts in our city and our spiritual lives.

David Foster to perform at the Palladium next spring

The REPORTER

One of the most successful songwriters and producers in pop history will deliver decades of hits on May 2, 2020 when the Center for the Performing Arts presents David Foster in concert.

The Grammy Award-winning producer is embarking on an extensive North American tour in January 2020. "An Intimate Evening with David Foster – Hitman Tour" is an extension of his highly successful and sold out 2019 tour. Thrilling, humorous and refreshingly honest, Foster performs songs he wrote or produced from his four decades of hits and also includes fascinating storytelling about the songs, artists and moments of his life. Delivered by powerhouse performers, the hits include: Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me," Earth Wind and Fire's "After the Love Is Gone," Chicago's "You're the Inspiration," Josh Groban's "You Raised Me Up," Michael Buble's "Home," Natalie Cole's "Unforgettable" and many, many more.

Joining the 16-time Grammy Award winner will be Katharine McPhee, who rose to fame on American Idol and went on to success as a recording artist and actress, with roles on film, television (*Smash*, *Scorpion*, *Community*) and the stage, most notably on Broadway and London's West End in the hit musical *Waitress*. Katharine will join David for a number of his well-known songs, including "The Prayer."

The performance is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Palladium, 1 Center Green, Carmel. Tickets starting at \$35 will be available beginning at 10 a.m. Friday,



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David Foster will be joined by artist and actress Katharine McPhee.

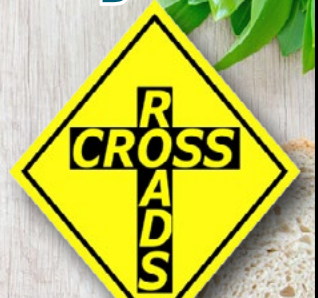
Sept. 20, at TheCenterPresents.org and through the Box Office at (317) 843-3800 or toll-free at (877) 909-ARTS (2787). Sponsored by The National Bank of Indianapolis, the performance is part of the 2019-20 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

Apart from returning to the road, Foster is preparing for the release of a feature documentary on his life and career, *David Foster: Off the Record*. The documentary premiered on Sept. 9 in Toronto as part of the Toronto International Film Festival. In November and December, David's new PBS special – *An Intimate Evening With David Foster* – will air nationwide as part of *Great Performances*. Foster is also gearing up to take on Broadway with several projects, including writing the music for a new musical about the iconic animated character Betty Boop and another based on the Amy Bloom novel and New York Times bestseller *Lucky Us*.

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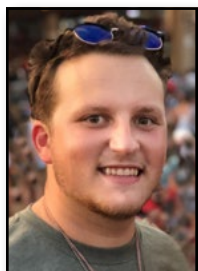
Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come. Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

John 8:19-27 (KJV)

Adam Jeffrey Stivers

May 14, 1995 – September 16, 2019

Adam Jeffrey Stivers, 24, Noblesville, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 16, 2019. He was born on May 14, 1995 to Jeff and Margaret (Wright) Stivers in Indianapolis.



Adam was a graduate of Noblesville High School where he played soccer and wrestled. He attended Indiana University and was passionate about helping people with special needs. Adam was optimistic, artistic and free-willed. He loved anything involving music, glass art, collectibles, Harry Potter and especially fishing and mushroom hunting with his dad.

He is survived by his parents, Jeff and Margaret Stivers; sister, Amy Stivers; brother, Evan Stivers; girlfriend, Bailey Saltgaver; grandparents, Tom and Mary Wright, Jenny and Bill Mourning, and Don and Becky Stivers; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Adam was preceded in death by his uncles, Tom "Butch" Wright and Brad Stivers; and his cousin, Jacob Stivers.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2019 at Northview Church, 12900 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Carmel. A Celebration of Life will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the church, with Pastor Win Clark officiating. A dinner will follow at the church for family and close friends.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Adam's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northview Church, 12900 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Carmel, IN 46033; or Special Olympics for Hamilton County, P.O. Box 730, Noblesville, IN 46061.

Arrangements

Calling: 2 to 4 p.m., Sept. 20
Celebration of Life: 4:30 p.m., Sept. 20
Location: Northview Church
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019, in the board room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville. An executive session will follow at 7:15 p.m.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – North District will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019, in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – South District will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019, in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Girls soccer

Royals still perfect in HCC, Millers get dramatic Senior Night win

The Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer team kept its lead in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference standings with a 5-1 win over Westfield Wednesday at the Royals' field.

Southeastern, the No. 1-ranked team in Class 3A, scored three goals in the first half. Ashley Wilson got the first one off an assist by Izzie Wallace. Later, Wallace scored two goals, both assisted by Kaitlynne Wallace.

The Shamrocks got on the board towards the end of the first half when Allison Bullock scored on a corner kick. The Royals added two more goals in the second half: Olivia Smith scored off an Izzy Johnson assist, then Wilson got one more in the net, with Ava Marquardt assisting.

"It was a great Think Pink night honoring those we have lost, supporting those that are battling cancer, and raising money for the cause," said Southeastern coach Greg Davidson.

The Royals are 5-0 in conference play with two games remaining, and are 11-1 overall. Westfield is 1-4 in HCC play and 6-5 overall.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville stayed unbeaten with a dramatic 1-0 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over 3A No. 10 Zionsville on Wednesday.

It was Senior Night for the 3A No. 4 Millers, and one that won't be forgotten soon. After 78 minutes of scoreless soccer, Noblesville got its goal in the 79th minute when Jenna Chatterton found the back of the net. Makenna Maloy made the assist.

Noblesville is 3-0-1 in the conference and 7-0-2 overall. The Millers are right back into conference play on Saturday, hosting Brownsburg.

Fishers, the No. 8 team in 3A, played Brownsburg on Wednesday, and came away with a 1-0 win.

Taryn McFarland got an early goal for the Tigers in the fourth minute, and Fish-

Noblesville's Jenna Chatterton scores the winning goal in the 79th minute of the Millers' Senior Night game with Zionsville on Wednesday. The victory keeps Noblesville unbeaten for the season.

ers held that lead for the rest of the game. The victory improved the Tigers to 3-1-2 in HCC play (currently in third place) and 7-1-3 overall.

Carmel, ranked No. 3 in 3A, got one step closer to a Metropolitan Conference championship on Wednesday by beating Warren Central 3-0.

Morgan Parker scored the Greyhounds' first goal off a corner kick by Kelsie James. Carmel added two more goals in the second half: Lila Simmons converted a penalty kick, then Lauren Rainbolt put a header into the net off a

Sophie Shepherd cross. Abby Lee made one goalkeeper save.

The Greyhounds are 6-0 in the conference and 8-0-2 overall. Carmel will play Center Grove next month for the MIC championship. But first, the Greyhounds play Noblesville Monday at Murray Stadium. Next week is also Homecoming for Carmel.

"Homecoming week's always a strange week," said Greyhounds coach Frank Dixon. "We have three really hard games, because we play Brebeuf and Zionsville also. So we start with Noblesville and then we'll play those other two."

Tennis Teams win duals, begin conference meets today

The Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis team won a Wednesday dual meet at Lebanon 4-1.

The No. 13-ranked Royals swept both doubles matches. No. 1 Andrew Spirison and Daniel Verde defeated their opponents 6-2, 6-1, then No. 2 Logan Hubbard and Jackson Bill were 6-1, 6-0 winners. In singles play, No. 3 Rohan Golla was victorious 6-3, 6-0, and No. 2 Paul Schneider won 6-3, 6-1.

Southeastern is 8-6 for the year and travels to Zionsville this afternoon for the first round of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet.

Noblesville also won a Wednesday dual meet, beating Anderson 5-0.

It was Senior Night for the Millers, who also head to Zionsville today for the HCC tournament.

Carmel, ranked No. 1 in the state, beat Brebeuf Jesuit 5-0 on Wednesday.

The Greyhounds travel to Ben Davis today for first-round action in the Metropolitan Conference meet.



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Carmel coach Frank Dixon talks with his team after the Greyhounds' Wednesday win over Warren Central.

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Royals volleyball wins, still unbeaten in HCC

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team continued its unbeaten run in Hoosier Crossroads Conference play with a sweep of Westfield Wednesday at The Rock.

The Royals won 25-13, 25-16, 25-17. Abby Weber led Southeastern with a dominant performance of 19 kills, 13 digs and one ace.

“Abby Weber was absolutely spectacular,” said Royals coach Jason Young. “I think she had nine kills in the first set. She was pretty much unstoppable, our go-to when we were in trouble all night, so I was really pleased with her performance. She’s been trending up and tonight was a really great performance for her.”

Grace Hunter and Delaney Garner both had nine kills, with Hunter serving two aces and Garner making 1.5 blocks. Emily Weber handed out 20 assists, while Olivia Phillips dished out 17 assists. On defense, Carly Mills collected 19 digs and Kyla Berg had 11 digs.

Kenzie Daffinee led the Shamrocks with 14 kills. Ellary Detamore picked up 14 digs and Peighton Isley had 11 digs. Sarah Weglarz handed out 28 assists.

“Tomorrow we get into practice, we have some things to focus on and we’re just going to move on from there,” said Shamrocks coach Sandra Burks.

Southeastern is 4-0 in conference play and 11-3 overall. Westfield is 1-2 in the league and 11-6 overall.



Reporter photos by Kirk Green

ABOVE: Westfield presented Kenzie Daffinee (6) with the game ball from the Shamrocks' match with Warren Central. Daffinee set a new school record in that match by serving nine aces.

BELOW: The Shamrocks prepare their attack as Hamilton Southeastern's front line goes up for the block.



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Golf

Greyhounds win Woodland Invite

The Carmel girls golf team won the Woodland Invitational Wednesday at Woodland Country Club.

The Greyhounds scored 148 to Guerin Catholic's 173 and Brebeuf Jesuit's 193. Carmel's Katie Kuc was the meet medalist with a 33. Other Greyhound scores were Ava Hedrick 37, Sydney Longstreth 39, Ava Nguyen 39 and Elizabeth Hedrick 40.

"What a great end to our regular season play," said Carmel coach Kelly Kluesner. "The Greyhounds played with confidence and came away with awesome scores today. The girls played smart, avoided the big numbers and took advantage of some birdie opportunities. I'm proud of them and how they are playing as a team going into the start of the State Tournament on Friday."

Noblesville dropped a close dual met on Wednesday to Zionsville, 148-151, in its final regular-season match of the year.

Scoring for the Millers were Sarah Brenneman 37, Caroline Whallon 38, Ellie Karst 38 and Taylor Caldwell 39.

Noblesville won its Senior Night meet on Tuesday, beating Brownsburg 176-177 Tuesday at Fox Prairie Golf Course.

Bella Deibel scored a 41 to earn co-medalist honors.

Hamilton Heights won a Tuesday 4-way match at Chippendale Golf Club.

The Huskies scored 189, followed by Eastern 200, Alexandria 213 and Taylor 240. Heights' Sydny Zebrauskas was the meet medalist with a 39. Other Huskies scores were Ellie Arrowood 47, Rebekah Steffen 50, Kaylee Rhoton 53, Alyx Harley 54 and Anna Rickey 66.



Photo provided

The Carmel girls golf team won the Woodland Invitational Wednesday at Woodland Country Club.

Fishers won its Senior Night meet with Lawrence North 190-218 on Tuesday.

Tigers senior Kaitlyn Brunnemer was a co-medalist with a round of 41, with senior Caitlyn Kim carding a 43. Other

Fishers scores were Kristi Lilek 50, Lilly McVay 56, Kaelyn Tai 56 and Sarah Majeski 61.

Football previews

Royals host Shamrocks for Homecoming

The Hamilton Southeastern football team saw its share of tough competition during the first half of the season.

Now at Week 5, the midpoint of the season, the Royals will take on yet another difficult opponent, as undefeated and Class 6A No. 8 Westfield heads to Southeastern's TCU Field on Friday night for the Royals' Homecoming game. The all-Hamilton County clash highlights this week's slate of seven local games.

The Shamrocks scored their wins over Harrison 55-28, Decatur Central 36-14, Zionsville 51-24 and Noblesville 34-14. That comes out to an average of 44 points per game. That potent Westfield offense is led by senior quarterback Cam Simons, who is putting up some big numbers so far: Simons has completed 47 of 64 passes (73.4 percent) for 823 yards and 10

touchdowns.

"Probably the most complete offense that we've seen so far this year," said Royals coach Adam Morris on Hamilton County Television. (All quotes are from HCTV.) "Cam Simons, the quarterback, is an unbelievable player. Played really well against us last year and I think since last season, he's been one of the better quarterbacks in the area."

Simons has plenty of receivers, and the top two so far are junior Mason Peining, with 13 catches and three touchdowns, and senior Dane Wheeler, who has 12 receptions and three TDs. The Shamrocks' running game is anchored by senior Eli Patchett, who has rushed for 361 yards and six touchdowns.

Sophomore Micah Hauser leads the Westfield defense with 34 tackles, while

Patchett has 32 stops.

Southeastern's record is 1-3, but that has come against a difficult early-season schedule. The Royals beat Lawrence Central 24-20 in their opener, then fell to North Central 17-16, Avon 35-27 and Fishers, another unbeaten team, 27-6.

Senior quarterback Andrew Hobson is also having a great season. Hobson has completed 64 of 123 passes for 939 yards and six touchdowns. Two more seniors are the top receivers: DeAndre Rhodes has 24 catches, including four TDs, while Ben Boysen has made 22 receptions. Junior Tylin Taylor is the leading rusher with 198 yards.

"This team is really good," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. "They have on both sides of the ball, a few guys who I think are pretty special and just excellent players, and those guys give problems to whoever they play."

NOBLESVILLE-ZIONSVILLE

Expect a large crowd at Noblesville's Beaver Materials Field Friday night, as the Millers will be playing their Homecoming game against Zionsville. Kickoff is a half-hour later than usual, at 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville is 0-4 for the season, and would like nothing more than to get its first win at Homecoming. The Millers will be taking on a 2-2 Eagles team, which started the season with victories over Pike 17-7 and Lebanon 47-33, then

lost to Westfield 51-24 and Franklin Central 17-14.

"Their new coach, Scott Turnquist, is a great coach," said Noblesville assistant coach Chris Radican. "Came from Carmel, he was the offensive coordinator at Carmel. Does a great job, has a great staff around him."

Zionsville's quarterback is senior Cole Wiseman, who has thrown for 449 yards and three touchdowns. Sophomore Trey Firestone has emerged as a leading receiver, with 12 catches, including one score. The Eagles also have a great young running back in sophomore Cole Price, who has already gained 671 yards and scored seven TDs. Senior Garrett Williamson leads the defense with 43 tackles.

"He's going to be tough, so we're going to have to stay gap sound, tackle well, pursuit of the ball, gang tackle, all those things," said Radican. "I know those are all clichés, but we're going to have to do a good job getting to the football and finishing plays."

The Millers have played the toughest schedule in the state so far, according to the Sagarin ratings. Noblesville has fallen to Cathedral 42-14, Carmel 37-0, Fishers 28-7 and Westfield 34-14.

Two seniors have been playing quarterback for the Millers. Alex Zavac has

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Oakland 1,	Kansas City 0, 11 innings	Philadelphia 4,	Atlanta 1
Arizona 5,	Miami 4	Chicago White Sox 3,	Minnesota 1
L.A. Angels 3,	N.Y. Yankees 2	San Diego 2,	Milwaukee 1
Toronto 11,	Baltimore 10	Cincinnati 3,	Chicago Cubs 2, 10 innings
Seattle 4,	Pittsburgh 1	Houston 3,	Texas 2
		Tampa Bay 8,	L.A. Dodgers 7, 11 innings

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	99	54	.647	-
Tampa Bay	90	63	.588	9.0
Boston	79	72	.523	19.0
Toronto	61	91	.401	37.5
Baltimore	49	103	.322	49.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	93	59	.612	-
Cleveland	89	63	.586	4.0
Chi. White Sox	66	86	.434	27.0
Kansas City	56	97	.366	37.5
Detroit	45	106	.298	47.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Houston	100	53	.654	-
Oakland	92	61	.601	8.0
Texas	74	79	.484	26.0
L.A. Angels	69	83	.454	30.5
Seattle	64	88	.421	35.5

x - Clinched playoff spot

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Atlanta	93	60	.608	-
Washington	83	68	.550	9.0
Philadelphia	78	72	.520	13.5
N.Y. Mets	79	73	.520	13.5
Miami	53	99	.349	39.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	85	67	.559	-
Chi. Cubs	82	70	.539	3.0
Milwaukee	82	70	.539	3.0
Cincinnati	72	81	.471	13.5
Pittsburgh	65	87	.428	20.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-L.A. Dodgers	98	55	.641	-
Arizona	78	75	.510	20.0
San Francisco	74	78	.487	23.5
San Diego	69	84	.454	28.5
Colorado	66	87	.431	32.0

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thrown for 72 yards and Jayden Barrett for 52 yards; both have one touchdown pass. Barrett also leads the rushing with 146 yards. Senior Carson Sanders and junior Zach Blevins both have four receptions, including a TD for Sanders.

On defense, five Noblesville players have at least 30 tackles. Sam Steinhofers leads with 36 tackles, with senior Aidan Richardson next in line with 35 stops.

SHERIDAN-CLINTON PRAIRIE

Sheridan will also have its Homecoming game on Friday, welcoming Clinton Prairie for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The game is an important one when it comes to the Hoosier Heartland Conference race. The Blackhawks are 3-0 in the league, with the Gophers and Eastern right behind them at 2-0. Sheridan and Prairie are both 3-1 overall.

The Gophers won their opener over Park Tudor 59-12, lost to Attica 50-14, then began HHC play with victories over Clinton Central 47-13 and Tri-Central 47-21. Junior quarterback Kade Osborn has completed 40 of 60 passes for 660 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Jacob Fullerton is CP's top receiver, with 17 catches and two scores.

"The quarterback's a good passer and a good runner and the running back's pretty solid," said Blackhawks coach Bud Wright. "They throw the ball all over the place. They'll be a challenge for us."

Senior Jack Baker is the Gophers' top rusher with 492 yards and four touchdowns. Osborn has run for 393 yards and has scored nine TDs. Prairie also has a huge defensive line; senior Jacob Fullerton leads the tackles with 17 stops. Junior Sean Patrick has six tackles for a loss.

Sheridan, ranked No. 10 in 1A, opened its season with a 41-6 loss to Western Boone, and since has beaten Clinton Central 49-29, Tri-Central 50-19 and Delphi 36-35. Sophomore Silas DeVaney has 304 yards passing as quarterback, including a touchdown.

Junior Cameron Hovey has been dominant on the ground, with 866 yards and 10 TDs. Junior Keenan Warren leads the receptions with five, and one touchdown. Hovey is also on top of the tackling with

38 stops, while three players have six tackles for a loss.

CARMEL-LAWRENCE NORTH

Carmel continues Metropolitan Conference play by hosting Lawrence North. The Wildcats are 2-2, starting their season with wins over Perry Meridian 55-0 and Marion 35-8. After that, LN lost to Lawrence Central 41-31 and North Central 42-27.

The 6A No. 3 Greyhounds are 3-1. They started their season with a 41-14 loss to Louisville Trinity Lutheran, then defeated Noblesville 37-0, Center Grove 20-14 and Pike 24-7.

Carmel has been using two quarterbacks. Senior Gabe Quigley has passed for 237 yards, including two touchdowns, with sophomore Zach Osborne throwing for 232 yards. Senior Zach Gish is the leading receiver, with six catches, including two scores. Senior Dylan Downing has been solid running the football, gaining 697 yards and scoring seven TDs.

FISHERS-BROWNSBURG

The first of three county teams to go on the road, 6A No. 6 Fishers will travel to 6A No. 7 Brownsburg on Friday.

The Bulldogs are 2-2, but have played a difficult schedule. Brownsburg has wins over Ben Davis 29-24 and Franklin Central 41-14, and losses to Cincinnati St. Xavier 38-17 and Hendricks County rival Avon. The Orioles edged out the Bulldogs 7-3 last week.

"Those are two good defenses as well as two good offenses," said Tigers coach Rick Wimmer. "But a rivalry game like that, sometimes the defense comes out."

Brownsburg's quarterback is junior Ben Easters, and he has thrown for 766 yards and eight touchdowns. Junior Preston Terrell has the most catches with 18, including three scores, while junior Luke Lacey counts five TDs among his 12 receptions.

Sophomore Donny Marcus has 363 yards rushing and three scores to his credit. Senior Cade Shupperd leads the defense with 21 tackles.

Unbeaten Fishers has wins over North Central 26-0, Pike 26-13, Noblesville 28-7 and Hamilton Southeastern 27-6.

Senior Marcus Roux has passed for 482 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Nick Leath leads the receptions with 12, including one TD. Senior Dylan Scally is on top of the rushing game with 310 yards and two scores.

"We're a decent team right now, but we've got some tough challenges ahead of us," said Wimmer. "We've got so many areas that we need to improve and we can improve on. There's just too much work to be done to sit back and be too happy about where you're at. You've got to keep looking ahead and be able to visualize where we need to go and what we need to do to get there."

HAMILTON HEIGHTS-WESTERN

Hamilton Heights travels to Russiaville on Friday to take on Western in a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

The Panthers are 3-1, with wins over Twin Lakes 35-21, Western Boone 42-41 and Benton Central 70-7. Western's only loss was in Week 3, to Rensselaer Central 28-14.

Sophomore Jett Engle is the Panthers' quarterback, and he has had an impressive season so far with 10 touchdowns on 449 yards passing. Junior Nathaniel Liddell has five of those TD receptions, part of his overall 11 catches.

Junior Jerry Padgett leads the Western ground game with 690 yards and six touchdowns. On defense, senior Hunter Cottingham has made 62 tackles, with senior Noah Pownall getting 52 stops.

"They're going to run a very similar offense to Northwestern," said Huskies coach Jon Kirschner. "We did get some practice with it this week. They're disciplined and they run the ball a bunch. It's going to be run and run and run, and then it's going to run some more, and then they'll try and pass a little bit. They're a running football team and they're good at it."

Heights beat Northwestern 36-0 last week for its first win of the season, after losses to Mount Vernon 44-23, North Montgomery 28-14 and West Lafayette 56-7. Junior Isaac Wilson passed for 208 yards and two scores last week in the Huskies' win, giving him 436 yards and

four touchdowns for the season.

Senior Camron Knott leads the receptions with 17, including four TDs. Senior Deshawn King is the top rusher with 50 yards, and also leads the defense with 44 tackles. Sophomore Harrison Hochstedler is next on the tackles list with 40 stops.

GUERIN CATHOLIC-COLUMBUS NORTH

Guerin Catholic will make the long trip south to Columbus North on Friday, playing a 6A school.

The Bull Dogs are 2-2 for the season, with wins over Columbus East 42-31 and Roncalli 14-0, and losses to Avon 48-14 and Southport 10-7 in overtime. Sophomore Luke Hammons is Columbus North's quarterback, having thrown for 292 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Mitchel Collier leads the receptions with 11, while junior Blake Huffman is on top of the rushing list with 438 yards and six touchdowns. Senior Landon Robbins has been a force on defense, with 48 tackles, including six for a loss.

"We're certainly going to prepare our kids for what Columbus North does and their strengths and attacking, if we can find some weaknesses, it hasn't been easy so far," said GC coach Tom Dilley. "We'll prepare for a very good Columbus North defense and a very physical Columbus North offense. They're well-coached across the board."

The 3A No. 7 Golden Eagles suffered their first loss of the season last week to Brebeuf Jesuit 20-15, after wins over McCutcheon 24-14, Lafayette Central Catholic 50-28 and Heritage Christian 23-5.

Senior Christian Gelov has been solid during the first part of the season, with 689 yards on 42-of-61 passing, and six touchdowns. Senior Bernie McGuinness has 20 of those catches, including five scores.

Another senior, Gus Baumgartner, has run for 601 yards and scored seven times. Senior Tom Hokanson leads the defense with 44 tackles.

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