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Noblesville Police Chief John Mann provides update on July 21 shooting

Body camera footage of officer-involved shooting released to the public

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following statement was released Thursday morning by Noblesville Police Department Chief John Mann regarding the officer-involved shooting that occurred on July 21. Please note that this statement is not to be confused with the investigative findings by the Carmel Police Department.

As Noblesville's Police Chief, I have a duty to keep the public informed on incidents occurring within the city that are of public interest. With approval from Carmel Police and the consultation of the Hamilton County Prosecutor Lee Buckingham, we are releasing the body cam footage from the early morning hours of July 21, 2021. Three officers were on the scene and video shows the incident they encountered that led to the shooting.

At approximately 5:22 a.m. on July 21, officers

from the Noblesville Police Department responded to 698 S. 5th Street. That morning, officers had responded to multiple disturbance calls at that residence involving an individual with an active warrant. The final interaction ended in an officer-involved shooting.

While this is an unfortunate ending to any public safety call for assistance, this type of incident is a difficult reality of policing and one which needs to be fully and professionally investigated both internally and by independent, outside agencies. The Noblesville Police Department has completed our own internal administrative investigation. The Carmel Police Department has conducted its own criminal investigation, and has turned over its findings to the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office for review. Throughout the process, our department has fully cooperated with the



Photo illustration provided by Noblesville Police Department. Click the picture above to watch the Critical Briefing Incident. Please note the video contains disturbing language and graphic images.

investigation.

Although we are not the investigating agency, through our own internal investigation I have had the opportunity to review a considerable amount of evidence concerning this incident – and have kept Mayor Jensen informed on the status of the case. I am confident based on my

training and experience and our internal administrative investigation that the end result will demonstrate that Sgt. Jordan Granger acted in a lifesaving and appropriate manner in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana and the City of Noblesville.

The male suspect, 41-year-old Karmen Parrish,

was shot by Granger and transported to I.U. Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis following the incident and immediate first aid being rendered by the officers on the scene. Parrish was arrested by the Madison County Sheriff's Office after being released from the hospital for outstanding warrants. Additional criminal charges for the original disturbance call on July 21 have been filed.

If you are in a domestic violence situation, please reach out to Prevail, Inc. at (317) 776-3472. If you have suicidal thoughts, please call 800-273-8255 for help. Mayor Jensen created Noble Act as a mental health crisis and substance abuse response program. If you need assistance, contact NPD Officer Ben Lugar at blugar@noblesville.in.us or (317) 774-6540.

I reinstated Sgt. Granger to active duty following

the completion of our department's internal investigation.

Noblesville Police reviews our training and use of force, individually, each time there is an incident, to see that we've conducted ourselves in a professional manner. With community expectations in mind, there has been an emphasis on de-escalation training and communication.

The police department continues to operate normally as we wait the conclusion of the independent investigation. As always, we are committed to safeguarding the community.

I understand the desire for more information, but I must ask that all requests for further comment continue to be directed to the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office.

The Critical Incident Briefing video, including body camera footage, is available at [this link](#).

Hobbs Station will reintegrate railyard back into Forest Park in Noblesville



Photo provided

Noblesville officials recently broke ground on Hobbs Station in Forest Park. The \$1.5 million [Noblesville Parks & Recreation](#) project will reintegrate the 10-acre railyard back into Forest Park as a viable and attractive piece of the park. The project "activates" the space with landscaping and walking paths, restroom improvements, historic signs, and parking. It will also provide [Nickel Plate Express](#) a better place to operate at Forest Park and adds a covered platform for passengers to board. As part of the plan, Hobbs Station will remain the centerpiece of the railyard. It also will become a destination spot and draw visitors to downtown. (From left) Noblesville Common Council member Aaron Smith, Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Nickel Plate Express Executive Director Dagny Zupin, Mayor Chris Jensen, Noblesville Common Council member Darren Peterson, and Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett.

Carmel calls off demolition

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

Carmel will not proceed with plans to demolish an outdoor amphitheater after an outcry from members of the Carmel Rotary Club which paid for the facility about 10 years ago. Leaders of the Farmers Market, which use the space for part of their Saturday sales location, also protested plans to eliminate the amphitheater in favor of a temporary winter pavilion.

Mayor Jim Brainard said yesterday he took responsibility for poor communications with the Rotary and Farmers Market. Opponents said they were caught by surprise with the city's plans. Demolition work stopped today.

The Rotary Club had paid \$100,000 to build the facility and donated it to the community in 2011. Former Rotary president Judy Hagan said it would be a "waste" to have it removed. She was part of a protest Tuesday morning that faced a construction crew ready to begin demolition work.

Presumably, the hillside semi-circular stone seats facing a sunken stage area will remain intact, and the pavilion plan will either be dropped or moved elsewhere.

And then there were two

I've mostly written about my mother in this column, and I've appreciated my readers' love and support these last three years. Hopefully we've all helped one another and been able to say, "Been there, done that!"

Soon you'll be hearing more about my father-in-law as well. My husband John has now joined me in the sandwich generation, as his father (whom we lovingly call Bopah) is also facing the struggles of aging.

Bopah is in his mid-80s and has battled heart problems, arthritis, and other age-related issues. He lives alone on two acres in a small town near Chicago.

We've been preparing to have him live right beside us in an apartment above our new garage. It's been a slow process, however, due to finances. While the outside of the garage is done, the upstairs is still unfinished. COVID-19 hasn't helped with the rising costs of lumber and other items.

We had hoped to wait until prices went down to complete the apartment. However,

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Public invited to centennial celebration of two evergreens at Carmel High School



Photo provided

The Carmel Clay Historical Society invites the public to join them at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11 in front of Carmel High School's (CHS) cafeteria. There will be a centennial celebration of the two evergreens that were planted during the construction of the 1921 Carmel High School building known as "Old North." There will be a brief program with historical pictures, memories of former students who attended Old North, and an unveiling of a bronze plaque donated by the CHS Class of 1971 in honor of their 50th class reunion. Carmel was recently recognized as Tree City USA for the 25th year. These evergreens are among the city's most historic trees. The public is cordially invited to join the celebration and share their memories of Old North.

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Carmel Arts Council welcomes guest artist Irina Smulevitch to “Art in the Garden” this Saturday

The REPORTER

The Carmel Arts Council welcomes guest artist Irina Smulevitch to Art in the Garden this Saturday, Sept. 11. This Art in the Garden event will be part of the Carmel Arts & Design District’s monthly Meet Me on Main sponsored by Allied Solutions. Smulevitch will be creating art in the garden using chalk and pastels from 4 to 8 p.m.

Smulevitch is an artist, an educator and the owner of Carmel Art Education Studio. A cum laude graduate with a Master of Fine Arts from the prestigious Academy of Design in Moscow, Russia, Smulevitch has taught art and de-

sign classes both privately and in higher education for more than 25 years.

She began her teaching career in Dallas, Texas, and continued in New York and in Frederick, Md.

After a decade spent teaching at the Indianapolis Art Center, in 2018 she opened Carmel Art Education Studio in The Village of West Clay.

Smulevitch is an acclaimed and award-winning artist with her works exhibited internationally. Several works belong to private collectors around

Smulevitch

is simply communicating through the language of art. I want to be able to share my thoughts and emotions and make people around me happy. I believe that it is very important to awaken a spirit of creativity in everyone, whatever their level of artistic potential. My art work is a mirror of my feelings and

the world and here in the United States.

“For me, teaching and painting are interconnected,” said Smulevitch, a longtime Carmel resident. “Painting

an interpretation in color of my emotions and life experience. So, sometimes it is bright and cheerful, and sometimes it’s more monochromatic. I find my inspiration in music, in nature, and in everyday life. I believe that you can find beauty everywhere around if you are looking for it and ready to appreciate it.”

Art in the Garden is an event that takes place in the garden located immediately outside of the World’s Smallest Children’s Art Gallery at 40 West Main St., Carmel. This is a free event and everyone is invited to attend. In addition to meeting and observing the artist as she creates a

Art provided

unique work, there will be a children’s table to allow for the young ones to join in the fun.

The World’s Smallest

Children’s Art Gallery will be open for visitors as well.

For more information, visit CarmelArtsCouncil.com.

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Two

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recent events have forced us to work to complete it sooner rather than later. Bopah had to go to the emergency room three weeks ago and is facing more issues that are threatening his independence. And he’s fighting the thought of it.

John and his brother Ron have some hard conversations ahead of them, and my heart aches as I remember the tough talks I had to have with my mother almost five years ago.

Asking a parent to move away from all they know and admit they need help is hard. We have to put ourselves in their shoes and be kind and compassionate. It often takes the support of a family physician to help these conversations go smoothly.

As I write this, Bopah is preparing for outpatient surgery on Monday. John is going up once again to help him for a few days. I’ve been praying constantly for Bopah, Ron, and John asking that the Lord guide and wrap His arms around them in the weeks and months ahead.

We’re hoping he’ll stay in a nearby apartment while the garage gets finished in the months ahead. Ron is kindly helping to finance this last project.

I’m ready to assist with anything needed and am once again grateful to own my own business, work from home, and have my “worry and anxiety” mental toolkit at the ready! It will come in handy in the months ahead.



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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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Carmel invites community to solemn remembrance ceremony on 9/11

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel will pay respect and honor to the lives lost during the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the day America came under attack by terrorists in New York City and Washington, D.C. Nearly 3,000 people were killed that day at the World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon and on a hijacked plane that crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

The community is invited to join the Carmel Fire Department and Carmel Police Department, which will join together for a solemn ceremony at the Carmel Veteran's Memorial on 3rd Avenue SW (across from Carter Green). The ceremony will begin at 8:46 a.m., the moment the first emergency dispatch was issued.

The audio of that dispatch will be played at the ceremony, followed by a service that will include paying honor to all lives lost, placing a wreath at the base of the Veterans Memorial Statue, ringing of the



Photo provided by City of Carmel

bells, Taps and solemn music. The event will end with a special flyover by the Indy Biplanes.

The street will be closed

for this event and the Carmel Farmers Market will be paused to pay respect and allow patrons to join the ceremony.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet for the pre-bargaining public hearing at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, in the board room at the Noblesville Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, in the front office conference room at Westfield Middle School, 345 W. Hoover St., Westfield. A regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the large group instruction room.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session to discuss land acquisition/litigation at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at the HCPR Administration Building, 15513 S. Union St., Carmel. A regular board meeting at 10:30 a.m. The board master plan work session will follow at 11 a.m.

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Applications & job description are available during office hours at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St, Arcadia, IN 46030.

Applications can be emailed to arcadiatownhall@gmail.com, dropped off at the Town office at 208 W. Main St. or faxed to (317) 984-9510.

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Caring Transitions to sponsor Carmel International Arts Festival in unique, and useful way

The REPORTER
The Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF) announces the addition of Caring Transitions as a bronze level sponsor. Caring Transitions will staff all the trash and recycling needs of the festival. The festival will take place Sept. 25 and 26 in The Arts and Design District in Carmel.

Caring Transitions is headquartered within the Carmel Arts and Design District and assists individuals and families with downsizing, estate sales, moving and other related needs. Their headquarters are in the Indiana Design Center building, 200 S. Range Line Road, Suite 129. Brianna Smith is the director of operations.

Caring Transitions' stated goal is that, regardless of the situation, planned or unexpected, the loss of a loved one or the need to relocate someone can be challenging. The organization offers a streamlined support system to help facilitate a less stressful transition so families are better able to handle this type of situation.

Caring Transitions helps in ways like sorting through years of memories, working with estate planners, coordinating movers and real estate agents to designing a functional and comfortable floor plan, or serving as advocates for a family. The amount of service Caring Transitions provides is designed to fit each family's needs.

You can learn more about Caring Transitions services by visiting caring-transitions.com/locations/caring-transitions-indy-north.

Being a sponsor for the upcoming event is a great way to interact with the community as well as highlight the services the sponsor provides.

"We really appreciate Caring Transitions sponsoring our event. It is important to come together as



a community in supporting the arts and supporting local families in need," said CIAF Operations Director Gary Frey. "It's extremely helpful that they are willing to staff the trash and recycling stations. This just makes the festival that much more enjoyable for those who come out to enjoy the arts."

CIAF is a major festival in Carmel that has attracted 98 amazingly talented artists from around the United States. These artists have disciplines in jewelry, wood, ceramics, fiber, glass, 2D art, 3D art, photography and painting. Festival-goers enjoy an admission-free opportunity to view and purchase art, mingle with artists, tour local galleries, dine at fine restaurants in the area, and enjoy the Festival's entertainment on multiple stages.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, festival hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 26, the festival hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Carmel International Arts Festival.

Indiana Medicaid recovers \$1.8 million under national settlement with Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

The REPORTER
Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced Wednesday that Indiana Medicaid has recovered \$1.8 million as part of a \$75 million **national civil settlement** resolving allegations that Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. overcharged state Medicaid programs for drugs.

Of the \$1.8 million, \$746,780 goes directly to the state, and the remainder goes to the U.S. federal government. The Medicaid program is administered jointly by the federal government and the individual states.

"Hoosier taxpayers support the Medicaid program with faith that the funds are used to help provide the health care needs of people truly needing assistance," Rokita said. "Whenever any company or individual overcharges or otherwise defrauds the program, we must ensure that penalties are imposed and restitution is made."

Bristol-Myers Squibb, a New York-based pharmaceutical manufacturer, settled with the states and the federal government following an investigation arising from a whistleblower action filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania under the federal False Claims Act and various state false claims statutes.

Specifically, these settlements resolve allegations that Bristol-Myers Squibb misreported sales figures and underpaid drug rebates owed to the states. Under a federal law known as the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program, drug manufacturers must periodically return a portion of the amount paid by state Medicaid programs for the manufacturers' drugs.

The rebate program is designed to ensure that states pay competitive prices for drugs, and the rebates for a manufacturer's drugs are calculated based on a percentage of the average prices drug wholesalers pay for each of the drugs. Each manufacturer periodically calculates and reports this average price to the federal government. The greater the average price reported by the manufacturer, the greater the rebate the manufacturer must pay for that drug.

The whistleblower's complaint alleged that Bristol-Myers Squibb improperly treated certain fees paid to wholesalers as



Rokita


"discounts" and improperly failed to include certain "price appreciation" amounts it received from wholesalers in its average price calculations. The effect of these accounting practices, the whistleblower alleged, was to falsely decrease the average price the companies reported to the federal government and improperly decrease the rebates paid to the states.

The claims resolved by the settlement are allegations only; there has been no determination of liability.

A National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units (NAMFCU) Team participated in the investigation and conducted the settlement negotiations with Bristol-Myers Squibb on behalf of the states. Matthew Whitmire, Director of Attorney General Rokita's Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), is also president of NAMFCU.

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

Across all divisions, the Office of the Attorney General has recovered more than \$198 million in 2021 on behalf of Hoosiers.

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206th Street reopens

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Beverly Anne Reynolds October 31, 1942 – September 6, 2021



Beverly Anne Reynolds, 78, Cicero, passed away on Monday, September 6, 2021 at River-view Health in Noblesville. She was born on October 31, 1942 to James and Gertrude (Allen) Feters in Columbus, Ohio.

Beverly graduated from Noblesville High School after spending most of her high school years at Fishers. She was heavily involved in Girl Scouts and spent countless hours volunteering at Conner Elementary, assisting then principal, Vernon Thornburg. She worked over 20 years as Office Manager for Sound Pro in Carmel, but her true passions were her children, grandchildren and Indiana basketball. When it came to basketball, she didn't discriminate – all Indiana college teams were 'her' team, but she fiercely loved the Millers. While basketball was her passion, she faithfully followed all her children's and grandchildren's sports, enthusiastically cheering from the sidelines, 'adopting' an extended family along the way. She became everyone's 'mom' and 'nana,' a badge she wore with honor and pride. She will be sorely missed by all.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Gary M. Reynolds; daughters, Lisa (Christopher) Carnes and Heather (Edward) Flake; and son, Michel (Danette Scudder) Reynolds; grandchildren, Jordan (Tyler), Kyle, Trevor, Logan, Rheagan, Jackson, and Holden; sister-in-law, Glenna Feters; nieces and nephews, Jeffrey, Andrea, Danielle & Bradley, and their families; as well as her beloved dachshund, Cooper.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, James E. Feters, Jr.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to The V Foundation for Cancer Research, 14600 Weston Pkwy., Cary, NC 27513.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about. For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

2 Corinthians 11:12-15 (NIV)

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— Jackson Township —

LEGAL NOTICE Board of Zoning Appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on September 23, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Red Bridge Park Community Building located at 697 West Jackson Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-0921-013-AG

A Land Use Variance Request application has been submitted concerning 3.1 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance in order to: Allow operation of a retail Christmas tree farm, flower sales (you pick), and gift shop in an "Ag" Agriculture district. Whereas, a retail Christmas tree farm, flower sales, and gift shop is not a permitted or special exception use in a "AG" agriculture district. Project Address: 27810 Anthony Road Atlanta, Indiana 46031 Legal Description: Acreage 16.00 Section 7, Township 20, Range 4 Parcel #03-02-07-00-01-001.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. However due to current social distancing guidelines seating will be limited. Therefore, interested parties are encouraged to file written comments. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Plan Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to dstrom@townofcicero.in.gov. Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner's Name: Blair Frye Date: 9/7/2021
RL4906 9/10/21

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Volleyball

Southeastern earns Mudsock sweep

Mudsock week continued Thursday night with the Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers volleyball teams facing off in front of a large crowd at the Royals' gym.

Southeastern took control at the beginning of the match, overcame a deficit in the second set and held a wire-to-wire lead in the third set, which all added up to a 25-13, 25-21, 25-20 victory over the Tigers. It was an impressive win, considering that Fishers is ranked No. 3 in Class 4A. The Royals are ranked No. 4 in 4A.

"First of all, the atmosphere here was a lot like a sectional, which is really cool when the community comes together and celebrates girls volleyball the way it does," said Southeastern coach Jason Young. "There's a lot of love for girls volleyball in this community."

After storming through the first set, the Royals found themselves down 16-11 in the second set. The Tigers had made a big run, winning seven of nine points to take that lead. Leslie Groff made a net tip, then JaNyah Henderson and Lucy Kay put down kills.

Southeastern began to work its way back into the set, winning four straight points to tie it up at 19-19. Fishers held one more lead at 21-20, but HSE finished the set by winning five consecutive points. Lauren Harden finished it up with a kill.

The Royals rode that momentum at the beginning of the third set, quickly taking a 5-0 lead. Tiffany Snook, Brooke Elliott and Harden all hit kills, with Meghan Slaninka serving an ace. Southeastern stayed in front for the entire set, and had its largest lead at 15-7 after a successful block.

Fishers made one last push to get within 17-15 after Ava Vickers hit a kill, but Snook ended that with her own kill, then Emily Weber stepped up with a net tip and a successful block. Lovie Wallace hit a kill on match point.

Young said his team "came out in the first set really, really strong. And then I really liked in the second set how resilient we were. We came back from a defi-



The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team won the Mudsock match with Fishers Thursday at the Royals' gym. Southeastern swept the match in straight sets.

cit. And then the third set, just happened to close."

Southeastern had a big-hitting night Tuesday in its five-set win over Yorktown, and that carried over into Thursday. Wallace and Harden both hit 10 kills, Avery Hobson put down nine kills, and Snook and Elliott both had five.

Snook and Jada Berg each served three aces. Weber dished out 14 assists and Macy Hinshaw handed out 13. Wallace made four blocks.

"Overall, I thought we played well," said Young. The coach noted that it is still early in the season and there were some things his team needed to get better at. "We'll continue to work on that," he said.



Fishers' Margo Hernandez dished out 25 assists during the match.

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Soccer

Heights girls keep perfect record intact

The Hamilton Heights girls soccer team kept its perfect record intact Thursday with a big 9-0 win over Kokomo at the Huskies' field.

Cassidy Felger scored Class 2A No. 8 Heights' first goal eight minutes into the game. That started an avalanche, as the Huskies led 6-0 at halftime. Kyndall Ferguson scored two goals, with Jayla Logan and Addyson Ferguson providing assists, then Emma Hall scored two goals of her own, assisted by Ferguson and Ella Hickok. Felger then put in her second goal to finish the first-half scoring; Hall made the assist.

Jayla Logan put in two second-half

goals, one of which was off a Hall corner kick. Lizzy Smith assisted the other goal. Smith then scored the ninth goal, which finished the game.

Heights is 9-0 for the season and plays Saturday at Frankfort.

Carmel's boys team, ranked No. 11 in 3A, won a Metropolitan Conference game at Lawrence Central 2-0 on Thursday.

Junior Braeden Thomson scored both of the Greyhounds' goals, with sophomore Connor Dora and senior AJ Caito making the assists.

"I am proud of how we kept our shape tonight," said Carmel coach Shane

Schmidt. "I felt our possession and movement of and off the ball was very effective."

The 'Hounds are 4-2-1 and host 3A No. 18 Columbus North tonight for their Pack the House/Make Good Decisions game.

The Carmel girls team, rated No. 3 in 3A, also picked up a MIC win over Lawrence Central Thursday, cruising to a 7-0 victory at Murray Stadium.

Emily Roper and Sophie Shepherd both scored two goals, with Luci Bair, Claire Swigart and Olivia Cebalo all scoring one. Greta Heyl and Rylie Wilpolt both had two assists, while Tammy Smith and Clare Simmonds both dished out one assist. Four of the six assists came from defenders.

The Greyhounds are 4-0 in the MIC and 8-1-1 overall. Carmel plays at 3A No. 7 North Central on Monday in another conference battle.

Guerin Catholic's girls team, ranked No. 20 in 3A, cruised past 1A No. 3 Heritage Christian 9-0 in a Thursday Circle City Conference game.

Katie Koger scored the Golden Eagles' first goal, then Sutton Worman made it 2-0 off an assist by Alyssa Ferry. Koger then added two more goals to make it 4-0; Emersen Jennings assisted the fourth goal. Hailey Abel scored GC's fifth goal, then

CeCe Leffler put in a free kick to give Guerin Catholic a 6-0 lead.

Alex Soucie opened the second-half scoring with the Golden Eagles' seventh goal. Koger then scored her fourth goal of the game by heading in a corner kick by Mia Gatz. Annabel Wright finished the game by scoring Guerin's ninth goal.

The Golden Eagles are 4-1 in conference play and 4-2-1 overall. Guerin Catholic is off until next Saturday, Sept. 18, when it plays at Evansville Memorial.

Guerin Catholic's boys team, ranked No. 2 in 2A, sailed past Brownsburg 4-0 on Thursday.

Tommy Hartman scored two goals for the Golden Eagles, with Peter Hall and Keegan Perhacs each adding one goal. Goalkeepers Alex Gardner and Luke Cloran combined for the shutout.

On Wednesday, Guerin won a lightning-shortened CCC match with Roncalli 2-1. Evan Miller and Perhacs scored one goal each. The Golden Eagles now hold a 4-0 record in conference play.

Guerin Catholic is 6-1 and plays at Cathedral on Tuesday.

University's girls beat International 4-3 in a Wednesday Pioneer Conference game.

The Trailblazers play at Greenwood Christian on Monday in another PAAC game.

Golf

'Blazers win PAAC tournament with new school record

The University girls golf team won the Pioneer Conference tournament on Thursday.

The No. 11-ranked Trailblazers carded a school-record 143 to finish first.

Sydni Zebrauskas was the meet medalist with a two under par 33. Abby Bladen and Kelsey DuBois both scored 36s, Becky Williams carded a 38 and Vivian Suh scored a 49.

VOLLEYBALL

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For Fishers, Vickers led the hitting with eight kills and Henderson had six. Henderson was a force at the net with 4.5 blocks (four solo and one assist), while Vickers had 2.5 blocks (one solo, three assists). Carsen Plew and Samantha Perdue each had 12 digs and Margo Hernandez dished out 25 assists.

"I think a lot of the things we do well and have done well against really good teams like HSE, we did not bring those tonight," said Fishers coach Steven Peek. "It's an art, not a science, so we have to figure out why that's happening. I think we've addressed that pretty well and are starting to make some strides in that. We just have to go in and have a good practice tomorrow."

This was also a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match, and the victory put the Royals on top of the HCC standings at 3-0. Overall, HSE is 3-2 and hosts its own Southeastern Showcase on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Fishers is 2-1 in HCC play and 10-2 overall. The Tigers are off until next Thursday when they host Brownsburg in another conference match.

Up at Noblesville, Westfield played the Millers Thursday night in an HCC contest and left with a four-set victory, 25-19, 19-25, 25-23, 25-21.

Emma Dodson hit 11 kills for the Shamrocks, while Lucy Muntel put down nine kills. Kaylee Sutcliffe served four aces, Logan Mapes handed out 28 assists, Mallory Weber collected 21 digs and Dani Schade had six blocks.

"I think we played pretty well," said Westfield coach Sandra Burks. "We were

up and down, but I think tonight, one of the things that we did, we responded in key situations where we needed to respond. And I felt it was truly a team effort. We had different people go in and do different things at specific times and they did a good job rising to the occasion.

Ava Harris had 10 kills and 10 digs for Noblesville. Diana Cox made 16 digs and Riley Branch dished out 34 assists and served three aces.

The Shamrocks improved to 2-0 in conference play and 7-5 overall, and play at the Southeastern Showcase on Saturday. The Millers are 1-2 in the HCC and 3-5 overall, and host their own Invitational on Saturday.

Hamilton Heights picked up a big win over Western on Thursday, 25-9, 25-9, 25-16.

Kelsey Smith was strong in setting for the Huskies, while Jordan Fryman led the way in hitting.

Heights is 10-2 and hosts Noblesville on Tuesday.

Sheridan dropped a Hoosier Heartland Conference match to Carroll on Thursday, 25-8, 25-17, 25-4.

Lexi Lewin hit three kills for the Blackhawks, Jacquelynne Bates led the defense with 17 digs. Claudia Headlee had four digs and one ace, with Kendra Blankenship also serving an ace. Payton Warren collected four digs and dished out three assists. Kenzie Garner had five digs and two assists.

Sheridan plays at Tipton on Monday.

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Major League Baseball standings

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	88	52	.629	-
Boston	80	62	.563	9.0
N.Y. Yankees	78	62	.557	10.0
Toronto	77	62	.554	10.5
Baltimore	45	94	.324	42.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	80	60	.571	-
Cleveland	69	69	.500	10.0
Detroit	66	75	.468	14.5
Kansas City	63	77	.450	17.0
Minnesota	62	78	.443	18.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	81	58	.583	-
Oakland	76	64	.543	5.5
Seattle	76	64	.543	5.5
L.A. Angels	69	71	.493	12.5
Texas	51	88	.367	30.0

Thursday's games	
St. Louis 2, L.A. Dodgers 1	Kansas City 6, Baltimore 0
Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 1	Colorado 4, Philadelphia 3
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 1	Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 4
Miami 3, N.Y. Mets 2	Atlanta 7, Washington 6, 10 innings

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	74	65	.532	-
Philadelphia	71	69	.507	3.5
N.Y. Mets	70	71	.496	5.0
Miami	59	81	.421	15.5
Washington	58	82	.414	16.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	86	55	.610	-
Cincinnati	74	67	.525	12.0
St. Louis	71	68	.511	14.0
Chi. Cubs	65	76	.461	21.0
Pittsburgh	50	90	.357	35.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	90	50	.643	-
L.A. Dodgers	88	53	.624	2.5
San Diego	74	65	.532	15.5
Colorado	64	77	.454	26.5
Arizona	45	95	.321	45.0

WNBA standings

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Connecticut	23	6	.793	-
x-Chicago	15	14	.517	8.0
New York	11	18	.379	12.0
Washington	10	18	.357	12.5
Atlanta	7	21	.250	15.5
Indiana	6	21	.222	16.0

x - Clinched playoff spot

Thursday's game	
Connecticut 75, Los Angeles 57	

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Las Vegas	21	8	.724	-
x-Seattle	20	10	.667	1.5
x-Phoenix	19	10	.655	2.0
x-Minnesota	18	10	.643	2.5
Dallas	12	17	.414	9.0
Los Angeles	10	19	.357	11.0

Royals tennis completes perfect HCC season

The Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis team cruised past Avon 5-0 on Thursday, giving them a perfect 7-0 record in Hoosier Crossroads Conference meets this season.

The No. 3-ranked Royals won all five matches over the No. 22 Orioles in straight sets. That included a 6-0, 6-0 victory for Abhi Chaddha at No. 3 singles.

“Overall, I thought we all played very well tonight,” said Southeastern coach Kirk Webber.

The Royals are 11-1 and play at No. 13 Center Grove on Saturday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 5, AVON 0

No. 1 singles: Rohan Golla def. Nograles 6-3, 6-3

No. 2 singles: Paul Schneider def. Eck 6-2, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Abhi Chaddha def. Van Duyn 6-0, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Aiden De Witt and Andrew Spirrison def. Villanueva and McIntyre 6-2, 6-1

No. 2 doubles: Rodrigo Davila and Nolan Houseman def. Loh and Mock, n/a

Noblesville, ranked No. 27, beat

Franklin Central 4-1 in an away HCC meet.

The Millers swept all three singles matches and also won at No. 1 doubles. Noah Bushong won the No. 1 singles match 6-0, 6-1, giving him a 6-1 record against HCC opponents this season.

Noblesville hosts Anderson on Wednesday.

NOBLESVILLE 4, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 1

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

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

No. 3 singles: Ethan Feliciano def. Jackson 6-1, 7-6 (5)

No. 1 doubles: Sean Vitales and Rory Bushong def. Brewer and Gilliland 6-0, 6-4

No. 2 doubles: Aaron Mahoney and Josh Summitt lost to David and Shepard 6-2, 6-2

University beat Covenant Christian 5-0 in a Thursday dual meet.

The Trailblazers will compete in the Pioneer Conference meet Saturday at Muncie Burris.

Sprint to 2021 INDYCAR title starts this weekend in Portland

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES’ season-long race to the finish line is down to a three-week sprint.

Beginning with this weekend’s Grand Prix of Portland, the drivers still with hopes of earning the season championship will go head-to-head in this September shootout.

Five drivers, including two former series champions, remain in legitimate contention for a claim to the Astor Challenge Cup, the trophy commissioned more than a century ago and presented to the NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion each year since 2011. The names of all INDYCAR SERIES champions since 1909 are laser-etched into the three black granite bases of the sterling silver trophy. The championship-winning driver and team owner each will receive a replica of the trophy.

The pursuit of such acclaim runs through Sunday’s 110 laps at Portland International Raceway followed by the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey on Sunday, Sept. 19 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca and the season-ending Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach on Sunday, Sept. 26 on the streets of the Southern California city. All three races will air live at 3 p.m. ET with the Portland and Laguna Seca races on NBC and the season finale in Long Beach on NBCSN.

The five contending drivers – Pato O’Ward, Alex Palou, Josef Newgarden, Scott Dixon and Marcus Ericsson – are separated by just 60 points. O’Ward, Palou and Dixon have led the standings throughout the season’s first 13 races, with Dixon seeking a record-tying seventh series championship and Newgarden his third. O’Ward, Palou and Ericsson are in pursuit of their first such crown.

Dixon has won six season championships for Chip Ganassi Racing (2003, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2018 and 2020) while Newgarden has won two series titles for Team Penske (2017 and 2019). O’Ward finished fourth in last year’s standings; neither Palou nor Ericsson has finished in the top 10 of an INDYCAR season.

This year’s youth-vs.-experience bat-

tle is intriguing. The Portland race will be the 349th start of Dixon’s 21-year INDYCAR career, with 286 of those races in succession. Dixon’s total number of starts ranks fifth in the sport’s history; his consecutive streak is second to Tony Kanaan’s 318.

The other four top contenders are newbies by comparison. Newgarden has made 161 series starts, Ericsson 43, O’Ward 35 and Palou 27. Do the math: Dixon has made more INDYCAR starts than the other four drivers combined, and his 51 race wins are twice the number achieved by these opponents (26).

O’Ward and Palou are 1-2 in the standings, separated by 10 points. Newgarden is third, 22 points out of the lead, with Dixon trailing O’Ward by 43 points. With 27 cars expected at each of the remaining three races, the most a driver can gain over rivals in a weekend is 49 points. That means there are 147 points to gain, essentially eliminating all other drivers as the sixth-place driver – Colton Herta -- is 111 points out of the lead.

While Dixon and Newgarden have been central figures in the past four series points races, only O’Ward has experienced INDYCAR’s title chase this deep into a season, finishing fourth last year. O’Ward was third with three races to go before dropping to fifth and finishing fourth.

Experience is generally worth something in these instances, and Dixon and Newgarden have plenty of it at the highest level of U.S. open-wheel racing. O’Ward held off Colton Herta for the Indy Lights championship in 2018. In 2017, O’Ward co-drove to an IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship title in the Prototype Challenge class, winning seven of the eight races. So, he has some idea of what’s ahead.

It has been awhile since Ericsson and Palou competed for a season championship. None of Ericsson’s three Formula One teams were capable of contending in his five F1 seasons. His last season title came in 2009 in Japan’s Formula 3 class.

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