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HOPE

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 beyond students involved in Robbie's Hope so that she

could speak to and hear from approximately 80 students.

"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 on.

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."

Other students spoke openly about social media promoting eating disorders, the unique struggles of queer teens, and how students need help learning to 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, suicide is the second leading cause of death for teens.



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 which allocated \$1.7 billion to mental health care, including in schools. Westfield has benefited, receiving \$400,000 from grants such as Project AWARE (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 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.

Her father, Peter Emigh, gave credit to school leaders and counselors who have helped turn "compassion into action."

WHS Assistant Principal Kurt Frederick, who served as the panel moderator, joined WHS Principal 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 this was the perfect opportunity to show them that."

To find out more about Robbie's Hope and to find resources such as the Teens and Technology Handbook or Robbie's Hope Adult Handbook, visit RobbiesHope.com. For

questions about local opportunities for involvement and support, email whsrob-bieshope@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

Creating a system for handling finances even before you own a home will 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 back in time and tell all of this to my "post college self!" I had to learn things the hard way later in life – and I'm still learning. But 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, feel 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 this topic is Dave Ramsey, an 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 even went through the pain of bankruptcy before turning his life around.

Mr. Ramsey offers numerous resources on his website, daveramsey.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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2:15 SCHOOL PEP SESSION

8:00 HOMECOMING DANCE

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12:00 SHS TOUR

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Hello, Hamilton County!



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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, I love what art can do. It can make people feel proud, awestruck, or even horrified. What I believe is most important about art is the culture that develops around it. One art form that does this impressively well is architecture – the beauty of buildings.

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 build-

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 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 has to be.

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.

Indiana Archaeology Month focuses on state's early industry

The REPORTER

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb has declared September as Indiana Archaeology Month, making it the 28th anniversary of a statewide 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 experienced archaeology in new ways.

"Archaeology tells us not only about the past, but it also helps us figure out more about ourselves in the present day and what we might be like in the years to come," said Dan

Bortner, DNR director and State Historic Preservation Officer. "This year's long list of activities provides a fun and interesting way for Hoosiers to dive into how."

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) coordinates Archaeology Month. A schedule of events is at on.in.gov/archaeology-month.

This year's commemorative poster focuses on the archaeology of early Indiana industry.

"Archaeologists have

recorded and investigated various industrial sites, some from the early 1800s, 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 in-depth 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

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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.



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

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 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 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 drives, tree plantation and conservation drives, conserving natural water reservoirs, assisting hearing-impaired children with free hearing-aids, free adult, and children's literacy classes, etc.

A mega health camp

which was organized by 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, 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 Center to honor staff, citizens, and community partners who have made exceptional contributions to the department 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 in donating or sponsoring events, please get in touch with Peg Strass at pstrass@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.

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Hamilton County Republican Woman of the Year

‘Tip a Cop’ & help Special Olympics

The REPORTER

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

Westfield police officers

will be at Texas Roadhouse, 14758 Greyhound Plaza, on Tuesday, Sept. 5, not just to keep the peace but to serve you delicious meals as well. Yes, you heard it right – it's the Tip a Cop fundraiser, where

police officers will take orders and serve tables alongside the Texas Roadhouse team.

Here's the best part: 10 percent of all food sales and 100 percent of the donations received during the event

will go straight to the [Special Olympics of Indiana](#). Your participation will directly contribute to positively impacting the lives of Special Olympics athletes right here in our state.





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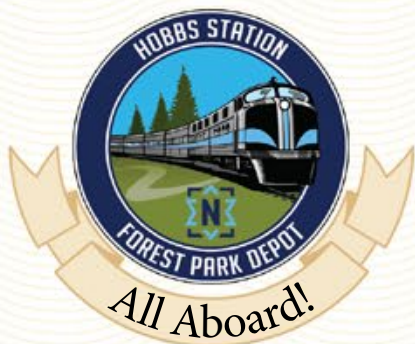
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October 15 and 22

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Experience the nostalgia of the past with a delightful train ride to dinner. Depart from Hobbs Station in Noblesville, IN on the vintage Nickel Plate Express for a charming 30-minute journey to Cicero.

October 5 and 19

Judge Felix gets his robe



Reporter photo

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 over time.

My son will be attending Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. – the current in-state tuition and room and board for one year is around \$26,000.

By today’s standards, Ball State’s tuition is considered extremely afford-



able, but that tuition doesn’t tell the full story. For any college or university, the tuition students and their families pay do not represent the total cost for an individual student to attend college. Grants, research funding, federal funding, 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 closer to \$41,000 per student. \$41,000 per year per student would be much less affordable for the average Hoosier wanting to start their college education. To keep tuition low, Ball State and our other Hoosier higher education institutions need federal and

state support.

Unfortunately, state 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 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 to \$104,000 today.¹

The student loan debt debate has inspired a lot of discussion nationally about the costs of higher education. However, I think it is important to recognize the critical role of our state gov-

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.

¹ sheeo.org/state-profile/indiana

Matt McNally retired from the military in 2022 after 22 years of service. He is a veteran of Afghanistan and a formal Naval Aviator. He and his family are proud to call the city of Westfield home.

Indiana Senate Democrats open applications for 2024 legislative internship opportunities

The REPORTER

Indiana Senate Democrats are recruiting interns for the 2024 Legislative

Session. Applications are officially open and can be found on the Caucus’ official website, [indianasenate-](https://indianasenate-democrats.org/internships)

democrats.org/internships.

“This is a 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 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



Taylor

in December through March, with opportunities for some interns to stay on longer. The internship also offers the following benefits:

- Biweekly stipend of \$900
- Networking opportunities
- Academic credit
- Professional development

“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.



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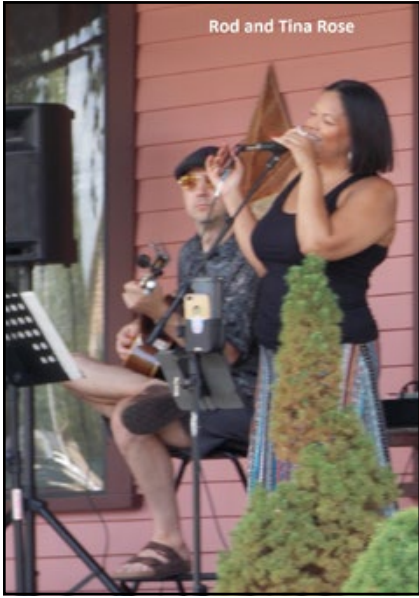
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Noblesville porches get rather festive

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-driven emergency spending, and it’s still hitting older Americans hard.

We have to confront reckless spending to help retirees on fixed incomes and older workers struggling with choices in their household budgets.

Both sides of the aisle spend too much, and it isn’t working for older Americans.

We know that inflation has pinched seniors’ Social Security checks. For law enforcement officers, this insecurity is added to another obstacle: the Windfall Elimination 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 a separate earned pension.



Braun

At the same time, rising interest rates are squeezing the employers and economic growth many older Americans and hard-working Hoosiers rely on.

Intrusive regulations like Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) rules push older Americans’ investments into worse rates of return. ESG rules also hinder family farmers’ work and livelihoods.

Farmers are the oldest workforce in the nation. They are feeding us all despite drowning in regulations, including ESG.

Inflation and misguided regulations and policies pose 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 are productive, socially connected, gainfully employed,

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 back.

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-the-scenes 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 behind-the-scenes look at the Pleasant Street job site.

nity residents," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "Community involvement has been a key component from the beginning of this project, and I look forward to the project being complete and open for all to enjoy."

Tour participants included Noblesville residents Jim and Kathy Hines, who were selected as the raffle 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

Dear Editor:

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.

This sounds like an advertisement for Wilson, and it is because in 2024 it will be no more. I am disappointed that our County Commissioners and Council are 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 the decision of this community division and the elimination of businesses along U.S. 31 with no recourse in a financial location?

Mari Briggs
Sheridan

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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 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.

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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 at 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, and a celebration of four of America's greatest musical artists. VIP Memberships for the 2024 Season are now available, while 2024 Season individual show tickets are 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.

Next it's the inspiring true story of Carole King's journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock & Roll 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.

Returning to the Beef

Beef & Boards DINNER THEATRE

& Boards stage for the first time in more than 20 years is the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic, *The King and I*. Based on the novel *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon and winner 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, *The Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy Gale discovers friendships and adventure along the 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*, 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 the musical *Million Dollar Quartet*. On Dec. 4, 1956, an extraordinary twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Per-

kins, and Elvis Presley together 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, Tevye 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 Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

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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, a resident of Noblesville 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."

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

Nickel Plate Arts, the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce and Hamilton County Historian David Heighway.

"It's absolutely amazing the progress that's being made," Dillinger said. "It 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, Reimagine 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.

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, Carmel.

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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 page](#).

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-



Photos provided by City of Carmel
The Republic Airways Corporate Training Center (above) and the Proscenium (below) have been nominated for awards.



tion award

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

about sculpture – nominated for a Public Art award

- Proscenium mixed-use development – nominated for a Real Estate Development award



Photo provided by City of Carmel

The Marmon Wasp roundabout sculpture is up for Landscape Architecture award.

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.

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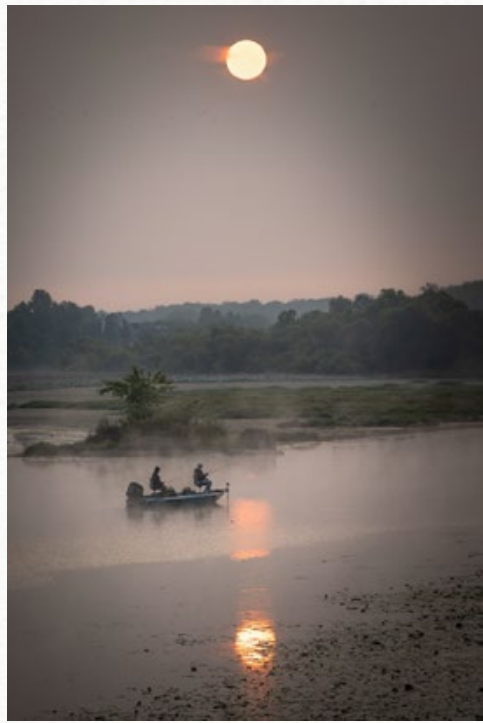


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Former Noblesville standout Emily Kiser signs to play professionally in Greece

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 fifth-year 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.

ago. Eurocup qualification games start soon against Cluj Napoca on September 21st and 27th, so it's time for Kiser to familiarize herself with her new team and the European style of play.

"It feels amazing to be

able to continue playing basketball at the professional level. I didn't play the majority of my college career, so I still feel like I'm just getting started. On top of getting to continue playing a sport I love, the

experience of traveling and 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 surreal that now I'm going to be living there soon," said

an excited Kiser.

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 fifth-year as a Wolverine. 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 highly entertaining 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 play your C-plus level game 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 up 3-0. Noblesville nev-

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 than two points until the Millers made a run of six straight points to close out the set. Riley Resmer started the run with a kill, then served an ace. Madison Brown made a net tip, and Stitcher put down another 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 Aubree Valcourt. Natalie Lux served an ace.

The fifth set was close for the first half, as it was



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 kill to give Fishers an 8-7 lead, and the Tigers never trailed again. Roberts closed out the match, hitting a kill to get Fishers to match point, then serving an ace to

close it.

Kay had an incredible game, with 20 kills, including four in the fifth set, five blocks and three aces.

"She knows that she's somebody that's a focal

point of our offense," said Peek. "She's a very humble kid. She's a hard worker, and she's going to play Division I next year. The motivation's there. This isn't her last hurrah, she's got four and a half

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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“Emily put so much time 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 everyday. It wasn't always fun at the time but made me better in the end,” stated Kiser on Hillmon.

“We played on the road 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

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 her very successful. It is also what will help her thrive in the real world. She is such a special leader and person,” continued Buckley.

En route to being named first team all-Big Ten this past season, Kiser logged a career-high 34 points against Rutgers on February 23. Emily also received the Big Ten Sportsmanship award, while also being named BIG Player 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-figures 28 times, with eight 20-point games.

Kiser also was a four-time academic all-Big Ten and made the CoSIDA Academic All-District team in 2023 for her efforts in the classroom.

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

“I am super happy for her! It will be an incredible opportunity for her as a player and as a person. She is a smart, curious person that will take in everything while thriving in her new life she will be living for the next several months. I am sure she will take time to experience Greece and its incredible culture,” continued Buckley on her former Indiana All-Star.

She left the high school ranks in 2018 as the Millers' fourth all-time in scoring, at

the time, with 1,328 points (currently fifth), while also grabbing the most rebounds in Noblesville history with 903.

Kiser averaged a double-double with 21 points and 13.4 rebounds in her 2017-18 senior year as a Miller. She was an Indiana All-Star, three-time All-HCC, AP all-state 1st team, IBCA Supreme 15 and ranked No. 78 as a four-star recruit by ESPN HoopGurlz as a senior. These accolades alone make her one of the most-decorated Noblesville Miller girls basketball players of all-time.

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

“In my years as a Miller I was able to play against really strong talent. Our schedule, specifically the HCC, you had to take every opponent seriously on any given night. The Big Ten conference 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 a grueling schedule. I would think back to our sectional in high school that was loaded with talent,” stated Kiser.

“My final game of my high school career was against my future teammate Amy Dilk and future BIG opponent Tomi Taiwo for Iowa, both from Carmel. Since then we've seen plenty of girls from our area continue on to both Michigan and the Big Ten, I got to play against that level of talent starting in high school,” con-

tinued Emily.

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 me get in contact with teams 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.

“I think it's such a great

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 just beams that they have some local talent on the roster, which has also included players from Zionsville, Carmel and Westfield.

“I loved getting to spend 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 to come on both programs.

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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 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.

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Roberts hit 13 kills and served two aces, while Skudrzik hit five kills in two sets of action. Hall was unstoppable at the net with seven blocks. On defense, Lux collected 15 digs and served two aces, Kennedy Tinch dished out 46 assists 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 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 overall; they started the season

with five straight victories before falling to Lawrence North on Wednesday and Fishers on Thursday. Noblesville hosts McCutcheon Tuesday.

Westfield was swept by Zionsville Thursday, 25-20, 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 matches during the middle of the week.

The Blackhawks beat Traders Point Christian on 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 kills. Shelby Eaton was next

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.

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

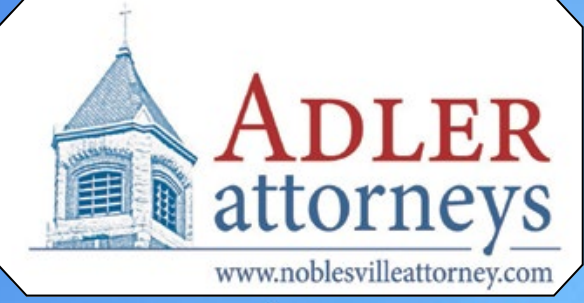
In a Thursday Hoosier Heartland Conference match, Sheridan was swept by Eastern 25-19, 25-13, 25-20. Headlee had two aces, with Parkin and Garner both serving one. Parkin led the kills with 11, with Cross hitting five and Headlee three. Cross handed out 15 assists.

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 travels 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 Carroll.



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Soccer

Blackhawks bring down Stars

The REPORTER

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 assist, then Brielle Garner 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 tied with Western Boone 1-1 on Thursday in an away game.

Blackhawks senior

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 played to a 1-1 tie Thursday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game with 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 Noblesville on Wednesday.

The Westfield boys beat Zionsville 2-1 in a Wednesday 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.

dropped a Thursday game in the conference and 3-3 2-1 to Brebeuf Jesuit. overall and play Tuesday at The Shamrocks are 2-1 Noblesville.

Boys Tennis

Millers catch up & 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 first set.

The Royals' wins came

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

Match results now follow:

No. 1 singles: Ethan Feliciano (N) def. Alex Piercy (HSE) 0-6, 6-2, 7-6 (8)

No. 2 singles: Leo McVeigh (HSE) def. Parker 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 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 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-

team meet at The Sagamore on Thursday.

The Greyhounds scored a 163 to Noblesville's 170 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 Franssen 52 and Laci Hart 54.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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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Upcoming Broadcasts

Wed Aug 30 - Girls Soccer
5:30 pm - **Fishers vs Noblesville** | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm - **Fishers vs Noblesville** | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Thur Aug 31 - Volleyball
6:30 pm - **Noblesville vs Fishes** | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

Fri Sept 1 - IHSAA Football
6:45 pm - Roncalli vs Chatard | Indiana SRN
6:45 pm - Covenant Christian vs Sececia | Indiana SRN
6:45 pm - **Guerin** vs Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN
6:45 pm - Lafayette Central vs **Hamilton Heights** | Husky Sports Network
7:00 pm - Avon at **Hamilton Southeastern** | Southeastern Sports Network
7:00 pm - Tri-Central vs **Sheridan** | Bragg Sports Media
7:00 pm - **Fishers** at **Noblesville** | HCTV Sports
7:15 pm - Evansville Memorial vs Evansville Central | Indiana SRN

Sat Sept 2
9:30 am - **Noblesville vs Fishers** | Freshman Football | Fishers Sports Network
1:05 pm - Olivet @ Franklin | HCAC D3 Football | Indiana SRN
5:50 pm - North Park vs Manchester University | HCAC D3 Football | Indiana SRN
6:45 pm - Depauw vs Rose-Hulman | College Football | Indiana SRN





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