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More volunteers than ever are needed at NobleCause's food pantry and retail shop. Visit svdpnoblecause.com.

NobleCause inspiring, serving Hamilton County

By KELLY McVEY & RIA REBEIN
For the Reporter

"It's the best kept secret in Hamilton County, but we wish it wasn't!" said Clare Scales, vice president of the St. Vincent de Paul chapter on Greenfield Avenue in Noblesville.

The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, and its resale shop, NobleCause, have been making an impact on the southeast side of Noblesville for over 35 years. Today, the organization continues to grow thanks to the efforts of committed volunteers and the generosity of those who see firsthand the support they give the Hamil-

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- **Volunteer:** Contact the center at svdpnoblecause.com.
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- **Donate and Shop:** Visit the retail store and drop off like-new clothes, toys, books, household items, furniture and vehicles from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ton County community.

From name brands like Cold Water Creek and Chico's to 25-cent Scholastic books for the kids, the NobleCause Resale Shop offers upscale items at affordable prices.

After covering basic operating costs, all proceeds from the shop go directly to supporting and stocking the food pantry.

A lot of hard work goes into upholding the quality of the shop's inventory – an entire staff of volunteers is dedicated to sifting through all of the donations. There's a room for checking cords and batteries, a worker who ensures books are in great shape and staff members who sort clothing to be sure every button, zipper and seam is up to standards. Anything that isn't sold in the shop is sent to other local charities, so nothing goes to waste.

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Sheridan hails King Cameron & Queen Kayla



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Sheridan High School's Fall Homecoming was held Friday night, and students selected Cameron Hovey as their King and Kayla Beahrs as their Queen. The Sheridan High School football team overwhelmed the Taylor Titans 65-22, which you read more about on Page 9 in Saturday's edition.



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The Homan family's plan was to start at the Pacific Northwest and then head down the Oregon coast to California. They also have plans to rock climb their way through Nevada.

Trip of a lifetime for Carmel family as father struggles with ALS

By KATIE WISELY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Carmel family is on the trip of a lifetime. They packed up and headed west four weeks ago to spend what little time they have together.

Jeff Homan was diagnosed with ALS in 2017, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Now, a wish he had for his wife once he passed was brought to life.

Doctors do not know why ALS occurs, and the disease is fatal. There is no cure. Over time, ALS

paralyzes the muscles to the point you can't breathe. Homan's lung capacity is below 18 percent. Jeff's wife Tara says there's no telling how long they have left. The purpose of the trip is to bring their wildest dreams to life – and it all started with a promise.

"He said, 'The summer I'm gone, buy a travel trailer and take the boys and travel all summer. I want you to explore. Everyone is happy outside and it will be healing,'" Jeff's wife Tara said.

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It's all about the fall

Pride cometh before the fall. At this point in my life, I should have no pride left. I have a history of falling.

Now don't you all be suggesting that I am in need of assisted living or even an "I've fallen and I can't get up" alert necklace. My falls are not my fault. Treacherous surfaces keep getting in my way.

My first fall was several years ago when I was staying with my daughter, Emily, while my son was doing some work on my house.

I came down her stairs and rounded the landing, and let's just say I did not stick my landing. My foot slid off the carpet and hit the hardwood about nine steps from the bottom of the stairs. I landed on my knee ... on several steps.

Emily came running. "Mom, are you hurt?" She said she thought an elephant had fallen down the stairs with all the noise.

I reassured her I was fine as I slowly got up and realized I was anything but fine. She wanted to take me to the hospital. I said, "No way am I going without my makeup and hair done." I got ready and I hobbled off to work. I hobbled for several days.

To this day I still hear the creak in my knee whenever I climb any stairs.

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

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HSE's student population down

By LARRY LANNAN | LarryInFishers.com

School corporations are reporting their student counts to state officials this time of year.

Hamilton Southeastern Schools say the current student count is 21,405, including kindergarten through grade 12. That number is down by 403 from last September. School officials say the official count will not be available for a couple weeks until finalized by the state.

The grade impacted the most in the downward count is kindergarten.

The education nonprofit news operation, Chalkbeat, published a story about a national trend this year in fewer kindergarten students. You can read that piece at [this link](#).

Noblesville veteran helps college students find success in life

By STU CLAMPITT
ReadTheReporter.com

Dave Closson was born in Illinois and chose to serve his country in Iraq. Now he chooses to make Noblesville his home and to serve others in the private sector. A big part of that service is his work to help veterans in college apply the organizational skills and mindset of their military experience toward the goal of attaining academic and career success.

When asked why he settled in Hamilton County, Closson told The Reporter, "I really love the area. I was living in a small, rural town in Illinois: Charleston. Whenever I would travel over to the Indianapolis area, I thought to myself, 'Let's move.' I did my research and really liked the north side up here."

During his junior year at college



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New program aims to attract graduates back to Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Workforce Recovery Task Force and Hamilton County Economic Development have partnered with TMap, an Indiana-based technology company to create an innovative talent recruitment program for Hamilton County high school graduates. Hamilton County has been working with the local school superintendents since fall 2019 to create the program to attract and retain students to live and work in the county.

"Although similar programs have

been created at the university level, this is the first one we are aware of that will start the connection with our high school students," said Carol Sergi, Director of Workforce Strategy for the Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation. "This program will be able to connect our students with career opportunities and also be used to invite our alumni who have moved away to consider the job oppor-



Sergi

tunities and quality of life we offer with the hope of bringing them back."

The program will also provide a way for the local high schools to stay connected to their students, something that currently is not done in an organized way.

"Winning regions are the ones that get serious about talent recruitment," said TMap Founder and CEO Bill Oesterle. "The Hamilton Coun-

ty community has banded together to bring talented expats back. We're proud to use our platform to achieve such a critical mission."

The Hamilton County Council, along with the Hamilton County Commissioners, voted to provide financial support for a portion of this program along with Hamilton County Economic Development.

For more information, contact Carol Sergi, Director of Workforce Strategy, Hamilton County Economic Development, at csergi@investhamiltoncounty.com.



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The food pantry provides a huge array of food, including frozen meats, fresh eggs, onions, potatoes, apples, bread and tons of vegetables. It supplements donations of day-old baked goods from grocery stores with food purchased from Meijer.

Both the food pantry and retail store need volunteers now more than ever. At one time more than 200 people volunteered, but many are in a vulnerable age group and had to stay home when COVID-19 hit.

“Volunteering is something everyone needs. It makes you happier when you do something for others,” said General Manager Anita “Dee” Ricciardi. She encourages planning to volunteer a couple hours a month rather than volunteering as an afterthought. “Mark your calendar and make sure to fit it in!”

The volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul and NobleCause prove her right – it’s amazing to see the hard work and happiness of so many different age groups serving the community together.

85% NobleCause resale revenue donated to fighting hunger
63,837 People served by the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry
238 Families that receive emergency financial assistance each year

Statistics from 2019



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Tara took her husband’s wish and turned it into one last family adventure.

“Maybe the why is so people can see what an amazing human Tara is,” Jeff said. “We need more people like her because she is just everything.”

They bought a new travel trailer, made sure virtual learning would work for their boys and are now living in less than 150 square feet. They’re gone indefinitely.

“From the words, ‘You have ALS,’ we hit the ground running,” Tara said. “From selling our home to changing names on accounts to getting a financial planner. I mean you name it and we have done it. I am setting aside what the future is going to look like without Jeff and a widow with two boys.”

A big challenge for the Homans is not having a power wheelchair or accessible van.

“Just a simple trip outside to go sightseeing will require eight transfers,” the mom of two said.

The chance to hike, bike, and connect. The plan was to start at the Pacific Northwest and then head

down the Oregon coast to California. They also have plans to rock climb their way through Nevada.

“A trip like this would take a lifetime for most families to do,” Homan said. “We are able to do amazing things and at the same time I would trade all of it to not have ALS.”

This chapter of their life is only possible through faith.

“We’re trying to love the life we never wanted,” Tara said.

The couple’s two children, Evan and Cole, are learning hard work at a young age and know there is an army of support at home.

“We know we are in the final stretch and so the most important thing for us is to live and live well,” Tara said.

They’re making memories together as a family with what little time they have left.

The Homans think they might be back at the end of October. Plans could change if Jeff’s health deteriorates quickly.

If you’d like to help the Homan’s with medical costs and care, [click here](#).

FALL

Fall No. 2 happened right after Chuck and I started dating, seven years ago. I slipped on the tile floor at Kohl’s during a rain storm. I drove myself to the hospital after entertaining my cousins at a luncheon for my mom at her house. My ankle kept swelling as I made sure everyone was taken care of.

Chuck showed up at the hospital. He said the nurse told him that he could go on back to the room I was

in since she assumed he was my husband. I told him I think that was the day I knew I had “fallen” in love with him.

Fall No. 3 was the big-gee. I was at work and had gone back to the service area. I slipped on a wet area and before I knew it, I was doing the “Oh no, this is going to hurt when I land” hokey pokey dance.

It hurt. I hit the floor with my right wrist in the landing as I twisted my left ankle in

the landing and wrenched my knee in the landing and at the finale of my landing, I hit my forehead. Yes, they got it on video. It was not pretty. The landing was not a 10.

That concussion landed me at home for two months. I was no longer allowed in the service department when I was able to return to work. Everyone treated me like I was fragile. I insisted I was a klutz, not old.

By the way, the broken bone in my wrist now makes it impossible to do push-ups. (Not that I ever did them.)

So after these three major falls I am quite convinced I have had my personal allotment of falls. I look at my high heels and think, “There is no way.” Sometimes I think the reason for Chuck holding my hand is ... just in case.

And, after all these falls, I am absolutely sure ... I have no pride left.

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Thanks for reading!

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn’t something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don’t often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we’re breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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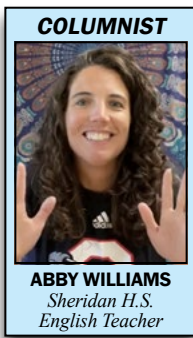
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Falling through the cracks of a pandemic

Editor's note: Abby Williams teaches 10th grade English at Sheridan High School. This column is the first in the return of a series of columns to be written by students in her class.



Back to school after five months of combined stay-at-home and summer vacation, many of us teachers and students are so happy to be here. I have heard from so many of my students and fellow teachers just how glad they are to return to school.

Speaking for myself, I am happy to be back also. I missed being around high school kids with their creative ideas and weird TikTok dances. I missed my co-workers and school friends. I missed having a routine and feeling like I belonged somewhere.

I'm also excited and grateful to be back working with my students to provide a student column for the Reporter, which will begin next week.

Though my stay-at-home experience was safe and comfortable, I did feel alone through it. Missing those daily in-person interactions made me feel isolated and without my support system. It was hard, and it was stressful. This leads me to believe that many students' stay-at-home experiences were much, much harder than mine. I'm also certain that many of my students' parents and other adults in general have struggled as well.

I wanted to think more and learn more about this, so I did some Googling. I found a recent article titled "COVID-19 and the other pandemic: populations made vulnerable by systemic inequity" which was published in the Nature research journal, September 2020. The authors found,

through various academic studies, that many already underserved populations of Americans have been much more heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Sheridan, where I live and work, a likely underserved population would be people and families living in poverty. According to the Indiana Department of Education, 42.8 percent of the student population of Sheridan Community Schools is "economically disadvantaged." Underserved students in my community may be without access to quality healthcare. If they or their family members are ill, they may not be able to be tested for COVID, have access to masks, or receive needed medical care. They may also have some distrust of the healthcare system. Their parents may have lost jobs due to the pandemic. They may experience food instability.

As a teacher, I can't help with a lot of the issues my students may face at home. But, I can work to be more understanding and open-minded about where they are coming from, physically and emotionally. While I feel staying at home was hard for me, I can understand that it was actually significantly harder for many of my kids.

I can be welcoming to my students and offer them kindness and a safe classroom to be in for 45 minutes a day. I can listen to them speak about what their experience was like, and I can work on listening and not trying to "fix" it for them, because I probably can't.

Finally, I can teach my students strategies for handling stress and anxiety during times of uncertainty, which I hope they will use and keep for future use.

at Eastern Illinois University, Closson was deployed to Iraq as part of his service to the Illinois National Guard. He had enlisted in the Guard during his junior year in high school. Closson was deployed as an infantry team-leader and was also a member of a recon sniper team.

Coming home after a year of combat deployment, Closson struggled with both isolation and the effects of his experiences overseas.

"Having been deployed during my junior year, after my year-long deployment, I returned home and jumped right back into college during the fall of 2006," Closson said. "All of my friends – my cohort – had graduated in May of '06. So I didn't really have a core network of friends or support. I struggled with PTSD, drinking, and then years later I found out I had suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) due to being blown up a few times."

Closson's phrase, "being blown up a few times," was said in a very matter-of-fact tone as if he placed little significance on it as part of his story.

When asked to clarify, Closson told The Reporter, "Within my first week of being in the country, our Humvee was directly hit with and IED [Improvised Explosive Device]. Welcome to Iraq, right? There were several other near-miss explosions as well involving rockets, mortars and IEDs."

Back in college, Closson found himself struggling with PTSD, drinking and his then-undiagnosed TBI symptoms.

"The more I started to focus on personal growth, the less those things impacted my life," Closson said. "When I say personal growth, I mean being structured, goal setting, time management and total wellness: Exercise, eating healthy and getting good quality sleep. I pulled that discipline that came from being in the military and applied it with intentionality to all aspects of my life. I linked it right to the military operational order, which is what we would use to plan a mission."



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Noblesville resident Dave Closson has been recognized as a VFW #StillServing Hero for his service to the military and veterans. Dave designed the Student Veteran Daily Planner as a military-based guide for success in college and life.

According to Closson's website, StudentVeteranSuccess.com, "An Operations Order, often abbreviated to OPORD, is a plan format meant to assist units with the conduct of military operations. An OPORD describes the situation the unit faces, the mission of the unit, and what supporting activities the unit will conduct to achieve its mission."

Closson said he used the OPORD to structure his days to make sure he was staying both on task in the short term and on track in the long term for his goals. "It also served as an accountability system for me too," Closson said. "It was a friendly nudge or reminder when I would open that to look at my schedule and say, 'Oh, crud! I haven't worked out yet today.' Or, 'Oh yes, these were my three top priorities for the day and I need to focus on those.'"

The outcome of his own

success was Closson's impetus to share his method with others.

"As I have grown and finished school I have learned and explored ways to share that with others. That is what led to creating and publishing the official student veteran planner."

According to his website, the planner is "formatted to organize your college mission into five easily trackable areas: Situation, Mission, Execution, Sustainment, and Command/Control. You will develop a plan for the academic year, short- and long-term goals, and a plan for each day. You'll have a simple and organized way to track your tasks, schedule, PT, meal prep, and track ongoing work."

The planner offers specific sections for homework, exercise and even buddy checks. There is a built-in long- and short-term goal tracking system. Closson said he has found that although he's been out of college for years, the same structures prove effective in his daily life. Student veterans in Arizona, Texas, Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma have used the guide, and Closson is designing an online class as a follow-up.

Closson's dedicated service to the military and veterans led him to be chosen as one of the few Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) #StillServing Heroes nationwide. VFW invites all veterans to submit their stories at vfw.org/stillserving.

According to the VFW, veterans volunteer 25 percent more time, are 17 percent more likely to make a monetary donation, and are 30 percent more likely to participate in local organizations than the civilian population.

"Veterans truly exemplify the best of America," said William "Doc" Schmitz, VFW national commander. "They are dedicated to giving of themselves, and the skills and values they develop in the military only deepen their desire to better themselves, their communities and their country through service. We are grateful for the millions of members who have made service a hallmark of the VFW and we're excited for the veterans who are joining now to carry this forward in new ways."

You can learn more about the Students Veteran Daily Planner and see if the program is right for you at StudentVeteranSuccess.com.

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Wayne-Fall Lions gearing up to play Santa

Ham and beans dinner to raise funds for holiday programs

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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At the beginning of September, the Wayne-Fall Lions club had an unusual and very successful fish fry fundraiser to help them continue their charitable work in the community. Now they are planning a ham and bean dinner on Oct. 10 as they prepare to play Santa.

Dave Barker from the Wayne-Fall Lions Club told The Reporter that club members were very pleased with the success of their recent fish fry, which was run drive-thru

style due to COVID-19 safety protocols. Barker said the club covered all their costs and made several hundred dollars to use for their charitable programs.

Guests were served as they drove up in their vehicles and were given the option to either use the well-spaced picnic tables on the grounds or to park so they could tailgate or picnic, whichever they preferred.



Hundreds of people attended the safe and socially-distant dinner, and Barker is hoping for even bigger crowds this time.

“We are definitely doing the drive-thru,” Barker said. “As long as the weather is fit for it, we are going to put out tables and picnic shelters and allow people to bring their lawn chairs and blankets to tailgate or picnic – however they want to do it.”

The ham and bean supper will be an all-you-can-eat and free-will donation event to help the Lions raise money for their Christmas programs. They plan to provide Christmas to less-fortunate families in the community by partnering with local schools to determine who is in need this holiday season.

The meal will include ham, beans, cornbread, coleslaw, desserts and drinks.

The ham and bean dinner will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville. The location is 3.5 miles east of the intersection of State Road 37 and Victory Chapel Road.

Happy Pak launches Random Acts of Kindness program

The REPORTER

Happy Pak is spreading the happy even further in 2020 with its newly launched Random Acts of Kindness program and personalized RAK Paks. The program aims to foster kindness, bring on the happy and celebrate well-deserving humans in Central Indiana.

“The world is a better place when we make others smile,” said Karen Melbert. “Kindness starts with each of us. One person holds open a door. One person picks up the tab of the car behind them in a drive-thru. One person cares when another really needs it. Now, more than ever, our world needs people who care and show kindness.”

Special gift giving and random surprises for loved

ones have always come naturally to co-owners and long-time friends, Karen Melbert and Karen Lafnitzegger. During the pandemic, the pair pondered how they could be more impactful with their business and lift others with their line of ready-made paks.

“We love helping our customers celebrate special moments and ease life’s challenges with our personalized Happy Paks,” Lafnitzegger said. “It seemed only natural to find a way to help our entire community too during these uncertain times and beyond. We want to help remind everyone that kindness in our daily lives matters and it begins with each of us.”

“We really have the best jobs! We get to send happi-

ness every day, and now we get to be “happiness ninjas” on top of that and surprise unsung heroes all across Indy,” Melbert said.

How the program works

Each month per a theme (September 2020 is unsung Educational Support Staff), friends of Happy Pak are invited to nominate an awesome Central Indiana human who meets one or all of the following:

- Fits the month’s theme
- Works hard behind the scenes to make a positive difference in the community
- Goes above and beyond the call of duty
- Puts others first
- Well-deserving of a giant thank you, high-five or hug



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Monthly, a lucky nominee is randomly selected by the Happy Pak team and a special RAK Pak, filled with gifts and goodies packaged just for the recipient, is delivered on a Fab Friday within the month.

The Happy Pak team is thrilled to be able to spread sunshine within the community in this special way, and their corporate clients and business partners are stepping up to pitch in too. Local businesses and individ-

uals are able to partner with Happy Pak to help fund the monthly RAK Pak initiative.

About Happy Pak

Happy Pak specializes in clever personalized ready-made gift boxes for all occasions – to celebrate life’s exciting events or to offer comfort when life is challenging. Happy Pak’s motto is gifting doesn’t have to be difficult or boring. The organization helps busy individuals send unforgettable gifts that are both fun to receive and fun to give with the simple touch of a button. Let Happy Pak help you *bring on the happy* in someone’s life today! Get started at [happypak.com](#).

AG Curtis Hill announces \$678M national settlement with Novartis Pharmaceuticals over alleged kickbacks

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill announced on Sept. 21 that Indiana, along with 26 other states and the District of Columbia, has joined the federal government in reaching an agreement that settles allegations against Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

The settlement with Indiana will resolve allegations that Novartis paid kickbacks to health care practitioners in the form of cash, meals, entertainment and honoraria payments to induce them to prescribe various medications that treat hypertension or Type 2 Diabetes.

Under the settlement, Novartis agreed to pay \$678 million to the federal government, Indiana, 26 other states and the District of Columbia. Of that amount, \$103 million resolves claims pertaining to state Medicaid programs. About \$1.1 million of the settlement resolves claims relating specifically to Indiana’s Medicaid program.

“Medicaid exists to help cover medical costs for individuals with limited incomes,” Hill said. “Exposing waste, fraud and abuse in connection with Medicaid funds is part of our responsibility as stewards of

the public trust, and we are committed to fulfilling our mission in this regard.”

The settlement resolves allegations that from January 2002 to November 2011, Novartis paid kickbacks to doctors to prescribe Lotrel, Valturna, Starlix, Tekamlo, Diovan HCT, Tekturma HCT and Exforge HCT – and that between January 2010 and November 2011, Novartis also did so for Exforge, Diovan and Tekturma. In court documents, it was alleged that Novartis systemically paid doctors to speak about certain drugs at sham events – with a veneer of education applied in an attempt to avoid the law – and covered the costs of lavish meals and entertainment for attendee doctors. The goal, according to allegations in the documents, was to induce doctors to write prescriptions for these Novartis drugs in violation of Indiana’s False Claims Act statutes.

Novartis admitted aspects of the scheme in a stipulation filed in federal court in connection with the settlement. These admis-



Hill

sions include details concerning excessive spending on meals and alcohol. In addition, Novartis admitted facilitating minimal medical discussions at these events.

This settlement arises from a whistleblower action originally filed in 2011 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York under the federal False Claims Act and the named plaintiff states’ respective false claims/anti-fraud statutes. A National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units (NAMFCU) Team participated in the investigation and finalized the settlement with Novartis on behalf of the states. The NAMFCU Team was comprised of representatives from the Offices of the Attorneys General for the states of California, Illinois, New York, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award. The remaining 25 percent is funded by the State.



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Senators Young, Shaheen introduce bipartisan bill to combat bias in military promotions

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) on Friday introduced the bipartisan *Combatting Bias in Military Promotions Act*. Their legislation would require the Department of Defense (DoD) to eliminate certain identifying information from being presented to military officer promotion boards that may result in a biased promotion decision.

"As a Marine, I understand that removing bias and prejudice from the force

is critical to help strengthen the cohesiveness of units and enable our military to accomplish complex missions around the globe," Young said. "By removing information such as race and gender from promotion materials, we can ensure that promotion boards would assess and evaluate officers based purely on their merits and accomplishments. While I am encouraged that some of these actions are being considered by the Department of Defense, protecting the integrity of our

promotion process must be codified to ensure that all biases, whether conscious or unconscious, are not able to influence the military's promotion decisions."

"Providing service members with every opportunity to succeed and rise through their ranks in service to their country is a national security priority to ensure we have the best and brightest at the helm,"



Young

Shaheen said. "I'm glad to partner with Senator Young on this bipartisan effort to reform how military promotions are determined by rooting out any criteria that could be used to

discriminate against eligible officers. As our nation faces new and evolving threats to our national defense, it's imperative that we empower and invest in our most talented, experi-

enced and qualified officers across all branches."

Specifically, the bill would prohibit the inclusion of information in a promotion board packet that indicates the name, gender, age, race, or a photograph of the officer. Instead, that information would be replaced by a unique identifier which would enable the Department to use a number, such as a unique military service number or their Social Security Number, to identify the individual eligible for promotion.

Secretary of Defense Mark Esper recently announced that he would be taking action against discrimination, prejudice and bias across the DoD, including eliminating photographs from consideration by promotion boards and selection processes. The *Combatting Bias in Military Promotions Act* would codify this DoD action and expand it to eliminate additional information from the packet that may result in a biased promotion.

Learn more [here](#).

Carmel Clay Parks & Rec implements reopening plan

The REPORTER

Per Governor Holcomb's announcement on Wednesday, Sept. 23, the State of Indiana moved into Stage 5 of the Back on Track Indiana Plan Saturday.

Based on the Governor's guidelines and member feedback gathered through multiple surveys, the Monon Community Center (MCC) has begun its next phase of reopening.

Safety remains Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's (CCPR) top priority. The MCC's Stage 5 reopening will take place in phases in order to keep members, guests and staff safe. Masks are still required when entering and exiting the facility and will be worn by staff. Physical distancing guidelines and enhanced cleaning measures will remain in place.

Monthly and annual memberships are available for [purchase online](#) and at the MCC starting at \$44 per month. Day passes are available for purchase in-person at the MCC.

Overall changes

Enhanced cleaning measures will continue throughout the day and the facility will be fogged at the end of each day. Cleaning supplies will be provided so members can clean fitness equipment to their desired level before using.

The East Building will be open during peak traffic times starting Monday, Sept. 28.

- Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fitness Center

- Guests ages 11 to 14 must be under direct adult supervision in the Fitness Center.

- Equipment has been spread out to promote physical distancing.

- Saunas will remain closed.

- Towel services are temporarily suspended.

Group Fitness

- Group fitness classes are available by reservation only. [Click here](#) to view the Group Fitness schedule and reserve a spot.

- Due to demand, some of the most popular classes will be added back into the schedule including Cycle, Aqua and Zumba.

- Senior classes will be offered in person.

- Virtual classes will end Sept. 28, as this is not a sustainable option for CCPR with amenities opening back up.

Gymnasium

- All courts are open. [Click here](#) to view the current gym schedule for available times.

Aquatics

- Indoor Activity Pool and Slides: The indoor

activity pool will resume normal weekend operations (noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday). Beginning the week of Oct. 5, weekday evening hours will resume (4:30 to 8 p.m. daily).

Lap Swimming: The six indoor lap lanes are available by reservation only. [Click here](#) to view the schedule and reserve a spot. A reservation secures one lane for use for 30 minutes. Lap lanes can now be shared by up to two members should they choose to do so.

KidZone

KidZone will reopen Monday, Oct. 5 under the following restrictions:

- Open to kids 3 years and older.
- Maximum of 25 kids at a time.

- Reservations will be required to help control capacity.
- Check [carmelclayparks.com](#) for hours – coming soon

CCPR will continue to share its reopening plans with the community. For the most up-to-date information about CCPR's COVID-19 reopening plan and policies, visit [carmelclayparks.com](#).

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AG Curtis Hill announces \$60M multistate settlement with maker of medical devices

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill on Thursday announced a settlement by Indiana, 47 other states and the District of Columbia with C.R. Bard Inc. and its parent company, Becton, Dickinson and Co., requiring payment of \$60 million for the allegedly deceptive marketing of transvaginal surgical mesh devices. Under the settlement, Indiana receives just over \$1.7 million.

Surgical mesh is a synthetic knitted or woven fabric that is permanently implanted in the pelvic floor through the vagina to treat pelvic organ prolapse and stress urinary incontinence. These are common conditions faced by women due to a weakening in their pelvic floor muscles caused by childbirth, age and other factors.

Thousands of women implanted with surgical mesh have made claims that they suffered serious complications resulting from these devices, including erosion of mesh through organs, pain during sexual intercourse and voiding dysfunction. Although use of surgical mesh involves the risk of these serious complications and is not proven to be more effective than traditional tissue repair, millions of women were implanted with these devices.

The attorneys

general allege that C.R. Bard misrepresented or failed to adequately disclose serious and life-altering risks of surgical mesh devices, such as chronic pain, scarring and shrinking of bodily tissue, painful sexual relations and recurring infections, among other complications.

"Companies have the legal and ethical obligation to provide accurate and truthful information to consumers," Hill said. "Whenever businesses fail to meet this basic obligation, we must hold them accountable."

C.R. Bard and its parent company have agreed to pay \$60 million to the 48 participating states and the District of Columbia. Although C.R. Bard stopped selling transvaginal mesh, the settlement provides injunctive relief, requiring both C.R. Bard and Becton, Dickinson and Co. to adhere to certain injunctive terms if they reenter the transvaginal mesh market.

Under the terms of the settlement, the companies are required to:

- Provide patients with understandable descriptions of complications in marketing materials.
- Include a list of certain



Hill

complications in all marketing materials that address complications.

- Disclose complications related to the use of mesh in any training provided that includes risk

information.

- Disclose sponsorship in clinical studies, clinical data or preclinical data for publication.

- Refrain from citing to any clinical study, clinical data or preclinical data regarding mesh, for which the company has not complied with the disclosure requirements.

- Require consultants to agree to disclose in any public presentation or submission for publication Bard's sponsorship of the contracted for activity.

- Register all Bard-sponsored clinical studies regarding mesh with [ClinicalTrials.gov](#).

- Train independent contractors, agents and employees who sell, market or promote mesh, regarding their obligations to report all patient complaints and adverse events to the company.

- Ensure that its practices regarding the reporting of patient complaints are consistent with FDA requirements.

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Tickets now on sale for Carmel Symphony Orchestra's new season

The REPORTER

As we move beyond uncertain times, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra brings you a season of *Hope Renewed*. Single tickets are now on sale for the 2020-21 season, which begins in October.

Saturday, Oct. 10 will be the opening concert for the season. *Hope Renewed* is the title for this year's Masterworks Series. The 7:30 p.m. concert will be performed at The Palladium in The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. This performance will include Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances, Grieg's Holberg Suite and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings.

Saturday, Nov. 14, also at 7:30 p.m., is Masterworks 2, featuring Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major and Rossini's Barber of Seville Overture. This concert will feature CSO's 2019 Young Artist Competition Winner, Cooper Olsen.

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra proudly sponsors the annual CSO Young Artists Competition, a unique and prestigious concert to competition allowing Indiana student musicians the opportunity to compete with their peers at the highest level of artistic excellence and have the amazing experience of performing in The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Olsen was 14 when he won as the CSO Young Artist. He is a freshman at Bloomington North High School in Bloomington, Ind. He won the Young Artist Competition with a performance of Saint-Saens' Violin Concerto #3, 3rd movement, and stud-



Olsen



Bays

ies with Mimi Zweig, professor of music at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music.

The Holiday Pops Concerts presented by IU Health on Saturday, Dec. 12 will cap off 2020. This show will get you prepared for a holiday season filled with inspiration. The annual performance of the Holiday Pops Concert is a celebration for all ages and features singer Heather Bays.

Heather Bays is now a first call studio singer in the Nashville, Tenn., Indianapolis and Chicago areas where she records voice-overs, jingles, choral demos, film scores and video games. Her versatility, professionalism and experience have given her the

opportunity to perform and record with many significant artists and companies over the years, including Hans Zimmer, Disney, EA games, Bill Gaither, Sandi Patty and Josh Kaufmann, just to name a few. She is a seasoned performer and has sung the national anthem for the Indianapolis Colts, the Pacers and the Fever and has performed as a featured artist with many symphonies around the country.

Bays says she is honored to partner with Janna Hymes and is grateful to be able to serve the entire CSO organization and give back to her community in this way. She lives in Carmel with her husband David Watts and her sweet cocker spaniel of 14 years, Mimi. She is a proud mom to two adult daughters, Chloe and Evallee.

Single tickets for the Hope Renewed Masterworks concerts, as well as the Holiday Pops Concerts presented by IU Health, are now on sale. To order tickets, you may call the Center for Performing Arts Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

Visit CarmelSymphony.org to learn more.

Congressional committee gives recommendations on modernizing Congress

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks (R-Ind.-05) provided the following statement Thursday after the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress passed its **final recommendations** to make Congress more effective, efficient and transparent for all Americans:

"As a member of the Select Committee, which consists of six Republicans and six Democrats, I am extremely proud this bipartisan group of members unanimously passed a total of 97 recommendations to improve the way the House of Representatives works for the American people.

"One of the reasons I ran for Congress in 2012 was to work towards restoring confidence in Congress. Since my first election, I have strived to be a leader who promotes civility and cooperation across party-lines. Over the past 18 months we developed strong bipartisan recommendations that will strengthen the working relationships and civility within

Congress.

"Other important recommendations include reclaiming constitutional authorities to make Congress work better. Article I of the Constitution gives Congress the authority to tax and spend – or the 'power of the purse' – arguably one of the body's most essential constitutional responsibilities. By setting up a program, such as the Community-Focused Grant Program, we would enhance Congress' ability to exercise this authority to appropriate federal funds. This competitively awarded grant program would fund projects that have the broad support of local communities throughout the United States."

Click here to watch Rep. Brooks and other committee members speak about the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress' work to provide these recommendations.

Click here to watch Rep. Brooks give remarks on the final passage of recommendations in the hearing.



Brooks

Fishers road construction updates, week of Sept. 28

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 126th Street

126th Street east of SR 37 is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in November. During this time, cross access will be restricted, with only right in and right out. Northbound SR 37 traffic will not have access to 126th Street and will shift to the southbound lanes. Two lanes will remain in each direction. Local access to businesses will remain open. Detour route markers and advance warning signs will be in place prior to the closure. View the detour map [here](#).

State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moving to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. This phase is anticipated to be completed by the end of November. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#).

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

126th Street & Ford Drive / Nickel Plate Trail Crossing

Phase 2 construction of the 126th Street and Ford Drive roundabout is underway and is anticipated to reopen in October. During this phase, 126th Street will be closed east of Ford Drive to Kirkpatrick Way. Residents and businesses on Ford/Windsor Drive will be accessible from Lantern

Road. Lockhart Cadillac will be accessible from southbound SR 37 only. View the detour map [here](#). Check out the [project fact sheet](#) to learn more.

96th Street

96th Street east of the Sargent Road roundabout to Cumberland Road is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in early November. During this time, the bridge over Mud Creek will be replaced with a widened structure and additional travel lanes will be added. Check out the [project fact sheet](#) to learn more and view the detour map [here](#).

There will be temporary lane closures throughout the week of Sept. 28 on 96th Street east of Interstate 69 as part of the resurfacing and median island project. Please use caution while driving through this area. Check out the [project fact sheet](#) to learn more.

Allisonville Road

One lane in each direction on Allisonville Road south of 106th Street is currently closed between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for median work in front of Fire Station No. 93 and is anticipated to be completed by Friday, Oct. 2.

Fishers Pointe Boulevard
Beginning on Thursday, Oct. 1, Fishers Pointe Boulevard will be closed at the Nickel Plate Trail to extend speed tables and is anticipated to reopen by Monday, Oct. 5. View the detour map [here](#).

Frances Street

Frances Street between Meadows Drive and Lantern Road is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in October.

Moore Street

Moore Street between 116th Street and South

Street is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in October.

Burberry

Road resurfacing is currently taking place and is anticipated to be completed by the end of October.

Paving Projects

The Department of Public Works will begin paving Roberts Drive from Lantern Road to Kincaid Drive on Monday, Sept. 28 and it is anticipated to be completed on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Neighborhood Parking Update

The City of Fishers' objective is to create a safe and inviting community by improving infrastructure, reducing congestion, increase mobility options, and manage parking in the city, which is experiencing constant growth. The City is committed to providing accessible and adequate parking options for all residents, guests and visitors, and the goal is to educate the community about parking regulations to reduce the chances of violations. Find info about neighborhood parking ordinances and how to file a complaint [here](#).

Flashing Yellow Arrow Traffic Signals

Several traffic signals throughout Fishers have recently been upgraded to include flashing yellow arrows. This is a measure put in place to allow for improved traffic flow. A yellow flashing arrow means that you may proceed with the turn only after you have yielded the right of way to pedestrians and oncoming traffic. If you are facing a steady yellow light or arrow, your right of way is ending. Find info [here](#) regarding flashing yellow arrow traffic signals.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people. For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him. And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek? Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar; and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers? But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people. And when he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew tongue, saying, . . .

Acts 21:35-40 (KJV)

John Henderson

June 26, 1971 – September 24, 2020



John Henderson, 49, Atlanta, passed away Thursday, September 24, 2020 due to a semi-truck accident on State Road 213 in Tipton County.

He was born June 26, 1971 in Tipton to Philip and Mary Alice (Leathers) Henderson. He grew up on a family farm and after graduating from Hamilton Heights High School in 1989. He attended Purdue University completing an Agriculture Short Course. He returned to commit to farming as his life's work. He had been harvesting soy beans and was taking a semi load to an elevator to be sold when the accident happened.

John was an active 4-H member and later enjoyed helping his children with their 4-H livestock projects. He was a member of the Tractor Pulling Association and the Arcadia Christian Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Chloe Alice Henderson, Atlanta, and son, Cade Russel Henderson, Arcadia; his parents, Philip and Mary Alice Henderson, Arcadia; and a sister, Kathy Henderson, Atlanta.

Preceding his in death is a brother, Michael Kent Henderson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Arcadia Christian Church, with Pastor Neal Brown and Pastor J.R. Moffatt officiating. Burial will follow at the Arcadia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of the services Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Henderson College Fund, 28392 Hartley Road, Atlanta, IN 46031.

Hartley Funeral Homes is entrusted with providing services for John and where you may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Who was awarded the first Sagamore of the Wabash?

The REPORTER

1879 – President Ruth-erford B. Hayes and his wife Lucy were welcomed to Indianapolis by a parade through downtown. Later they were treated to a reception hosted by General Benjamin Harrison and his wife Caroline at their home on North Delaware Street. The Presidential Party included General William T. Sherman.

1893 – It was "Indiana Day" at the huge Columbian Exposition World's Fair in Chicago. Nearly 100,000 Hoosiers went to the Fair on that day alone. Among those on the speaker's platform were former President Benjamin Harrison, Indiana Governor Claude Matthews, and Hoosier Poet James Whitcomb Riley. Noting the size of the multitude, Harrison said that he had spoken to nearly all the people in In-



diana in sections, but never at the same time.

1905 – George M. Cohan was on stage at the English Opera House in Indianapolis with his production of "Little Johnny Jones." The show introduced such popular songs as "Yankee Doodle Boy" and "Give My Regards to Broadway." Cohan told local reporters that he did not want to be taken seriously as either a playwright or musician. "I just want to please the people," he said, adding that he would return to the city soon with another show called

"Forty-five Minutes from Broadway."

1935 – Anna Sage came to the Indiana Statehouse to request a pardon from Governor Paul V. McNutt. Sage, known in the press as the "Woman in Red," had assisted the FBI in the capture of John Dillinger outside the Biograph Theater in Chicago. An immigrant, she was being threatened with deportation for alleged criminal activity in Lake County. The Governor did not act upon her request for pardon, and a Federal Court had her deported to Romania three

months later.

1946 – The first "Sagamore of the Wabash" award was presented to Kentucky Governor Simeon S. Willis. The honor was bestowed by Indiana Governor Ralph F. Gates. Over the years, the title has honored hundreds of people who have served the Hoosier State with their skills, talents and services. In the Native American culture, a "Sagamore" is a leader to whom the chief would look for wisdom and advice.

1955 – Actor James Dean was killed in Cholame, Calif., when his Porsche 550 Spyder sports car collided with another car at an intersection. Dean, 24, was born in Marion and grew up in Fairmount, Ind. In his short Hollywood career, he starred in three major motion pictures: *East of Eden*, *Rebel Without a Cause*, and *Giant*.

Lindsey Bruno joins St. Louis law firm

The REPORTER

Carmel native Lindsey Bruno has been named an associate of St. Louis-based law firm Lewis Rice.

After earning her JD from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis and serving as a summer associate at Lewis Rice, she will be practicing in the firm's Litigation Department rep-

resenting individuals and companies in a broad range of disputes, including complex commercial litigation.

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Girls golf regionals

Westfield and Noblesville take titles, Carmel and HSE to join them at state

By RICHIE HALL
A familiar set of Hamilton County golf teams will be returning to the state finals.

The four well-established programs all earned another trip to the big meet after their performances during Saturday's regionals. Westfield and Carmel finished first and second respectively at the Roncalli regional, which took place at Smock Golf Course in Indianapolis.

Up at Edgewood Golf Club in Anderson, Noblesville claimed its first regional in over a decade by winning the Lapel regional, with Hamilton Southeastern placing second. All four teams will head to Prairie View Golf Club next weekend to compete at state.

CONSISTENT ROUNDS
Westfield's ascendancy to the elite level has been fairly recent compared to the other schools. But the Shamrocks are firmly in that group, and proved it again with their regional victory, carding a 305. It's the third regional championship for the 'Rocks, after they won back-to-back titles in 2015-16, and qualified them for state for the sixth time in school history, all since 2014.

Freshman Samantha Brown led the way for Westfield, winning individual medalist honors with a 73. Brown had three birdies in her round.

"It's so exciting, since I'm just a freshman," said Brown. "And then we were able to depend on each other and nobody felt like they had all the pressure. But it was just evenly spread out and we knew we had a chance, and it was just exciting to come out and play."

Every golfer that played for Westfield at the regional had at least one birdie. Sophie McGinnis had four of them during her round of 76. That put her in a five-way tie for third place at the meet.

Allie Hildebrand carded 77, Brette Hanavan scored 79 and Cate Jensen had an 85 to round out the Shamrocks' scoring. All three made one birdie.

"We played as good as we probably could have played today," said Westfield coach Trevor Neu. He said the team's first nine holes were "fantastic," and credited his players with being resilient during the



The Westfield girls golf team won its first regional championship since 2016 Saturday at the Roncalli regional, which took place at Smock Golf Course in Indianapolis. The Shamrocks are one of four Hamilton County teams to qualify for the state finals, which are set for next weekend at Prairie View Golf Club.

second nine holes.

"We had a couple hiccups out there, but we mentally grinded through those hiccups and our kids just were resilient and never quit," said Neu.

Carmel was a close second, scoring a 310. Senior Katie Kuc led the way for the Greyhounds with a 75, including four birdies, and was the individual runner-up. Sydney Longstreth was part of the tie for third place with her 76, and made one birdie. Claire Swathwood drained one birdie during her round of 79 and Ava Hedrick had two birdies while carding an 80.

"We had a few struggles out here today, but I'm proud of how the girls stayed focused for their entire round," said Carmel coach Kelly Kluesner. "Survive and advance is our only goal."

The 'Hounds will participate at the state meet for the 29th time, the second

most in IHSAA history. Only Lafayette Jefferson, a 31-time state qualifier, has made more appearances.

"The girls have worked hard all season and will put in some days of practice and we'll be ready for state on Friday," said Kluesner.

University was making its first appearance at the regional level, and placed 10th with a 364. Becky Williams led the Trailblazers with an 82, including one birdie. Kelsey DuBois carded an 84 and Abby Bladen scored an 89, including one birdie.

Guerin Catholic's Christina Pfefferkorn will play at state as an individual. Pfefferkorn's 76 put her in the large tie for third place; she made three birdies in her round.

"I think I played pretty well overall," said Pfefferkorn. She said a few holes "got away from me," but she was able to

keep it together and return to state for the third time.

MILLERS END DROUGHT
Prior to Saturday, Noblesville had won 11 regional championships in girls golf, easily making it one of the top five schools in terms of most regional titles.

But the last time the Millers had won a regional was in 2007. On Saturday, Noblesville's total finally moved up to 12, as it triumphed at Edgewood with a team score of 314.

"It feels great," said Millers coach Justin Werkley. "Obviously the goal was is always to advance to state, but it's really, really nice to win and play well, especially for these seniors, the three seniors that played today. To get their first regional win is really cool."

Noblesville had two players finish

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Noblesville won its first regional title since 2007 at the Lapel regional, which took place at Edgewood Golf Club in Anderson.



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Cross country

Miller boys, HSE girls triumph at HCC meet



Reporter photo by Kent Graham
Noblesville's Travis Hickner (left), Westfield's Kai Connor (center) and Fishers' Jaylen Castillo (right) battle for position during the boys race at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet on Saturday. Hickner won the race, with Connor placing fourth and Castillo sixth.

The Noblesville boys cross country team defended its Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship on Saturday at the Millers' Chinquapin Ridge course at White River Elementary School.

Noblesville squeaked past Fishers 56-60, with Hamilton Southeastern a close third by scoring 69 points. The Millers were led by race winner Travis Hickner, who finished the race in a time of 15:20.45. Asher Propst placed 10th, and Noblesville had all of its scoring runners place in the top 20.

The Tigers had three runners in the top 10, the only team to achieve that. Will Clark was fifth, Jaylen Castillo finished sixth and Matthew Leppert placed eighth. The Royals had the runner-up in Nolan Satterfield, while Will Marquardt took ninth.

Westfield finished fourth with 121 points. Kai Connor took fourth individually.

In the girls race, Hamilton Southeastern outpaced defending champion Zionsville for the team title. The Royals scored 45 points to the Eagles' 55 points.

Southeastern's Halle Hill was the individual winner, finishing the race in 18:20.53. Two other Royals reached the top 10: Maggie Powers placed sixth and Grace Newton was 10th.

Westfield and Noblesville both scored 121 points; the Shamrocks took fourth place on the sixth runner. Westfield had six runners place in the top 30, led by Sophie Porter's 21st-place finish. Nadia Perez took seventh for the Millers.

Fishers placed sixth as a team with 144 points. Anna Runion finished in fourth individually for the Tigers.

BOYS RACE

Team scores: Noblesville 56, Fishers 60, Hamilton Southeastern 69, Westfield 121, Zionsville 125, Brownsburg 132, Franklin Central 147, Avon 205. Race winner: Travis Hickner (Noblesville) 15:20.45.

Other Noblesville runners: 10. Asher Propst 15:52.59, 12. Andrew Anderson 16:0.424, 14. Joel Mumaw 16:09.70, 19. Cole Kimmel 16:17.30, 20. Billy Gregory 16:19.58, 23. Caden Click 16:20.71, 35. Evan Campbell 16:41.75, 50. Sam Greenaway 16:54.86, 51. Alex Hipkiss 16:57.83, 81. Luke Shinneman 17:48.89.

Fishers runners: 5. Will Clark 15:39.26, 6. Jaylen Castillo 15:39.46, 8. Matthew Leppert 15:41.84, 16. Alec Foster 16:14.70, 25. Tate Meaux 16:22.97, 26. Nick Pulos 16:24.00, 30. Colin Simons 16:31.30, 37. Jonathan Roth 16:44.84, 44. Caden Carpenter 16:51.96, 53. Austin Wilson 17:00.96, 59. Bailey Wilson 17:09.28, 73. Ben Greiwe 17:34.91.

Southeastern runners: 2. Nolan Satterfield 15:30.06, 9. Will Marquardt 15:4.38, 11. Bennett Dubois 16:02.45, 18. Connor Sarkovics 16:16.78, 29. Garrett Hicks 16:30.42, 57. Ian Ross 17:05.93, 66. William Tuckis 17:24.16, 83. Luke Pfanstiel 17:51.97, 86. Adam Warski 18:04.50, 88. Noah Haines 18:10.43, 92. Nolan Pham 18:17.49, 94. Cade Ogan 18:34.34.

Westfield runners: 4. Kai Connor 15:36.77, 21. Tyler Smith 16:19.65, 24. Kyler Koning 16:20.88, 33. Jacob Beene 16:37.88, 41. Josh Springborn 16:49.38, 42. Owen Ferreri 16:50.08, 45. Aidan Wright 16:52.46, 47. Josh Barnett 16:53.94, 58. Emerson Bostic 17:08.97, 61. Max Woehler 17:15.48, 69. Ike O'Neill 17:28.48, 74. Robby Bogdajewicz 17:35.46.

GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 45, Zionsville 55, Brownsburg 113, Westfield 121, Noblesville 121, Fishers 144, Franklin Central 152, Avon 164.

Race winner: Halle Hill (Southeastern) 18:20.53.

Other Southeastern runners: 6. Maggie Powers 19:02.04, 10. Grace Newton 19:12.59, 12. Allie Latta 19:24.66, 16. Katherine Kesler 19:35.80, 24. Brooke Ratliff 19:53.30, 32. Lilly Patrick 20:04.12, 38. Olivia Lund 20:17.57, 45. Ellie Johnson 20:26.61, 48. Jacqueline Hurlock 20:30.92, 52. Destiney Rose 20:37.77, 57. Brianna Wright 20:46.27.

Westfield runners: 21. Sophie Porter 19:48.03, 22. Julia Gabenesh 19:49.89, 25. Margaret Barnett 19:55.42, 26. Sarah Coates 19:55.87, 27. Robyn Schemel 19:57.21, 30. Bea Perez 20:00.73.

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REGIONALS

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among the top five individuals. Caroline Whallon placed second with a score of 74, while Sarah Brenneman was fifth with a 77.

The Millers qualified for state for a 27th time, placing them fourth on the all-time list. Columbus North is in third place, earning a 28th appearance at state by placing second at the Washington regional.

Hamilton Southeastern took second with a 324. The Royals also had a consistent day, with Yanah Rolston and Ashley Marcinko both scoring 78s to lead the way.

Amber Luttrell added an 82 for Southeastern, which qualified for state for the 16th time in school history.

Fishers' Lilly McVay will go to state as an individual, carding a score of 79.

Hamilton Heights' Sydni Zebrauskas also played as an individual, scoring an 84.

AT SMOCK GOLF COURSE

Team scores: Westfield 305, Carmel 310, Center Grove 320, Franklin Community 326, Zionsville 348, Lebanon 352, Perry Meridian 358, Plainfield 362, Brownsburg 363, University 364, Terre Haute South 373, Western Boone 390, Madison 395, Terre Haute North 397, Northview 399, Scottsburg 432, Lawrenceburg 439, Crawfordsville 443.

Medalist: Samantha Brown (Westfield) 37-36=73.

Other Westfield scores: Sophie McGinnis 40-36=76, Allie Hildebrand 40-37=77, Brette Hanavan 41-38=79,

Cate Jensen 45-40=85.

Carmel scores: Katie Kuc 35-40=75, Sydney Longstreth 37-39=76, Claire Swathwood 40-39=79, Ava Hedrick 40-40=80, Michaela Headlee 41-42=83.

University scores: Becky Williams 40-42=82, Kelsey DuBois 41-43=84, Abby Bladen 44-45=89, Vivian Suh 55-54=109, Molly Bickle 56-54=110. Guerin Catholic score: Christina Pfefferkorn 38-38=76.

AT EDGEWOOD GOLF CLUB

Team scores: Noblesville 314, Hamilton Southeastern 324, Greenfield-Central 345, Richmond 351, Heritage Christian 353, Lapel 356, Batesville 363, Franklin County 366, Mount Vernon 375, Muncie Central 380, Cathedral 382, Yorktown 383, North Central 385, Delta 391, Hagerstown 405, Greensburg 409, New Palestine 410, East Central 457. Medalist: Macy Beeson (Lapel) 37-36=73.

Noblesville scores: Caroline Whallon 34-40=74, Sarah Brenneman 38-39=77, Taylor Caldwell 42-38=80, Ellie Karst 42-41=83, Jordan Adam 39-47=86.

Southeastern scores: Yanah Rolston 37-41=78, Ashley Marcinko 37-41=78, Amber Luttrell 39-43=82, Marissa Spreitzer 37-49=86, Grace Dubec 48-39=87.

Fishers score: Lilly McVay 39-40=79. Hamilton Heights score: Sydni Zebrauskas 44-40=84.

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Huskies girls win Hoosier Conference championship

The Hamilton Heights girls soccer team won its first-ever Hoosier Conference championship on Saturday, beating Lafayette Central Catholic 1-0 in the final at Northwestern High School.

The Class 2A No. 6 Huskies and 1A No. 2 Knights met earlier in the season at the Lebanon Invitational in a game that went to penalty kicks. The first half of Saturday's game was just as close: Both teams played physical as they finished the half in a 0-0 tie.

Heights broke through in the second half. Emma Hall took a corner kick, and Jayla Logan found the ball on the back side of the goal. Logan fought through defenders and was able to tap the ball into the net.

The Huskies' defense took over after that, with Logan, Riley Landis, Samera Henson, Katie Smith, Ava Bryant, and Keri Townsend holding LCC's high-scoring offense without a goal.

Heights next plays Monday at Oak Hill, then finishes the regular season Wednesday at Pendleton Heights.

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MILLER

33. Julia Clark 20:06.92, 40. Sydney Klinglesmith 20:19.67, 43. Mary Kate Sloan 20:25.07, 64. Parker Provost 21:06.83.

Noblesville runners: 7. Nadia Perez 19:07.21, 23. Bella Sharples-Gordon 19:51.11, 28. Mya McGavic 19:57.67, 29. Kennedy Applegate 20:00.45, 34. Summer Rempe 20:08.16, 49. Paige Hazelrigg 20:31.26, 53. Megan Meinerding 20:40.83, 66. Chloe Click 21:12.24, 69. Dana Behlmer 21:22.39, 80. Siri Koszyk 21:57.35.

Fishers runners: 4. Anna Runion 18:52.22, 19. Vera Schafer 19:47.01, 37. Brynn Urban 20:16.39, 41. Mia Yates 20:21.40, 58. Kaitlyn Moriarty 20:47.03, 73. Erica Combs 21:43.29, 78. Alexia Kline 21:50.53, 81. Ana Foutty 21:57.63, 82. Megan Mybeck 22:01.87, 83. Libby Hayes 22:15.35, 84. Brooke Butts 22:19.00, 86. Anna Mossing 22:39.25.

Carmel swept both the boys and girls races at the Metropolitan Conference meet, which took place Saturday at Pike.

The Greyhound girls dominated the race, scoring 18 points, not too far from a perfect score. Carmel had all six of its runners place in the top seven, with Jasmine Klopstad the champion in a time of 18:25.4.

Carmel's boys edged out Center Grove 30-31 for the team title. Kole Mathison paced the race, winning in a time of 15:31.9. Three more Greyhounds landed in the top 10: Jacob Fisher was third, Hudson Alden took sixth and Charles Schuman placed seventh.

GIRLS RACE
Team scores: Carmel 18, North Central 65, Center Grove 74, Pike 91, Lawrence North 128, Warren Central 161, Ben Davis 221, Lawrence Central 246.
Race winner: Jasmine Klopstad (Carmel) 18:25.4.
Other Carmel runners: 2. Annie Christie 18:29.0, 4. Jamie Klavon 18:49.1, 5. Abby Parker 19:14.3, 6. Alivia Romaniuk 19:18.2, 7. Brooke Waldal 19:26.9.

BOYS RACE
Team scores: Carmel 30, Center Grove 31, North Central 106, Ben Davis 116, Warren Central 138, Lawrence North 145, Pike 177, Lawrence Central 214.
Race winner: Kole Mathison (Carmel) 15:31.9.
Other Carmel runners: 3. Jacob Fish-



The Hamilton Heights girls soccer team won its first-ever Hoosier Conference championship Saturday at Northwestern High School. The Class 2A No. 6 Huskies beat 1A No. 2 Lafayette Central Catholic 1-0 in a hard-fought, physical game.

Photo provided

er 16:18.8, 6. Hudson Alden 16:33.7, 7. Charles Schuman 16:35.0, 13. Bingham Hudson 16:51.4, 14. William Anderson 16:53.1, 27. Kevin Sweetney Jr. 17:32.3.

The Guerin Catholic boys won the Shelbyville Golden Bear Invitational on Saturday, scoring 39 points.

Austin Callahan led the Golden Eagles by taking third, while Thomas King placed sixth.

Guerin's girls finished fourth as a team, with Bridget Gallagher finishing as the individual runner-up.

BOYS RACE
Team scores: Guerin Catholic 39, Mount Vernon 84, Cathedral 99, Bishop Chatard 154, New Albany 181, Lebanon 183, Southport 214, Pendleton Heights 220, New Castle 229, Cardinal Ritter 257, Herron 267, Arsenal Tech 365, Shelbyville 374, New Palestine 377, Kokomo 385, Beech Grove 452, McCutcheon 460.
Race winner: Paul Stamm (Cardinal Ritter) 15:36.3.

Guerin Catholic runners: 3. Austin Callahan 16:15.1, 6. Thomas King 16:27.6, 11. Ethan Hines 16:34.3, 12. Gavin Morrow 16:34.5, 17. Nicholas Schramm 16:39.8, 18. Dominic Stein 16:41.2, 41. Christian Geary 17:30.6, 43. Ben Grissom 17:39.0, 52. Evan McNeany 17:49.9, 53. Johnny King 17:50.8.

GIRLS RACE
Team scores: Bishop Chatard 77, New Palestine 79, Cathedral 92, Guerin Catholic 97, Mount Vernon 125, Lebanon 140, Southport 194, Beech Grove 215, Kokomo 240, New Castle 244, Herron 299, Shelbyville 329, McCutcheon 349.
Race winner: Lily Cridge (Bishop Chatard) 18:42.

Guerin Catholic runners: 2. Bridget Gallagher 18:57, 18. Raegan Bohbrink 20:41, 23. Rosie Barrett 20:55, 28. Joelle Klavon 21:01, 29. Sophia Woods 21:03, 34. Allison Wozniak 21:12, 44. Macy Lips 21:35, 45. Kinley Callahan 21:37, 48. Madison Scheidler 21:52, 54. Ally Keller 22:22.

Hamilton Heights competed in the New Haven Cross Country Classic on Saturday.

In the girls race, Maria Mitchell finished second for the Huskies in a time of 18:46.2. Heights finished eighth as a team



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Hamilton Southeastern's Halle Hill won the girls race at Saturday's Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet.

with 243 points.

Clayton Forrer led the Huskies boys by taking 55th in that race.

GIRLS RACE
Team scores: Leo 75, Oak Hill 97, Delta 140, West Noble 146, Yorktown 159, Maconaquah 171, Centerville 210, Hamilton Heights 243, Garrett 275, NorthWood 277, Belmont 289, Woodlan 301, Westview 306, Angola 322, Wawasee 406, Fort Wayne North Side 422, Marion 472, Muncie Central 477, South Bend Riley 503, Lakeland 525.
Race winner: Nicki Southerland (Delta) 18:04.4.

Heights runners: 55. Clayton Forrer 18:35.8, 75. Preston Miller 18:54.8, 97. Drew Monnin 19:20.2, 110. Nathan Cox 19:31.5, 132. Evan Williamson 19:57.8, 142. Landon Hurley 20:11.1, 145. Landon Day 20:13.4, 169. Steven Case 20:47.1, 178. Caleb Hurley 21:14.4, 183. Jack Monnin 21:29.1, 191. Kaleb Jacobs 22:06.6, 196. Chazz Hitt 22:12.4.

Sheridan's Luke Poprik finished eighth for the Blackhawks at the Heritage Days Classic, which took place Saturday at Hauser.

Angel Cuautle took 27th in the race.

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Saturday scores		Tampa Bay 4, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Yankees 11, Miami 4		Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 0
Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 3		Pittsburgh 8, Cleveland 0
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 3		Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 3
Seattle 5, Oakland 1, 8 innings		Boston 8, Atlanta 2
Seattle 12, Oakland 3		Chicago White Sox 9, Chicago Cubs 5
Toronto 5, Baltimore 2		Colorado 10, Arizona 3
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3		L.A. Dodgers 7, L.A. Angels 6
Texas 6, Houston 1		San Diego 6, San Francisco 2

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Atlanta	35	24	.593	-
x-Miami	30	29	.508	5.0
Philadelphia	28	31	.475	7.0
N.Y. Mets	26	33	.441	9.0
Washington	25	34	.424	10.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Chi. Cubs	33	26	.559	-
St. Louis	29	28	.509	3.0
x-Cincinnati	30	29	.508	3.0
Milwaukee	29	30	.492	4.0
Pittsburgh	19	40	.322	14.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
z-L.A. Dodgers	42	17	.712	-
x-San Diego	36	23	.610	6.0
San Francisco	29	30	.492	13.0
Colorado	26	33	.441	16.0
Arizona	24	35	.407	18.0

z - Clinched division and best record in league

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
z-Tampa Bay	39	20	.661	-
x-N.Y. Yankees	33	26	.559	6.0
x-Toronto	32	27	.542	7.0
Baltimore	24	35	.407	15.0
Boston	23	36	.390	16.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Minnesota	36	23	.610	-
x-Chi. White Sox	35	24	.593	1.0
x-Cleveland	34	25	.576	2.0
Kansas City	25	34	.424	11.0
Detroit	23	34	.404	12.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Oakland	35	24	.593	-
x-Houston	29	30	.492	6.0
Seattle	27	32	.458	8.0
L.A. Angels	26	33	.441	9.0
Texas	21	38	.356	14.0

x - Clinched playoff berth

y - Clinched division

Saturday soccer

Noblesville boys sweep Fort Wayne teams

The Noblesville boys soccer team got two wins against Fort Wayne teams on Saturday.

First, the Class 3A No. 1 Millers beat 3A No. 5 Carroll 3-0. Palmer Ault scored three goals for Noblesville. Ault scored his first goal in the 17th minute, with Spencer Holland making the assist.

Ault scored his other two goals in the second half. In the 59th minute, Kyle Goad slotted the ball to Ault, and he poked it past the goalkeeper. Then in the 75th minute, A.J. Tippner sent the ball to Ault in midfield, and he dribbled around three defenders and scored from just outside the 18.

Goad and Brayden Doll anchored the Noblesville midfielders.

In their second game, the Millers sailed past Homestead 4-0. Noblesville scored two minutes into the game, with Ault scoring yet again. Holland and Garrett Poynter provided solid combination play.

The Millers got their second goal in the 23rd minute, when Drew Barnes scored on a breakaway. Goalkeeper Gabe Ingle set up the score by finding Barnes up top and distributing the ball to home, then Barnes passed the ball to Ault, who slip passed it back to Barnes.

Barnes scored right before halftime on another breakaway to make the score 3-0. In the second half, Barnes assisted the fourth goal, sending a cross to Kyle Marshall, who put it in.

The Millers are 13-0 and will play at Hamilton Southeastern on Tuesday.

Hamilton Southeastern's boys also played Homestead and Fort Wayne Carroll on Saturday.

The 3A No. 2 Royals beat Homestead 2-1, with Isa Sayeed scoring both goals. Southeastern then played to a 0-0 tie with Carroll.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Hamilton Heights boys soccer coach Drew Colvin talks with his team during the Huskies' game with Western Saturday morning. The two teams played to a 2-2 tie.

The Royals are 11-1-3 and host Noblesville on Tuesday for their regular-season finale.

The Noblesville girls, ranked No. 1 in 3A, took care of Penn 4-0 in a Saturday away game.

Jenna Chatterton scored two first-half goals for the Millers. Meskerem James then added a goal early in the second half, and Chatterton scored again in the 57th minute, giving her three goals for the game. Makenna Maloy assisted Chatterton's third goal.

Noblesville is 10-0 for the season and hosts Hamilton Southeastern on Wednesday.

Hamilton Heights' boys team played

to a 2-2 tie with Western on Saturday.

The Huskies are 7-5-3 and finish their regular season Tuesday at Liberty Christian.

The Sheridan boys team beat Western Boone 1-0 on Saturday.

Axel Aleman scored the Blackhawks' goal, with Kyle Eden making the assist. Corbin Murray earned the shutout.

Sheridan is 5-1-1 and hosts Rossville Thursday for its regular-season finale.

The Carmel and Guerin Catholic boys teams played to a 1-1 tie on Saturday.

Baenan McKeown scored the goal for the 3A No. 4 Greyhounds, while Matthew Wright scored for the 2A No. 4 Golden Eagles.

The Guerin Catholic girls team, ranked No. 6 in 3A, swept past Penn 4-0 on Saturday.

Katie Koger scored two goals for the Golden Eagles, with Quincy McMahon and Jentrie Gearhart each scoring one. Bailey Cappella and Olivia Labus combined for the shutout.

Carmel's girls, ranked No. 2 in 3A, beat 3A No. 12 Zionsville 1-0 on Saturday.

The Greyhounds scored early in the game on a penalty kick by Claire Bonicci. Erin Baker got her 13th shutout of the season.

Carmel is 14-1 and hosts Westfield Monday in its regular-season finale.

Southeastern volleyball wins Brebeuf Invitational

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team won the Brebeuf Jesuit Invitational on Saturday.

The Royals opened the tournament by beating Bishop Chatard 25-10, 25-14. Brooke Elliott and Lovie Wallace each hit six kills, while Avery Hobson added five kills. Lauren Harden served four aces. Jada Berg collected seven digs and Jordan Engelmann had six digs. Olivia Phillips dished out 10 assists.

Next up was Bloomington South, and Southeastern won that match 25-20, 25-22. Wallace led the attack with 10 kills, while Delaney Garner spiked seven kills. Engelmann had 13 digs and two aces, while Berg made seven digs. Emily Weber handed out 10 assists.

The Royals next defeated Tri-West 25-18, 25-11. Garner hit 10 kills in the

middle, with Hobson and Harden both smacking six kills. Harden also served two aces. Weber added 13 assists and four kills. Engelmann collected six digs and Emi Robinson had five digs.

Southeastern finished the event by beating Penn 25-23, 25-16 in the championship match. Carly Mills had 12 digs. Weber dished out 11 assists, while Phillips handed out nine assists. Harden led the offense with nine kills, followed by Hobson with seven and Garner with five.

"I was thrilled with how we responded to a spirited Penn team," said Royals coach Jason Young. "We showed grit, and in the end, Brooke Elliott had a huge kill for us at 24-23 to seal the first set."

Southeastern is 14-0 and will play the Mudsock match at Fishers on Tuesday. The match begins at 5:30 p.m.

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