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WHS Robbie's Hope club draws attention of FLOTUS

By AMY ADAMS

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As part of a series of backto-school visits, First Lady of the United States Dr. Jill Biden and Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy visited Westfield High School on Wednesday to discuss the importance of prioritizing students' mental health.

A few years ago, WHS student Zoe Milewski found out through social media about an organization called Robbie's Hope which was founded by Kari and Jason Eckert in 2018 following the death of their 15-year-old son to suicide. The word HOPE stands for "Hold On Pain Ends."

As there was no mental health club at WHS at that time, Eckert took the idea to her friends, Analiece Emigh and Nora Flickinger.

What began as three sophomores meeting together has grown into a club that, in its first meeting of this school year, welcomed 100 students.

Though the now international organization is headquartered in the Eckert's home state of Colorado, Kari has previously spent time in Westfield, speaking at the Robbie's Hope Gala. She



Reporter photo by Amy Adams Students from Robbie's Hope Club welcomed Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden to Westfield High School on Wednesday.

"It's OK to not be OK."

Now seniors, Emigh, who health challenges. is the club's current president, Murthy, and about 20 members of how students involved in gled personally," said Emigh.

of the WHS Robbie's Hope Club Robbie's Hope at WHS are who welcomed the guests wear- working to fulfill the mission of ing lavender T-shirts that read removing the stigma surrounding teens talking about mental

came to Westfield on Wednesday Milewski, Flickinger, and Elyse have struggled personally or first gala raised \$14,000. to meet privately with Biden, Menzel gave a brief overview know someone who has strug-

Regular club meetings focus on building peer-to-peer relationships. In addition, the WHS chapter holds an annual Save A Life Walk in the fall and a gala "I think all of us here today in the spring. In 2022, the club's

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Reducing the mental load at home

Many of us start our post high school, college, or military lives by renting an apartment, condominium, or house. The home ownership rate in the United States has declined recently somewhat compared to other countries in the developed world. However,



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it's still a big dream for many Americans to eventually stop renting and buy a house as soon as possible.

"Despite home buying being a long and often exhausting process, and homeownership being a time-consuming and frankly expensive venture, 75 percent of Americans say it's a priority," according to NerdWallet's 2018 Home Buyer Report. NerdWallet expert Tim Manni says, "If recessions, high prices, and stress can't kill the American dream, I'm not sure anything will. The American desire to own a home is incredibly resilient."

There are many reasons why owning a home is a great idea, and, of course, reasons why it may not be so great. (Just look at today's interest rates.) We won't get into both sides of the fence in this series, but we will talk about a few facets of home ownership and how to relieve the mental labor with each.

Managing your finances is not just tied to home ownership. For example, when my sons were still in high school, they worked part-time jobs. We taught them how to create and monitor a monthly budget and how their checking and savings accounts work. Both Jonathon and Jacob saved up to buy their first cars. They paid for oil changes, car insurance, and fuel. And they took care of their own entertainment and some of their clothing expenses. Even today, things aren't too complicated for them.

I know all of that will change later when they become completely independent young adults renting their first place. Their future will include, at a minimum, rent, phone, and some utility payments in addition to their vehicle expenses. We were able to avoid student loans thanks to both boys working parttime throughout their college career and taking advantage of scholarship opportunities.

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Nickel Plate Express enhances safety measures with employee training

Submitted

Nickel Plate Express (NPX), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing memorable train excursions through Northern Hamilton County, has announced the successful completion of a comprehensive CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed training program for its dedicated staff.

The training, led by Jim Ginder of the Hamilton County Health Department, equips employees with essential life-saving skills to ensure the safety and well-being of passengers on board.

With a commitment to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all, NPX recognizes the importance of being prepared for emergency situations. By investing in this training program, the organization aims to empower its staff to effectively manage and respond to any potential emergencies that may arise during train excursions.

The training session covered a wide range of essential



Photo provided by Nickel Plate Express

Jim Ginder of the Hamilton County Health Department explains how to stop bleeding to Nickel Plate Express employees.

diopulmonary Resuscitation), First Aid, and Stop the Bleed Director Emily Reynolds said. techniques. Through handson practice and theoretical instruction, employees were equipped with the knowledge and confidence to handle medical emergencies and provide staff is prepared to handle any immediate assistance until professional help arrives.

Hamilton County Health Department for generously pro- customer service and creat-

opportunity, NPX Executive "Safety is our top priority, and this training ensures that our passengers can enjoy their journey with peace of mind, knowing that our dedicated emergency situation."

NPX currently employs "We are extremely grate- nearly 30 part-time staff ful to Jim Ginder and the members who are passionate about delivering exceptional

skills, including CPR (Car- viding this invaluable training ing memorable experiences for passengers. Operating primarily on weekends, the organization offers a wide range of entertainment and scenic train excursions, showcasing the natural beauty and rich history of Northern Hamilton County.

For more information about NPX and its train excursions, please visit NickelPlate-Express.com or contact Emily Reynolds at ereynolds@ nickelplateexpress.org.

Help maintain local ecology & plant native trees

The REPORTER

Spring blooms, shade on a sunny summer day, crisp fall colors – trees are the essence of the seasons and their growth is the benchmark of passing time.

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District recognizes the value of trees in the Noblesville. Details on species community and lives and is making quality native tree and shrub stock available via its annual native tree and shrub fundraiser.

Forty-eight species of native trees and shrubs are available for just \$30 per three-gallon containerized specimen. Pre-orders are required before Wednesday, Sept. 20. Orders can be picked up Friday, Sept. 29 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., great choice as they are easy to

HAMILTON COUNTY Soil & Water



and growing conditions, as well as online ordering, are available at hamiltonswcd.org.

This tree sale focuses on species native to Indiana. These trees are uniquely suited to local soil and weather, but most importantly, they are uniquely suited to support local wildlife maneuver and plant, econom-- especially birds, insects, and other pollinators.

Three-gallon trees are a





Photo provided

The classic Shumard oak is native to Hamilton County.

ical, and will grow quickly. In largest annual fundraiser. All addition to native trees, 15-gallon watering bags are also available in this year's sale.

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

Find your next great employee at TOWER job fair

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Jail and the T.O.W.E.R. (Transitioning Opportunities for Work, Education, and Reality) Mentoring Program will hold the Re-Entry Resource and Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22 at the Hamilton County Jail, 18102 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

These soon-to-be-released individuals are all eager to be your next great employee. There will be several local businesses and companies on site conducting interviews.

The Job and Resource Fair will be for both men and women who participate in the TOWER Re-Entry Programs and will transition out of the jail within 90 days. Employers and resource providers will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with potential employment candidates.

To secure a table at the Job Fair, fill out the RSVP form at this link. The deadline to secure a table is Friday, Sept. 8.

If you have any questions about the event or if you would like to send a representative from your company to participate, please contact Kelly Gunn at kegunn32@ gmail.com or call (239) 989-2732.

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HOPE

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Last February, several student representatives from the club participated in a presentation and panel with WHS Director of Student Support and Counseling Services Kyle Miller at the Indiana School of Mental Health Initiative Educating the Whole Child Summit.

New this year, the club will work with WHS Dean of Wellness, Connections, and Growth Jake Gilbert to host a series of sessions focused on mental health for athletic team members. They also plan to dedicate a week to suicide awareness and to establish a scholarship through the Wellbeing Coalition of Westfield to provide funds for students who can't afford the mental health care they need.

"What this club is doing is really amazing," Dr. Biden said. "Know that your courage does not go unnoticed, and that's why I'm here."

Following the private meeting, Biden, Murthy, and Emigh joined a panel discussion with WHS school administrators that was open to select students, parents, WHS counselors, and WWS leadership.

A 30-year-educator herself, Biden asked the school to extend the invitation be-Robbie's Hope so that she cause of death for teens.

could speak to and hear from approximately 80 stu-

"In the stories I am hearing from you today, there is so much resilience," Biden said. "In this school, you can feel that there is a sense that people can share their stories and get help."

She further encouraged the students to share, publicly or through written notes, anything they thought she should know or should work

Senior John Wickam talked about how it needs to be normalized for teens to reach out to mental health professionals and adults who can help.

"It's not our job to fix each other," Wickham said. "I would rather protect your life than your secret. That is the goal."

openly about social media promoting eating disorders, the unique struggles of queer teens, and how students need help learning to such as Project AWARE recognize and communicate their feelings.

"We are here because the youth mental health crisis in America represents a defining public health challenge of our time," Murthy said.

In the state of Indiana, according to the CDC, sui-



Photo by Rocks Media House

The students of Robbie's Hope at Westfield High School want you to remember: "It's OK to not be OK."

Murthy discussed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act passed in 2022 Other students spoke which allocated \$1.7 billion to mental health care, including in schools. Westfield has benefited, receiving \$400,000 from grants (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) and Stronger Connections.

"What it will take to address the mental health situation in our country is nothing short of a movement," Murthy said.

Robbie's Hope provides yond students involved in cide is the second leading that movement of teens across the U.S. who aim to

cut teen suicide rates in half by the year 2028.

"We're changing lives, and we have an impact not just in our school but in our community, and that means a lot to me," Emigh said.

gave credit to school leaders nity to show them that." and counselors who have helped turn "compassion Robbie's Hope and to find into action."

WHS Assistant Principal Kurt Frederick, who served as the panel moderator, joined WHS Principal RobbiesHope.com. Alicia Denniston, Westfield Education Foundation Executive Director Ashley Knott, and others in ex-

pressing their appreciation for having the first lady and surgeon general take time to visit Westfield.

"We tell our students all the time, 'Your voice matters," Frederick said. "And Her father, Peter Emigh, this was the perfect opportu-

To find out more about resources such as the Teens and Technology Handbook or Robbie's Hope Adult Handbook,

questions about local opportunities for involvement and support, email whsrobbieshope@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) provides support 24/7. You can also call or text 988.

"There's one thing I want you to remember," Dr. Biden said, her words echoing the Robbie's Hope mantra, "It is OK not to be OK."

Home

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Creating a system for help prevent what can be a crushing mental load in life. Not only does it make bill paying easier, but it also helps you manage your finances intelligently so you can build wealth.

How I wish I could go self!" I had to learn things his life around. the hard way later in life – I'm doing better.

Let's first look at some ways you can learn to be wise with your money. Trust me, if you don't have this skill, your overall mental load will be twice as bad and I am talking from experience here! If you already have this wisdom and have done a great job managing and building your wealth, er and fundraising profesfeel free to skip to next week. If you don't have this knowledge and need some assistance, I know of some fantastic resources to help you.

My favorite expert on handling finances even be- this topic is Dave Ramsey, an fore you own a home will American personal finance guru, businessman, and author. Mr. Ramsey has helped millions of people turn their financial lives around. What I like about him is that he made mistakes, learned from them, and eventually built his wealth the smart way. He back in time and tell all of even went through the pain this to my "post college of bankruptcy before turning

Mr. Ramsey offers nuand I'm still learning. But merous resources on his website, daveramsev.com. They range from free downloads, apps, guides, calculators, forms, and books to his Financial Peace University course offered at hundreds of locations across the United States or online.

The books and course are quite reasonable.

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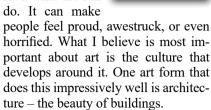


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Pride doesn't come in a box

I am not an artist. I don't have the imagination to come up with the spectacular visions that painters can create. I can't chisel stone or carve wood with

any elegance. However, love what art can



Fewer things make a place more recognizable than the structures that fill it. If you toured any large city across the world, you would certainly find some apparel or merchandise that shows the city skyline. You can identify a city simply by the shape of its skyscrapers. Indianapolis has the Salesforce Tower, Detroit has the headquarters of General Motors with the Renaissance Center, and Chicago has the Willis Tower (but it will always be the Sears Tower to me). These inanimate icons form an identity that every local identifies with. Almost all Indianapolis, Detroit, and Chicago residents have no legal ownership of their respective buildings, but I would bet almost all of them claim the towers as their own: "That's my town."

It can be difficult for towns without skyscrapers to find their local identity. In many instances the only unique structures are old town halls and churches. Some only remain standing due to preservation efforts by historical societies.

But why is this often the case? Rising costs of building materials, among other logistical concerns, could be the reason. Regardless, what has resulted is the rise of the rectangle – big box apartments, homes, churches, and town halls. I don't believe I am alone on this, but I find it difficult to identify myself with a cube.

But there is nothing wrong with the old town hall and the churches built a century ago. Those are some of the









Reporter photos by Hayden Parsons Architecturally imaginative buildings – that is, those not shaped like boxes - help give smaller cities and towns a sense of shared identity.

ings that keep a town unique by breaking the modern mold. I was pleasantly surprised to find Carmel's City Hall reminiscent of a 1700s New England courthouse, and, despite being a newer addition, the Palladium at the Center for Performing Arts displays the Neoclassical style similar to the monuments of the nation's capital. And while the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center is a welcomed and necessary addition to the community, the Hamilton County Courthouse Square still stands as a functional reminder of the styles of the mid-1800s.

While these buildings are no skyscrapers, they represent the beauty build- there is to find in Hamilton County.

Town pride should inspire us to make our homes, cities, and county a better place. It's a love for not just ourselves or our neighbors, but our guests as well. It should drive us to want to keep what we have in pristine condition and motivate us to build even greater beauty in the future. Just because Hamilton County is a rectangle doesn't mean everything inside

The next time a building project comes along to erect another box, remember your town pride - and build beautiful buildings.

Hayden C. T. Parsons is the newest associate at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville.

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's SuperPaul! Click to play video

Indiana Archaeology Month focuses on state's early industry

The REPORTER

Month, making it the 28th fun and interesting way for anniversary of a statewide Hoosiers to dive into how." celebration of archaeology in the Hoosier state.

All month long, Hoosier history buffs can meet archaeologists and learn about the state's fascinating past. Through the past years' celebrations, thousands of Hoosiers have exnew ways.

not only about the past, but **month**. it also helps us figure out we might be like in the years to come," said Dan

A variety of events for all ages will be offered by universities, museums, organizations, and individuals throughout Indiana. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) coordiperienced archaeology in nates Archaeology Month. A schedule of events is at "Archaeology tells us on.IN.gov/archaeology-

This year's commemomore about ourselves in rative poster focuses on the the present day and what archaeology of early Indiana industry.

"Archaeologists have

Bortner, DNR director and recorded and investigat-Gov. Eric J. Holcomb State Historic Preservation ed various industrial sites, has declared September Officer. "This year's long some from the early 1800s, as Indiana Archaeology list of activities provides a in our state," said Amy Johnson, state archaeologist of the DHPA. "Information regarding these manufacturing locations has helped us understand the early Hoosier efforts regarding brick and tile manufacturing, redware pottery production, and iron making."

The poster and an indepth discussion of the design are also available online. Overall, archaeologists have recorded more than 75,000 sites in Indiana since the early 1800s, helping shape public understanding of the precontact and historic people who also called this land home.



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National roadside cleanup effort returns to State Road 37

The REPORTER

A nationwide cleanup drive dedicated to the Birth Centennial of Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari was undertaken on Aug. 26 by residents and volunteers of the non-profit organization Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Pratishthan (DSNDP). The cleanup took place near Hamilton County Auto Auction along State Road 37 between mile markers 179 and 180.

These events were organized by DSNDP in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). The Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program is part of a Nationwide Cleanup Drive undertaken by DSNDP across 17 states and 31 cities in the United States.

INDOT's AAH Program is a partnership between the INDOT and DSNDP volunteers, working together to make Hamilton County better, a mile at a time. More than just a cleanup campaign, this innovative program works to educate citizens of all ages about the responsibilities of land stewardship – the care and repair of the environment. Ultimately, the AAH Program is about people caring enough to make a difference.

The Hamilton County Adopt-A-Highway cleanup drive was scheduled and held very close with Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Delaware, and California states and will be followed by other states. DSNDP has collaborated with 17 states and 31 cities for running these cleanup drives across the United States.



Photo provided by DSNDP Members of the non-profit organization Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari Pratishthan (DSNDP) cleaned up their portion of State Road 37 on Aug. 26.

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Participated in the Indiana Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Program

The Adopt-A-Highway/ Park/Beach/Street/Reservoir initiatives are driven by hundreds of DSNDP volunteers. To achieve concrete results by the implementation of these teachings, DSNDP committed to social services was founded in the name of Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari by Dr. Shri Dattatreya Narayan Dharmadhikari, alias Appasaheb Dharmadhikari, a prominent, multiple/global award winner, global social reformer who transformed millions of lives throughout the world with his humanitarian teachings.

The non-profit DSNDP is driven by over a million volunteers worldwide, who strive to keep the legacy of Dr. Shri Nanasaheb Dharmadhikari alive by running massive blood-do-

nation drives, cleanliness which was organized by drives, tree plantation and conservation drives, conserving natural water reservoirs, assisting hearing-impaired children with free hearing-aids, free

acy classes, etc.

adult, and children's liter-

DSNDP in India, entered the Guinness World Records as the largest health camp benefiting 152,000 people attended by 1,571 doctors and 5,000 paramedics in a single day.

For more information, A mega health camp please visit dsndp.com.

Sponsorships open for Westfield Fire Department Recognition Ceremony

The REPORTER

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the Westfield Fire Department will hold its Awards Recognition Ceremony at the Prairie Water Events zens, and community partners who have made excepdepartment and the Westfield community.

The event is a chance to formally acknowledge and celebrate dedicated years of service, meritorious awards,

and volunteer appreciation.

The awards ceremony is funded by generous donations made to the Fire Endowment.

If you are interested Center to honor staff, citi- in donating or sponsoring events, please get in touch with Peg Strass at pstrass@ tional contributions to the westfield.in.gov or call (317) 379-7680. Thank you for your continued support of the Westfield Fire Department. Click here to view donation and sponsorship opportunities.



Hamilton County Republican **Noman of the Year**

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The REPORTER

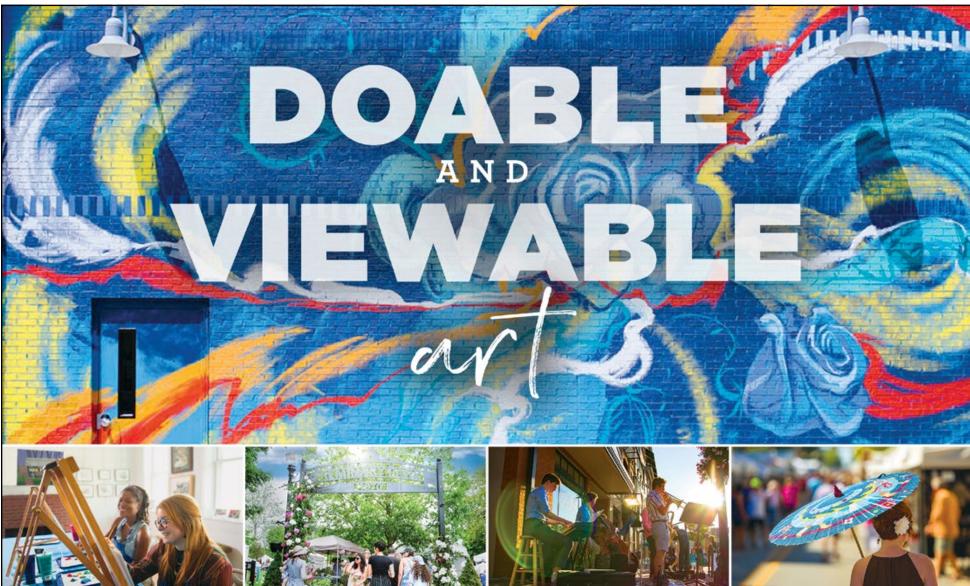
Mark your calendars for a fantastic evening of good food, great company, and a chance to support an incredible cause.

will be at Texas Roadhouse, police officers will take orders will go straight to the Special Tuesday, Sept. 5, not just to Texas Roadhouse team. keep the peace but to serve you delicious meals as well. Yes, you heard it right – it's the 100 percent of the donations

14758 Greyhound Plaza, on and serve tables alongside the Olympics of Indiana. Your

Here's the best part: 10 percent of all food sales and Westfield police officers Tip a Cop fundraiser, where received during the event

participation will directly contribute to positively impacting the lives of Special Olympics athletes right here in our state.





Experience the arts in Hamilton County. View a wide variety of creative and free public art throughout the county. Immerse your inner artist in art classes, u-paint shops and festivals. Plus, sing along to your favorite songs with live music—from free to famous. With three recognized state cultural districts, no matter where you go in Hamilton County, experience the arts.

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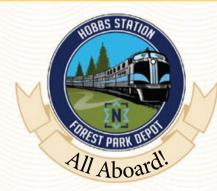
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October 15 and 22



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October 5 and 19

Judge Felix gets his robe



On Thursday afternoon, a crowd of well-wishers attended the robing ceremony of Judge Paul A. Felix who now serves on the Indiana Court of Appeals. The ceremony, which took place in the Supreme Court Courtroom at the Statehouse, included remarks from Joe Heerens, General Counsel for Governor Eric Holcomb; Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush, Indiana Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert R. Altice, Jr., and Hamilton Superior Court No. 4 Judge Richard Campbell. Chief Judge Altice administered the oath with the assistance of Judge Felix's wife and children. Judge Cale J. Bradford and Judge Rudolph R. Pyle, III assisted in the ceremonial robing.

Student loan forgiveness cures the symptom, not the disease

This month, my oldest son headed off to college. It has been an interesting experience to have a child starting his higher education while our country is in the middle of a debate about student loan forgiveness.

While I think it's fair to say that not everyone needs to attend college for their chosen career, I do believe that those who want a college education should have the opportunity. Unfortunately for many Americans, that path is resulting in a lifetime of debt. While the student loan conversation is an important one, I believe it must be part of a larger conversation addressing the extreme changes we have seen to how much college costs

and board for one year is around \$26,000.

GUEST COLUMNIST **MATT McNALLY**

or university, the tuition students and their families pay do not represent the total cost student to attend college. Grants, research funding, federal funding,

tuition doesn't

tell the full story.

For any college

and state funding are all applied "behind the scenes" to the cost of educating a student. The tuition money an institution asks students to pay is the balance left over after all other funding is applied. In Indiana, tuition costs

usually cover about 63 percent on average of the total cost of attendance. For Ball State, if we take into consideration all the "behind the scenes" funding, the actual cost per year is clos-My son will be attend- er to \$41,000 per student. ing Ball State University in \$41,000 per year per student to \$104,000 today.¹ Muncie, Ind. - the current would be much less afford-

able, but that state support.

Unfortunately, support of higher education has been reduced significantly in the last 40 years. While tuition covers almost two-thirds of attendance costs today, in 1980, Hoosier students were only for an individual asked to cover 28 percent of the total cost of college attendance. A large part of this difference is due to a reduction in state funding. In 1980, Indiana's state government spent the same as the national average on students at roughly \$9,500 in today's dollars. In 2023, the Hoosier State spent only \$6,200 per student compared to \$10,200 nationally.

Moreover, if Indiana had the same funding formula today that we did in 1980, and college cost the exact same, a student graduating from Ball State would walk away with about \$46,000 of student loan debt compared

in-state tuition and room able for the average Hoosier debate has inspired a lot of after 22 years of service. wanting to start their college discussion nationally about He is a veteran of Afghaneducation. To keep tuition the costs of higher educa- istan and a formal Naval By today's standards, low, Ball State and our oth-tion. However, I think it is Aviator. He and his family Ball State's tuition is con- er Hoosier higher education important to recognize the are proud to call the city of sidered extremely afford- institutions need federal and critical role of our state gov- Westfield home.

ernment in higher education costs. With Indiana allocating 30 percent less per college student today than it did in 1980, our state is making it more difficult for Hoosier students to achieve their higher education goals.

My family and I are very fortunate that the benefits provided for me by my military service will significantly reduce the cost of his college education, but I know the same cannot be said for all Indiana families. I believe it is past time for our state government to help alleviate the rising cost of college education by contributing more to support our excellent Indiana colleges and universities.

We owe it to all Hoosier students to show them the same support today that our state gave to students 40 years ago.

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Matt McNally retired The student loan debt from the military in 2022

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for some interns

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Indiana Senate Democrats open applications for 2024 legislative internship opportunities

The REPORTER

Indiana Senate Democrats are recruiting interns found on the Caucus' official for the 2024 Legislative website,

Session. Applications are democrats.org/ officially open and can be indianasenate-



internships. "This is great opportunity for young Hoosiers looking to get involved in state government and learn more about the legislative process,"

Senate Democratic Leader Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis) said. "Many of our interns go on to become staff ment or use this internship as an ingress into other careers; this is the perfect position for someone hoping for a future in government."

The Senate Democratic Internship is open to students in their sophomore year of college and above. It runs from the last week



pend of \$900

 Networking opportunities

The

Academic credit

Professional develop-

"Interns are integral to

the success of a legislative session, and I urge students who are interested in understanding more about the legislative process, making connections and doing meaningful work to apply for our internship," State Sen. Taylor said.





Noblesville porches get rather festive

The annual Noblesville Porchfest took place last Saturday. Featuring 20 bands performing on the front porches of 12 homes along Logan Street, residents enjoyed live music, food, and drinks throughout the afternoon. (Photos provided by John Sampson)





























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Sen. Mike Braun: older workers play critical role in U.S. economy

Submitted

On Aug. 22, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging Ranking Member Mike Braun held a field hearing titled, "Economic Challenges and Opportunities for Older Americans" in *Indianapolis.* The hearing examined obstacles older Americans have faced under recent economic conditions, approaches to alleviating these burdens, and opportunities ahead.

Sen. Braun's remarks appear below.

Ongoing economic challenges

Older Americans play critical roles throughout the economy, in businesses and law enforcement, on family farms, and as workers and members of the community.

Earlier this year, a report from this Committee found that 43 percent of older Americans thinking about rejoining the workforce – or "un-retiring" – were doing so because of inflation. In July, prices rose again and were up almost 5 percent

from last year. Inflation is still high years after pandemic-drivemergency spending, and it's still hitting older Americans hard.

We have to confront reckless spending to help retirees on fixed incomes ulations like Environmenand older workers strug- tal, Social, and Governance

spend too much, and it isn't rules also hinder family farmworking for older Ameri- ers' work and livelihoods.

household budgets.

Security checks. For law enforcement officers, this insecurity is added to another obstacle: the Windfall Elim- ed regulations and policies ination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). Police officers often retire earlier and have additional careers. WEP and GPO can cut their Social Security by 60 percent, just because they have are productive, socially cona separate earned pension.



Braun

time, rising interest rates are squeezing the employers and economic growth many older Americans and hardworking Hoosiers rely on.

Intrusive reggling with choices in their (ESG) rules push older Americans' investments into Both sides of the aisle worse rates of return. ESG

Farmers are the oldest We know that inflation workforce in the nation. has pinched seniors' Social They are feeding us all despite drowning in regulations, including ESG.

Inflation and misguidpose a threat to older Americans in every sector of society, and to the stability of the entire economy.

Older Americans' economic value

When older Americans nected, gainfully employed,

At the same or secure in their retirements, we're all better off.

> The good news is that there are still economic opportunities for older Americans. Many are reinventing their retirements, deciding to stay active and split time between flexible work, leisure, and family and community activities. Older Americans help employers and communities, and benefit in the process.

> Like an 82-year-old grandma who went back to work as a baker in Georgia. She was recruited while shopping. For employers facing labor shortages, older Americans help fill gaps.

A recent report showed that older workers will make up a quarter of the workforce by 2031. Older workers and members of communities provide wisdom, experience, and an unmatched work ethic.

Our goal should be unlocking that potential, supporting dignified work and retirements, not holding it

Crouch makes campaigns stops in Hamilton County



Reporter photo by Hayden Parsons Indiana gubernatorial candidate Suzanne Crouch (center) was on the campaign trail in Hamilton County on Wednesday, both in Carmel and Westfield. (Above) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen (left) and Hamilton County Republican Party Secretary Beth Sheller (right).

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Noblesville residents get up-close look at **Pleasant Street progress**

The REPORTER

Two raffle winners who attended the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce Taste of Business recently received the first behind-thescenes Reimagine Pleasant Street job site tour.

Construction managers from USI Consultants and CHA Consulting led the tour to highlight the progress underway on the Reimagine Pleasant Street project. Notable project milestones included the paving of two new roundabouts on Eighth Street, the setting of the foundations for the new Reimagine Pleasant Street Bridge over the White River Bridge, and the installation of a pedestrian tunnel for the Midland Trace and Riverwalk trails to cross underneath Pleasant Street.

"Reimagine Pleasant Street has been my top infrastructure priority as mayor, and it was exciting to show the incredible progress we've made to these commu-



Photo provided by American Structurepoint Jim and Kathy Hines of Noblesville won a behindthe-scenes look at the Pleasant Street job site.

nity residents," Noblesville project, and I look forward to the project being complete and open for all to enjoy."

Tour participants includ-Mayor Chris Jensen said. ed Noblesville residents "Community involvement Jim and Kathy Hines, who has been a key component were selected as the raffle from the beginning of this winners during the Taste of Business event.

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Letter to the Editor

Briggs laments impending loss of Wilson Farm Market due to decision to limit access on U.S. 31

Hamilton County has a jewel in the middle of our county, and it is the red building on the east side of U.S. 31 and 256th Street, which is Wilson Farm Market.

Have you visited it lately? They have Amish cheeses and many jams and jellies and the well-known fried chicken dinner as a take out for the many motorists who are heading north to Kokomo or south to Indianapolis. Wilson Farm Market also supplies fresh vegetables of the season and frozen meats. My favorite purchases are the fresh baked pastries from the bakery and the most delicious ice cream cone selections.

Wilson, and it is because in 2024 it will and the elimination of businesses along be no more. I am disappointed that our U.S. 31 with no recourse in a financial County Commissioners and Council are location? not supporting this small business since 1968. The Indiana Department of Trans-

portation does not know the importance of Wilson Farm Market as it supports a grocery in a desert zone.

The development of U.S. 31 becoming a limited-access highway is closing out a lot of businesses but also hindering a much-needed access for locals in this area to U.S. 31 heading both directions for medical needs, as well as access for the school systems of Hamilton Heights and Sheridan. U.S. 31 is creating a dividing line between these two communities with no cross overs or lanes to access the local roads that support the community, schools, farms, and small businesses.

Why did this happen? Who made This sounds like an advertisement for the decision of this community division

Mari Briggs

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Less than three weeks to register for Westfield Chamber's Showcase & Taste

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber's first Showcase & Taste two of Westfield will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Grand Park Events Center. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy the best of what Westfield has to offer all in one place.

The Showcase & Taste will be open to all residents. Advance tickets (\$7) are available online at westfieldchamberindy. **com**. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

Exhibitors at the Showcase & Taste of Westfield will have the opportunity to put their businesses on display and connect with businesses and potential customers at one of the Chamber's largest networking events of the year.

All types of businesses can participate in the event, including restaurants, service and healthcare providers, legal professionals, entertainment venues, food providers, and more. Restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries, and other food service establishments are invited to provide menu tastings as well.

Become an exhibitor **Exhibitor Booth (mem**ber, \$300): Includes full

booth 10-by-10-foot package (eight-foot table with full-length linen, eight-foot

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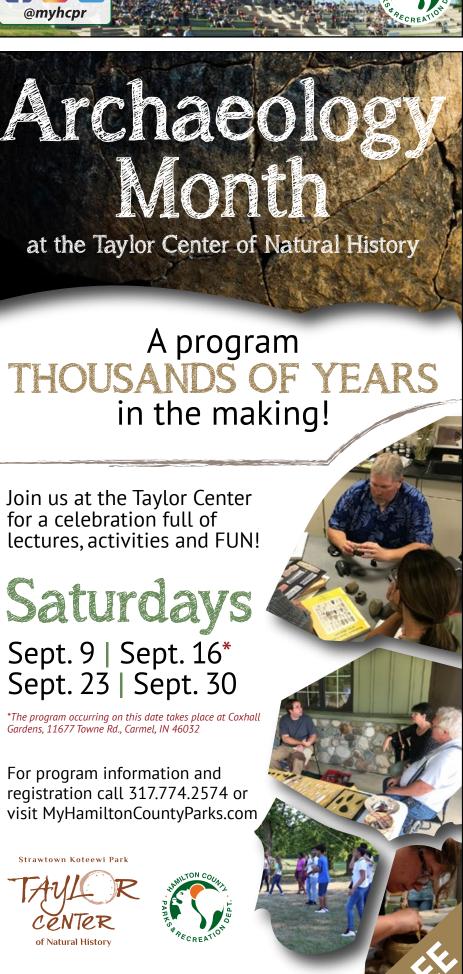
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> The deadline for exhibitor registration is Sept. 18. Businesses can purchase a booth online at westfieldchamberindy.com. If you have difficulty registering or you're interested in sponsorship opportunities, contact Courtney Albright calbright@westfieldchamberindy.com or call (317) 804-3030.

> The Title Sponsors for this first Showcase & Taste include Community First Bank of Indiana. JRF Construction, Church Church Hittle & Antrim, City of Westfield, Riverview Health, Citizens Energy Group, Ascension St. Vincent, Carrington Mortgage Services, The Farmers Bank, and Westfield Washington Schools.





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2024 season at Beef & Boards in a word: Beautiful

The REPORTER

The word for Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's 2024 Season is Beautiful, as the Carole King musical highlights a schedule of treasured classics, popular movie-based musicals, & Boards stage for the first kins, and Elvis Presley toand a celebration of four of America's greatest musical artists. VIP Memberships for the 2024 Season are now I. Based on the novel Anna available, while 2024 Season individual show tickets Margaret Landon and winare on sale to the general public starting Oct. 1.

Things heat up in a flash in January as Beef & Boards presents the hilarious celebration of women and the change with *Menopause*, The Musical starting Jan. 5. Set in a department store, four women who seem to have little in common make fun of their woeful hot flashes, forgetfulness, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and chocolate binges in this production that includes parodies from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Rated PG-13 and on stage Jan. 5 through Feb. 4.

true story of Carole King's journey from teenage song-Hall of Fame in Beautiful: The Carole King Musical. On stage for the first time at Beef & Boards, Beautiful follows the life of Carole Klein, a songwriter who wrote dozens of memorable hits for some of the biggest names in music before developing her own career as Carole King. Songs include "You've Got a Friend," "One Fine Day," "So Far Away," "Take Good Care of My Baby," "Up on the Roof,"
"You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," and "Natural Woman." This Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical phenomenon is rated PG-13 and on stage Feb. 8 through March 30.

time in more than 20 years is the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic, The King and and the King of Siam by ner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, The King and *I* is the story of the unlikely friendship that emerges between Anna, a widow from England, and the King of Siam when she arrives to teach his many children and wives. Famous songs include "Getting to Know You," "I Whistle A Happy Tune," "Something Wonderful," and "Shall We Dance." Rated G, it's on stage April 4 through May 19.

Then audiences travel somewhere "Over The Rainbow" to the magical land of Oz in Beef & Boards' 2024 Family Show, Next it's the inspiring The Wizard of Oz. Dorothy Gale discovers friendships and adventure along the writer to the Rock & Roll Yellow Brick Road and ultimately learns the valuable lesson "there's no place like home." Based on the tale by L. Frank Baum that later became a popular MGM film, The Wizard of Oz features \$10 discounts off tickets for all kids ages 3 to 15. The musical is rated G and on stage from May 23 to July 7.

Beef & Boards goes blonde for the summer with Legally Blonde the Musical, opening July 11. After being dumped by her boyfriend for someone "serious," Delta Nu sorority president Elle Woods drops the credit cards and hits the books to win him back. She'll take on Harvard Law, but also learn a lot about herself. Based on the movie Legally Blonde, Returning to the Beef this seven-time Tony Award nominee is on stage through Aug. 25 and is rated PG-13.

> The true story of the spectacular night where four stars aligned in Memphis, Tenn., is celebrated with Quartet. On Dec. 4, 1956, year-round Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Per- tertainment since 1973.

gether at Sun Records for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. This Tony Award winning musical brings that legendary event to life, featuring an incredible score performed live onstage. Million Dollar Quartet is rated PG and is on stage Aug. 29 through Oct. 6.

One of musical theatre's most beloved musicals, Fiddler on the Roof, returns to the Beef & Boards stage in October. Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevve tries to protect his daughters and encourage traditional values in a changing world. Nostalgic songs include "Tradition," "If I Were A Rich Man," and "Sunrise, Sunset." Winner of nine Tony Awards, Fiddler on the Roof is rated PG and is on stage Oct. 10 through Nov. 24.

On stage for the holidays is the movie-turned-musical A Christmas Story. Young Ralphie Parker lives in a fictional Indiana town and is on a quest to obtain his most desired of Christmas gifts - a Red Ryder BB gun. Rebuffed at every turn with a similar echoing response, Ralphie plots numerous schemes to ultimately receive his desired gift. Rated PG, A Christmas Story is on stage Nov. 29 through Dec. 31.

Membership & ticket availability

VIP Memberships for the 2024 Season are available starting Sept. 1, 2023, while 2024 Season individual show tickets are on sale to the general public starting Oct. 1, 2023. Visit Beef-AndBoards.com for complete details.

Beef & Boards the musical Million Dollar ner Theatre, Indiana's only professional an extraordinary twist of dinner theatre, has been fate brought Johnny Cash, serving up exceptional en-

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Photo provided by American Structurepoint

"It was fascinating to see everything that has been completed so far, and we look forward to continuing to watch the progress made on this project," said Kathy, the progress that's being a resident of Noblesville made," Dillinger said. "It for 37 years. "The investment in Reimagine Pleasant Street will enhance our community for generations by making it more accessible for people to walk, bike, or drive through Noblesville to their favorite restaurants and shops."

by Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger and Director of Administration Lee Buckingham and community partners from Hamilton County Tourism,

Meeting Notice

The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Nickel Plate Arts, the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce and Hamilton County Historian David Heighway.

"It's absolutely amazing was great to highlight where the city is with the road and where the county is with the bridge. We're still on schedule for the bridge to be built next year and it's under budget, so we're very happy with the progress."

When complete, Re-The Hineses were joined imagine Pleasant Street will provide a critical east-west connection for the city of Noblesville, which is expected to alleviate traffic on State Road 32 through the city's urban core. The new connection will provide an alternate route for people in Hamilton County to access downtown Noblesville from SR 37 and SR 32.

For more information on the project, visit Reimagine-PleasantSt.com.

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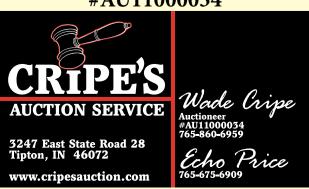
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Carmel projects nominated for Indy Chamber's Monumental Awards

The REPORTER

Four unique construction projects in Carmel have been nominated for prestigious Monumental Awards, to be presented by the Indy Chamber on Friday, Oct. 4. The public can vote for The People's Choice Award on each project listed below by visiting this Facebook

This year marks the 46th anniversary of the Monumental Awards, highlighting the built environment in the nine-county Indianapolis region. A vibrant, built environment not only improves the overall quality of life but attracts talented individuals to call the Indianapolis region home.

The Monumental Awards are one of the ways in which the Indy Chamber showcases the economic development growth of the Indy region. This annual evening of recognition acknowledges individuals and businesses that contribute to excellence in architecture, construction, engineering, innovative reuse, interior design, landscape architecture, neighborhood revitalization, public art and real estate development throughout the nine-county Indianapolis region.

The projects nominated include:

 Republic Airways Corporate Training Center - nominated for a Construc-

> Stunning former Home-A-Rama beauty featuring 5BR, 3BA/2 half baths, walkout basement,

beautiful hardwood floors, and gorgeous architecture throughout. **BLC#21931254**

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Photos provided by City of Carmel

The Republic Airways Corporate Training Center (above) and the Proscenium

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

HAGAR AND ISHMAEL (CONT.)

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael. Genesis 16:13-16 (NIV)

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(below) have been nominated for awards.

tion award

- Meadowlark Park renovation - nominated for a Landscape Architecture development - nominated award
 - Marmon Wasp round- ment award

about sculpture - nominated for a Public Art award

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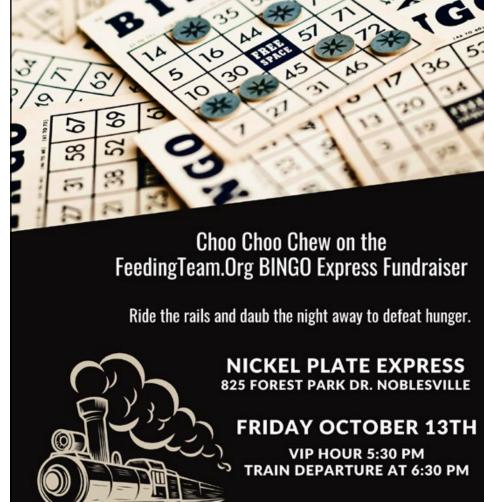




Photo provided by City of Carmel The Marmon Wasp roundabout sculpture is up for Landscape Architecture award



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Delaware and Fall Creek Townships are partnering with Conner Prairie to create a permanent reminder of the Hamilton County Bicentennial! A memorial will be unveiled at 11am in Clowes Commons near the Lenape Camp and Prairietown showcasing the history of Delaware and Fall Creek Townships, including Conner Prairie itself. Come learn about the history of this area, and join Conner Prairie for an architectural tour of the Conner House (pictured above: also turning 200!) after the unveiling. For pricing details and tour pre-registration, visit: hamcoturns200.com/events



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September 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Hamilton East Public Library

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Former Noblesville standout Emily Kiser signs to play professionally in Greece

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

As her collegiate basketball career came to a close when the Michigan Wolverines season ended in the second round of the 2023 NCAA women's basketball tournament to eventual National Champion LSU, it was apparent that fifthyear senior Emily Kiser had more basketball days in mind beyond her time in Ann Arbor.

The 6'3 former Noblesville standout and 2018 Indiana All-Star has inked a deal with AO Eleutheria Moshatou in Athens, Greece to extend her playing career at the international level.

"Emily is a rare talent. I have no doubt she will thrive playing in Greece," said Noblesville girls basketball head coach Donna Buckley, now in her 16th season.

She left her hometown of Noblesville on August 26 to start her professional basketball career and hopefully take off from where she left her college days not too long





Photos courtesy Michigan Athletics Noblesville's Emily Kiser was a standout for the University of Michigan for the past few years, and now will get a chance to play professionally. Kiser inked a deal with AO Eleutheria Moshatou in Athens, Greece to extend her playing career at the international level.

the European style of play.

ago. Eurocup qualification able to continue playing experience of traveling and an excited Kiser. games start soon against basketball at the profes-Cluj Napoca on September sional level. I didn't play 21st and 27th, so it's time the majority of my college for Kiser to familiarize her- career, so I still feel like self with her new team and I'm just getting started. On

living in a different culture is a huge reason I wanted to continue playing. Greece was somewhere I always wanted to visit and it's sur-

Kiser's game has been on the upward swing the past two seasons in Ann Arbor, averaging 15.9 points and 7.1 rebounds during her top of getting to continue real that now I'm going to fifth-year as a Wolverine. "It feels amazing to be playing a sport I love, the be living there soon," said The Noblesville native was

named MVP of the Gulf Coast Showcase, scoring 56 points and grabbing 28 rebounds in the three wins over Air Force, South Florida and No. 21 Baylor.

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Volleyball -

Down to the wire: Tigers edge out Millers in HCC match

By RICHIE HALL

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FISHERS – The Fishers volleyball team won an all-county match Thursday night at the Tiger Den.

The Tigers beat Noblesville in a highentertaining five-set Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest, 25-13, 20-25, 18-25, 25-16, 15-10. While some sets were easier than others for both teams, it was a truly a match where the winner wasn't decided until the very end – something that's typical for the HCC.

"It's really nearly impossible to come out and

and win against anybody in our conference," said Fishers coach Steven Peek.

The Tigers easily won the first set, leading 19-10 and running it out from there. Senior Lucy Kay finished the set with an ace.

The Millers began the second set with an ace from Aubrey Stitcher, and went

er trailed in the set, with Stitcher helping out big time by hitting five kills, including one on set point. Reese Resmer and Chloe Macias both hit kills as

well. Meanwhile, Fishers' net game was strong, as Jurnee Hall helped out with a couple of blocks.

The third set

was the tightest

one, at least until the end. Neither team led by more Kay than two points until the Millers made a run of six straight points to close out the set. Resmer Riley started the run with a kill, then served an ace. Madison Brown

Stitcher

made a net tip, and Stitcher put another down play your C-plus level game kill, then Riley Resmer hit an ace on set point.

Hall stepped up for Fishers in the fourth set, with an early tip and a block. The Tigers had several players hit kills, including Kay, Ellen Roberts, Nicolette Skudrzik and Auserved an ace.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall The Fishers volleyball team always draws a big student crowd, and the Tiger fans had much to cheer about Thursday. Fishers beat Noblesville in a tough five-set match.

tied 7-7. Kay then spiked a close it. kill to give Fishers an 8-7 lead, and the Tigers never bree Valcourt. Natalie Lux trailed again. Roberts closed out the match, hitting a The fifth set was close kill to get Fishers to match

The Dani Robinson

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blocks and three aces.

Kay had an incredible Peek. "She's a very humble game, with 20 kills, includ- kid. She's a hard worker, and ing four in the fifth set, five she's going to play Division I next year. The motivation's "She knows that she's there. This isn't her last hur-

point of our offense," said more years of volleyball to play. So, she's hungry for herself, but she's also such a team player and wants to win for Fishers."

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and effort into continuing to improve throughout her time here. She put in the extra work, starting with her freshman season when she would stay and play against our practice players. When she got her opportunity, she really took advantage of it and was ready for it" said 12th-year University of Michigan head coach Kim Barnes Arico.

It helped to significantly improve by having a best friend in Hillmon to motivate Kiser. Once Hillmon was drafted by the WNBA's Atlanta Dream in 2022, Kiser became more of a go-to for the Wolverines

"It was great getting to be teammates with Naz Hillmon whether that was playing with her or getting better defending her everyday in practice. Offensively with a player as good as Naz inside, I knew my perimeter play had to improve - shooting, passing, movement. In addition to being a great teammate she's also my best friend which made it even more fun getting in the gym together and putting up shots. Defensively I got to go against arguably the best college post in the country at the time evervdav. It wasn't always fun at the time but made me better in the end," stated Kiser on Hillmon.

at Central Michigan and Naz wasn't able to play, so we moved Emily down to the block. She showed what she can do, led us to that win and from there, she had such a great senior year and then turned into an all-conference player in her final season," continued Barnes Arico.

It wasn't until her final two years at Michigan that Emily took advantage of every opportunity to shine on

"Emily put so much time the court. She was able to open up and show what she's capable of as a player.

> "Too many people want instant success, regardless of circumstances. Emily's ability to be patient while also working incredibly hard until it was her time to shine made special leader and person," continued Buckley.

first team all-Big Ten this past season, Kiser logged a Rutgers on February 23. Emily also received the Big Ten ers of all-time. Sportsmanship award, while er of the Week three times.

She also leaves Michigan ninth all-time with 129 games played, starting the final 65, ranking 17th in career rebounds with 603. Starting 33 games this past season, Emily reached double-fig-20-point games.

Kiser also was a fourand made the CoSIDA Acclassroom.

Buckley is beyond ecstatic about Kiser's opportunity to head to Europe and continue her hoops career in

opportunity for her as a player and as a person. She is a smart, curious person that thriving in her new life she will be living for the next several months. I am sure she Greece and its incredible culher former Indiana All-Star.

the time, with 1,328 points (currently fifth), while also grabbing the most rebounds in Noblesville history with

Kiser averaged a double-double with 21 points and 13.4 rebounds in her 2017-18 senior year as a her very successful. It is also Miller. She was an Indiana what will help her thrive in All-Star, three-time Allthe real world. She is such a HCC, AP all-state 1st team, IBCA Supreme 15 and ranked No. 78 as a four-star En route to being named recruit by ESPN HoopGurlz as a senior. These accolades alone make her one of the career-high 34 points against most-decorated Noblesville Miller girls basketball play-

Playing against some of also being named B1G Play- the top teams and players in high school really helped Kiser prepare to play at the Big Ten level. The last two vears as a starter at Michigan has really gotten Emily in shape to play at an even higher level.

"In my years as a Miller ures 28 times, with eight I was able to play against really strong talent. Our schedule, specifically the HCC, time academic all-Big Ten you had to take every opponent seriously on any given ademic All-District team in night. The Big Ten confer-2023 for her efforts in the ence was the exact same way where at times there are six or more teams ranked in the top 25 in the country. Regardless of national ranking though every team in the big ten could play and it made for "I am super happy for a grueling schedule. I would "We played on the road her! It will be an incredible think back to our sectional in high school that was loaded with talent," stated Kiser.

> "My final game of my will take in everything while high school career was against my future teammate Amy Dilk and future B1G opponent Tomi Taiwo for will take time to experience Iowa, both from Carmel. Since then we've seen plenty ture," continued Buckley on of girls from our area continue on to both Michigan and She left the high school the Big Ten, I got to play ranks in 2018 as the Millers' against that level of talent fourth all-time in scoring, at starting in high school," con-

tinued Emilv.

Kiser is pretty anxious to head overseas and jump at the opportunity to keep playing her favorite game. After two consecutive seasons as a starter and leader for Michigan, bigger dreams were on her mind beyond Ann Arbor.

"I had entered my name on the draft, however, at that point I still didn't even have an agent. I was working hard to finish my masters degree and the last bit of college before I decided what my next journey was. Once the emotions of a long season and conclusion of my college career faded it was clear to me I wasn't ready to be done with basketball. That's when I found an agent who helped in Europe and we found the best fit for me. I really wanted to be in a big city with lots to explore wherever I went," said an optimistic Kiser.

Kim Barnes Arico keeps producing pro players, the latest being Auburn's Leigha Brown (DeKalb HS), like Hillmon, was drafted this

year by Atlanta. "Coach Arico gets the most out of her players. I had always thought I was a hard-working, hustle player before arriving at Michigan however coach Arico made me reevaluate quickly. Her passion in coaching made me quickly realize I had more to give. I don't think I ever took a single charge in high school and I finished my college career probably averaging two a game at least. A huge reason I think we found so much success," said Kiser, speaking highly of her college coach.

The impact Emily Kiser has had on both the Noblesville and University of Michigan basketball programs is just unparalleled.

example for the younger kids that are watching to hear about Emily's story and to watch Emily's progression," stated Barnes Arico.

The local pipeline to Ann Arbor keeps growing and a tremendous reason for that is 2003 Indiana All-Star and Noblesville grad Sarah Van Metre. The Eastern Michigan University grad is an associate director of athletic communications at the University of Michigan.

Van Metre couldn't be happier. The former Miller some local talent on the roster, which has also included players from Zionsville, Carmel and Westfield.

"I loved getting to spend me get in contact with teams nearly five years with Emily while at Michigan. I was so excited when we got a commitment from one of my fellow Noblesville natives. There is just something about being around people who are from the same place you are," said Van Metre.

As the basketball contact for athletic communications, Van Metre has a different angle on the team, having a watchful eye on each and every player.

"I loved watching her get better and better throughout her time. Everyone always talks about her senior season but for me, I loved how she contributed and played when everyone was in foul trouble in the first round of the 2021 NCAA Tournament against Florida Gulf Coast. She gave great minutes and was a big reason the team advanced. That was so great to see and I am just so happy that she is continuing to play," continued Van Metre.

Emily Kiser has set the bar high for Millers and Wolverines and will have a special impact for years "I think it's such a great to come on both programs.

Numerous times, she has come back to Noblesville to visit her high school coaches and team, continuously giving the youngsters someone to look up to. She's also already made a visit back to Michigan prior to the team's recent trip to Italy.

Both programs have been lucky to have a player like Emily Kiser come through, showing what it takes to overcome obstacles and adversity to get to where you want to be.

"Emily is one of the best just beams that they have role models for our program and truly for any program. She is a hard worker, great leader, and someone who takes a tremendous amount of pride in everything she does. She is fun, a great teammate, and very thoughtful. Seeing her play at Michigan and represent our program was such a joy. Having her come and talk to our kids and stay connected to our program has made a tremendous difference to our program. Anytime you can have someone like Emily in the gym with the kids, it is going to be a good experience for everyone," Buckley concluded.

> The four Kiser kids have kept their parents Brian and Chris Kiser logging miles all over the Midwest and beyond to watch them play basketball.

> Emily's oldest sibling Jessica is a 2014 Noblesville grad and played collegiately at Purdue Northwest (2014-18), brother John a 2016 Miller alum played at Valparaiso University from 2016-20 and younger sister Anna is 2020 Noblesville graduate, now in her senior season at IU Kokomo.

Now, it's time for them to fly across the Atlantic Ocean to watch Emily play in Greece.



Roberts hit 13 kills with five straight victories two sets of action. Hall was Fishers on Thursday. Noseven blocks. On defense, Tuesday. Lux collected 15 digs and served two aces, Kennedy Tinch dished out 46 assists Zionsville Thursday, 25-20, to go with 11 digs, and Juliana Kellogg had 10 digs and two aces.

Stitcher led the Millers with 17 kills, followed by Elaina Hendrix with 11 and Reese Resmer with nine. Maddie Coates had 17 digs and Macis made three blocks.

"I still think we had a lot of good bits and pieces," said Noblesville coach Annie Poulson. The coach said there were three starters out for the match, "so we had to have some people step up into new roles and I think there were bits and pieces matches during the middle of things we saw that were great, and we just couldn't quite execute all of it together for the three sets we needed to tonight."

Fishers is 1-1 in conference play and 6-6 overall. The Tigers travel to the Providence Tournament on Saturday, taking on Franklin Community and Roncalli.

The Millers are also 1-1 in HCC play and 5-2 over-

and served two aces, while before falling to Lawrence Skudrzik hit five kills in North on Wednesday and unstoppable at the net with blesville hosts McCutcheon

> Westfield was swept by 25-16, 25-11 in a Thursday HCC match.

> Georgia Bresnahan hit seven kills for the Shamrocks, with Lilly Stanton serving two aces. Lilly Tucker made 14 digs, followed by 12 for Stanton and 11 for Audrey Bassett. Stanton also dished out 16 assists and Isabelle Jackson handed out 11.

> Westfield is 1-1 in the conference and 6-5 overall and host Guerin Catholic on Saturday morning.

> Sheridan split a pair of of the week.

The Blackhawks beat Wednesday, 25-18, 25-11, 24-26, 25-20. Trinity Parkin served seven aces, with Meredith Krupp serving three. Krupp had a season-high 19 service points, with Parkin and Kenzie Garner both getting 10.

Garner put down 12 kills, while Parkin hit 10 with seven, followed by Claudia Headlee and Nova Cross with four each, then Beth Adams and Krupp with

three each. Cross dished out

23 assists.

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On defense, Cross and Garner both made a block assist. Garner had 22 digs, with Krupp getting 17, Cross 11 and Headlee 10.

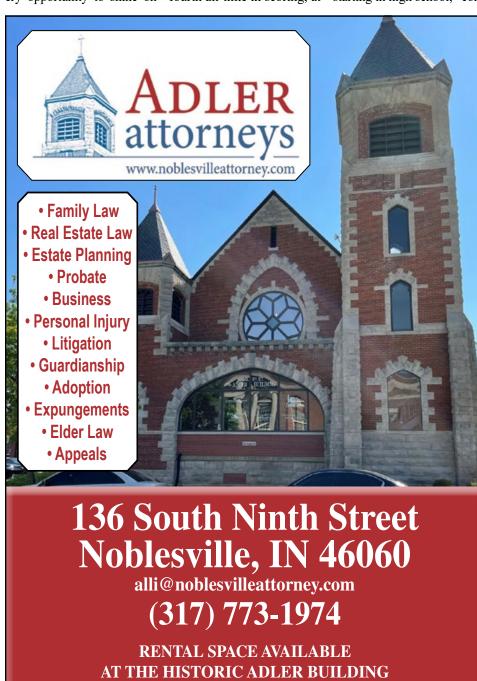
In a Thursday Hoosier Heartland Conference match, Sheridan was swept by Eastern 25-19, 25-13, 25-20. Headlee had two aces, with Parkin and Garner both serving one. Parkin led the kills with 11, with Cross hitting five and Headlee three. Cross handed out 15 assists.

Garner made two solo blocks, with Parkin getting one solo block and one assist. Eaton had two block assists and Adams made one. Parkin had 15 digs, Garner and Krupp both collected eight and Cross had six.

Sheridan is 5-3 and trav-Traders Point Christian on els to Clinton Prairie on Saturday for a tournament.

Hamilton Southeastern swept Avon 25-22, 25-16, 25-17 in a Thursday HCC match to remain perfect on the season at 9-0.

The Royals will play matches Saturday against Bellmont and Fort Wayne



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Blackhawks bring down Stars Millers catch up &

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The Sheridan girls soccer team took care of Western Boone 4-0 in a Thursday home game.

Norah Stites got the Blackhawks on the board by scoring her first goal of the season. Suri Birmingham scored next, with Cecilia Timme making the added a goal, assisted by Sadie Timme. That gave Sheridan 3-0 halftime lead, and Sadie Timme added a second-half goal.

The 'Hawks play at the Paul Loggan Invitational this weekend at North Central. Sheridan takes on Lafayette Central Catholic at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon, then plays Heritage Christian at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

Sheridan's boys team ville on Wednesday. tied with Western Boone 1-1 on Thursday in an away

Blackhawks

Trai Fitzgerald scored in the 12th minute, of an assist by Angel Cuatle. The Stars tied the game in the 21st minute, and the score stayed tied for the remainder of the game. Sheridan goalkeeper Cayden Spencer made four saves.

Noblesville's boys assist, then Brielle Garner played to a 1-1 tie Thursday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Brownsburg.

The Millers return home on Tuesday to take on Westfield in another HCC contest, and it will also be Noblesville's Pink Out game.

Westfield's girls played to a 0-0 HCC tie with Zionsville on Wednesday.

The Shamrocks are 2-0-1 in the conference and 5-0-1 overall, and host Nobles-

Zionsville 2-1 in a Wednessenior day HCC game, then



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Mackenzie Smith takes control of the ball during the Blackhawks girls team's Thursday win over Western Boone.

2-1 to Brebeuf Jesuit. The Shamrocks are 2-1 Noblesville.

The Westfield boys beat dropped a Thursday game in the conference and 3-3 overall and play Tuesday at

take down Royals

The REPORTER

The Noblesville tennis team came from behind to beat Hamilton Southeastern Thursday in an all-county match at the Millers' Tennis Complex.

The Millers won at No. 2 doubles, with Jack Brenneman and Coleman Kratz getting a straight-set victory. Noblesville's other two match victories went to three sets, with No. 1 singles Ethan Feliciano coming back from dropping a 6-0 first set to win the next two, clinching the match by winning a third-set tiebreak 10-8. At the same time, No. 3 singles Zane Panning won his match in a third set, also coming back from losing the

from No. 2 singles Leo McVeigh and No. 1 doubles Logan Bill and Elliott Cox.

Match results now fol-

No. 1 singles: Ethan Feliciano (N) def. Alex Piercy (HSE) 0-6, 6-2,

7-6 (8) No. 2 singles: Leo McVeigh (HSE) def. Park-

er Stallings (N) 6-1, 7-5 No. 3 singles: Zane Panning (N) def. Alex White (HSE) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4

No. 1 doubles: Logan Bill and Elliott Cox (HSE) def. Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard (N) 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-1

No. 2 doubles: Jack Brenneman and Coleman Kratz (N) def. Amay Kulkarni and Brady The Royals' wins came Stump (HSE) 6-2, 6-2

Girls Golf-

Heights & Carmel pick up wins on Thursday

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls golf team picked up another dual meet win on a 163 to Noblesville's 170 Thursday.

The Huskies beat Clinton Central 205-255. Camryn Runner was the meet medalist with a 48, tying her personal best. Presley Cherry was next with a 51, followed by Taylor Morrison 52, Tanner Penwell 54, Hadleigh Cherry 56, Alayna Kauffman 69 and MacKenzie Heinzman 71.

Carmel won a three- sen 52 and Laci Hart 54.

team meet at The Sagamore on Thursday.

The Greyhounds scored and Hamilton Southeastern's 183. Carmel's Michaela Headlee and Noblesville's Josie Kelley were co-medalists with a 38s. Carmel's other scores were Claire Swathwood 40, Kamryn Williams 42 and Sophie Mock 42.

Janelle Garcia led the Royals with a 41, followed by Sophie Roberts 44, Alaina Sumner 46, Karolina Frans-

Friday, Sept. 1

FOOTBALL

Avon at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m. Detroit King at Carmel, 7 p.m. Fishers at Noblesville, 7 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 7 p.m.

Lafayette Central Catholic at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m. Sheridan at Tri-Central, 7 p.m. Westfield at Zionsville, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

University at Bethesda Christian, 5:30 p.m. Paul Loggan Foundation Invitational - at North Central Sheridan vs. Clinton Central, 5:30 p.m. Noblesville vs. North Central, 7:30 p.m. Carmel at Zionsville Invitational, 7:45 p.m.

TENNIS

Noblesville at Silver Creek Invitational, 6 p.m.

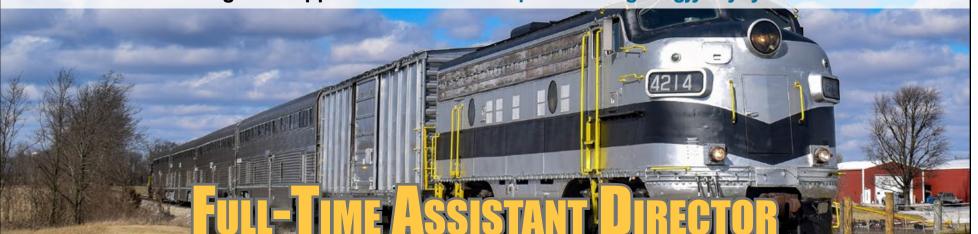
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