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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy. Scattered afternoon showers and storms.
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Spartz, Crouch lead discussions on improving broadband access

The REPORTER
Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.), Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, and the Indiana Broadband Office held an informative roundtable discussion with local industry stakeholders Monday to discuss current broadband initiatives.

Understanding broadband's ever-increasing importance, topics centered on closing the digital divide, specifically in rural communities, and how doing so would allow underserved and unserved populations the same opportunities within areas of connectivity. Broadband in agriculture was discussed, and how the technologies used in feeding citizens can be exponentially more efficient with broadband capabilities.

Participants also discussed how many of the barriers surrounding economic development can be lessened by closing the rural digital divide. The conversation referenced a study conducted by the Purdue Center for Regional Development that estimated Indiana could gain nearly \$12 billion in economic benefits over 20 years if broadband were deployed in the rural areas of the state.

"High speed internet access is critical to the 21st century economy and innovation," said Rep. Spartz. "I commend Lt. Governor Crouch for her



(From left) Hamilton County Councilman Steve Schwartz, Noblesville Director of Community and Economic Development Sarah Reed, Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz.

leadership on this issue and appreciate all of the stakeholders who joined us today at Beck's Hybrids to share their ideas on empowering rural Indiana."

"It is becoming increasingly more evident that fast, reliable internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity of modern life," Crouch said. "Service providers are taking significant steps to advance the availability and accessibility of affordable and reliable high-speed internet in their communities. It is exciting to hear the stories about how their efforts are improving the quality of life for Hoosiers."

Spartz discussed how she has been in communication

with the Federal Communications Commission on **expediting the broadband coverage mapping process**. The revised real-time maps will provide a better planning and assessment tool for federal, state, and local stakeholders. She also provided an update on the current infrastructure legislation in Congress. Expanding high-speed internet access to Hoosiers in rural and unserved areas of the Fifth Congressional District is one of Congresswoman Spartz's top priorities.

Crouch discussed the Next Level Connection Broadband Grant Program, designed to provide funds for deploying

broadband infrastructure to provide eligible broadband service to underserved end-users, including households, businesses, and community anchor institutions. Indiana plans to invest \$270 million toward improving broadband access and adoption in the state through this and other programs.

Those in attendance were able to share their challenges, accomplishments, investments, and hopes for their industries. Overall, stories of success, partnerships and how to work together lined the conversations, ultimately leading to continued connections that advance the conversations.

Masks now mandatory at Westfield Schools

The REPORTER
Editor's note: Westfield Washington Schools has joined other school districts across the county with a mask mandate.

Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser said in an announcement the Delta variant is jeopardizing the district's ability to have in-person learning, athletics, performing arts, clubs and special events.



Kaiser

Kaiser's full message said the following:

In an effort to keep our students in the buildings and learning at a high level, effective Wednesday, August 18, 2021, Westfield Washington Schools will require students, staff and guests to wear face masks inside of all our buildings. With the updated contact tracing guidelines, students who are 3+ feet from a person with COVID do not have to quarantine, so long as both parties are wearing a mask.

See Westfield Masks . . . Page 2

Mosquitos test positive for West Nile Virus in Westfield, Atlanta

The REPORTER
The City of Westfield announced that a sampling of mosquitos in the area of Gunther Boulevard and State Road 32 has tested positive for West Nile Virus.

In addition to Westfield, West Nile Virus has also been discovered in the Atlanta area. Spraying in both sections of the county is underway.

Tax sale set for Thursday, Sept. 16

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

The annual sale of tax delinquent property will be held Sept. 16 in Commissioners Court at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center. The 10 a.m. in-person sale is an auction with bidding beginning at the amount of property taxes owed.

Currently, there are 143 properties on the sale list. Delinquent owners have until the beginning of the sale to pay amounts due at the County Treasurer's office. The sale is open to the general public. All properties are listed on the county website for review.

Fishers City Council approves \$52M project for 'mixed-use' building complex

The REPORTER
The Fishers City Council on Monday approved a project agreement for a \$52 million mixed-use development. The project, known as, the High-line Project will feature six buildings that will include 280 residential units and more than 23,000 square feet of commercial, restaurant and retail space.

The mixed-use development will be located near the intersection of 106th Street and Lantern Road, near the Interstate 69 interchange. The project will also include a pedestrian trail, as well as streetscape and infrastructure improvements.

The project agreement includes Envoy to be provided with more than \$10 million in bonds from the city. According to documents the bonds would



Rendering provided

be repaid over a 25-year period through Tax Increment Financing funds. Envoy says the project could be complete by August 2023.

Noblesville, Tandem Mobility relaunch bike share program

The REPORTER
The City of Noblesville has partnered with Tandem Mobility to relaunch its bike share program that provides all Noblesville residents and visitors with a convenient, affordable and healthy way to get around town. A total of 10 cruiser bikes are now available between the city's two stations for members to use for on-demand, local trips.

"People are wanting to be outside and more active, so I'm excited to relaunch the city's bike-share program to better access our ever-increasing trail inventory," said Mayor Chris Jensen. "The locations of our two stations are per-

fect because it will allow residents and guests to take better advantage of the natural assets of our parks, our trail connectivity and the White River."

Noblesville bike share stations are located at Forest Park and the Midland Trace Trailhead at Hazel Dell. The bikes have been tuned up to provide a comfortable ride and easy handling. The bike includes a spacious basket that's perfect for carrying groceries, takeout or personal belongings.

To access the bikes, riders will need to download the Movatic app in the App Store or Google Play. Scanning the bike's QR Code in

the app unlocks the ring lock on the wheel, allowing a rider to get rolling in seconds. After the rider returns the bike to a designated bike station, the rental ends and the bike is available for the next person to enjoy.

Bike rental costs are \$1.50 per 30 minutes to rent with a cap of \$24 for up to a 24-hour period. A \$30 annual fee includes unlimited rides under one hour, with additional hours being charged at \$1.50 per half-hour to a maximum of \$24 for up to a 24-hour period.

For more information about the program, visit noblesvilleparks.org/180/Bike-Share.



Photo provided by City of Noblesville

(From left) Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett, Mayor Chris Jensen and Parks Board Member and Noblesville School Board President Joe Forgey cut the ribbon to relaunch the city's bike share program at the Midland Trace Trailhead on Tuesday afternoon.

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The mask is just one level of protection. We also ask families and students to follow our COVID-19 protocols, monitor themselves and their students for COVID-19 symptoms, consult a physician if necessary and keep your student home from school if ANYONE in the household is waiting on a COVID-19 test result.

We will continue to evaluate county, state and district COVID-19 data and guidance to evaluate our policies as needed. Thank you for your patience and support as we make this change to keep our schools in session and best serve all students, staff and families.

Let's work together to have a successful school year and come out on the other side of this Rock Strong.

Below is additional information included as part of the school district's announcement.

Approved masks

Approved masks include cloth, neck gaiter, disposable or medical grade. Bandanas are not approved for use as

a mask and face shields will only be used by select staff and students in specific, approved situations.

Vaccination information

COVID-19 vaccinations are currently available for individuals 12 and up through the Indiana Department of Health or by calling 211. Vaccinated students and staff will not be required to quarantine if exposed to someone who has tested positive.

Transportation

According to the current federal guidelines, masks are still required while on public transportation, including school buses.

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Meeting Notice

The previously canceled meeting of the Noblesville Firefighters Merit Commission will take place. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021, in the city courtroom at the Noblesville Public Safety Building, 135 S. 9th St., Noblesville.

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


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

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Noblesville Summer Concert Series wraps up with nearly 10K attendees

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department wrapped up the 2021 Summer Concert Series, presented by STAR Bank, on July 29 with its largest attendance in four years. The event lawn at Dillon Park hosted nearly 10,000 attendees during seven free weekly concerts, which included local favorite bands such as Dave & Rae, Endless Summer Band and Parrots of the Caribbean.

"We are proud of the number of our friends and neighbors who were able to safely enjoy live music right in their own backyard during the 2021 Summer Concert Series," said Noblesville Parks Director

Brandon Bennett. "Additionally, we are thrilled to have partnered with STAR Bank the past three years and appreciate their generosity and commitment to offering free concerts to the Noblesville community."

The city, along with STAR Bank, would like to thank the 9,800 concert attendees for their support. The Thursday night concert series is the longest running series of its kind in Hamilton County and takes place each summer during June and July at Dillon Park.

"Building authentic relationships is one of the core values STAR Bank was founded on more than 78 years ago," said STAR Bank President Tom Wright.

"My wife and I enjoyed our favorite bands and time together, along with our children and grandchildren. Noblesville is a well-regarded extension of our STAR family. We are proud to support Noblesville Parks and Recreation and this community through our sponsorship."

The annual Noblesville Summer Concert Series is funded 100 percent from donations. In addition to presenting sponsor STAR Bank, the city thanks these fellow sponsors: T-Mobile, Hallmark Orthodontics, Urban Air, Logan Street Signs & Banners, Boomerang Development, LLC., Noblesville City Councilman Greg O'Connor, and Aspen Creek Grill.

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Letter to the Editor

Reader proud that Noblesville Schools is "leading with facts"

Dear Editor:

I'm a proud parent of a second-grade son at Stony Creek Elementary as well as a daughter who will start kindergarten next year.

As a parent, a person of faith, and an active participant in the Noblesville community, I have spent enough time over the past several years with various cross-sections of Noblesville's teachers, administrators, support staff, and board members to trust their collective integrity, honesty and decision-making skills.

I can tell you that they are an honorable group. They put the "Noble" in "Noblesville." And I know that's kind of cheesy, but I mean it sincerely.

I want to applaud our Noblesville Schools staff, led by Dr. Beth Niedermeyer, for working to keep our kids safe and to keep them healthy while maintaining in-person education. I want to thank them for leading on returning to mask-wearing indoors, as well as the district's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Social &

Emotional Learning efforts over the past few years.

This district leadership is not "living in fear," as some claim, but rather "leading with facts."

And those facts demanded a return to indoor mask-wearing as a way to help mitigate the spread of the Covid-19 virus. They made the right choice for the health of our kids.

The 2020-2021 school year was – all things considered – relatively smooth, despite us being in the middle of a global pandemic. This notable feat was the result of ongoing planning and careful execution of competent and steady leadership. We continue to live through unprecedented times and our leadership has answered the call. To quote Mr. Rogers, "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero."

Our teachers, administrators, staff and board members are – simply stated – not trying to push an ideological agenda on our kids. To suggest otherwise is either misinformed or

just plain wrong.

I pray for the health and safety of every student in Noblesville and those who devote their careers to our students' instruction and development.

To our district teachers, staff and leaders: Thank you for your ongoing heroic work this year. I look forward to continuing to watch my son and – soon – my daughter develop into the next generation of community leaders through Noblesville Schools.

Curtis Honeycutt
Noblesville

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Teenage twins, woman from Fishers killed in South Carolina crash

By JOSH DOERING
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Teenage twins and an 18-year-old woman, all from Fishers, were killed in a hit-and-run crash in South Carolina early Monday morning.

South Carolina Highway Patrol says the crash happened around 2:06 a.m. on Interstate 26 about five miles north of Spartanburg.

Melissa Ann Parker, 43, Spartanburg, was driving a Hummer westbound

in an eastbound lane and hit a Kia sedan head-on. Three of the four people in the car died at the scene: 17-year-old Elleana Gaddis, 17-year-old Isabella Gaddis and 18-year-old Brianna Foster. Elleana and Isabella Gaddis were twins and students at Hamilton Southeastern High School. Foster graduated from the school this spring, according to a spokesperson.

The fourth person was transported to a local hospital.

"I am deeply saddened to hear of the young lives lost today. These young women were members of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools and Fishers family, and their tragic loss will be felt throughout our entire community. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those deceased and injured in this terrible accident. I hope with this sad news that we can put our differences aside to support and mourn with the families. Our community has always taken care of one another and I have every confidence that we can come together in this difficult moment."

— Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness



Highway patrol says it is unclear if the four people in the Kia were wearing seat belts.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer points out \$157.4M in deficit spending by Carmel Redevelopment Authority

Dear Editor:
As if the sexual harassment, hotel cost overrun, and \$1.3 billion debt scandals weren't enough, simple arithmetic unearthed a fourth.

In its annual financial reports to the state's Department of Local Government Finance, the Carmel Redevelopment Authority documented \$157.4 million in deficit spending over the last three years.

Disbursements exceeded receipts by \$84.8 million in 2018; \$46.4 million in 2019, and \$26.2 million last year.

That's eight and a half times greater than the shameful \$18.5 million (or 46 percent) cost overrun on the Hotel Carmichael construction.

On a happier note, \$157.4 million is a mere 12.1 percent of the \$1.3 billion debt.

For a moment, there, I thought the progressive central planners at City Hall were in trouble.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Carmel, please lock your cars Parking garage thief on the loose

The REPORTER

On Sunday, Aug. 8, officers from the Carmel Police Department responded to the Midtown North and South Parking Garages in reference to multiple thefts from vehicles.

The person seen above

walking after exiting a green 2016 Ford F-150 truck with a Wisconsin registration plate is wanted for questioning related to these thefts. The vehicle was previously reported stolen.

If you have any information on this person,

please call Officer J. Harrison at the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 2021-53908 and 2021-53879.

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Ramp closure at Keystone Parkway & U.S. 31
Beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20, the southbound Keystone Parkway ramp over U.S. 31 will be closed for a thin deck overlay through an INDOT contractor. Estimated project completion is at 6 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23. The posted detour route will be southbound U.S. 31 to 146th Street to Lowe's Way.



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Charlyene Mae VanCleave

March 4, 1935 – August 14, 2021

Charlyene Mae VanCleave, 86, Carmel, became an angel in the presence of our Lord on August 14, 2021 after a battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born in Indianapolis on March 4, 1935 to Ray and Lucille (Davis) Jaggar. Charlyene was a 1953 graduate of Broad Ripple High School.

Charlyene worked at First Baptist Church of Indianapolis and was also their Wedding Coordinator for many years.

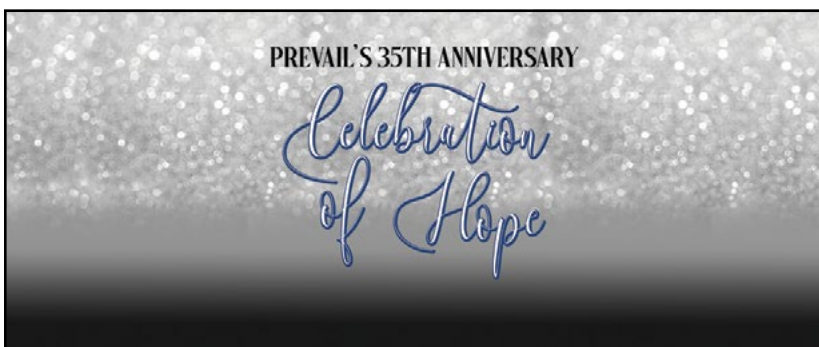
In addition to her parents, Charlyene was preceded in death by her husband, Robert (Van) Van Cleave; son, Mark Lewman VanCleave; and brothers, Merritt (Joanna) and Lynne Jaggar.

Survivors include her sons, Chris (Lisa) Herbert and Dean (Linda) Jaggar; grandchildren, Jared and Karli Herbert, Terra (Kurtis) Kim, Blake Richards; and great-grandchildren, Connor Kim and Milania Richards.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Bussell Family Funerals. Service will begin at noon.

Please visit bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Charlyene's complete obituary.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.



Saturday, August 21, 2021

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (NIV)

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CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS (RFPO)
The City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana ("City"), pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 5-23-5-3 and 5-3-1 et. seq., hereby provides NOTICE of the City's Request for Proposals and Qualification to Design, Build, Finance and Transfer the City's Recreation Center.

RESPONSES DUE: OCTOBER 1, 2021.

PROJECT OVERVIEW. The Project consists of designing, constructing, financing for six (6) years and transferring a recreation center that includes the following amenities, among others:

1. indoor swimming, including lap swimming with possibility of an outdoor pool area;
2. indoor playground with potential water concepts;
3. indoor walking/track;
4. gymnasium facilities (transitional space that includes courts and fields or partial fields);
5. weight and training facilities;
6. class and gathering spaces;
7. small café/restaurant space; and
8. activated outdoor areas and green space, including outdoor porches for the classroom space.

The City desires a recreational center with a contemporary yet timeless design that reflects the City's aesthetic character as a modern city that respects its past. The recreation center should be designed to activate green space on the site and provide a seamless transition between indoor amenities and outdoor space. The recreation center must be (a) designed to provide for efficient operation—both in how residents are able to access and utilize the structure and the City's cost to operate the center; and (b) ADA compliant and provide additional facilities that make the center accessible for residents with disabilities, including, without limitation, ramps or other features that make the courts and facilities wheelchair accessible and adult changing stations.

EVALUATION: The City will complete an evaluation and ranking of the RFPO responses based upon the following criteria:

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| • Experience & Expertise: | 60% |
| • Concept Plan & Approach to Project: | 30% |
| • Financials: | 10% |

The full text and additional information concerning the RFPO is available by contacting the City at 317-595-3111.

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The City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana ("City"), pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 5-23-5-3 and 5-3-1 et. seq., hereby provides NOTICE of the City's Request for Proposals and Qualification to Design, Build, Finance and Transfer the City's Art & Municipal Complex.

RESPONSES DUE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2021.

PROJECT OVERVIEW. The Project consists of designing, constructing, financing for six (6) years and transferring the City's Art & Municipal Complex. Specifically, the City desires an approximately forty to forty-eight thousand square feet (40,000 – 48,000 sq. ft.) structure that (1) complements the modern, industrial aesthetic of the City's Nickel Plate District; (2) provides sufficient, efficient space for municipal departments, offices and meetings; (3) maximizes first-floor space for performing and fine arts purposes; (4) includes an auditorium appropriate for artistic performances and City public meetings and gatherings; and (5) provides necessary, inconspicuous security measures to separate public spaces from City offices.

The first-floor art center should be the focal point and key public gathering space in the building, and should include, at a minimum, the following:

1. classroom space for fine arts classes (painting, drawing, and sculpture);
2. classroom space for performing arts, including dance and instruments;
3. pottery studio with kiln;
4. storage space sufficient for storing supplies and materials required for the foregoing;
5. community gathering and meeting space, which space shall include at least one conference room that can accommodate up to fifty (50) people and can be subdivided for smaller meetings; and
6. open-air outdoor space on the north side of the building that utilizes, activates and connects the Art Center to the north side greenspace, fountain and amphitheater

EVALUATION: The City will complete an evaluation and ranking of the RFPO responses based upon the following criteria:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
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Soccer

No. 1 Millers open with easy victory

The Noblesville boys soccer team began its season as the No. 1-ranked team in Class 3A, and the Millers played like it on Tuesday by beating Greenfield-Central 8-0 at the Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex at White River Elementary School.

Noblesville scored four goals in each half. Palmer Ault got the first score off a slotted through ball from Spencer Holland. Minutes later, Holland scored, with Kyle Goad making the assist. Brayden Doll half-volleyed in the Millers' third goal off a Holland assist, then Goad connected with Holland in the game's 20th minute for the fourth goal.

"This is a promising season for us," said Ault. "We've got the guys we need to go all the way. And it's great to get to go out there and play with all of our best friends every day."

Holland got the Millers' fifth goal in the game's 50th minute, giving him a hat trick. Ault put in the sixth goal off a steal. Matthew Morris scored his first-ever varsity goal in the 63rd minute by putting in a header off a Goad corner kick. Jordan Hindes completed the Noblesville scoring, with Morris making the assist.

Goad, Doll and Michael Crandley all anchored the defense, with Morris named the Millers' Player of the Game.

"Winning the first game of the season was pretty important to us," said Morris. "It helps us make sure we have a solid teamwork as we head into our next game against Carmel."

Noblesville will travel to the Greyhounds' Murray Stadium on Thursday for a 7 p.m. game with 3A No. 7 Carmel.

Fishers, ranked No. 4 in 3A, opened its season Tuesday with a 4-1 home victory over 3A No. 20 Westfield.

The Tigers, defending regional champions this year, got two goals from Keiji Nakamae, with Andrew Marslander scoring the third goal. Noah Reinhart handed out two assists, and Kyle Clayton had one assist. Tyler March played well for Fishers as goalkeeper.

Stats for Westfield were unavailable at



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Fishers' Andrew Marslander (4) scored a goal for the Tigers during their Tuesday win over Westfield.

press time.

The Tigers play at Harrison Saturday morning, while the Shamrocks travel to Pike for a Saturday afternoon game.

Guerin Catholic, ranked No. 1 in 2A, began its season with an 8-0 win at Cardinal Ritter.

Freshman Carson Prather scored the Golden Eagles' first goal of the game. Alex Gardner recorded the shutout.

Guerin Catholic plays Heritage Christian next Tuesday in a Circle City Confer-

ence game at home.

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 3 in 3A, played to a 1-1 tie at Lawrence North on Tuesday.

The Wildcats scored their goal in the first half. The Royals began putting pressure on LN in the second half and got a penalty kick opportunity that Evan Dawdy put in the net. Southeastern had several attempts in the game's final minutes, but the Wildcats held on for the tie.

The Royals are 1-0-1 and host 3A No. 7 Carmel Saturday afternoon.

Hamilton Heights dropped a 5-2 game home to Yorktown on Tuesday.

Lance Jones and Hunter Toll each scored one goal for the Huskies, who play at Pendleton Heights on Thursday.

Results from girls games appear on Page 7.



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Noblesville's Matthew Morris was the Millers' Player of the Game during their Tuesday win over Greenfield-Central.

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW BEGIN TODAY

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Volleyball

Carmel, Heights win all-county matches

In an all-county volleyball match, Carmel swept Hamilton Southeastern Monday 25-23, 25-19, 25-22 to improve to 2-0 for the season.

Ella Brooks and Emily Waddell each hit seven kills for the Greyhounds, with Brooks also serving four aces. Caroline Yuska made 3.5 blocks, with Waddell getting 2.5 and Brooks making two blocks.

On defense, Lauren Dossey collected 15 digs and Lauren Evans had 11 digs. Ella Bostic dished out 23 assists.

Lauren Harden led the Royals' offense with 11 kills, with Sophie Ledbetter serving four aces. Tiffany Snook added 2.5 blocks. Ledbetter and Meghan Slaninka each made 12 digs. Macy Hinshaw and Emily Weber both dished out 10 assists.

Both teams are back in action tonight. Carmel hosts Roncalli and Southeastern plays at New Castle.

Hamilton Heights also won an all-county match, sweeping Guerin Catholic 25-20, 25-16, 25-17 Tuesday at the Huskies' gym.

Kelsey Smith had a strong night setting for Heights, with Jordan Fryman playing solid in the front row.

The Huskies host Lebanon tonight, while the Golden Eagles play their home opener Thursday against New Palestine.



The Westfield volleyball team goes on offense during its match with Yorktown Monday at The Rock. Reporter photos by Kirk Green

Fishers got its first win of the season Tuesday, cruising past Lawrence Central 25-6, 25-9, 25-10.

Carsen Plew and Ava Vickers both hit eight kills for the Tigers, with Plew serving four aces. Margo Hernandez handed out 23 assists.

Fishers is 1-1 and hosts McCutcheon tonight.

Noblesville opened its season on Tuesday by sweeping North Central 25-13, 25-19, 25-23 at The Mill.

The Millers go on the road for the first time tonight, playing at Mount Vernon.

Sheridan dropped its first two matches of the season early this week.

On Monday, the young Blackhawks team lost to a strong Crawfordsville squad in three sets, 25-3, 25-17, 25-6. Taylor Bates served four aces, Jacquelynne Bates led the defense with five digs and Kenzie Garner made three solo blocks. Claudia Headlee, Emma Settles, Payton Warren and Bates each hit one

kill, with Bates handing out two assists.

Sheridan played Hoosier Heartland Conference rival Clinton Central on Tuesday, taking the Bulldogs to four sets before falling 23-25, 25-18, 25-12, 25-22.

Headlee served three aces and helped the team score 15 points off her serve. Garner hit eight kills and had four blocks. Bates dished out seven assists and Bates collected eight digs.

The Blackhawks host Park Tudor on Thursday.

Westfield was swept by Yorktown in its home opener on Monday, 25-21, 25-13, 25-22.

The Shamrocks travel to Greenfield-Central for a match tonight.

University was swept by Traders Point Christian on Monday, 25-7, 25-8, 25-16.

The Trailblazers host Victory College Prep tonight.

Girls soccer

'Rocks begin season with victory at Lawrence North

Westfield, ranked No. 15 in 3A, began their season Monday with a 6-1 win at Lawrence North.

Talia Whitesell scored two goals for the Shamrocks, with Kate Malin, Kylie Haines, Kenzie Wert and Ava Smith all scoring one.

Westfield hosts 3A No. 18 Fishers tonight to open Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

Fishers improved to 2-0 with a 6-0 win against Pendleton Heights on Monday.

Aubrey Robertson scored two goals for the Tigers, with Sami Bird, Izzy Streeter and Natalie Youngs each getting one. Streeter and Taylor Hamilton both made one assist.

Carmel, ranked No. 2 in 3A, started Metropolitan Conference play with a 6-0 win over Pike Monday at Murray Stadium.

Senior Emily Roper put in two goals for the Greyhounds, with classmate Salayah Brady adding one goal and two assists. Senior Lauren Bailey had one goal and one assist, while sophomore Megan Hamm dished out two assists.

Junior Greta Heyl and freshman Olivia Cebalo each scored one goal and junior Ava Cebellon provided one assist. Two goalkeepers, Aubree Empie and Bethany Ducat, combined for the shutout.

Carmel is 1-0-1 for the season and hosts Guerin Catholic on Friday.

Hamilton Heights began its season with a 3-1 win over Heritage Christian on Tuesday.

Emma Hall, Kyndall Ferguson and Madyson Eshelman each scored one goal for the Huskies, with Savannah Deetz, Hall and Ferguson all making one assist.

Heights plays at Lafayette Central Catholic on Saturday.

Sheridan played its opener on Tuesday, falling to Southmont 3-2 in a home game.

The Blackhawks scored both of their goals in the second half. Emma Alexander put in a penalty kick, and Makaley Terry scored her first-ever goal, with Isabel Nunez making the assist.

Terry was the first-half goalkeeper, making three saves, Maelei Casler played in goal during the second half and had four saves.

"The Lady Hawks played very well tonight for their first game," said Sheridan coach Brian Prange. "They controlled 70% of the game and defended well for the first game."

The Blackhawks play their first road game Thursday at Frankfort.



Sheridan's Kenzie Garner makes a play at the net for the Blackhawks during their Tuesday match with Clinton Central.

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Royals take Mudsock, 'Hounds edge out 'Rocks

The Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers girls golf teams participated in the first Mudsock meet of the school year Tuesday at Stony Creek Golf Club.

The No. 5-ranked Royals won the meet, as well as the trophy, scoring 156 to the Tigers' 171. It was a friendly competition, as both teams got together for a picture afterwards and were complimented for their sportsmanship.

Southeastern's Marissa Spreitzer was the meet medalist with a score of 36. Lauren Stewart, Ella Bui, Makenna Watson and Annabelle Willard all scored 40s. Other HSE scores were Cora Zink 42, Reese Hisson 45 and Emily Vandall 51.

Lilly McVay led Fishers with a 38, while Kristi Lilek added a 40. Other Tigers scores were Olivia Holding 46, Megan Lapp 47, Kate Jansen 49, Hayleigh Hemminger 50, Lola Kivett 51 and Marissa Moore 53.

On Monday, the Royals won a dual meet against Yorktown at The Players Club, scoring 161 as a team.

Spreitzer was also the medalist with a 39. Zink and Bui both carded 40s, Stewart had a 42 and Yanah Ralston and Watson each had 43s.

A Tuesday four-team meet that included the two best teams in the state came down to a tiebreaker Tuesday at Prairie View.

Tennis

'Hounds win over HSE in opener

The Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis teams opened their seasons with a dual meet at the Royals' tennis courts on Tuesday.

The defending state champion Greyhounds beat Southeastern 5-0, winning all five matches in straight sets. The closest match was at No. 1 doubles, where Carmel's Srisanth Malpeddi and Jack Jentz were extended to 7-5, 6-4 by the Royals' Aiden De Witt and Andrew Spirrisson.

The 'Hounds host West Lafayette today in their first match of the season at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center. Southeastern travels to Brownsburg on Thursday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet.

No. 1 singles: Broc Fletcher def. Rohan Golla 6-3, 6-2
No. 2 singles: Eli Mercer def. Paul Schneider 6-0, 6-0
No. 3 singles: Rocky Li def. Abhi Chaddha 6-4, 6-1
No. 1 doubles: Srisanth Malpeddi and Jack Jentz def. Aiden De Witt and Andrew Spirrisson 7-5, 6-4



The Hamilton Southeastern (blue) and Fishers (red) girls golf teams got together at the conclusion of the Mudsock meet Tuesday at Stony Creek Golf Club. The Royals won the meet 156-171.

No. 1 Westfield and No. 2 Carmel both finished with team scores of 158 at the meet. The Greyhounds were the winners by virtue of the fifth-woman score. No. 14 Zionsville carded a 186 and No. 8 Noblesville had a 193.

Carmel's Michaela Headlee was the meet medalist with a 36, followed by Ava Hedrick 38, Sophie Mock 42, Kamryn Williams 42, Claire Swathwood 44 and Ava Nguyen 44.

Sophie McGinnis led the Shamrocks

with a 38, while Sam Brown scored a 38. Other Westfield scores were Allie Hildebrand 40, Brette Hanavan 41, Addi Kooi 45 and Allie McKeown 57.

Noblesville scores were not available at press time.

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Noblesville's Sean Vitales (above) and Rory Bushong (below) won the No. 1 doubles match for the Millers in their Monday meet with Harrison.



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N.Y. Yankees	68	52	.567	5.0	Philadelphia	61	58	.513	2.5
Boston	69	53	.566	5.0	N.Y. Mets	59	60	.496	4.5
Toronto	63	55	.534	9.0	Washington	51	68	.429	12.5
Baltimore	38	80	.322	34.0	Miami	51	69	.425	13.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	70	50	.583	-	Milwaukee	73	47	.608	-
Cleveland	58	60	.492	11.0	Cincinnati	65	56	.537	8.5
Detroit	58	63	.479	12.5	St. Louis	61	57	.517	11.0
Minnesota	53	67	.442	17.0	Chi. Cubs	53	69	.434	21.0
Kansas City	51	67	.432	18.0	Pittsburgh	42	78	.350	31.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	70	49	.588	-	San Francisco	78	42	.650	-
Oakland	68	52	.567	2.5	L.A. Dodgers	74	46	.617	4.0
Seattle	64	56	.533	6.5	San Diego	67	55	.549	12.0
L.A. Angels	60	61	.496	11.0	Colorado	54	66	.450	24.0
Texas	42	77	.353	28.0	Arizona	39	81	.325	39.0

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N.Y. Yankees	2	Boston 0, 7 innings
Washington	12	Toronto 6
Chicago Cubs	2	Cincinnati 1
L.A. Angels	8	Detroit 2
Tampa Bay	10	Baltimore 0
Atlanta	2	Miami 0
Milwaukee	2	St. Louis 0
Seattle	3	Texas 1
Kansas City	3	Houston 1
Cleveland	3	Minnesota 1
Chicago White Sox	9	Oakland 0
Colorado	7	San Diego 3
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Football previews

Stellar seniors to lead Westfield

Last season was one to remember for the Westfield football team.

The Shamrocks continued to establish themselves as an elite program, making it to the state finals for the third time since 2013. Westfield’s run turned many heads because it was the first time the ‘Rocks had gotten all the way to the final game in Class 6A.

The good news for Westfield is that many of the players that were on the Shamrocks’ 12-2 team – which also won an unbeaten Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship – are back. That includes reigning Hamilton County Player of the Year Micah Hauser, stellar quarterback Maximus Webster and an offensive backfield that Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert said is his team’s greatest strength.

Things have been going well for Westfield in practices thus far. Gilbert said they have been “pretty good,” calling them competitive and focused.

“We’ve stayed healthy at practice, which is what I want most,” said Gilbert.

If the coach has any concern, it’s when he was asked about the team’s focus after last season. He noted that in addition to the varsity success, the Shamrocks’ junior varsity and freshmen teams were both undefeated, giving the Westfield program a collective record of 30-2.

“Can we stay hungry and focused or will we get complacent and soft,” said Gilbert. “Time will tell.”

With so many experienced seniors and so much leadership on this team, it’s difficult to see the Shamrocks growing soft. A prime example of that is Hauser, who

is dominant on both offense and defense. He played hurt during the later games of Westfield’s run with ankle and knee injuries, but was still effective.

Hauser led the Shamrocks in rushing last season with 941 yards, also scoring 11 touchdowns. On defense, he collected exactly 100 tackles (28 solo and 72 assists).

Webster, who committed to play Division I football at Ball State University over the summer, was a revelation at quarterback last season at junior. He completed two-thirds of his passes (127 of 190), gained 2,023 yards over the air and threw for 27 touchdowns. Webster also was a forceful runner, totaling 813 yards and had a team-leading 18 rushing TDs.

Gilbert said Webster and Hauser “are backed up by two great players as well.” Junior Cole Ballard at quarterback and senior Trevon Hatchett at running back. Ballard got playing time in several games last season.

The safety position looks deep with Hauser, Alex Wolf and Dillon Theieneman, a junior All-State player last year. Gilbert also likes the depth at the line-backer position, although he admits it is “just banged up to start the year.”

“Bryson Hoover, McGwire Graybill, and Charlie Dager all return,” said Gilbert. “Evan Cannon, Jayden Bernaville, and Tyler Dikos will all play a lot as well.”

Senior Popeye Williams is listed the defensive end spot. He led the Shamrocks in tackles for a loss last season with 10 and in sacks with five.

Westfield graduated two good receivers last year in Mason Piening and Reid



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield quarterback Maximus Webster threw for over 2,000 yards last season, with 27 passing touchdowns and 18 rushing touchdowns.

Schepers, but there are two good ones back this season for their senior years. Nic DePasquale made 32 catches, while Jackson Wasserstrom had 21 catches; both had four touchdown passes.

The Shamrocks will open their season Friday by hosting another elite team: Defending Class 5A state champion Cathedral. Westfield then goes on the road for its next two games, traveling to Harrison on Aug. 27 and to Zionsville on Sept. 3 to start HCC play.

Millers will bring experienced players to the field

This year’s edition of the Noblesville football team has many good things to look forward to, both in the present and the near future.

The Millers, who begin their season Friday with a trip to Mount Vernon, have been working out on their brand-new practice facility, which is close by the brand-new Noblesville stadium that will be open next year. Second-year Millers coach Dave Sharpe said the new facility has “really been a boost for us.”

“It saves us a long walk,” said Sharpe. “It’s really injected a lot of life into the group.”

Noblesville will be playing one final season at Beaver Materials Field and will have several experienced athletes. Returning starters on offense include senior quarterback Connor Meinerding, who passed for 353 yards and rushed for 190 yards last season, scoring two touchdowns each way.

Several more seniors and juniors are back on offense. Seniors returning are running back Alaric Rogers-Walton, tackle Aaron Williams and guards Jacob Etchison and Jake Long, while juniors include tight end Andrew Page, tackle Ben Decker and guard Blake Cole. The centers are also returning juniors, Nathaniel Hamm and Gage Wrin; both started during the season.

Senior linebacker Sam Steinhoffer will be a familiar name on the Noblesville defense. He led the Millers with 76 total tackles (32 solo, 44 assist) last year, including eight tackles for a loss. Rogers-Walton will be going both ways as he will be on the defensive line. Rogers-Walton was a co-leader in sacks last season with 3.5. Two more seniors, linebacker Seth Stone and lineman Josh Rodgers, round out the returners list.

“We knew last year that we were playing a ton of underclassmen and they would get some Friday Night Lights experience and it would really, really pay dividends in the offseason, and it has,” said Sharpe. “We’re very excited to have this much experience returning.”

In addition to that experienced varsity



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Andrew Page (95) and Ben Decker (79) are one of several experienced players returning to the Millers football lineup this fall.

roster, Sharpe will make sure the Millers’ junior varsity and freshman teams are raising the bar as well.

“I want to see consistent improvement at all levels,” said Sharpe. “We put a ton of emphasis on our JV and freshman programs, too. We all feel like we’re very much aligned.”

Sharpe credited his assistant coaches with doing a good job with Noblesville’s second- and third-string players, who of course are waiting in the wings to get their

chance. Sharpe said he feels “really connected as a staff to all kids 9-12” at Noblesville.

“We get really excited when kids keep slowly stacking those chips. It’s an exciting time to be a Miller because we’re seeing a lot of improvement from our guys,” said Sharpe.

Noblesville’s first opponent is a Marauders squad that went 12-1 last season. Mount Vernon won its first 12 games, including a sectional championship over

New Castle, before falling to eventual Class 4A state champion Roncalli in the regional. The Marauders have a new coach, Vince Lidy, who took over after former coach Mike Kirschner headed to Warren Central.

“They got great coaches,” said Sharpe. After playing Mount Vernon, the Millers will have two home games, taking on Terre Haute South on Aug. 27, then opening Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Sept. 3 by welcoming Fishers.