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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Scattered earlier morning shower and storm. Sunny by afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly clear.

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Noblesville Common Council approves Local Income Tax resolution . . .

Done deal, LIT rate will increase 10%

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Common Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday evening to adopt a local income tax increase of 0.1 percent, raising the 1 percent existing rate to 1.1 percent, a 10 percent increase. The new money will be used to fund 911 emergency services in Hamilton County.

Noblesville represents 17.4 percent of the 50 percent necessary to approve the county increase. The cities of Fishers, Westfield

and the town of Arcadia have previously approved their resolutions for a total of 41.85 percent of the necessary vote. Noblesville's vote tipped the scale to 59.25 percent, causing the new LIT to take effect Jan. 1, 2020.

"I applaud the members of our Common Council for approving this resolution. The advantage of this proposal is it distributes the funding of 911 emergency services across the county so Noblesville is no longer paying its cost



Ditslear



Johnson

at a disproportionate rate to the services we receive," said Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear. "The proposed solution is the most eq-

uitable manner to fund 911 emergency dispatches and eliminates the cumbersome cost allocation system we use today."

The major change proposed in the agreement is to raise the local income tax 0.1 percent. Instead of municipalities paying their portion, Hamilton County will collect and distribute the funding. There is no new revenue for Noblesville or any city voting on the agreement.

"The new formula spreads the

cost among the entire county and not just certain communities. The money saved from the proposal approved today will allow us to fund other public safety needs so we may continue providing the level of service that our community deserves and expects from our police and fire professionals," said Common Council Member Roy Johnson, head of the public safety committee. "Being at the forefront of technology is going to save lives."

Orusa elected as First V.P. of Indiana Fire Chiefs Association

The REPORTER

Steven Orusa, Fire Chief of Fishers Fire and Emergency Services, has been elected as the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association First Vice President to serve a one-year term in 2020.

"I am humbled and honored to serve the state and represent the dedicated departments of Indiana," said Orusa. "I am blessed to continue the work of my predecessors as we continue to protect and serve the interests of our citizens and firefighters."

The mission of the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association is to promote excellence in the fire and emergency services by providing a forum for networking, information sharing, cooperative opportunities, and a unified voice for its diverse membership and partners through educational, legislative and tech-



Photo provided

(From left) First Vice President and Fishers Fire Chief Steven Orusa, President and Decatur Township Fire Chief Pascal Arnes, and Past President and Vincennes Fire Chief Tim Smith.

nical means.

In addition to state wide mutual aid resource response capabilities and planning, this agency promotes safety education

throughout the state, legislative oversight to assure laws keep the safety of the community in mind, identify safety concerns and solutions of the state and

identify international trends that may have implications in our communities.

The Indiana Fire Chiefs Association was established in 1927.

Gas leak forces evacuation of neighborhoods in Noblesville

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Noblesville fire and police departments responded to the scene of a cut gas line in the area of Moontown Road and State Road 32.

A 22-inch gas pipe was leaking and caused officials to establish a cautionary 1,000-foot perimeter around the leak. Representatives of Hamilton County Emergency Management and Noblesville first responders performed

a door-to-door evacuation of Villages at Pebble Brook and Cranbrook neighborhoods.

The gas pipe is operated by Eastern Panhandle. The company was able to bleed down the line at a lift station located at State Road 19, just south of Cicero, nearly six miles from the leak. State Road 19 was closed during the bleed down operation.

No injuries were reported during the incident.

30K expected at Carmel Arts Fest this weekend

The REPORTER

The 22nd annual Carmel International Arts Festival will take place this weekend in the Carmel Arts & Design District. The event features music on three stages, food and beverage vendors, an interactive children's area and much more.

The Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29. The event is free and open to the public.

There will also be a street party and concert featuring The Bishops on Saturday night. Co-sponsored by the Carmel International Arts Festival and Current Publishing, ART ROCKS! is a family friendly event from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday that will take place on Main Street and 1st Avenue NE. The event will feature food vendors, Sun King Brewery, and MANCAN wines.

Booths will line Main Street and Range Line Road with artists from all over the nation bringing their juried art for sale. For a full list of artists, visit carmel-artsfestival.org/artists.

The Festival will award \$7,000 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, 3D, Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Painting, Pho-

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GOP discusses Carmel's future



Photo provided by Denise Moe

On Wednesday, the Hamilton County Republican Party met for its monthly Breakfast Event at a new location, Bar Louie in Carmel. The speakers were Carmel City Council President Jeff Worrell and Carmel Redevelopment Commission Director Henry Mestetsky. They presented facts and information about the City of Carmel's long-term plan to redevelop the downtown core while keeping taxes low, property values high and protecting the future with a sustainable tax base.

(From left) Carmel City Council President Jeff Worrell, Hamilton County Republican Party Chair and Carmel City Councilmember Laura Campbell, Noblesville Common Councilmember Chris Jensen and Carmel Redevelopment Commission Director Henry Mestetsky.

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Correction

The **Hamilton Heights Huskies Homecoming** article published on Wednesday incorrectly stated on Page 2 that the Huskies football game against the Twin Lakes Indians will begin at 7 p.m. Friday. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. The Reporter regrets the error. Go Huskies!

Cicero Kiwanis to host fundraisers this weekend

The REPORTER

The Cicero Kiwanis Club will host two back-to-back fundraisers this weekend 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. 28 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 \$3,000 for Riley Hospital thanks to the generosity of motorists who stopped to share spare change or a few bucks as they passed by. The club donated a total of \$3,500 to Riley Hospital as part its annual September Roadblock for Riley fundraiser.

On Saturday and Sunday,

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. Last year the club served over 280 people and raised more than \$1,400.

The breakfast will be served at the Atlanta Community Center at Dolles Park (105 Walton St.). On Saturday, Sept. 28, breakfast will be served from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 7 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29. 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



Photo provided

In addition to the Roadblock for Riley, Cicero Kiwanis members like Steve Holt will serve up a hearty breakfast at the Atlanta Community Center at the Atlanta New Earth Festival this weekend.

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.

Carmel to unveil new roundabout art on Friday

The REPORTER

Join Carmel city officials, the Carmel Public Art Advisory Committee, Blu Moon and Great Growin's to celebrate the unveiling of a new sculpture at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27 in the roundabout at the intersection of Range Line Road and Elm/4th Street SE. Event attendees will gather on Great Growin's lawn on the southeast side of the roundabout.

This new sculpture, with bold shapes and vibrant colors, is titled "Reckon," which is a term used in English for the process of thinking. To reckon is to arrive at a deduction or conclusion, with a quality of intuitive thinking and

approximate guessing. The structure of the sculpture is that of a radiant energy – both a sun and a flower, both provider and receiver. It implies reaction and expansion, and the vitality of living energy.

The sculpture, produced by artist Brad Howe, will be situated in the middle of the roundabout, where it not only adds to the aesthetic value of the landscape, but also serves as a visual barrier to help keep the attention of motorists directed to the left as they enter the roundabout. Another one of Howe's sculptures located in the roundabout on the north end of the Arts District complements this new sculpture.

Carmel Clay GOP pork roast coming up

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

The 17th annual Carmel Clay Republican Pork Roast is set for Thursday, Oct. 3 on the grounds of the Herb Miller home, 11300 Haverstick Road, Carmel.

"The public is welcome at the pork chop dinner at the beautiful Miller property," according to Repub-

lican Club President Paul Ayers. Mayor Jim Brainard and other GOP candidates in this fall's city election will be honored guests.

The \$10 per person event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a full meal, followed by a brief program and socializing with candidates. Memberships in the Carmel Republican Club will also be available.

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tography, and Wood.

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

- **High School Student Art Exhibit:** Carmel High School and University High School Student Art Show takes place at the Indiana Artisan Gallery located at 22 N. Range Line Road. \$12,500 in scholarships will be awarded to students from both schools.

- **Children's Area:** Patrons between 2 and 12 can work on an age-appropriate art project at the Young@Art tent. Teachers from the Primrose Schools will work with the children to guide and encourage them as they work on their projects. The young artists will be able to take their creation home with them. Stop by the Young@Art tent on "ARTivity Avenue" on Main Street just west of the Monon Trail.

- **Paint by Numbers:** Carmel High School Art students have prepared four large "Paint by Numbers" canvases where festival goers



Photo provided

Up to 30,000 art fans will flock to Carmel this weekend for the Arts Festival.

young and old can leave their marks. Stop by their tent at Veterans' Way (across from Muldoon's restaurant) and see how these paintings come to life over the weekend.

- **Guerin Catholic High School Mural:** In the Indiana Design Center parking garage, Guerin Catholic High School will paint an 8' x 22' mural.

- **Digital Art Classes and Virtual Reality:** Classes are held inside the Indiana Design Center on the second floor.

Parking

Free parking is available

at Carmel High School with a free shuttle service. There is street parking throughout the neighborhoods.

Bike parking (Pedal & Park) will be provided in an area on 2nd Avenue NW between Sophia Square and Bub's Burgers and Ice Cream.

There are underground public parking garages located at the base of Sophia Square (entrance off of 1st Avenue NW, south of 1st Street NW) and at the Indiana Design Center, 200 S. Range Line Road.

There are also free parking garages at Midtown Plaza, a few blocks south,

and behind Anthony's Chophouse on 1st Street SW. Check out the map of the festival at carmelartsfestival.org/map.

Road closures

Effective 4 p.m. Friday through 9 p.m. Sunday, the following streets will be closed:

- Main Street from 3rd Avenue NW/SW to 1st Avenue NE/SE
- Range Line Road from 3rd Street SW/SE to 1st Street NW/NE

For more information and a schedule of events, visit carmelartsfestival.org.

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We are also asking individuals and companies to help Prevail and Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse by donating some of the following items:

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- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; 94% of the victims of these murder-suicides are female.
- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the U.S. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.
- Nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men are victims of intimate partner violence
- Each year, 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence

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Vote yes on the Carmel Clay Schools safety tax referendum

It seems like every few months, we turn on the news to see another tragic school shooting. And last year's incident at Noblesville West Middle School made many people realize that no school – no matter the location or the community's wealth – is immune from these tragedies occurring.

The Carmel Clay School District is proposing a tax referendum for November, and voters will get to decide whether to allow the school to collect an additional 5 cents for every \$100 of assessed property value over an eight-year period. The money will go toward increasing mental health services and hiring around 11 to 13 new school resource officers, which are police officers with special training. Currently, there are no full-time SROs in any Carmel elementary schools, and the SROs assigned to each middle school will float from elementary to elementary.

I recently sat down with Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent Michael Beresford on his day off from work and discussed the issue of school safety for more than an hour.

Beresford said it's important to have a dedicated source of money when it comes to hiring new officers. One-time government grants can't be counted on year-by-year, so a referendum really is the best option and it gives voters a chance to express their opinion.

I asked Beresford a lot of tough questions, and personally, I plan to vote yes on the referendum. While I do believe in low taxes, there are a few reasons why I think this is a wise use of money.

It's not a lot of money

For a home valued at \$250,000, the estimated annual cost for the homeowner because of this referendum would be no more than \$65.13. For a home valued at \$500,000, we're talking about \$146.38.

While I understand that every penny counts when you have children in college or other expenses, I think we could all cut back on one or two Starbucks frappuccinos a month in order to make sure children are safe in schools. Considering the huge impact this money would make, I believe it's a small amount to pay.

Safety goes beyond school shootings

Obviously having an SRO onsite would help in an active shooter situation, but their value goes far beyond that. These officers can break up fights among kids, help direct traffic so children can cross safely, help reduce vaping in our schools, help identify at-risk students and be a mentor to the youth.

Safety doesn't just mean a school shooting. It can mean an attempted teen suicide or a natural disaster such as tornado. It could mean a car accident in the student parking lot or a hateful slur scrawled on a locker. The explosion at Carmel High School in December shows that school safety can take many forms. This referendum money will help address all of those ongoing possibilities.

Mental health needs to be addressed

If passed, the referendum will also help increase pay for CCS social workers in order to retain them and add additional social workers.



COLUMNIST

ADAM AASEN
Carmel Convo

There will also be a program that allows mental health counselors – trained outside professionals that would be on a contract – to come into the schools to offer counseling sessions. Much of the cost would be covered by family's private insurance, but CCS would cover some overhead cost with the referendum money. CCS could also help cover counseling costs for those with financial need.

The benefit here is that students could receive mental health counseling they need without having to leave the school. Parents wouldn't have to take off work and fewer appointments could be missed. Not only could appropriate care help prevent a violent tragedy, but mental health counseling goes far beyond that. It could help increase students' grades and give them tools to be happy, healthy and successful in life. For too long, we've stigmatized talking about our mental health concerns and even those who admit they need help aren't always able to receive it due to time or money. This could go a long way in addressing those needs.

There are a lot of "what-ifs" and "devil's advocate arguments" that I proposed to Dr. Beresford during our talk and he had well-thought-out answers for them all. While I don't have time to get into every detail in this column, I encourage you to email carmelsofref@gmail.com with your questions.

In summary, I support the proposed referendum not only because it could help decrease the chances of a school shooting, but it will

make the schools safer in general and the students will be happier and healthier. To me, that's worth \$5 or \$10 a month out of my money.

Adam Aasen is a co-owner of Donatello's Italian Restaurant and a former journalist who lives in Carmel. His column "Carmel Convo" will appear periodically in The Reporter.

New Cicero housing community opening to public on Saturday

The REPORTER

M/I Homes of Indiana, L.P. has announced a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 for a new community in Cicero.

Cicero Town Councilmembers will be onsite to complete the ribbon cutting at 26 Verdant Drive. The grand opening event

will be conducted from 2 to 5 p.m. in Tamarack's Smart Series and Villa Models.

Tamarack is a 250-unit mixed use development featuring single-family homes and paired villa low-maintenance homes and is located near 236th Street and Tollgate Road, just west of downtown Cicero.

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Many faces of drug addiction

GUEST COLUMNIST



ROCKY SHANEHSAZ

When you think of drug addiction, what immediately comes to mind? Do you conjure up images of a homeless person curled up in the dirty corner of a vacant house with a heroin needle stuck in his arm? How about a meth-head selling her body to get money for the next fix?

While these scenarios do occur on a daily basis in our Indiana communities, they are not the only faces of drug addiction. This deadly disease affects people of every age, race, gender and socioeconomic group. Your co-worker, your child, a long-time friend, or even your family doctor may be dealing with their own personal struggle when it comes to substance abuse.

As a business owner and employer in Hamilton County, I've come to recognize the signs of drug addiction, and I have provided mentorship to people who battle every day to maintain their sobriety. I know how difficult it can be for some of these folks to find their way back and I admire their courage to keep fighting.

Take for instance, Jessica. She broke her back in a car accident and her doctor prescribed Vicodin and Norco to treat the pain. She became addicted to these drugs and began doctor-shopping when her previous doctor refused to give her anymore. Those actions ultimately led to Jessica's arrest on prescription fraud charges, followed by jail time, drug court and work release.

When Jessica graduated from drug court and work

release, she had no place to live or money to find a place to live. By giving her a job, helping her find a home and keeping her accountable through daily mentoring, Jessica came to realize that she was just numbing her pain with drugs and she needed to address a much deeper emotional issue. She's no longer addicted to opioids, but knows she'll struggle for the rest of her life to keep the drugs at bay.

I also helped to mentor Stephanie, who told me she began drinking alcohol "for fun" at age 13 and became an alcoholic by the time she had her first child at age 18. Raised by an alcoholic mother who kicked her out of the house "every time she felt like it," Stephanie told me she drank to escape the chaos of her life and numb the pain of rejection and loneliness.

Stephanie told me she was too messed up after drinking every night to get up and go to a real job, so she began dealing marijuana to make ends meet. The drinking, however, continued and resulted in Stephanie nearly being beaten to death by a "friend" with mental health issues and eventually getting arrested three times for driving while intoxicated.

Facing a habitual offender charge and the possibility of spending 16 years in the Department of Corrections, Stephanie was accepted into Hamilton County's drug court, where she continues to work on her recovery and live a life of sobriety.

These are only two examples of how prescription opioids, heroin, meth, alcohol and other drugs can forever ruin or alter a person's

life. Did you know the percentage of people ages 12 or older reporting illicit drug dependence or abuse in 2017 is higher in Hamilton County than it is across the entire state and nationwide? According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Hamilton County reported 3.09 percent of residents had a daily drug dependence (Indiana, 2.98 percent; U.S., 2.7 percent) and 5.08 percent reported daily prescription abuse (Indiana, 4.98 percent; U.S., 4.31 percent).

These numbers not only translate into ruined lives, but also large amounts of money lost in Hamilton County due to decreased workplace productivity, increased healthcare costs and more criminal justice-related expenses. Hamilton County residents need a long-term solution to stop this growing drug epidemic from continuing to seep into and infect our communities.

I recently proposed a good, long-term solution for drug and alcohol addiction to the Hamilton County Council and Hamilton County Commissioners. This plan involves various leaders throughout the community, and I hope to collaborate with as many people as possible to gain constructive feedback and create the best plan possible.

We need to let go of the "not in my backyard" mentality when it comes to doing something to stop this growing drug epidemic. IT'S ALREADY IN OUR BACKYARDS, DOWN THE STREET AND AROUND THE CORNER. Don't you think it's time we all step up and work together to address the problem?

If you want to get involved, please email me at manager@hopeandrecoverycenters.org to see how you can help.

Meeting Notice

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, 2019 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of highway projects.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer takes snarky exception to the newly renamed Carter's Green

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Carmel city officials dedicating a patch of city grass to outgoing council member Ron Carter.

After 24 years' worth of spending other peoples' money and backing the mayor virtually round the clock, a few square yards of grass is some reward.

Of course, that grass and surrounding buildings don't belong to the city. The banks and bond holders hold title. I wonder if they're being asked to approve.

And, in the future, will politicians reward outgoing prodigals with their own roundabouts?

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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AG Curtis Hill continues to defend Indiana law requiring parental notification when minors obtain abortions

Submitted

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill asked the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals this week to rehear a challenge to an Indiana law requiring parental notification when minors obtain abortions.

Last month, a three-judge panel of the court upheld a preliminary injunction against the enforcement of Indiana's parental notice law. **In a petition filed Tuesday**, Hill asked the full 11-member court to reconsider the issue.

"This case involves the fundamental question of

whether the U.S. Constitution prohibits Indiana from requiring an unemancipated minor to notify her parents of an impending abortion," Hill said. "The law already grants exceptions in cases where the minor shows that avoiding notification is in her best interests, such as if she resides with abusive family members."

States have a clear interest in protecting the rights of parents and the well-being of minors, Hill added.



Hill

"Even after a minor obtains an abortion authorized by a court, parents still have rights and responsibilities in the care and upbringing of their child," Hill said. "As they love and care for their daughter, parents need to know what she has been through. An abortion is a facet of medical history that could have implications for future treatment. It is an event that could bear on a child's emotional needs and mental health."

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

John 9:1-16 (KJV)

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Volleyball

'Hounds win hard-fought match over Millers

In a hard-fought all-county match, Carmel beat Noblesville in four sets Wednesday evening at The Mill.

The Greyhounds won 25-20, 14-25, 25-16, 25-23. It was a game of runs to the very end, as the Millers saved five match points before Carmel's Ella Peter hit a kill to give the 'Hounds the match.

Carmel coach Kristine Deem said that Noblesville has "some talented players that really bring a lot of energy and a lot of excitement."

"It was really just some adjustments that our girls had to make on our side of the net," said Deem. The game was played in front of a nice crowd, and it was also the Millers' Middle School Night, so the coach knew that Noblesville was going to continue to push for the entire match.

"So it was really just us making some adjustments at the net with our blocking, being smart, minimizing our unforced errors and then playing some incredible defense. Our libero, Maria (Zweig), she normally is playing left back. We made an adjustment, threw her in middle back. She was touching stuff all over the place and it brought a lot of good energy."

Zweig finished the game with 17 digs and also served three aces. On offense, Gabby Smith hit 12 kills, in addition to seven blocks and three aces. Macarty McQueen had 10 kills. Ella Bostic handed out 30 assists, while Anne Lesure dished out 17 assists.

Noblesville coach Jill Almodovar said that her team gave its best fight of the year tonight.

"They were more confident," said Almodovar. "We had two really, really great days of practice and I think they took into the things that we were doing at practice and I think they really implemented them and they worked really hard tonight."

Lexie Almodovar finished the match

with 15 digs, 15 assists, 14 kills, three aces and three blocks. Ella Peter had 10 kills and three blocks, while Anna Kiser contributed four kills and two blocks.

Mandy Knieper put down nine kills. Diana Cox collected 12 digs, while Olivia Gulley had five digs. Bella Hines made three blocks, Riley Branch handed out 22 assists and Abby Johnson served one ace.

Carmel is now 18-8 for the season, while the Millers are 7-12. Noblesville is back at The Mill tonight to host Franklin Central in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match. The Greyhounds return to action Monday for a Metropolitan Conference match at Pike.

Westfield dropped a close HCC match at Brownsburg on Wednesday.

The match went to five sets, with the Bulldogs winning 21-25, 20-25, 25-22, 25-22, 15-9. Four Shamrock players had over 10 kills: Kenzie Daffinee put down 17 kills, Marin McAndrews had 15, Ellary Detamore hit 13 and Anna Johnsey had 12.

Logan Mapes handed out 54 assists. Westfield totaled 101 digs; Peighton Isley led with 31 digs, followed by Detamore with 22, Daffinee with 16 and Mapes with 11. Daffinee served four aces while Johnsey made four blocks.

The Shamrocks are 1-3 in the conference and 12-7 overall. Westfield plays at the Eastern Tournament on Saturday.

Hamilton Heights dropped a four-set match at Lapel on Wednesday, 25-27, 25-29, 25-29, 25-18.

The Huskies are 7-10 and host Scena on Monday.

University was swept by Speedway in three sets on Wednesday.

The Trailblazers are 11-5 and play at Sheridan next Wednesday.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Carmel's Kelise Twyner (7) and Caroline Yuska (9) go up for a block during the Greyhounds' volleyball match with Noblesville Wednesday at The Mill. Pictured for Noblesville are Mandy Knieper (10) and Abby Johnson (13).



Noblesville's Ella Peter (left) spikes the ball as Carmel's Anne Lesure goes up for a block.

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Girls soccer

Royals, Millers set up HCC showdown

There will be another showdown between Hamilton Southeastern and Noblesville for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls soccer championship.

Both teams did their part on Wednesday to create what will be a title game. The Class 3A No. 1 Royals held off 3A No. 12 Zionsville 3-2 in an away game, while the 3A No. 3 Millers beat Franklin Central 4-0, also on the road.

Ava Marquardt got the first goal of the game, hitting a cross that deflected into the goal early in the first half to beat Southeastern on the board. But the Eagles tied it up right before halftime, then scored early in the second half to get the Royals down 2-1.

Southeastern got the equalizer with 24 minutes left when Izzie Wallace put in a goal, with Ashlyn Freeman making the assist. Olivia Smith scored the Royals' third goal minutes later on a corner kick. Marquardt was named the player of the game, "as this might have been her best game in her career to date," said HSE coach Greg Davidson.

The Millers had a much easier time at Franklin Cen-

tral. Sydney Anderson quickly scored Noblesville's first goal, with Elena Chatterton making the assist. That gave the Millers a 1-0 lead at halftime.

Noblesville poured it on in the second half. Jenna Chatterton got the second goal, off a Kate Bettner assist. Kiana Siefert was next, breaking away to score her first-ever varsity goal. Paige Landers finished the game by getting her first varsity goal, with Abby Baker making the assist.

Southeastern leads the HCC standings at 6-0, while the Millers are 5-0-1. The two teams will play each other next Wednesday at the Royals field. Noblesville does have one game before that: The Millers host 3A No. 8 Penn on Saturday.

Southeastern is 14-1 overall, while Noblesville is 9-0-3.

Westfield beat Brownsburg 1-0 on Wednesday in an HCC contest.

Amiah Sprunger scored the Shamrocks' goal, improving her team's conference record to 2-4.

"Allison Bullock had an awesome offensive performance as well," said Westfield coach Hannah Eggert.

The Shamrocks are 9-5 overall and play at 3A No. 2 Carmel on Monday.

Fishers completed HCC play with a 3-0 victory over Avon Wednesday.

Taryn McFarland got the 3A No. 7 Tigers' first goal in the first half. Fishers scored two more in the second half, including a Kaysey Castro goal in the 61st minute.

The Tigers finished 4-1-2 in the conference, good for third place. Fishers is 8-1-4 overall and plays 3A No. 17 North Central on Saturday.

Guerin Catholic dropped a 2-1 game at 2A No. 2 Cathedral on Wednesday.

The Golden Eagles led 1-0 at halftime before the Irish came back with both of their goals in the second half. Guerin Catholic is 4-5-1 and hosts 3A No. 9 South Bend St. Joseph on Saturday.

Tennis

Noblesville wins all-county dual meet

The Noblesville boys tennis team beat University 5-0 in an all-county dual meet at the Trailblazers' courts.

The Millers won all five matches in straight sets. Noblesville hosts No. 21 Cathedral this afternoon.

No. 1 singles: Noah Bushong def. Dillon Blake 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Michael Kurkover def. Derrick Brown 6-1, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Zach Greer def. Hunter Maxwell 6-0, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Josh Middleton and Evan Voigt def. Matt Hurley and Jace Wilson 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 doubles: Will Graham and Jonathan Maskew def. Tyler Galyean and Jacob Lange 6-1, 6-0

Hamilton Southeastern, the No. 14-ranked team in the state, lost a close match to Cathedral 3-2 on Wednesday.

The Royals got both of their wins in the doubles matches. The No. 1 team of senior Daniel Verde and Andrew Spirison won 6-3, 6-1, making 15 volley/overhead winners. The No. 2 team of seniors Logan Hubbard and Jackson Bill were victorious 6-2, 6-0, with a combined eight overhead winners.

It was Senior Night and three Southeastern junior varsity seniors also got wins, Teddy Houseman, Sean Theirion De Monclin and Mario Dela Pena.

"It was disappointing to lose the



The Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis team honored its seniors at the Royals' meet with Cathedral Wednesday.

match tonight, but was good to see our three senior varsity players pick up wins on Senior Night," said Royals coach Kirk Webber. "And our JV seniors (Teddy, Sean, and Mario) also picked up wins. So that was a special way to end Senior Night. This is a great group of seniors and it was very enjoyable to honor them and their families tonight."

Southeastern is 8-7 and hosts Park Tudor Monday in its final regular-season match.

Guerin Catholic, ranked No. 30, also dropped a close Wednesday match, to No. 11 Zionsville 3-2 in its regular-season finale.

Freshman John Tiplick won the No. 3

singles match 6-4 in the third set after two and a half hours. The Golden Eagles' other point came from No. 1 doubles Cole Metzger and Ty Harrington.

Guerin Catholic finished the regular season 7-9 and heads to the Carmel sectional Wednesday at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center.

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Football previews

Hendricks' top teams come to Hamilton County

The two ranked football teams in Hendricks County will be taking on two of the ranked teams in Hamilton County on Friday.

Avon, which moved up to No. 1 in the IFCA Class 6A poll and has been No. 1 in the AP poll, will be 6A No. 9 Fishers' guest for Week 6 of the Indiana high school football season. Meanwhile, 6A No. 10 Westfield is hosting 6A No. 7 Brownsburg in another big Hoosier Crossroads Conference clash. Those are among the highlights of this week's eight Hamilton County games.

AVON-FISHERS

The Orioles are the only unbeaten team left in the HCC, with a 3-0 league record. Avon is 5-0 overall, starting its season with victories over Columbus North 48-14 and Ben Davis 41-17. In conference play, the Orioles have wins over Hamilton Southeastern 35-27, Brownsburg 7-3 and Franklin Central 42-7.

Junior Henry Hesson is Avon's quarterback, and he has thrown for 886 yards (on 61-of-103 passing) and 14 touchdowns. The Orioles have three receivers that have caught at least 10 passes: Junior Carmelo Mitchell has 17 receptions, senior Cohen Murrell has 16 and junior Remington Gall has 12. Mitchell and Gall have each caught four touchdown throws, with Murrell making three.

Sophomore Chrishon McCray is Avon's leading rusher with 230 yards and three scores. Junior Clayton Peters leads the defense with 40 tackles.

Fishers was dealt its first loss of the year last week, falling to Brownsburg 42-17. That puts the Tigers at 2-1 in the conference and 4-1 overall.

"Our focus is really more about us this week, just playing with more emotion on defense, continuing to reduce our mistakes and getting to the football, tackling better," said Fishers coach Rick Wimmer. "We just have to play better, play more physical."

Tigers quarterback Marcus Roux has thrown for 604 yards, making 57 of 108 completions, and has eight touchdown passes to his credit. Sophomore Jeffrey Simmons leads the reception count with 15 (and four TDs), followed by senior Nick Leath with 14 and senior Reece Boland with 10.

On the ground, senior Dylan Scally has 424 rushing yards to his credit, with three TDs, while Roux has run for four touchdowns. Senior Geoffrey Brown is dominating on defense with 50 tackles, including seven for a loss.



Bret Richardson/File photo

Westfield's Dane Wheeler, shown leaping into the end zone during the Shamrocks' game last week at Hamilton Southeastern, has 16 receptions, including three touchdowns, for Westfield. The Shamrocks host Brownsburg on Friday at Riverview Health Stadium.

WESTFIELD-BROWNSBURG

Brownsburg will come into Riverview Health Stadium with a 3-2 record and is 2-1 in HCC play. The Bulldogs have wins over Ben Davis 29-24, Franklin Central 41-14 and Fishers 42-17, and losses to Cincinnati St. Xavier 38-17 and Avon 7-3.

"Brownsburg's amazing," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. "Great skill on the offensive side for sure. Quarterback, wide receiver, tailback are all Division I commits. Defensively they have a couple great linemen. A three-year starting middle linebacker. They're really good."

Junior Ben Easters is the Bulldogs' quarterback, and has 963 yards (on 55-of-106 passing) and 13 touchdowns to his credit. Junior Preston Terrell has made 23 of those catches, including five touchdowns, while junior Luke Lacey has 14 receptions, with seven of those TDs.

Senior Donny Marcus has had an outstanding season on the ground, gaining 576 yards and scoring four times. Brownsburg's defense is also solid, with six players over 20 tackles for the year. Senior Cade Shupperd has 27 stops.

The Shamrocks will come into the game 4-1, having also lost for the first

time last week to Southeastern 34-10. Westfield is 2-1 in HCC play, part of a three-way tie for second place.

Senior Camden Simons has had a great year at the quarterback position, completing 63 of 91 attempts on 1,015 yards and 10 touchdowns. Junior Mason Piening leads the receptions with 20, followed by senior Dane Wheeler with 16. Both have three touchdown catches.

Senior Eli Patchett has been solid on the ground with 411 yards rushing and seven scores. Westfield's defense has

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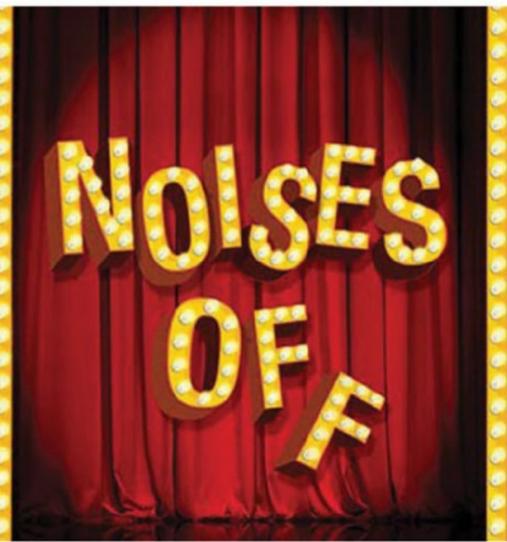


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four players with at least 30 tackles, led by sophomore Micah Hauser's 39 and Patchett with 38.

GUERIN CATHOLIC-BISHOP CHATARD

Guerin Catholic will play its Homecoming game this week, taking on Bishop Chatard in a Circle City Conference match-up. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Both teams are ranked in Class 3A: The Trojans are No. 2 and the Golden Eagles are No. 7. Chatard comes into the game 4-1, including both of its CCC games, 49-14 over Brebeuf Jesuit and 53-7 over Roncalli - if the Trojans win, they will clinch an undefeated conference championship.

Chatard's other games have been wins over NorthWood 48-31 and Southport 35-9, and a loss to Cathedral 31-21. Senior Kyle Cheek is the Trojans' quarterback, who brings in a 62-of-98 completion rate with 865 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Senior Andrew Sowinski has 22 catches (including nine TDs), with sophomore Jack Annee and junior Thomas Coleman both making 11 receptions; Coleman has two scores. Senior Daylen Taylor leads the Chatard rushing with 590 yards and eight touchdowns.

"Our kids are excited about it. We'll prepare as best we can this week and put our best performance out there and see if it's good enough," said Guerin Catholic coach Tom Dille.

The Golden Eagles are 4-1 for the season, with their only loss to Brebeuf in GC's lone conference game two weeks ago. Guerin rebounded last week, beating Columbus North 21-7 on the road.

Senior Christian Gelov is having a nice year at quarterback, completing 53 of 79 passes for 707 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Bernie McGuinness has 22 of those receptions, including five scores.

Another senior, Gus Baumgartner, has been sensational on the run, with 699 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Tom Hokanson leads the Guerin Catholic defense with 52 tackles.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS-TWIN LAKES

Hamilton Heights also has its Home-

coming game on Friday, welcoming Twin Lakes for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

The Indians are 2-3 for the year. Twin Lakes has victories over Northwestern 10-3 and Benton Central 61-7, and losses to Western 35-21, Tipton 19-14 and Rensselaer Central 35-0.

Senior Danny Bennett is the Indians' quarterback, and he has thrown for 282 yards and four touchdowns. Two more seniors, Anthony Pulliam and Jace Stoops, both have six catches, including two TDs for Stoops and one for Pulliam.

Senior Jase Greear is Twin Lakes' leading rusher, gaining 260 yards and scoring a touchdown. Senior Zach Keesling is on top of the defense with 42 tackles.

The Huskies are 1-4 for the season and will look to rebound after a 51-13 loss to Western last week. Heights has two quarterbacks that have been playing well: Junior Ian Wilson has thrown for 497 yards and four touchdowns, with sophomore Guy Griffey compiling 353 yards and two TDs.

Senior Camron Knott leads the receptions with 21, including five scores. Senior Brent Pennington has 13 catches, including two scores, with another senior, Collin Denham, making 12 receptions.

Senior Deshawn King leads Heights' rushing with 50 yards, and has been dominant on defense with 70 tackles. Sophomore Harrison Hochstedler has 59 stops.

CARMEL-NORTH CENTRAL

Carmel will host North Central for its Homecoming game, which kicks off at 7 p.m.

The Panthers are 3-2, but are winners of their last two games, over Metropolitan Conference opponents Lawrence North 42-27 and Center Grove 24-20. North Central's other win was over Hamilton Southeastern 17-16. The Panthers have lost to Fishers 26-0 and Warren Central 28-7, making them 2-1 in the MIC.

Senior Harry Abell has thrown for 796 yards as the NC quarterback, including nine touchdowns. Senior Richard Hamilton has made 25 receptions, including seven scores, with senior Jadon Martin getting 10 catches, and one TD.

Junior David Smith leads the Pan-

thers' rushing with 244 yards and a touchdown. Junior Micah Green is on top of the defense with 51 tackles.

The 6A No. 2 Greyhounds are 4-1, and currently lead the MIC standings at 3-0. Carmel remained perfect in the conference with a 23-20 overtime win against Lawrence North last week.

Sophomore Zach Osborne has thrown for 354 yards this season, while senior Zach Gish is Carmel's leading receiver with 11 catches, including a touchdown. Senior Dylan Downing has had a great rushing season, with 549 yards and six scores. Junior Dominic Padhen leads the Greyhounds' defense with 47 tackles.

NOBLESVILLE-FRANKLIN CENTRAL

Noblesville will make a trip to Indianapolis' southeast side to take on Franklin Central Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

The Flashes are 3-2 for the season, with wins over Decatur Central 30-13, Roncalli 31-19 and Zionsville 17-14. Franklin Central lost to Brownsburg 41-14 and Avon 42-7, making it 1-2 in HCC play, but Millers coach Justin Roden noted the Flashes' wins during the HCTV coaches show on Monday.

"So they are a vastly improved team from last year," said Roden. "They are really physical. They got a great linebacker in the middle and they will hit you in the mouth."

Junior Peyton Viewegh has thrown for 496 yards and three touchdowns this season as FC's quarterback. Two seniors lead the Flashes' receiving: Jacob Whitney has 15 catches and one score, while Peyton McClendon has 12 receptions and two touchdowns.

Junior Josh Ruley has 109 yards rushing and has scored five TDs. Senior Nate Talhelm leads the defense with 75 tackles, including five for a loss.

The Millers are 0-5 for the season, but showed promise last week in their Homecoming game with Zionsville. The Eagles won 20-0, but Noblesville allowed them only three points in the second half.

Senior Jayden Barrett has 109 yards passing for the Millers, including a touchdown. Barrett also has 44 yards rushing. Senior Carson Sanders leads the receptions with six, including a TD. Noblesville has three players with 40 tackles this season, led by junior Zach Blevins' 44 stops.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN-ZIONSVILLE

Hamilton Southeastern goes on the road Friday to Zionsville, continuing HCC play.

The Eagles are 3-2 for the season, and picked up their first conference win of the year last week at Noblesville 20-0. Zionsville started the season with victories over Pike 17-7 and Lebanon 47-33, then fell to Westfield 51-24 and Franklin Central 17-14.

Senior Cole Wiseman is the Eagles' quarterback, and has thrown for 737 yards and four touchdowns. Royals coach Adam Morris said that Wiseman "is really experienced," having also played as a sophomore and a junior.

"They have the best running back in the area right now," said Morris. "They're big up front, they've always been big up front. They're physical again this year. Defensively, they're really aggressive."

Sophomore Colin Price is that running back, and he has gained 985 yards and scored eight touchdowns. Sophomore Trey Firestone leads the receptions with 20, including a touchdown, with senior Brody Whitesell making 16 catches, including two scores. Senior Garrett Williamson is on top of the defense with 78 tackles.

Southeastern is 2-3 and got its first HCC win last week by beating Westfield 34-10. Senior Andrew Hobson is having an outstanding year as quarterback, with 1,121 yards and six touchdowns.

Three seniors are leading the receptions list: Senior DeAndre Rhoades has 30 catches (four TDs), Ben Boysen has 25 and Nathan Wolf has 12 (one TD). Sophomore Blaine Wertz has compiled 260 yards rushing and has two touchdowns. Senior Seth Smarelli leads the defense with 51 tackles, while senior Chris Stein has made six tackles for a loss.

SHERIDAN-TAYLOR

Sheridan heads to Taylor Friday for a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

The Titans are 1-4. Taylor began its season with a 63-50 win over North White, then fell to North Miami 42-14, Carroll 34-6, Eastern 49-0 and Clinton Central 41-27.

Blackhawks coach Bud Wright said that the Titans "are playing better all the time, plus they got some speed." Junior Riley Gilbert leads Taylor's rushing with 527 yards and five touchdowns. Two other players are over 100 yards rushing for the season.

"They're a dangerous school right now because they've got three kids that can really run," said Wright.

Junior Jaylen Harris is the Titans' quarterback, with 140 total yards passing and one touchdown. Senior Alex Kropczynski has made seven receptions and has two scores, and also leads the defense with 31 tackles.

Class 1A No. 9 Sheridan is 4-1, and leads the HHC standings at 4-0, beating Clinton Prairie 47-38 last week to stay perfect in the conference.

Junior Cameron Hovey is by far the county's leading rusher, with 1,210 yards and 16 touchdowns. Sophomore Silas DeVaney has 391 yards passing and one score as quarterback, with junior Keenan Warren the leading receiver with six receptions and one TD. Hovey also leads the defense with 46 tackles, while senior Chris Starks has nine tackles for a loss.

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Cleveland	93	65	.589	5.0
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Detroit	46	111	.293	51.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Houston	104	54	.658	-
Oakland	95	63	.601	9.0
Texas	75	83	.475	29.0
L.A. Angels	71	87	.449	33.0
Seattle	66	92	.418	38.0

w - Clinched wild card

x - Clinched playoff spot

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Atlanta	97	62	.610	-
w-Washington	89	69	.563	7.5
N.Y. Mets	83	75	.525	13.5
Philadelphia	79	79	.500	17.5
Miami	55	103	.348	41.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-St. Louis	90	69	.566	-
x-Milwaukee	88	70	.557	1.5
Chi. Cubs	82	76	.519	7.5
Cincinnati	73	85	.462	16.5
Pittsburgh	67	91	.424	22.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
z-L.A. Dodgers	102	56	.646	-
Arizona	82	77	.516	20.5
San Francisco	76	82	.481	26.0
San Diego	70	86	.443	32.0
Colorado	68	90	.430	34.0

y- Clinched division

z- Clinched best record in league

Noblesville Elementary cross country race



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

The Noblesville cross country program hosted its annual Elementary Race Wednesday at the Chinquapin Ridge Cross Country Course at White River Elementary School. Pictured above is the start of the second and third grade race, with the start of the fourth and fifth grade race pictured at right. Both were mile races, while first graders and younger competed in a half-mile race. There were approximately 100 runners in each race for a total of 300 runners participating.



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