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Photo provided by Prevail, Inc.

Prevail, Inc.'s annual fundraising event brought in over \$280,000 to support victims of domestic violence.

Prevail, Inc.'s Celebration of Hope an outstanding success

The REPORTER

Prevail, Inc. has announced that its Celebration of Hope, presented by Hare Chevrolet was another successful opportunity to engage the community in providing hope and healing for friends and neighbors who need it. Thanks to all the supporters, this year's event raised over \$280,000 to support victims and prevent future violence in the Hamilton County community.

In addition to the Presenting Sponsor, Hare Chevrolet, the event was sponsored by Partner Sponsors, Biddle Memorial

Foundation and Protective Insurance, and Companion Sponsors, Gaylor Electric and BMO Harris Bank.

The evening began with a cocktail hour reception supported by Power Careers. Dinner followed, where attendees had an opportunity to purchase a Golden Ticket that provided them with a chance at the Dream Vacation of their choice. During dinner, attendees enjoyed a program with a presentation from a courageous speaker who credits Prevail with restoring hope to those who most need it. The program was

emceed by Todd Thurston of Hare Chevrolet and included a live auction with auctioneer Gary Deakyne. Dessert was an assortment of delicious cupcakes provided by Heavenly Sweets, and to top the night off, everyone enjoyed dancing with Dave and Rae. The Renaissance Hotel North is a lovely setting for this event, which would not happen without an extraordinary Event Planning Committee who works all year to make it possible.

See Prevail . . . Page 2

Get your fill of ham & beans on Saturday at Sheridan's Boxley Cabin

Submitted by STEVE MARTIN

On behalf on Sheridan Historical Society

The Sheridan Historical Society will hold a fundraising event at Boxley Cabin in Veterans Park in beautiful uptown Sheridan on Saturday, Sept. 18. The supper begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m.

For the meager price of \$8, you will get a healthy heaping helping of hot and hardy beans and ham, served with cornbread and fried potatoes and, of course, a drink. Yes, carry out will be available, but you are invited to bring your lawn chair and sit a spell and enjoy listening to the Thorntown Bluegrass Pickers while you chow down.

If it is warm, you might want to bring some bug spray. If it is cool, you might want to bring a warm coat or blanket (or both). And if it rains, you won't have to worry because the supper will be postponed entirely to a later date.

Funds collected will be used to offset the operating expenses of the Historical Society's Museum located at 315 S. Main St. If you have not had a chance to visit the new museum, you're invited to come in for a tour. The museum is open to the public on Tuesday and Friday afternoons of each week from 1 to 4 p.m. If you cannot make it during our open hours, please call (317) 758-5054 and leave a message so museum staff can contact you to set up a tour appointment.

Hope to see you on Saturday evening, Sept. 18 so you can get your fill of ham and beans, cornbread, and fried taters. God willing and the creek don't rise, y'all come



Photo provided

Phil Kercheval tends the bean pot at a prior ham and bean supper.

on over.

About the Sheridan Historical Society

The Sheridan Historical Society is a not-for-profit entity organized to preserve the history and cultural heritage that makes this small community proud. A lot of people don't know the story of Sheri-

dan, the story of George Boxley, the fact that the town is in the Buttonwood swamp or that it was once called Millwood. If you stop by the museum, you will hear all about it, along with other trivial and fun facts about Sheridan and the nice people who live here.

Dan Spartz named to Noblesville Council

The REPORTER

Dan Spartz has been named the newest member of the Noblesville Common Council.

The Wednesday evening Republican caucus named Spartz to the District 4 seat. Spartz replaces Wil Hampton, who stepped down after accepting a position as associate director of athletics at Ave Maria University in Florida.

Spartz will serve the remainder of the term until Dec. 31, 2023.

Spartz was one of only two people to file for the chance to fill the vacant seat. The only other candidate was Paul Howard. That filing deadline was 6 p.m. Sunday evening, 72 hours before the start of the caucus.

Spartz told the Reporter he is not a politician and will not seek reelection in 2023.

"I'm just going to fill out this term," Spartz said. "I'll do the best job I can for the people of my district ... Hopefully we will identify someone who would make a good city councilman [for the next election]."

Gerrymandering is the biggest threat to Indiana businesses

As a member of the Senate Elections Committee, I participated in hearings across the state and listened to Hoosiers about why they deeply care about a fair redistricting process. Their message was very clear – an external citizens' redistricting commission should draw the maps in a fair and transparent process. Since the legislature did not pass my Senate Bill 283 last session to create such a commission, the public expects legislators to keep communities of interest together and not favor either party or incumbents when they draw district maps.

The most profound argument that was made was about the effects of gerrymandering, which leads to a deterioration of the institutions of our democracy, a rigged system of elections by which the outcomes of the next 10 year's elections are already pre-determined, a rise of extreme partisan politicians who will push for cultural wars and a weakened business climate that will threaten Indiana's businesses from being able to compete both on the domestic and global stages.

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Carmel police officers respond to bomb threat

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Carmel police officers responded to a reported bomb threat in the area of I S. Range Line Road. As a precaution, the roads in the area of Main Street and Range Line Road were temporarily closed by officers.

Upon investigation, officers have determined the threat was unsubstantiated and there is no concern for the safety of the public at this time. Carmel police investigators are now actively working this case to determine who the perpetrator(s) of this threat was.

If you have any information regarding this incident, please call the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 2021-62189.

Tour historic Noblesville homes this Saturday

The REPORTER

Every third Saturday in September, the Noblesville Preservation Alliance holds its annual Historic Home Tour, inviting the public to explore Noblesville neighborhoods and glimpse the beautiful interiors of eight historic homes. The 34th annual Historic Home Tour will take place on

Saturday, Sept. 18.

Tickets can be picked up (if purchased online) at the sheriff's residence downtown or at Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St. You will tell them your name(s) and then receive a wristband and booklet for the tour. The tour is self-guided and at your own pace from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are



required for all attendees 13 years and older. Route map, events and a preview of the homes can be found on the [NPA Facebook page](#).

Noblesville Lions raise \$13K at dodgeball, cornhole fundraiser

On Saturday, Sept. 11, the Noblesville Lions Club held its Dodgeball and Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser. The club thanks all sponsors and other donations received to support this worthy cause. The latest information is that approximately \$13,000 in initial donations were received. Funds will be used for scholarships and vision impairment financial support. The 50/50 drawing was won by Charlie McMillan, who donated his \$40 prize back to the club.



Photos provided by Noblesville Lions

(TOP LEFT) The 45 Hitmen placed first in the Competitive Dodgeball League. Back row, from left: Tyler Pharis, Jake Wood, Jeremiah Wood and Clayton Smith. Front row, from left: Matt Davis, Derek Owens, Jake Hilton and Brody Kalbaugh.

(TOP RIGHT) The Noblesville Police Department placed second in Competitive Dodgeball.

(LEFT) The 45 Hitmen also took first place in the Cornhole Tournament. Pictured are Tyler Pharis and Jeremiah Wood.

(RIGHT) Larry's Kids took second place in the Cornhole Tournament.

(BOTTOM LEFT) Larry's Kids took first place in the Recreational Dodgeball League.

(BOTTOM RIGHT) The Noblesville High School LEO Club took second place in the Recreational Dodgeball League. Front row, from left: Nidhish Nair, Diya Nair, Nash Watson, Delaney Howard and Nicolette Watson. Back row, from left: Ross Brown, Christina Andrews and Hannah Vohs. Not pictured (they were in the concession stand): Anna Egleson and Alexis Bogan.





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Final days to place tree orders

The REPORTER

The window to place orders for native trees in the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District native tree sale closes soon.

A total of 46 species of native trees and shrubs are available for just \$29 per three-gallon containerized specimen. Pre-orders are required before Wednesday, Sept. 22. Orders can be picked up Friday, Oct. 1 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Details on tree species and growing conditions, as well as online ordering, are available at hamiltonswcd.org.



The tree sale is the district's largest annual fundraiser. All proceeds go back into conservation and education in Hamilton County.

Coronavirus infections in kids increased 240% since July

By DR. MARY GILLIS, D.Ed.

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

COVID-19 infection in children has skyrocketed in a matter of weeks according to the latest data from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The pediatrician group says the exponential rise amounts to 240 percent since early July. Health experts say this is both alarming and concerning. In the latest report released by the group, the number of infections spiked from 71,036 cases to 243,373 cases. Children now make up 29 percent of all infections nationwide.

WISH-TV News 8 reached out to Dr. Christopher Doehring, vice president of medical affairs at Franciscan Health, to ex-

plain why.

"Back in July the numbers were relatively low amongst children in general," Doehring said. "And it was really before the pandemic delta surge really hit us. Keep in mind school started back and most school-age children are not able to get vaccinated against COVID."

Given the combination of the three – the delta surge, kids back in school and not yet eligible for the shot, Doehring says he's not surprised. In fact, he thought the percentage would be higher.

However, Doehring also says it's important to keep these numbers in perspective. To date, children in Indiana make up just 0.1 percent of hospitalization in the state.

From the desk of Heights Supt. Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update #68 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

Tomorrow marks the kick-off of this year's Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) program at Hamilton Heights. It will be the third year this incredible mentoring program has been offered at the high school and the first year at the middle school. To date, some 160 students have completed and/or are participating in the program. T1L1, which reaches its 25-year mark next month, is a unique mentoring program that takes place in the classroom each week throughout the school year. It pairs community volunteers with teachers to lead students through 10 universal principles which include respect, integrity, self-control, courage, humility, excellence, compassion, enthusiasm, teamwork, and honor. Thank you, Kevin Yaney, President of the T1L1 Central Indiana Chapter, for championing this program at Heights. [Click here](#) to

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

learn more about this mentoring program and its impact.

Speaking of making a difference, our food pantry will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. next Monday, Sept. 20 at the High School.

Enter through Door A.

Last Saturday, two cool events took place at Hamilton Heights. The Indiana Ready Mix Concrete Association hosted its 12th annual Mixer Truck Rodeo in the high school parking lot. Eric Fisher, Project Lead the Way – CEA Master Teacher, took advantage of this by creating several competitive events for high school students to participate in including the VR Truck Simulation, Concrete Shoot, written exam about concrete, and a poster contest advertising the fundamentals of concrete mix for students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. It was an exciting hands-on event for the students to learn more about the skills involved in this industry as well as enjoy the opportunity to watch some of Indiana's finest concrete professionals in action.

The other event was the induction of the Class of 2021 to the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame, under the direction of Mitch Street, HHHS Hall of Fame Committee Chairman and Dean of Students. This year's honorees included one team and four athletes: Ron Ackles '62, Alicia Bundy '96, Dennis

Lockhart '95, Rick McCoskey '71, and the Hamilton Heights 2012 football team. [Click here](#) to watch this year's ceremony and learn more about these deserving honorees.

This Saturday, two community events will be taking place that will make for a great day of celebrating and enjoying the place we call home. The 4Town Tour and 4Town Taste starts at 8:30 a.m. followed by the second annual Cicero Street Festival, where our award-winning band will kick off the festivities by playing the National Anthem beginning at 4 p.m.

These events give us a sense of normalcy and feeling of connectedness. They are part of what makes our community special. The HHSC family is honored to be a part of these festivities. With that said, it's important to remember the times we are in and that these kinds of wonderful events can present additional challenges in exposure and transmission for COVID-19.

Even though we are still dealing with pandemic absences and quarantines, something that will be with us for a while, no one's efforts to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19 can be complete unless the same efforts are taken at home and on weekends. Let's continue to remain diligent so we do not dismantle the progress we are making in keeping our infection rate at manageable levels in our schools and throughout our community. [#WeAreHuskies](#)

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‘Kick the Stigma’: Indiana needs to act now to help stop agony of mental illness

We are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. September is Pain Awareness Month. September is National Suicide Prevention Month. September is National Recovery Month.

Leaders in the behavioral health field recognize the ongoing mental health crisis Hoosiers are facing now. Specifically, young people, minority populations, and indigent communities are at highest risk. The pandemic will leave deep scars on these underserved populations for years to come.

For example, Indiana currently ranks as the sixth worst state in the nation for

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JIM MERRITT

youth experiencing a severe major depressive episode in the past year. We have three counties in the top 12 nationally reporting the highest percentage of thoughts regarding suicide or self-harm.

There is a great responsibility for schools, businesses, and governmental entities to value individuals' mental health and well-being. Today, in Indiana, we are seeing more and more community stakeholders accept this responsibility. As hopefully you have seen, the Irsay Family and the Indianapolis Colts have championed a new initiative called "Kicking

the Stigma."

This comprehensive initiative was created to shed light and raise awareness on mental illness. During Mental Health Awareness Month in May 2021, the Indianapolis Colts and Irsay Family raised \$4.5 million for the effort.

Kicking the Stigma Week was centered around influential Colts players and notable stars speaking out on mental health in an effort to end the shame and stigma associated with mental health conditions and addictive disorders. The Colts have partnered with four non-profit organizations that have a local footprint, including Mental Health America of Indiana, NAMI Indianapolis, Project Healthy Minds, and Bring

Change to Mind. Mental Health stigma reduction is critical, but is only a first step on the path of mental health systems change in Indiana.

Mental health advocates and policy makers made great strides during the 2021 Indiana legislative session. An increase in funding for the Indiana behavioral health field is expected to be one of the biggest victories this year for those working at the Indiana State House.

In the last legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly fully funded the work of the Drug Czar at \$10 million for the coming biennium, appropriated \$100 million in federal rescue funds to FSSA for mental health, and another \$50 million to the Department of Health for health grants. They also created a fund for the Opioid Settlement for the prevention, education, and treatment of Opioid Use Disorder and co-occurring mental health

and substance use disorders. In addition, Indiana was one of only four states that passed legislation in response to federal law creating the 9-8-8 crisis helpline.

Mental health is health. We have a mental health bubble ready to burst in our state. It is all hands on deck to prevent an incredible agony that is descending on Hoosiers. Each of us has the power to create a society where seeking mental health care is as common as going to the dentist.

Why pay for a Medicare insurance plan expert?

When I need to purchase something, the first thing I do is an internet search. A little research and I can quickly get a feel for the prices, and if I need to see the item, I can go check it out locally, but still buy it from Amazon.

This consumer behavior has permeated our society to the point that those turning 65 often use a local agent to explain the plan options and recommend a plan for their Medicare needs, only to then turn around and call Mutual of Omaha or AARP directly and enroll with the company without an agent.

Most people feel like savvy consumers. They cut out the middle man and naturally are proud of the savings they surely reaped.

Only they didn't save a

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dime.

Medicare insurance plans have the price of the agent baked in, so to say. You don't save money by foregoing an agent. In essence, an agent is free! You can

get a live, local agent that you can work with for the rest of your life who represents dozens of insurance companies. Or, you can call Humana and they will only tell you the best options Humana offers. When Aetna comes out with a more competitive plan, will Mutual of Omaha advise you to change? Never. But an agent that works for you will work to keep you happy.

With two kids in college, I'm all about saving money too. But there is no way to cut out the middle man in Medicare insurance (like

there is with car insurance). If you call Anthem directly, you pay exactly the same as if you hired a local agent to advocate on your behalf.

We train thousands of agents in all 50 states on Medicare and Social Security. You have a lot of choices, so choose an agent you trust and enjoy working with. The average person will be on Medicare for 18 years, and your agent might recommend that you change plans many times to get the best benefits at the best rates. Don't be afraid to work with an agent; she or he won't cost you a dime.

Sylvia Gordon is the president of Gordon Marketing, headquartered in Noblesville, where she trains on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can contact her at sgordon@gordonmarketing.com.

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Sen. Young: Events in Afghanistan require deep examination, accountability

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) issued the following statement regarding Secretary of State Anthony Blinken's testimony before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday:

The crisis in Afghanistan has highlighted both the best and worst of America.

The best, in that American heroes, including Indiana's Marine Corporal Humberto Sanchez, valiantly laid down their lives so that American citizens and innocent Afghans could escape the brutal Taliban regime. Today, in Logansport, I was humbled to help celebrate Corporal Sanchez's life and service to our country. We must honor his legacy, and the 12 other service members killed in Kabul, who embody the best in America.

This crisis has also revealed to the world the disastrous foreign policy decision making process that squandered 20 years of investment and sacrifice by the United States and our allies. As we witnessed in

Secretary Blinken's testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, there is bipartisan outrage over the events in Kabul. The days ahead demand a deep examination of how this happened and those responsible must be held accountable.

As I have been advocating through my bipartisan work on war powers reform, the events in Afghanistan illustrate why Congress must be closely involved

in foreign policy decisions. I will be working with my colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee to push for a robust oversight agenda to understand the failures of the past 20 years in Afghanistan while also looking forward to ensure that our nation's counterterrorism strategy matches the new threats that are developing in Afghanistan as a result of this disaster. As we just marked the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, we must be diligent in never allowing Al Qaeda or other groups to again threaten our country.



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Thomas John Mucha
July 17, 1941 – September 13, 2021

Thomas John Mucha, 80, Fishers, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2021 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on July 17, 1941 to John and Genevieve (Kozlowski) Mucha in Wausau, Wis.



Thomas proudly served his country as a helicopter mechanic in the United States Army. He worked for many years at Green Bay – Chicago Lines and Foreway Trucking in Green Bay, Wis. Thomas was a member of Life Church of Fishers. He enjoyed many hobbies and interests: Northmen Drum & Bugle Corps, playing competitive softball, reading the Bible, cheering on the Packers, volunteering at church, and loving his grandkids. Thomas kept everyone laughing with his quick wit. He was known as one of the nicest people you could meet and always put others before himself.

Thomas is survived by his children, David Mucha (Ellen), Dawn Mucha (Todd Lyon), and Dean Mucha (Abigail); grandchildren, Banning, Bryn, Devin, Sydney; and his siblings, Marcy Mogel, Robert Mucha, Phyllis Mucha, Jan Glennon, and Yvonne Hutchins.

In addition to his parents, Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Daryl Ann Mucha in 2015; his brother, Roger Mucha; and his sister, Charlotte Gutknecht.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Fort Howard Memorial Park in Green Bay, Wis.

The Mucha family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association at lbda.org/donate.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Sunday night lane closures at 146th Street & U.S. 31

Beginning at 9 p.m. or after on Sunday, Sept. 19, one lane at a time along 146th Street at the U.S. 31 overpass will be restricted for spot pavement grinding. The estimated project completion time is 6 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 20.

Advanced warning signs and flaggers will be in place during this restriction. Use extreme caution while driving through this area.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

2 Corinthians 12:1-4 (NIV)

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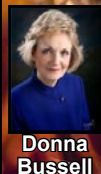
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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a special session at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

All participants are subject to metal detection and may be subject to pat down based upon metal detector activation. To help expedite entry to the meeting, please do not carry bags, backpacks, or purses as this will cause delays. No firearms or weapons are permitted on school grounds, regardless of an individual's permit. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.

The Westfield ARPA Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on the following dates: Friday, Sept. 24; Friday, Oct. 8; and Friday, Oct. 22, 2021. The meetings will be held in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Fall Creek Township Board and Trustee will meet for public hearing on the 2022 budget at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, in the Fall Creek Township Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

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Girls soccer

Shamrocks stun No. 3 Royals

The Westfield girls soccer team scored an upset Wednesday, beating Class 3A No. 2 Hamilton Southeastern 2-1 in an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at the Royals' field.

The Shamrocks scored both of their goals in the first half, with Amiah Sprunger and Kate Malin both finding the back of the net.

"Each player for the Rocks stepped up and battled hard to come away with a road conference win," said Westfield coach Hannah Eggert.

Southeastern got its goal in the second half; Tatum Coleman scored off an assist by Makenzie Loftin.

"As disappointed as we were in a loss we hope to learn from this going into our last three games and the tournament," said HSE coach Greg Davidson.

The Shamrocks are 2-2-1 in conference play and 4-3-3 overall, and next play Saturday at 2A No. 6 Brebeuf Jesuit. The Royals dropped to 4-1 in HCC action and are 11-1-1 overall, and also go on the road Saturday to play at 3A No. 17 Mount Vernon.

Noblesville, ranked No. 1 in 3A, cruised to a 6-0 HCC and Senior Night victory Wednesday over 3A No. 9 Zionsville at the Millers' Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

Noblesville wasted no time getting on the board, with Ava Bramblett scoring during the third minute. Isabella Griffey provided the assist. Makenna Maloy added a goal in the 11th minute, assisted by Bramblett. Makenna Maloy put in the Millers' third goal and Meredith Tippler scored off another Bramblett assist, giving Noblesville a 4-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, two Millers players scored their first varsity goals. Marit McLaughlin put a goal in during the 50th minute off a Maloy assist. In the 74th minute, Paige Smucker made a penalty kick to complete the Noblesville scoring.

The Millers are 4-0 in the conference and 9-0 overall. Noblesville plays another HCC game Saturday afternoon, hosting Brownsburg.



Noblesville's Paige Smucker scored her first varsity goal in the 74th minute of the Millers' girls soccer game with Zionsville Wednesday at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex. Noblesville beat the Eagles 6-0, keeping their record perfect in Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

Reporter photos by Kent Graham

er HCC game Saturday afternoon, hosting Brownsburg.

Carmel, the No. 2 team in 3A, sailed to a Metropolitan Conference win over Warren Central, 9-0 Wednesday at Murray Stadium.

The Greyhounds led 4-0 at halftime. Emily Roper and Claire Swigart both scored three goals for Carmel, with Salayah Brady adding two goals. Megan Hamm scored direct from a corner kick. The other eight goals were assisted: Greta Heyl had two, and Annika Nelson, Sophie Shepherd, Lauren Rainbolt, Lila Simmons, Brady and Rylie Wilpolt all

had one assist.

The 'Hounds are 6-0 in MIC play and 10-1-1 overall. Carmel hosts Noblesville on Monday.

Fishers, ranked No. 14 in 3A, dropped a 2-1 HCC contest to Brownsburg on Wednesday.

The game was tied 1-1 at halftime; Sami Bird scored the Tigers' goal off an assist by Mallory Slabaugh. The Bulldogs scored the go-ahead goal in the second half.

Fishers is 1-4-1 in conference play and 4-5-3 overall. The Tigers play at Harrison Monday.



Marit McLaughlin also scored her first varsity goal Wednesday during the Millers' game with Zionsville.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
 6:00 | Girls Soccer | Junior Varsity | Zionsville vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
 7:00 | Girls Soccer | Varsity | Zionsville vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
 7:20 | Volleyball | Northview vs Greencastle | Indiana SRN

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 5:30 | Boys Soccer | Junior Varsity | Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
 6:30 | Boys Soccer | Varsity | Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
 6:50 | Girls Soccer | Covenant Christian vs Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN
 6:50 | Volleyball | Danville vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN
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 6:50 | Frontier vs Traders Pt | Indiana SRN
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 7:30 | Zionsville vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports

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LEFT: Hamilton Southeastern's Avery Hobson makes a hit for the Royals during their match at Westfield on Wednesday.

RIGHT: Westfield's Logan Mapes reached 1,000 career assists during the Shamrocks' Wednesday match.

Click [this link](#) to see more images from the match.

Royals beat 'Rocks, stay perfect in HCC

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team was pushed a little during its all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference match against Westfield Wednesday at The Rock.

After the Royals took the first two sets, the Shamrocks played well to grab the third set. But Southeastern came rampaging back after that, running away with the fourth set to get a 25-16, 25-17, 22-25, 25-8 victory.

"They played a remarkable third set," said Royals coach Jason Young. "Give a lot of credit to Westfield for battling. It woke us up a little bit. I think we were

angry. A good angry, if that makes sense. We took it up and were more determined to be cleaner and more aggressive offensively. I challenged my attackers to fire away and they did, and they made that adjustment. I thought our blocking got better in that set, which was able to neutralize some of their attack."

Southeastern was powered by its big hitters. Avery Hobson put down 13 kills, Lauren Harden hit 12 kills and Lovie Wallace had 11 kills. Emily Weber dished out 26 assists and Macy Hinshaw handed out 22 assists. On defense, Meghan Slaninka collected 17 digs and

Jada Berg had 12 digs.

For Westfield, Dani Schade hit nine kills, while Lucy Muntel had eight kills. Stella Terpening made three blocks. Mallory Weber made 15 digs and Logan Mapes handed out 25 assists, putting her over the 1,000 assist mark for her career.

Westfield coach Sandra Burks credited Abby Heck for giving her team "a little bit of a spark in the right direction. She went in and really started taking that ball down the line on the right side. I thought that opened us up a little bit and gave us another option."

"But we were just really proud of the girls because the things that we've been working on in practice and the scout that we had set up for HSE, they did a really good job of following it tonight. Give credit to HSE where it's due. They have some incredible players."

Southeastern is 4-0 in conference play and 13-2 overall. The Royals are off until next Thursday, Sept. 23, when they play Zionsville in another HCC match. The Shamrocks are 2-1 in the conference and 7-9 overall, and host Franklin Central on Monday for another HCC contest.

Football preview

HSE-Westfield is showdown of 2-0 conference teams

There is never an easy week in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference football season, especially if you're on top of the standings.

After two weeks of play in the HCC, three teams – Hamilton Southeastern, Brownsburg and Westfield – are tied for first with 2-0 record. Two of those squads will play on Friday when the Class 6A No. 2 Shamrocks visit the 6A No. 7 Royals.

Southeastern is off to its best start since the 2008 season, as the Royals are perfect with a 4-0 overall record. HSE has cruised past Lawrence Central 35-7, North Central 45-13, Avon 40-13 and Fishers 42-13.

"I love their defense," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. "They have a stud at every level on their defense. They all play hard and fly to the ball. Super impressed. On offense they can really run the football. (Blaine) Wertz lit us up a couple of years ago. They play a physical style."

Gilbert noted that the Royals have multiple quarterbacks and running backs that have made plays, "so they are deep," he said.

Both Southeastern quarterbacks are doing well so far. Senior Sam Jacobs is 11-for-20 with 217 yards and four touch-

downs, while junior Ty Bradle is throwing at an 8-of-18 clip for 160 yards and three TDs. Senior Dylan Conner has three touchdown receptions for the season.

Wertz, a senior, has totaled 422 yards rushing so far, with eight scores. Senior Owen Jones has 297 yards and four TDs to this credit. Junior Griffen Haas has 26 total tackles, while senior Loudon Sundling has made seven tackles for a loss.

Meanwhile, Westfield is 3-1 for the year. After dropping a 14-0 opener to Cathedral, the 'Rocks have taken care of Harrison 33-11, Zionsville 42-21 and Noblesville 42-15.

Senior quarterback Maximus Webster has thrown for four touchdowns on efficient 34-of-49 passing for 509 yards. Senior Ian Bruch has 11 receptions and freshman Gabe Arambales has 10; both have caught one touchdown pass.

Senior Micah Hauser leads the Westfield rushing with 258 yards, and senior Trevon Hatchett has gained 167 yards. Both have scored five touchdowns this season. Hauser also leads the defense with 49 tackles, followed closely by junior Tyler Dikos with 48.

"They have a great team with a lot of

talent," said HSE coach Michael Kelly. The coach also said that Westfield plays hard and is very disciplined. He noted that it will be "incredibly important" for the Royals to be disciplined, "play fast, and secure tackles."

Gilbert also said the Shamrocks' special teams are doing great overall, with senior Caleb King a perfect 13-of-13 on extra points for the season. Gilbert also said that defensively, Westfield has been rarely giving up explosive plays, "but our offense has been very explosive."

"We have to do a better job in the turnover margin but we are starting to improve," said Gilbert. "We have a lot of room for improvement and still have some guys getting healthy, so I believe we'll get better."

NOBLESVILLE-ZIONSVILLE

Noblesville hosts 5A No. 7 Zionsville on Friday for its Homecoming game, which kicks off at 7:30 p.m.

The Eagles will enter Beaver Materials Field with a 2-2 record, including an 0-2 mark in the HCC. Zionsville won its first two games of the season against Pike 28-10 and Lebanon 30-2, then dropped conference games to Westfield 42-21 and Franklin Central 24-21.

Junior quarterback Christian Abney is throwing at a 37-of-64 clip for 370 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Colin Price leads the receptions with 19, including two scores, and also is on top of the rushing list with 341 yards and five TDs.

Senior Otto Kyler is the Eagles' defense leader with 35 tackles. Senior Adam Longmire has eight tackles for a loss.

Noblesville will come into this game with a 2-2 record as well, and is also 0-2 in conference play. Sophomore Logan Shoffner has been a force for the Millers, with 768 yards rushing and eight touchdowns. On defense, sophomore Austin Hastings leads the way with 36 tackles, followed by senior Sam Steinhofner with 34 stops.

SHERIDAN-CLINTON PRAIRIE

Sheridan will also play its Homecoming game on Friday, hosting Clinton Prairie in a Hoosier Heartland Conference contest.

The Gophers are 2-1 for the season. Prairie did not play a Week 1 game, so it opened its season at Frankfort during Week 2, losing 28-14. The Gophers then won back-to-back conference games, over

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Major League Baseball standings

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	90	56	.616	-
N.Y. Yankees	82	64	.562	8.0
Toronto	82	64	.562	8.0
Boston	83	65	.561	8.0
Baltimore	46	99	.317	43.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	83	62	.572	-
Cleveland	71	73	.493	11.5
Detroit	70	76	.479	13.5
Kansas City	66	79	.455	17.0
Minnesota	64	83	.435	20.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	85	60	.586	-
Oakland	78	67	.538	7.0
Seattle	78	68	.534	675
L.A. Angels	71	74	.490	14.0
Texas	54	91	.372	31.0

x - Clinched playoff spot

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	76	68	.528	-
Philadelphia	73	72	.503	3.5
N.Y. Mets	72	75	.490	5.5
Miami	62	84	.425	15.0
Washington	60	86	.411	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	89	57	.610	-
St. Louis	76	69	.524	12.5
Cincinnati	75	71	.514	14.0
Chi. Cubs	66	80	.452	23.0
Pittsburgh	54	91	.372	34.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-San Francisco	95	51	.651	-
x-L.A. Dodgers	94	53	.639	1.5
San Diego	75	70	.517	19.5
Colorado	68	78	.466	27.0
Arizona	47	99	.322	48.0

Wednesday's game
Connecticut 98, New York 69

WNBA standings

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Connecticut	25	6	.806	-
x-Chicago	15	15	.500	9.5
Washington	12	18	.400	12.5
New York	11	20	.355	14.0
Atlanta	8	22	.267	16.5
Indiana	6	24	.200	18.5

x - Clinched playoff spot

Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Las Vegas	22	8	.733	-
x-Minnesota	20	10	.667	2.0
x-Seattle	20	11	.645	2.5
x-Phoenix	19	11	.633	3.0
x-Dallas	13	18	.419	9.5
Los Angeles	11	19	.367	11.0

FOOTBALL

Clinton Central 41-0 and Tri-Central 32-8.

Senior Drew Blacker is Prairie's quarterback, and has completed 33 out of 50 pass attempts for 398 yards and six touchdowns. Kadne Mullendore has 17 of those catches, including four touchdowns.

Senior Drew Duarte has gained 255 yards rushing for the Gophers, plus one touchdown. Senior Connor Cobb has 36 tackles to lead the defense, including six for a loss.

The Blackhawks are 2-1 in conference play and 2-2 overall. Senior Gavin Reners has stepped into the main running back spot and done very well, with 418 yards

and four touchdowns. Junior Jacob Jones leads the Sheridan defense with 30 tackles, six for a loss.

CARMEL-LAWRENCE NORTH

Carmel, ranked No. 3 in 6A continues Metropolitan Conference play on Friday when it welcomes 6A No. 10 Lawrence North to Carmel Stadium.

The Wildcats are 2-0 in the MIC and 3-0 for the season. Lawrence North opened its campaign with a 26-22 win at Avon, then did not play a Week 2 game. That sent LN into the conference season, where it beat Lawrence Central 20-6 and North Central 33-7.

Sophomore Montez Jones is the Wildcats' quarterback, and has completed 34 of 57 pass attempts for 429 yards. Senior Omar Cooper and sophomore Israel Jackson both have nine receptions.

Junior Ali Richardson is the top rusher, with 361 yards and five touchdowns. Senior Romaro Warren leads the LN defense with 35 tackles, while senior Josh Noble has six tackles for a loss.

The Greyhounds are 1-1 in MIC play and 3-1 overall, rebounding by beating Pike last week. Senior Zach Osborne is off to a fantastic start, throwing 53-of-83 for 683 yards and five touchdowns. Junior Desmond Duffy leads the receptions with 23, including four touchdowns, while senior Jaedon King has 20 catches, including one score.

Senior Ethan Hall is Carmel's top rusher with 189 yards and a touchdown, while Osborne has six running TDs. On defense, junior Winston Berglund leads with 40 tackles, followed by junior Will Heldt with 39.

GUERIN CATHOLIC-RONCALLI

Guerin Catholic will take on 4A No. 1 Roncalli Friday in a Circle City Conference game at the Eagles Nest.

The Royals are 4-0 for the season, including a Week 3 conference win over Bishop Chatard, 28-21. Roncalli's other victories have all come against Class 6A teams: Southport 55-7, Franklin Central 34-13 and Columbus North 45-12.

Senior Aidan Leffler has been impressive as the Royals' quarterback, throwing 50-of-78 for 664 yards and 10 touchdowns. Senior Kyle Lockard has 18 catches, including four TDs, and senior Caden Gore has made 15 receptions, six for scores.

Gore is also Roncalli's leading rusher, with 316 yards and three touchdowns to his credit. Senior Daniel O'Connor leads the defense with 35 tackles, while senior Joe Curd has 6.5 tackles for a loss.

The Golden Eagles are 0-1 in conference play and 1-3 overall. Quarterback Sam Miller has been solid, completing 54 of 73 pass attempts for 617 yards and five TDs. Sophomore Jack Cherry has 20 of those catches, including one for a touchdown, while senior Ryan Glenn has 19 receptions, three for scores.

Junior Justin Zdobylak has rushed for 370 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Anthony Ferrucci tops the defense list with 35 tackles, followed by seniors Adam Novelen and Dylan Balcer with 31 stops each. Balcer has six tackles for a loss.

FISHERS-BROWNSBURG

Fishers will go on the road Friday to

play an HCC game at Brownsburg.

The 6A No. 5 Bulldogs are 2-0 in conference play and 3-1 overall. Brownsburg has wins over Ben Davis 33-22, Franklin Central 28-14 and Avon 38-17, with its only loss to Cathedral 20-7.

Junior Jayden Whitaker is the Bulldogs' quarterback, and he has thrown for 312 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Caleb Marcus has rushed for 287 yards and four touchdowns, while sophomore Garrett Sherrell is right behind with 281 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Rashon Myles Jr. leads the defense with 28 tackles. Two players have 6.5 tackles for a loss: junior Keegan Moore and senior Isaiah Street. Senior Garrett Dalton has six tackles for a loss as well.

Fishers will head to Brownsburg with a 1-1 record in the conference and 3-1 overall. The Tigers will look to bounce back after their loss to Southeastern last week.

Junior Luke Minns has had a good first part of the season, going 44-of-69 for 581 yards and five touchdowns. Junior Aidan Zimmer has 17 catches, including one for a score. Junior Carson Dunn has totaled 278 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Junior Grady Stanley is on top of the defense with 41 tackles, including six for a loss.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS-WESTERN

Hamilton Heights goes back on the road Friday to play Western in a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

The Panthers are 2-2 for the season and will be playing their first division game Friday against the Huskies. Western has beaten Western Boone 28-26 and New Castle 49-42, and lost to Kokomo 28-14 and West Lafayette 69-19.

Senior Dylan Bryant is the Panthers' quarterback, throwing for 244 yards and four touchdowns. Senior Garrett Lupoi has three touchdown catches. Bryant is also the top rusher, with 694 yards and eight scores. Senior Hayden Shepherd is next in line with 326 yards and three touchdowns, and also leads the defense with 50 tackles.

Heights is 3-1 and won its division opener last week 42-7 over Northwestern. Senior Guy Griffey has completed 33 of 58 pass attempts for 494 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Gavin Bramel has 12 of those receptions, including six for TDs. Senior Isaac Tuma has 10 catches, including one for a touchdown.

Junior Trey Ehman leads the rushing with 380 yards and two scores. Senior Hudson Hochstedeler is on top of the defense with 34 tackles.

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