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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tonight: Mostly clear.
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Mask mandate to continue through Oct. 17, other restrictions dropped

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Gov. Eric Holcomb on Wednesday said Indiana has made advances in curbing the spread of the coronavirus, but the state's mask mandate will continue through at least Oct. 17.

"No one wants to wear a face mask. This is different for Americans, for Hoosiers. I get it," Holcomb said.

However, Indiana will go beyond Stage 4.5 of the Back on Track Indiana plan for reopening, advancing to Stage 5 beginning Saturday and continuing through Oct. 17.

Here is an outline of Stage 5:

- Face coverings required for all Hoosiers. The mask mandate had been set to end after Saturday.

- Maintain social distancing, wash your hands, and do not go to work or school or in public places if you feel sick.

- Size limitations removed for social gatherings and meetings. Organizers of events that will include more than 500 people must submit a written plan to the local health department.



Holcomb



Box

- Bars and nightclubs may open at full capacity. Customers must be seated; social distancing required.

- Indoor and outdoor venues may open at full capacity.

- Senior centers and congregate nutrition sites may reopen according to Indiana Family and Social Services Administration guidelines.

- Personal services, gyms, fitness centers and workout facilities may resume normal operations.

- Nursing homes and assisted living facilities are required to provide visitation opportunities.

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Railroad exhibit set at old Carmel depot

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

An exhibit, named Carmel: A Railroad Town, opens Friday at the historic Monon Depot Museum, home of the Carmel Historical Society. It is located at 211 First St. S.W.

The exhibit shows how the arrival of the railroad in 1882 began to transform Carmel from a tiny farm community to a growing transportation center where local farm products and manufactured items could be shipped to mar-

kets throughout the Midwest.

Railroads, the principal method of travel and transportation in the 19th century, also allowed manufactured goods to be brought easily into the area and allow residents to travel to other parts of the state and nation.

Then, in 1902, an Interurban electric train also arrived in Carmel providing rapid, daily commuter service to Indianapolis and other nearby cities.

Models, photos and memorabilia from the rail-

roads are part of the exhibit. In addition, the Glacier Jammers Band will appear on the depot deck at 2 p.m. Sunday playing railroad-ing songs.

A book entitled *A Century of the Railroad in Carmel* produced by the historical society will be available for sale.

The Monon ended service in the 1980s, but the depot, built in 1883, was preserved and given to the historical society. The popular Monon Trail now occupies the rail bed through Carmel.

Noblesville Schools gives tour of upcoming Community Center



Photo provided

Noblesville Schools associate superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy (left) and Building and Grounds Supervisor Roy Wallace (center) recently hosted superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer (right), School Board President Carl Johnson, and other district and Noblesville High School leaders for a tour of the new Noblesville Schools Community Center (NSCC) located off of Field Drive. Currently under construction next to the new stadium, the NSCC will house an alternative education program, adult education classes, community meetings, programming for 18- to 22-year-olds with special needs, and indoor team practice space. It's on track to be completed by January 2021 and will be funded through a bond with no referendum dollars used and no impact to the tax rate.

Westfield's Grand Park to serve as new home for Farm Expo

The REPORTER

Due to continuing public health conditions and required safety and security protocols, organizers for the Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology Expo recently announced the cancellation of 2020 show that was scheduled to take place this December at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Owners of the annual event, Gary Thoe and Gary Truitt, said, "After two years of successful operation and growth, this was a difficult decision. We feel this is in the long-term best interest of those who exhibit and attend. We do, however, have some very exciting news about the 2021 and 2022 shows."

Thoe and Truitt announced on the event's webpage, beginning in 2021, the Indiana Farm Equipment and Technology Expo will be held at Grand



Reporter file photo by Jeff Jellison

Park in Westfield.

"This new venue will totally change the look and feel of the show and provide some great amenities for both exhibitors and attendees," said Truitt. "The exhibit area will be much larger with expansive height and clear-

ance to better showcase large equipment. The facility features quick and easy access off interstate highways and

over 1,000 free parking spaces. Dozens of restaurants and hotels are within minutes of the facility and a variety of shopping and entertainment choices are also conveniently located in the area. This will make a visit to the farm show for a great family outing during the holiday season."

The dates for the 2021 show are scheduled for Dec. 14-16.

HSE board president "disappointed" in many within the local community

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School Board President Michelle Fullhart is about halfway through her second term on the board and is not up for re-election in 2020, but posted on Facebook in the early morning hours of Wednesday that she is "disappointed in so many people in our community right now."

Fullhart cites one par-

ticular Facebook group she does not name "...who have resorted to name calling and out-right bullying toward those (that) don't share their views."

She describes one post on that group aimed at another group of HSE parents. "The vitriol and nastiness is awful," wrote the school board president.



Fullhart

"2020 has brought out the worst in so many people, and emboldened horrible behavior," wrote Fullhart. "At least I have hope for the children of our community, many

of whom are becoming better than their parents. I've seen so many great examples of things students

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Carmel, Hamilton County always at forefront of transportation innovation

For the last century, Hamilton County has been a leader in the state (and nation) when it comes to quality infrastructure, intersection improvements and safety.

As of today, the City of Carmel has 134 roundabouts, with several more projects scheduled in the future. Carmel has more roundabouts per capita than any city in the U.S. This week, as the City of Carmel joins the Federal Highway Administration for National Roundabout Week, a celebration of the beautiful intersections that help make our streets safer and reduce the number of personal injury accidents, let's take a moment to revisit the innovations of the past.

Leslie Haines was born in 1883 in rural Hamilton County (Carmel) which numbered fewer than 400 residents at the time. In late 1923 or

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COLUMNIST



DENISE MOE



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

Pictured above is Sue Maki, a volunteer and lifetime member of both the Carmel Clay Historical Society and the Hamilton County Historical Society. She is standing at the tribute to Hoagy Carmichael Roundabout at City Center Drive and 3rd Avenue SW.

Coble announces run for State Senate

Submitted

Fishers City Council President Cecilia Coble has officially entered the race to replace Sen. Jim Merritt as Indiana State Senator for District 31, bringing a diverse set of credentials to meet today's critical challenges. Merritt is retiring after 30 years representing northeast Indianapolis and southeast Hamilton County.

Coble was elected to serve on the Fishers City Council in 2014, as Fishers was transitioning from a town to a city. She was reelected to her at-large position in 2015 and 2019, earning the highest vote total of any candidate. In January 2020, Coble made history after being unan-

imously elected to be the first woman to serve as the Fishers City Council President. She currently serves

on the Non-Profit and Finance committees. She is also the President of the Hamilton County Republican Women Club.

"As a woman, a mother and a proud Hispanic Republican, I will bring a unique, personal perspective to the Indiana Senate," Coble said. "As an attorney with both business and municipal government experience, I have a successful, professional background built on finding solutions in the private and public sectors. As a resident of this district for the past 22 years,

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Fall Creek Twp. officials thank community for support of food pantry

Submitted by Fall Creek Township Trustee's Office

These trying times have been hard for all of us in Hamilton County and at our Fall Creek Township Office. We have had to make several adjustments to continue to serve Fishers and Fall Creek residents who seek our assistance.

However, one thing that we have been blessed with has been the outpouring from the Fishers area community in donating to our food pantry. The community's love, compassion and caring could not be greater on display in these trying times.

As a result of these acts of kindness, we have not missed a beat in assisting those in need of food and household supplies. The Fall Creek Township Board and I would like to extend a personal thank you.

One of the greatest donations we received was from our local bank, First Merchants, who donated \$2,500 to the pantry. First Merchant's Customer Service Manager, Cindy Mares, surprised us with this outstanding gift for the community.



Photo provided

First Merchants Bank Customer Service Manager Cindy Mares (left) recently presented a check for \$2,500 to Fall Creek Township Trustee Doug Allman for the township's food pantry.

Other groups that stepped forward to donate were: Eta Iota Chapter of Tri Kappa, Pennington Park Church, Fishers High School Swim Team, Mortgage Compliance LLC, and Friends of Geist. Also, much appreciation to the local HOA's and subdivisions who organized food drives: Canal Place, Cambridge, Hamilton Proper and Britton Falls. Our pan-

try was also blessed with a lot of families who donated as well: Mike Cook, Hagedorn, MacDonald, Ridgeway, Rooney, McGrath, Renicks and Mehlings. Last but not least a thank you to all of the anonymous donations.

Doug Allman, Fall Creek Trustee

Jason Meyer, Rachna Greulach, and Brian Baehl, Board members

Weingarten says information missing from mail-in ballots

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Joe Weingarten has reported a problem with a mail-in voting ballot.

Weingarten told the Reporter that important information that was supposed to be contained in the mail-in packet was missing when sent to a local voter. Weingarten cautioned other voters to make sure they receive

all the documents that should be in the packet.

"It is easy for voters to spot," Weingarten said. "In your ballot mailing is a yellow sheet. Make sure you have this and it has a list of all items that should be in your envelope. Just



Weingarten

check that you have everything and this sheet also has very clear instructions on how to fill out and submit your ballot. If you are missing this yellow sheet or any other items please call the election office at (317) 776-8476."

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Register now for Boys & Girls Club’s Camp Crosser held during Fall Break

The REPORTER

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville is now accepting registrations for two separate week-long sessions at Camp Crosser during Fall Break. The sessions will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Oct. 12 and Oct. 19 for all kids ages 6 to 13.

New this year, before and after care will be offered beginning at 7:30 a.m. and last until 6 p.m. at the Club for a small additional charge.

Some of the Fall-themed events during Camp include campfire cooking with apple crisps and popcorn, creating corn husk dolls during arts and crafts, using STEM to design and build solar ovens to make s’mores, scarecrow building, flying across the White River on a zip line,

learning archery, taking nature hikes and competing on the obstacle course. Special events are planned each day, including a Pumpkin Olympics, Carmel Apple Dessert Bar, Hayrides and Pumpkin Hunts, Pumpkin Carving and a Costume Contest.

“We are always excited to offer an opportunity for youth to disconnect from their electronics and reconnect with nature at our 20-

acre outdoor camp – Camp Crosser,” BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry said. “This fall break, the benefits of being outdoors are even greater while we focus on the health and safety of our members during this pandemic. Practices will be in place to ensure social distancing and cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be strictly followed. We want our campers to de-stress, reconnect, and just be kids again while they enjoy their fall break.”

Procedures are still in place to ensure the safety and health of staff and campers. Some of these include daily health screenings and temperature checks of staff and campers, utilizing a 1:10 camper-to-staff ratio

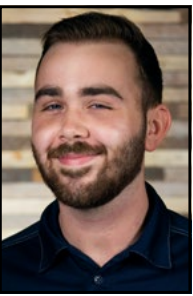
and assigning campers to weekly groups and requiring masks on the bus ride to camp while limiting seats to one per member.

“Camp Crosser offers a wide variety of activities that help young minds grow, explore and create,” Camp Director Justin Cowan said.

“Camp Crosser offers outdoor staples such as archery, campfire cooking, art and crafts, zip lining and an obstacle course. Through these activities, the camp-



Terry



Cowan

ers will develop communication, teamwork, and basic primitive skills. Most importantly, we offer campers of all backgrounds a safe place where they can come together, and participate in social interaction that they’ve lacked in 2020.”

Parents can register online at BGCNI.org for either session. In-person signups are currently not being accepted. All questions should be directed to the Club by calling (317) 773-4372.



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4-H offering three Fall Break ‘Spark Clubs’ in October

The REPORTER

Hamilton County 4-H is excited to offer Fall Break Spark Clubs from Oct. 13 to 15. All the clubs are for grades 3 through 6 and have a virtual option.

The **Lego Spark Club** will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. A variety of building materials will be used throughout the day leading up to the final Lego Challenge. Each participant will receive their own Lego kit to take home as part of the registration fee. Only 12 in-person spots are available. Masks will be provided.

Spooky experiments will be explored with the **Virtual Spooky Science Spark Club** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Zoom meetings

will be set up throughout the day to watch spooky experiments with facilitators. Participants will then have an opportunity to do their own experiments at home using the Spooky Science Kit picked up prior to the event.

Foodies ready to sharpen their cooking skills should grab a partner to join the **Taco Cook-Off Spark Club** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Dining Room. Kitchen safety and a variety of food prep techniques will be highlighted. Teams of two will work together to prepare a chicken taco plate. A prize will be awarded to the winning team. Each participant will receive their own 4-H cutting board to take home as

part of the registration fee. Only 12 in-person spots are available. Masks will be provided. A virtual option is available.

Register online at bit.ly/FallBreak4HSparkClubs. Pick any single day Spark Club for \$25, any two Spark Clubs for \$45, or all three for just \$60.

Not a current 4-H member? An additional \$25 will include 4-H member benefits such as club membership, newsletters and more. Payment must be received by Monday, Oct. 5 at Purdue Extension Hamilton County, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Letter to the Editor

Saunders: Ad against Qaddoura is distasteful

Dear Editor:

We are now less than 50 days away from the election. Candidates are working hard to connect with voters. Voters are working hard to truly learn about candidates and the issues. It's at this time that we begin the unfortunate routine of trying to navigate through the nonsense.

That is why the most-recent mailer sent out by Senator John Ruckelshaus' campaign attacking his opponent, Senate District 30 candidate Fady Qaddoura, upsets me. It's effort to discredit Mr. Qaddoura due to a tragic accident in his past is distasteful and the people are tired of these kinds of attacks.

Earlier in the year, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Qaddoura at a local Democratic club meeting. I did not know him before but instantly thought he was kind and good-spirited. Moreover, I felt that he was an authentic person. His campaign has been an impressive one. I believe that he genuinely cares for the people within his district and beyond, which is proven by his years of public service. He has some of the kindest people on his campaign staff and his volunteers are the everyday Hoosiers that we both are fighting to represent in the Capitol Building.

To be attacked because of misfortune brought on by a catastrophic storm is disgusting. For those who don't know, Fady and his family survived the wrath and aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which had left them temporarily homeless. To pull yourself up and out of being in that situation is no easy feat.

I'm acutely aware of how difficult that is because I personally spent a portion of 2013 without a permanent address. Between August and December of that year, I relied on the generosity of friends, sleeping on people's couches or in my little Ford Focus. The elimination

of a job and the financial struggle that ensued catapulted me into nearly six months of nomadic living. It was tiring, frustrating, and embarrassing to say the least.

Not having the security and stability of a home base to safely rest your head is deeply unnerving and truly challenges your mental and emotional strength. For that to be used against anyone, for any reason, is simply appalling.

By the way, when did it become okay to make fun of the homeless?! As a decent human being, I believe the success of our society is measured by how we treat the least of us, knowing that we too, could be one medical diagnosis, one missed paycheck away from a major life change.

This pandemic has highlighted the fact that many Hoosiers are in this boat. Disparaging someone who is homeless or who has experienced homelessness in the past is shameful. I'd also argue that having someone who's experienced this perspective is someone we should all hope to have fighting for us day to day.

The public deserves better than this type of low attack from their representatives. People are tired of dirty politics and mudslinging. It does not play to the sensible voter. Taking one's misfortune and trying to cash in politically is sophomoric and denigrates campaigning. Trying to manipulate the voters with this tactic is insulting and shows how little this candidate thinks of the voters' ability to receive and digest the truth. This is disappointing and disheartening.

We are better than this, and the citizens of Districts 20, 30 and all of Indiana deserve better.

Ronnie Saunders
Candidate, Indiana Senate District 20
Westfield

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer wants more information about hack of Carmel city website

Dear Editor:

When news of a hacker's invading Carmel's civic computing systems, the city's freelance spokesperson told the press:

"There was no private information compromised. Carmel's city website only contains public information."

If that were true, why was the FBI called in to investigate? When I access the city website, am I hacking?


If all the information is public, what's to hack? As the dictionary tells us, a hacker "uses computers to gain unauthorized access to data."

Clearly, there's more here than meets the hack. Or the lack of a hack.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel


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Seth R. Wilson

Letter to the Editor

State Sen. Brown endorses Victoria Spartz for Congress

Dear Editor,

As a fellow conservative Republican female senator, State Senator Victoria Spartz and I found common ground immediately.

There are not many women in the Indiana Senate, and I would suggest that "no shrinking violets allowed" would be a good motto for any woman entering politics. It is not about "leaning in" as much as it is about confidently taking a seat at the table.

Victoria took a seat at the table on day one, and now she deserves the opportunity to represent Indiana in Congress.

Victoria does not take the privilege of being an American lightly, with all the opportunities afforded to us. She advocates for limited government and lower taxes in order to preserve those opportu-

nities for her daughters and the next generation. She knows the value of private innovation and hard work. Her legislation in the Indiana Senate provides opportunities for the many Hoosier women who are single heads of households to achieve and succeed.

I always appreciate how Victoria can stand her ground and work towards policy goals, while not shying away from needed compromise and open communication with voters in her district.

It has been an honor to work with Victoria and I will miss her intelligence and diligence in the Senate. But as our nation is at a crossroads between law and order versus socialism and chaos, we need her in D.C. now more than ever.

Liz Brown
State Senator, District 15

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Jeannette "Jeanne" McCormack

May 12, 1936 – September 21, 2020

Jeannette "Jeanne" McCormack, 84, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, September 21, 2020 at her home. She was born on May 12, 1936 to Jean and Ruth (Jackson) Stafford in Marion, Ind.

Jeanne was a piano teacher for many years. She also worked as a bank teller for American Fletcher National Bank. Jeanne was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville and volunteered at Riverview Hospital for over 20 years.

She is survived by her son, Michael A (Elizabeth) Cox Sr.; three grandsons, Michael A. (Tina) Cox Jr., Benjamin (Amy) Cox, and James (Niki) Cox; eight great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Mikayla, Amanda, Samantha, Kira, Cadence, Cacia and Keagan; and her good friends, Peggy and Lonnie Frye.

In addition to her parents, Jeanne was preceded in death by her husband, Kirg "Mickey" McCormack; and her son, Donald Edward Cox.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Conner St., Noblesville, with Pastor Eric Gale officiating. Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with Jeanne's care.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

Acts 21:26 (KJV)

William Parker

February 6, 1935 – September 20, 2020

William Parker, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, September 20, 2020, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on February 6, 1935, to Frank and Theda (Hill) Parker in Ludlow, Mass., was raised in Indianapolis, and spent his adult life in Noblesville.

Born from a Polish immigrant father and deep Louisiana roots mother, Bill Parker was created with a magnetic personality. He was an unforgettable individual and everywhere he went was a celebration. Because of his infectious personality, he had many nicknames: Parker, Wild Bill, Hundred Dollar Bill, Papa, Dad, Grandpa, G-Pa, and friend. He spent his life telling colorful stories, sharing wisdom, or telling jokes. One of his favorite jokes was having a person read his shirt that said, "Co Dzien Jist Dobry," which translates to "Every day is great." Afterward, he would say since you couldn't read it in Polish, "how does it feel to be dumber than a Polak?"

Bill was a tradesman first. He started his adult life as a tool and die maker at Ideal Engineering in Indianapolis. He was an entrepreneur, always wanting to create, and loved thinking outside of the box. Bill owned Noble Industries for over 50 years. One of his favorite things to do was working hard, negotiating the deal, and developing the Noblesville community. Bill was active in local politics for several years as a township board member. He believed you should play hard. He traveled the world, water skied, and took up snow skiing at the age of 51, a sport he enjoyed until he was 75. He was an avid Pacers fan and has been a season ticket holder since the ABA days. To show his commitment locally, he saved a Billy Keller championship bottle of champagne to drink when the Pacers won their next championship. He will be sent off with the bottle to have a toast when the Pacers do win again.

Bill's mottos were: "Every day is great" and "If it is to be, it's up to me." He was extremely proud of his family and said his kids were his top 5 blessings. His favorite tradition was reading 'Twas The Night Before Christmas to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in front of Christmas tree and celebrating his birthday with his friends in the mountains or on the beaches of Cancun. He was the support for many and their problems were his problems. Bill attended Traders Point Christian Church and believed strongly that the Lord was his Savior.

He is survived by his children, Cheryl McLaughlin, Brenda (Jim) Snyder, Gary (Faith) Parker, Rhonda (Dana) Taylor, and Gregory (Lisa) Parker; sister, Myrna Gallagher; 12 grandchildren, Amanda (Ford) Cox, Andrea (Patrick) Dammier, Brieann (Kevin) Sweetney, Erin Campbell, Emily (Michael) Howald, Natalie (Chris) Safford, Jack Parker, Abby Parker, Adam (Holly) Parker, Aaron (Samantha) Gosser, Ashlee (Corey) Skomp and Alec Parker; and 17 great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and their families. Over Bill's life, he loved several pets including dogs named Renee, Pacer, Pace-mate, Reggie, and Stella, and a raccoon named Wacky and a pig named Harvey. His extended family was his Noble Employees, who he strongly felt were part of his family. He felt the responsibility to ensure that each and every one who worked for him could care for their family as he did. He became more than a boss; he was a mentor and friend. Last but not least, Bill had a large friend group that ranged from high school pals, beloved companions, business associates, Trine University Fraternity Family, and anyone who need a wing man and partner in clean fun. These individuals were his world and his partners in crime. What happened together stayed together.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Anita Parker, and brothers, Bob Parker and Sonny Parker.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with visitation from 10:30 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Gravesite burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the William Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund that will be given to a tradesman scholar at a local community college. Contributions can be sent to P.O. Box 578, Noblesville, IN 46061.

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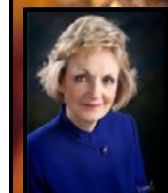
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Volleyball

Senior-heavy 'Rocks reach 10-win mark

Experience has led the Westfield volleyball team to a successful season this fall.

The Shamrocks won their 10th match of the year on Wednesday, sweeping Brownsburg 25-20, 25-22, 25-22 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match at The Rock. The victory also makes the Shamrocks 2-0 in league play.

"We're a very senior-heavy team," said Westfield coach Sandra Burks. The coach said that her team is good at keeping its composure, something that helps the 'Rocks whenever they find themselves in a deficit, as they did in the second set.

"They've played together for a while, they have a lot of seniority on their side," said Burks. "And it has really played well for us because it keeps the girls calm and they're able to bounce back."

That's just what Westfield did in the second set, when the Bulldogs had the Shamrocks down 10-4 early. Westfield scored five straight points to get within 10-9. Katie Sweet hit a kill, Grace Stewart served an ace, and Sweet and Harvey teamed up for a block.

The set was close for a while, with Brownsburg leading 18-16 late in the set. The 'Rocks went on a 6-0 run at that point, which included kills from Harvey and Stewart and an ace from Peighton Isley. Kenzie Daffinee hit a kill on set point to put Westfield ahead 2-0 in sets.

The third set was also back and forth. The 'Rocks went up 3-0, then the Bulldogs came back to lead 9-6. Westfield went on a four-point run after that, starting with a kill by Stewart, and Harvey spiked a kill to give the Shamrocks a 10-9 lead.



Westfield's Peighton Isley (1) had 10 digs for the Shamrocks in their straight-set sweep of Brownsburg Wednesday at The Rock. Westfield is 10-2 for the season.

Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Westfield was finally able to pull away midway through the set, scoring three straight points to lead 16-13. Daffinee started the run with an ace; she served exceptionally strong in the match.

One of Daffinee's serves in the second set was an ace that she hit so hard, the sound reverberated throughout The Rock. She hit four aces for the match.

"Kenzie's serve has become very con-

sistent and I would say it's even more lethal," said Burks. "She's starting to move it around a little bit more."

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Girls soccer

Millers, 'Hounds clinch conference titles



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Isabella Griffey scored the first goal of the game for the Millers in their 4-0 win over Franklin Central on Wednesday. The victory clinched the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship.

The Noblesville girls soccer team clinched the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship on Wednesday with a 4-0 win over Franklin Central at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

The Class 3A No. 1 Millers scored two goals in each half. Isabella Griffey got the first score in the 11th minute off a Jenna Chatterton header that was saved by the Flashes' goalkeeper. A few minutes later, Chatterton sent a through pass to Kiana Siefert, who put the ball in the net.

Noblesville quickly scored two goals early in the second half. Ava Bramblett added a goal in the 48th minute, then Chatterton finished the scoring one minute later.

The Millers thus defended their HCC title, also winning for the fourth time in the last six years and the 12th time overall. Noblesville is 6-0 in the conference.

Overall, the Millers are 9-0. They will play Penn Saturday morning at Newton Park in Lakeville.

Carmel, ranked No. 2 in 3A, also clinched a conference championship on Wednesday.

The Greyhounds beat Center Grove 3-0 at Murray Stadium to finish Metropolitan Conference play a perfect 7-0. Susie Suderstrom scored two goals in the first half. Emily Roper assisted the first one and teamed with Emma Domke for a double assist on the second one. Saliyah Brady scored Carmel's third goal in the

76th minute, with Lauren Bailey assisting.

Erin Baker made three saves and earned her 12th shutout of the season.

The Greyhounds are 13-1 overall and host Zionsville on Saturday.

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 5 in 3A, played to a 2-2 tie with 3A No. 12 Zionsville in a Wednesday HCC game.

The Eagles scored first, but the Royals quickly tied the game when Daniella Rios-Rojas scored off an assist by Kiley Jones. That made it 1-1, and that would be the halftime score.

Southeastern scored first in the second half; Molly Harris played a free kick to Lydia Self, who put it in the net. Zionsville tied it up with less than five minutes to go, and the game ended in the draw.

"I hate it for the girls that they didn't get the win as they competed so well tonight," said Royals coach Greg Davidson.

Southeastern is 2-1-3 in the conference and 8-3-3 overall. The Royals play their regular-season finale next Wednesday at Noblesville.

Guerin Catholic, ranked No. 6 in 3A, beat 2A No. 8 Brebeuf Jesuit 3-0 in a Wednesday Circle City Conference game.

Ava Schlichte and Quincy McMahon both scored first-half goals for the Golden Eagles, with Emersen Jennings adding the third goal in the second half.

The victory gave Guerin Catholic a 4-0 record in the conference, and the Golden Eagles are 8-1-1 overall. They will host Covenant Christian at 7 p.m. tonight to finish CCC play.



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Football previews

'Rocks and Bulldogs will battle for HCC lead

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference football standings are in a bit of a traffic jam going into the Week 6 slate of games.

As of right now, there are ties for first, third, fifth and seventh places in the league. Something will have to give on Friday night: The teams that are tied for first will play each other, as will the teams that are tied for the other positions.

Westfield and Brownsburg, both 3-0 in the HCC, will play at the Bulldogs' field. The third-place teams, Zionsville and Hamilton Southeastern, will meet at the Royals' TCU Field. The current fifth-place teams, Avon and Fishers, will play at the Orioles' field, and the seventh-place teams, Noblesville and Franklin Central, will face off at the Millers' Beaver Materials Field.

WESTFIELD-BROWNSBURG

The Shamrocks will be the latest team to get a shot at undefeated Brownsburg, which has won all but one of its five games by comfortable margins this season.

The Class 6A No. 2 Bulldogs' only close contest was its Week 2, nationally-televised epic against Cincinnati St. Xavier, which Brownsburg won 30-24 in overtime. The Bulldogs cruised through their other games: Ben Davis 38-7, Franklin Central 35-7, Avon 47-29 and Fishers 42-6.

Senior Ben Easters has been solid as the Brownsburg quarterback, completing 67 of 115 passes for 962 yards and eight touchdowns. His top targets have been seniors Luke Lacey (26 catches, five TDs) and Preston Terrell (23 catches, two TDs).

Sophomore Caleb Marcus leads the Bulldogs' rushing with 564 yards and nine touchdowns, while senior Brandon Burks has 299 yards rushing and five scores. On defense, senior Jalen Wilson has 34 tackles. Junior Isaiah Street has made 7.5 tackles for a loss and three sacks on the season. Senior Jacob Howell also has three sacks.

Westfield will come into the game 4-1, having won its last four games. The Shamrocks are tied for eighth in this

week's 6A coaches poll.

The dual quarterback threat for Westfield has worked out well: Junior Maximus Webster is 33-of-58 through the air for 518 yards and seven touchdowns, while senior Nick Talley is 29-of-42 for 370 yards and four TDs. Senior Mason Piening is the top receiver with 19 catches and four touchdowns.

Junior Micah Hauser is on top of the running game with 415 yards rushing and two scores. Webster has gained 292 yards on the ground and five touchdowns. Hauser also is dominant on defense, as he is on top of the tackling list with 43 stops. Junior Popeye Williams has made seven tackles for a loss and three sacks, leading in both those categories.

SOUTHEASTERN-ZIONSVILLE

Southeastern will host Zionsville, the No. 8-ranked team in Class 5A, Friday in a 7 p.m. kickoff. Both teams are 2-1 in conference play.

The Eagles are 3-2 overall and have won two in a row, beating Franklin Central 27-0 and Noblesville 24-17 over the previous two weeks. That got Zionsville over the .500 mark after a 1-2 start; the Eagles fell to Pike 26-24, beat Lebanon 42-19 and lost to Westfield 49-16.

Senior Josh Stone is Zionsville's quarterback and he has had an efficient season so far, completing 67 of 107 attempts for 872 yards and seven touchdowns. Two more seniors are tied for the most receptions: Myles Cox and Luke Baumgartner both have 16 catches; Cox has two TDs and Baumgartner one.

Junior Colin Price leads the Eagles' rushing contingent with 586 yards and five scores. Junior Otto Kyler and senior Shane Bates are among Zionsville's top tacklers, with Luke Nolan and senior Zach Bielecki other defensive players to watch out for.

The Royals are 3-2 and fell to Westfield last week 14-3, ending a two-game win streak.

Senior John McCall has had a good season as the Southeastern quarterback, completing 51 of 78 pass attempts for 526 yards and five touchdowns. Martice

Taylor is the top receiver, with 17 catches, including three for scores.

Blaine Wertz leads the Royals rushing with 402 yards and five touchdowns. On defense, Nate Haas made 12 tackles last week against Westfield, bringing his total to 36 for the season.

FISHERS-AVON

Fishers travels to Avon Friday evening for a game against the HCC's two fifth-place teams, both of whom are 1-2 in the league. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

The Orioles are 2-3 this season. After dropping its opener at Lawrence North 62-34, Avon beat Ben Davis 54-13. The Orioles lost to Southeastern 39-28 and Brownsburg 47-29 before rebounding last week against Franklin Central 35-7.

Senior Henry Hesson has some impressive numbers at the midpoint of the regular season, totaling 1,121 yards and 14 touchdowns on 63-of-106 passing. Senior Wallace Stovall has 31 of those catches, including four touchdowns, while senior Remington Gall counts seven scores among his 16 receptions.

Junior Chrishon McCray is on top of the rushing list with 435 yards and five touchdowns. Senior Clayton Peters has been dominant on defense with 53 tackles, eight of them for a loss.

The Tigers are 1-4 overall, having dropped their last two games. Senior quarterback Lucas Prewitt has solid numbers, completing 63 of 115 pass attempts for 793 yards and three touchdowns. Senior Landon Morris has 24 catches so far, including three TDs.

Sophomore Carson Dunn leads the rushing with 368 yards and two scores. On defense, senior Seth Dunnuck tops the tackling list with 45, followed by senior Billy Reiter with 41. Junior Curtis Kearshner has five tackles for a loss and three sacks.

NOBLESVILLE-FRANKLIN CENTRAL

Noblesville welcomes Franklin Central on Friday for a 7 p.m. kickoff between two teams looking for their first conference wins of the season after 0-3 starts in the league.

The Flashes are 1-4 overall. After beating Perry Meridian 40-14 in its opener, Franklin Central has since fallen to Roncalli 36-6, Brownsburg 35-7, Zionsville 27-0 and Avon 35-7.

Senior Colin Badgero is the Flashes' quarterback, and he is passing at a 55-of-122 clip for 471 yards and one touchdown. Junior Bryan Marshall is the top receiver with 18 catches, followed by junior Dionte Stephenson with 15 receptions and a touchdown.

Franklin Central has two solid runners. Senior Josh Ruley is on top of the list with 364 yards and five scores, followed by junior Aataevon Jordan with 276 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Vaughn Taylor leads the defense with 51 tackles, followed by senior Ben Massey with 45 stops.

The Millers are 1-4 and will look to break a three-game losing streak Friday night. Noblesville is getting closer, as it nearly came back against Zionsville last week. The Millers erased a big halftime deficit before the Eagles escaped with a 24-17 win.

Junior Owen Jones is Noblesville's top rusher with 360 yards and three touchdowns to his credit, while senior Holden Montarsi has gained 259 yards and scored twice. Junior quarterback Conner Meindering has thrown for 146 yards and a touchdown, with sophomore Chance Yeager making four catches.

On defense, senior Skyler Tolliver leads the way with 38 tackles, including 5.5 for a loss. Junior Sam Steinhof has six tackles for a loss, while junior Alairic Rogers-Walton also has 5.5 tackles for a loss, and leads in sacks with 3.5.

SHERIDAN-TAYLOR

Sheridan will continue Hoosier Heartland Conference play Friday by welcoming Taylor to Bud Wright Stadium. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

The Titans are 0-3 in the conference and 1-4 overall. Taylor beat North White 32-12 in its opener, but has since lost to North Miami 40-30, Carroll 56-28, Eastern 61-0 and Clinton Central 62-6.

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Boys tennis

Millers, Royals win Wednesday duals

The Noblesville boys tennis team beat University 5-0 in an all-county dual meet on Wednesday.

The Millers won all five matches in straight sets.

No. 1 singles: Noah Bushong def. Owen Schell-hase 6-0, 6-0

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

No. 3 singles: Rory Bushong def. Dillon Blake 6-3, 6-4

No. 1 doubles: Josh Middleton and Sean Vitales def. Matt Hurley and Jace Wilson 6-1, 6-2

No. 2 doubles: Zach Adams and Jack Gigante def. Darian Reed and Asher Whitcomb 6-2, 6-1

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 11 in the state, beat No. 17 Cathedral 4-1 on Wednesday.

The Royals got wins from No. 2 singles Rohan Golla, who triumphed in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0, and a 6-0, 6-0 victory from No. 3 singles Andrew Orme that clinched

the meet. Southeastern swept the doubles matches, with No. 1 Andrew Spirrison and Paul Schneider winning 6-1, 6-1 and No. 2 Evan Wang and Abhi Chaddha victorious 6-2, 6-2.

"Overall, I thought we played very well tonight," said Royals coach Kirk Webber. "This was a good win over a tough Cathedral team. I feel like our guys are peaking at the right time."

Southeastern is 11-4 and finishes the regular season Monday at Park Tudor.

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Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 2		Minnesota 7, Detroit 6
Toronto 14, N.Y. Yankees 1		Kansas City 12, St. Louis 3
Seattle 3, Houston 2		Oakland 6, L.A. Dodgers 4
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 1		San Francisco 7, Colorado 2

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Tampa Bay	37	20	.649	-
x-N.Y. Yankees	32	24	.571	4.5
Toronto	29	27	.518	7.5
Baltimore	23	33	.411	13.5
Boston	22	34	.393	14.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Minnesota	35	22	.614	-
x-Chi. White Sox	34	22	.607	0.5
x-Cleveland	32	24	.571	2.5
Kansas City	23	33	.411	11.5
Detroit	22	32	.407	11.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Oakland	34	21	.618	-
Houston	28	28	.500	6.5
L.A. Angels	26	31	.456	9.0
Seattle	25	31	.446	9.5
Texas	19	37	.339	15.5
x - Clinched playoff berth			y - Clinched division	

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Atlanta	34	22	.607	-
Miami	28	28	.500	6.0
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	6.5
N.Y. Mets	25	31	.446	9.0
Washington	23	33	.411	11.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Chi. Cubs	32	24	.571	-
St. Louis	27	26	.509	3.5
Cincinnati	29	28	.509	3.5
Milwaukee	27	28	.491	4.5
Pittsburgh	17	39	.304	15.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
z-L.A. Dodgers	39	17	.696	-
x-San Diego	34	22	.607	5.0
San Francisco	28	27	.509	10.5
Colorado	24	31	.436	14.5
Arizona	22	34	.393	17.0
z - Clinched division and best record in league				

'ROCKS

Back to the third set: Westfield was able to stay ahead by two to four points for the latter stages of that set. Sweet finished the match with a kill, her 11th of the night.

“We work very hard on basically running everything through our middles and setting the tone with them so it opens up our other hitters,” said Burks. “And our middles do a very good job out of transition.”

After Sweet’s 11 kills, Daffinee had nine. Sarah Weglarz dished out 16 assists while Logan Mapes handed out 13.

Sweet and Harvey both made three blocks. Ellary Detamore collected 19 digs, followed by Weglarz with 11 and Isley with 10.

“Our defense is very strong,” said Burks. “And that’s a big thing about this is, any one of our defensive-type players that you put on the floor in the back row, they all can hold their own. We’re very deep in that respect.”

Westfield is now 10-2 for the season and is next scheduled to play Saturday at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Sheridan picked up its first Hoosier Heartland Conference win of the season on Wednesday, beating Taylor 25-19, 25-12, 25-16.

Allie Delph was strong on offense with 14 kills and three aces, and also had



Westfield's Kenzie Daffinee (6) hit nine kills and four aces during the Shamrocks' Wednesday win.

Reporter photo by Kirk Green

six digs. Taylor Bates handed out 23 assists to go with four digs and three aces. Kaiden Wilson added eight kills and two blocks.

Jacquellynne Bates hit five kills, while Lillie Dickerson had four. Emma Went collected eight digs with Abbi Clouser and Sierra Duke both getting four each.

The Blackhawks’ junior varsity team lost 25-23, 25-24. Valerie Adams served three aces, while Laney Inman had

five digs, four kills and two aces. Lilly Chesney spiked four kills and handed out four assists and Kayla Beahrs made 10 digs.

Sheridan plays at Lapel tonight, with the JV starting at 6 p.m. and the varsity following.

Carmel swept North Central in a Tuesday Metropolitan Conference match, 25-21, 25-8, 25-19.

Macarty McQueen hit 17 kills and collected nine digs, with Savanna Rogers adding 11 kills and seven digs. Lexi Brehl had 23 digs and two aces, while Ella Bostic dished out 34 assists and hit three kills.

The Greyhounds beat Noblesville in three sets Wednesday, 25-18, 31-29, 25-15. Stats from this match will appear in a later edition.

HCC

The Blackhawks are 1-1 in HHC play and 3-1 overall. Sheridan got its first league win last week by beating Clinton Prairie 34-7.

The Blackhawks’ traditional running game has been out in full force, led by senior Cameron Hovey’s 765 yards and nine touchdowns. Junior quarterback Silas DeVaney has thrown for 143 yards and two touchdowns, with junior Cale Cummings and senior Keenan Warren both catching one TD pass.

On defense, Hovey and sophomore Jacob Jones each have 45 tackles. Jones has made six tackles for a loss and also has five sacks for the season.

CARMEL-NORTH CENTRAL

Carmel will make a short drive to North Central on Friday for a 7 p.m. game with the Panthers.

It will be a game between two top 10 6A teams, as North Central is rated No. 5

and the Greyhounds are tied for eighth. The Panthers had won their first four games of the season, beating Fishers 40-20, Hamilton Southeastern 36-35, Warren Central 10-0 and Lawrence North 27-21, before getting stunned by Center Grove 47-0 last week. North Central is 2-1 in MIC play

Senior Zayd Vestal is the NC quarterback, and he has completed 58 of 95 passes for 798 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Theran Johnson leads the reception list with 22 catches, including four TDs.

Another senior, David Smith, is the Panthers’ top rusher with 384 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Zion Woods has 47 tackles on defense, with senior Micah Green making 42 tackles, including nine for a loss.

Carmel is also 2-1 in the MIC and 3-2 overall, having won its last two games.

Junior quarterback Zach Osborne is 49-of-103 through the air with 590 yards and six touchdowns to his credit. Senior Colton Parker has 17 of those catches, including three for TDs.

Osborne also leads the rushing list with 254 yards and four touchdowns. Senior Tamarris Springfield is the top Greyhounds tackler with 41 stops. Junior Hayden Cate has three sacks.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS-TWIN LAKES

Hamilton Heights will travel to Monticello on Friday to take on unbeaten Twin Lakes. This game kicks off at 7:30 p.m.

The Indians are 4-0 for the season, having been idle on Week 3. In between that off week, Twin Lakes beat Northwestern 48-6, Seeger 42-15, Tindley 20-6 and Benton Central 30-12.

Senior Lewis Dellinger has been the main quarterback for the Indians, completing 38 of 65 pass attempts for 487 yards and nine touchdowns. Senior Gage Businger has 11 of those catches, including four TDs.

Senior Jaylen Roush is Twin Lakes’ top rusher with 234 yards and two touchdowns. Right behind him is sophomore Saige Brandt, with 230 yards and four TDs. Junior Brandon Franscoviak has 39 tackles on defense, with Roush making four tackles for a loss. Junior Kayvion Jackson has four sacks.

The Huskies are 2-3 for the season, but are on a two-game win streak. Heights

beat Northwestern 41-7 two weeks ago and scored a dramatic overtime victory over Western last week 19-18.

Junior quarterback Guy Griffey is 30-of-68 through the air, totaling 525 yards and eight touchdowns. Juniors Isaac Tuma and Gavin Bramel each have eight catches, with Tuma hauling in four TDs and Bramel three.

Sophomore Trey Ehman has gained 445 rushing yards and scored four touchdowns. Junior Harrison Hochstedler leads the tackling list with 50 stops and has also made three sacks.

GUERIN CATHOLIC-BISHOP CHATARD

Guerin Catholic will finish Circle City Conference play Friday at Bishop Chatard. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The Trojans are ranked No. 1 in Class 3A with a 4-1 record. Chatard has beaten Brebeuf Jesuit 27-14, East Central 10-0, Roncalli 28-7 and Southport 42-0; its only loss is to 5A No. 1 Cathedral, 39-20.

Quarterback Carter St. John threw for 336 yards and four touchdowns in the Trojans’ victory over Southport. Thomas Coleman caught all four of those TD passes, half of his eight overall catches.

The Golden Eagles are 1-2, having dropped their last two games. In last week’s game with Roncalli, quarterback Sam Miller completed 11 of 18 passes for 72 yards. Jagger Albert led the rushing with 64 yards.

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