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City Hall knows best

By **MARY SUE ROWLAND**

It has been said a million times, “You cannot beat City Hall”. Not only is that true but now City Hall is trying to beat the tax payers out of millions. For more than 20 years, the city has assisted the community by facilitating a trash pick-up contract, for every house hold except for apartment complexes. That single trash contractor reduced travel of multiple trash contractors from invading the community and the assistance to the citizens has been appreciated. Here is how it works. Tax payer’s dollars are set aside in the city budget to cover the cost of the trash contract like any other contract by the city. The tax payer’s received a service that is paid by tax monies. For nearly 20 years,



discussion has continued during the budget cycle that the money that had been set aside could be used better for repair of roads, new roads and more personal. Each year the reasons to move the money from trash to other “better projects” has always been resisted except for the 2015 budget cycle. Less has been lost in the past as projects manage to get done and services provided. This year the discussion has become more important by the city because less tax dollars are being collected (for over 10 years) due to State laws limiting the amount of property tax that can be collected. The state has been forcing the communities across the state to spend less but keep services high.

An effort to bring “forced efficiencies” to government, the States objective, it missed the theory to do the same at the state level. It should be noted that Noblesville has the highest tax rate of the four largest communities in Hamilton County which means some people do pay more

Noblesville Elected Officials to take Oath of Office

What:
Swearing In of New Elected Officials in the City of Noblesville
The public is invited to attend the short ceremony.

When:
Monday, December 28, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Where:
Noblesville City Hall
Council Chambers (second floor)
16 South 10th Street

Who will be sworn in:
Mayor John Ditslear
Council Member Brian Ayer
Council Member Wil Hampton
Council Member Roy Johnson
Council Member Mary Sue Rowland
Council Member Megan Wiles

Clerk Evelyn Lees
Council Member Mark Boice
Council Member Christopher Jensen
Council Member Gregory P. O'Connor
Council Member Rick L. Taylor

even under the state’s caps. City hall even goes as far as to call the city wide trash collection as a “**free service**” and it’s time that the individual household do its part in “paying” for the service.

The dollars in discussion amount to \$2.6 million of “tax payers dollars” being spent on the service of trash collection. The city would like to allocate the money in

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Look out for counterfeit currency

Captain Scott McKinney of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office Investigations Division is advising local merchants and residents to be on the lookout for counterfeit currency being distributed in the area. Over the past few months, counterfeit currency, often presented as \$100 bills, have been presented for payment at local businesses, primarily in the Cicero and Sheridan areas.

According to McKinney, the counterfeit bills may be difficult to notice as they are printed on real currency that has been bleached and reprinted. Due to this, marking pens may not detect the counterfeit. Merchants and residents should carefully inspect larger denominations and look for security features such as color-shifting ink, a 3D security ribbon, raised printing, watermarks, and microprinting on bills issued since 2013.

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Photo courtesy Indiana State Fairgrounds

The historic Indiana Farmers Coliseum will be the site of tonight’s Mudsock basketball games. The Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers girls teams will face off at 6:30 p.m., with the Royals and Tigers boys teams playing at 8 p.m.

Mudsock rivalry goes to Coliseum...

Boys, Girls to play tonight

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers will dump their “mud” onto the floor of the Indiana Farmers Coliseum tonight for their annual boys and girls “Mudsock” basketball games.

Girls action will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the boys game to follow.

Advanced sales tickets are being sold today until noon at both high schools. Students may purchase advanced tickets for \$7 and adults for \$10. All tickets tonight at the Coliseum will be available for \$13, students and adults.

“There may be more reasons not to do this than good reasons,” said HSE athletic director Greg Habegger, “but the No. 1 reason is to allow more people to see these two games. The last three years, two times at our place and once at Fishers, we had to close the doors because of the fire marshal’s

ruling of the number of fans allowed in the gyms.”

However, Haybarger added, ticket sales haven’t gone as well as expected.

“We still have some time left,” said Fishers athletic director Jim Brown. “Ticket sales picked up the last couple of days and we still have the pre-sale until noon today. It’s the holiday season, a time of year people put off things until the last minute.

“We want to make sure everyone who wants to see the games can get into the games.

“It’s a neat experience for the kids,” Brown continued. “It’s something different. I wouldn’t want to do this every year.”

“It’s a lot of work getting the teams, our band, cheerleaders and dance band to the Coliseum from Southeastern,” Habegger said.

The boys game, officially, is a home game for Southeastern and the girls game for Fishers.

Both Habegger and Brown said they did not expect any financial losses playing the games at the Coliseum, even though all of the ticket sales will not go to the two high schools.

Lots will be at stake. Not only do the winners get the Mudsock Trophy, the games are Hoosier Crossroad Conference games. Especially for the boys, both Fishers and Southeastern are in the running for a conference championship.

Fishers boys are 1-0 in the conference, a victory over Noblesville, and are 3-1 overall. Fishers, after three straight wins, lost to Warren Central in a 71-66 thriller last week.

Hamilton Southeastern’s boys also are 1-0 in the HCC with a 62-60 win over Avon. Southeastern opened with four straight wins and then last weekend fell to North Central.

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Carmel city officials take oath of office

By **FRED SWIFT**

Carmel city officials elected in November took the oath of office Thursday evening in an impressive and well attended public ceremony at the Monon Center in the city’s Central Park.

Jim Brainard was sworn in for his sixth term as mayor. Seven councilors also took the oath including incumbents Ron Carter, Carol Schleif, Kevin Rider and Sue Finkam and those elected for the first



Brainard

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Beware of local phone scams

Scam artists are hitting the Hamilton County area, preying on individuals making them believe they have a warrant out for them and will be going to jail if they don't pay for court costs. A subject contacted NPD advising her husband was contacted by individual claiming to be from Hamilton County Sheriff's Office giving a name and a badge number stating he had two active warrants for Failure to Appear and Contempt of Court for missing Jury Duty. The subject then advised the husband he had been served after giving him information and having him recite it back to him. At that point the scam artist informed him he needed to show up to a court date. When our victim

asked if it could be taken care of now the subject advised to buy 2 \$500 recharge cards from Kroger and give him the numbers and then go to the clerk's office to be reimbursed. The warrant division of the Sheriff's Office will never make contact with you over the phone. You will either receive information about the warrant in the mail or a uniformed police officer will make contact with you at your residence. Make sure you protect yourself by verifying this information through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office or through the Noblesville Police Department before giving anyone your information or money over the phone.

Includes parts of Indy Exec Airport...

Eagle Creek Aviation completes purchase of Montgomery Aviation

Eagle Creek Aviation Services has completed the purchase of Montgomery Aviation's three North-Central Indiana locations. The intent to purchase Montgomery Aviation was announced earlier this year and just recently finalized. It includes the fixed base operations (FBO), flight school, and maintenance facility at Indianapolis Executive Airport (TYQ), the FBO at the Frankfort / Clinton County Airport (FKR), and the FBO at the Grissom Aeroplex (GUS). The Montgomery Aviation name will remain for the time being and customers can expect to see the same friendly faces on the line and behind the counter supporting customer needs. Changes at the Montgomery Aviation facilities will be incremental over the coming months, with the intent to adjust practices and policies to better serve customers with a family owned and professionally operated atmosphere. Plans call for expansion of current maintenance, flight school, charter, and aircraft sales operations at Indy Executive by leveraging Eagle Creek's team of highly trained professionals. Specifically, a renewed focus will be placed on en-

hancing turbine maintenance at the Indianapolis Executive facility. The Indianapolis Executive facility is an ideal location to expand due to its premier facilities, including a 5,500' runway, multiple instrument approaches, covered arrival / departure canopy, and exceptional customer amenities. Additionally, Montgomery's Frankfort and Grissom locations will receive a renewed focus on FBO services with the development of new opportunities and incentives for customers to utilize these facilities. "We are excited about the opportunity to expand our operations in Central Indiana, and believe they are strategic opportunities to grow our business and bring our tradition of exceptional customer service to a broader consumer base," said Eagle Creek Aviation CEO Matt Hagans. "We look forward to exceeding our customer's expectations at all our facilities." These expansions will not alter Eagle Creek's current FBO, aircraft charter, and maintenance operation at Eagle Creek Airport (EYE) in Indianapolis.

ROWLAND

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other ways. The question is clearly the current service is already being paid for by the tax payer and passing the cost of the trash service back to the citizens will result in the citizens **paying twice**. By passing the service cost directly to the individual household, the theory is that the city will get \$2.6 million in new money for "better use" by city government. **The question is not the money but the use of the money.** Keeping the city clean and free of trash could be argued is a very good thing. Passing back to the tax payers the cost of trash collection, may have unintended consequences. How many households cannot pay the additional costs attached to the waste water bill so they will just do not pay either? Consequences – less dollars collected for waste water costs, in addition to trash collection, both important services are impacted. Waste water and trash collection cannot be shut off so service provided and no money collected has unintended consequences with serious impact. Waste water has also passed along at least four increases to the citizens to pay for plant expansion in recent years. Adding the two costs together could result in taking the wastewater bill from \$34.00 to \$45.00 per month or \$540.00 per year. With more wastewater expansions needed in the future, the bill will continue to grow. The city says, "No other community offers the trash collection service", and that

is the reason to keep the service as a small "thank you" from the city for paying the tax bill, sending it off to the city to be used in a wise manner and getting something back. It shows the city can manage with less just like the State has directed and still make sure all services are provided. Looking at ways to reduce the cost should be the first action not "giving up" and passing on additional costs to the individual households. Will there be any reason to hold costs of the trash contract and large increases once the bill is passed along? As usual, the citizen's will pay the bill without having a hand in the action. The companies who pick up trash must be getting contracts ready now, after hearing the proposal from Noblesville, to make up for lost time and money. Who will take care of the trash in the Historic Downtown that currently is part of the contract? Will shop owners have to empty the trash containers outside of their stores or let the trash fall to the ground? Unintended consequences! "Keeping Noblesville clean and beautiful is a daily challenge", trash collection is part of the reward. Mary Sue Rowland was elected to serve the city of Noblesville as Council at Large member and will take office January, 2016

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COLISEUM

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Southeastern's girls are 8-4 overall and 2-1 in the conference, with HCC wins over Brownsburg and Avon and a loss to Noblesville. Fishers has lost HCC games to Westfield, Zionsville and Noblesville. The Lady Tigers are 2-9 overall. Hamilton Southeastern boys coach Brian Satterfield said, "It will be neat for the players to play in the Coliseum. "This game will be tough. Any time you go into a rivalry game, you better bring your best or you will go home with a loss." "We are very excited to play HSE at the Coliseum and feel like it will be a great game," said Fishers coach Joe Leonard. "Southeastern is a very talented team, and we will need to play well," Leonard added. After losing to Southeastern six consecutive times, including twice in the sectional, Fishers boys defeated HSE boys 50-45 last season. The two girls teams split last season, Southeastern winning 45-40 during the regular season and Fishers winning 36-35 in the sectional.

CARMEL

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time: Bruce Kimball, Laura Campbell and Jeff Worrell. Newly elected city clerk-treasurer Christine Pauley and incumbent city court judge Brian Poindexter were also sworn into office although new terms for all the officials do not actually begin until January 1, 2016. All the officials are Republicans. Indianapolis newscaster Eric Halvorson served as master of ceremonies. Superior Court Judge Gail Bardach administered the oath of office as a crowd of about 250 friends and political associates look on. Brainard, in brief remarks, reviewed the progress of his past 20 years as mayor, and said he looked forward to continued progress for the city in the next four years. He should find an easier time getting his programs through the city council as three of his major critics were ousted in their bids for re-election.

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Avinell Claywell Vaughn Hamilton

December 1, 1916 - December 17, 2015

Avinell Claywell Vaughn Hamilton, 99, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on December 1, 1916 to William and Ona (Mitchell) Claywell in Jasonville, Indiana.



Avinell was a homemaker, an avid reader and loved her family with all her heart.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth (Ralph) Nicely; son, Kevin Vaughn; daughter, Barbara (Ed) Turk; grandsons, Dewayne (Barbara) Turk, and Carl (Barbara) Turk; granddaughter, Jennifer (Dave) Bigley; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to her parents, Avinell was preceded in death by her first husband, Dale Vaughn; second husband, Eugene Hamilton; and son, John Vaughn.

Services will be held at 12:00 pm Noon on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with visitation from 10:00 am to the time of service. Burial will be at Lincoln Memory Gardens, 6851 South Indianapolis Road in Whitestown. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

- Matthew 1:19

50 Years Ago

December 18, 1965

Local News: “After today—who can tell? Postmaster James Gaddis advised Noblesville residents today that time is running out for delivery of cards and letters before Christmas. Because of the excellent cooperation of Hoosiers everywhere, increased mail volume is passing through Indiana Post Offices in record time, officials declared.”

Sports: “Arcadia—Friday evening Hamilton Heights, high on top of the Hamilton County basketball world, won one at Lapel which most of the area basketball experts hadn’t predicted. And Saturday evening the Huskies, perhaps letting down a little after the big win, almost let one get away.”

Ad: Smith’s Jewelers: ½ Karat Diamond Wedding Band, \$96.00!

Marylynne (Marilyn) Leah Wright

April 7, 1927 - December 17, 2015

Marylynne (Marilyn) Leah Wright, age 88, passed away early Thursday morning, December 17, 2015, in Venice, Florida, after a long illness. She was a long-time resident of Sheridan, Indiana, before moving to North Port, Florida, in 1997.

She was born in Madison County, Indiana, on April 7, 1927, to Clarence Pettigrew and Grace May (Harless) Pettigrew.

Marilyn was employed by several local businesses over the years including Gotshall’s Grocery, Farm Bureau, Dr. Rollo Greer’s veterinary office, and Young’s Flower Shop. She loved her flower gardens, designing and sewing quilts, and playing hymns on the organ.

She married Lloyd Thomas “Tom” Wright on November 21, 1945. He preceded her in death on August 24, 1996.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol Silvey; her son, Tom Wright (Karen); four grandchildren, Kathy Mayberry (Sean), Jennifer Dudley (Patrick), Lora Bridges (Dustin), Ian Wright; and seven great grandchildren, Harleigh Dudley, Michael, Tori, Toni, and Lani Bridges, Danny and Matthew Mayberry. She is also survived by two brothers, Boyd Pettigrew (Yvonne) of Ellettsville, Indiana, and Arnold Pettigrew (Arlene) of Punta Gorda, Florida, and two sisters, Flo Covington (Wallace) of Frankton, Indiana, and Lora Goff of Sheridan, Indiana, along with several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 12:00 pm Noon on Monday, December 21, 2015, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, Indiana 46069, with visitation from 10:00 am until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery, Sheridan, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or your favorite children’s charity.

Nina McClain

September 10, 1958 - December 14, 2015

Nina McClain, 57, passed away on Monday, December 14, 2015 at Riverview Health. She was born on September 10, 1958 to Richard and Neva (McDole) Saylor in Noblesville, Indiana.



Nina was a lifelong resident of Noblesville, and was previously employed for 15 years as a housekeeper at Harbour Manor. She was an avid bingo player, loved board games and card games, and enjoyed watching wrestling on TV. Most of all, Nina loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Roger McClain; mother, Neva Saylor; daughter, Mary McClain; son, Daniel (Jessica) McClain; and grandchildren, Jaylynn and Nina McClain.

In addition to her father, Nina was preceded in death by her step-father, Granville Saylor; brothers, Larry Williams and Danny Williams; and sister, Nora Romero Bradfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674; or American Lung Association of Indiana, 115 W Washington Street, Suite 1180-South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

A memorial service may be held at a later date.

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Marjorie Pauline Law

March 6, 1920 - December 14, 2015



Marjorie Pauline Law, age 95, of the south side of Ekin, Indiana, passed away on Monday evening, December 14, 2015, at Millers Merry Manor of Tipton. Born March 6, 1920 in Tipton County, she was the daughter of the late Vern F. and Opal Gladis (Henderson) Partlow. Marjorie attended Goldsmith H.S. and would later graduate from Indianapolis Beauty College. She owned and operated her Beauty Shop in Ekin for over 10 years. In addition to being the office manager for Law Elevator for many years, she assisted her late husband with all of the families farming duties. She escaped the cold Indiana winters for many years in Englewood, Florida, where she loved collecting sea shells. There was nothing more important to Marjorie than her family. She loved spending time with her family, whether it was at the family elevator, the many family gatherings that were had, or when she would “enlist” the help of her daughters to help complete the many home redecorating projects she came up with. No matter the occasion, it was another opportunity for her to be around the family she loved so very much. She was a member of the East Union Christian Church, the Kempton Rebekka’s Lodge and the “Ekin Social Club”.

On December 31, 1936, Marjorie married the love of her life, Donel Law. He would precede her in death on November 17, 1984.

She is survived by her 3 sons, Richard A. Law of Atlanta, Indiana, John V. Law (Christine) of Tipton and Donel G Law (Susie) of Tipton; 1 daughter, Bernetta Scott (Larry) of Atlanta, Indiana; 12 grandchildren, Kim, Mark, Gay, Jay, Tony, Terry, Todd, Shannon, Tosha, Ryan, Brett and Greta; 27 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Kenneth Partlow (Wilma “Chick”) of the south side of Ekin; 2 sisters Rebecca Dell of Sheridan and Barbara Savage (Lester) of Sheridan; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 1 daughter, Betty Moore; and her brother, Charles Partlow.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 19, 2015, at East Union Christian Church, 1711 E. 296th Street, Atlanta, Indiana 46031, with visitation from 11:00 AM until the time of service. Reverend Rex Dunning and Reverend James Thurston will be officiating. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery.

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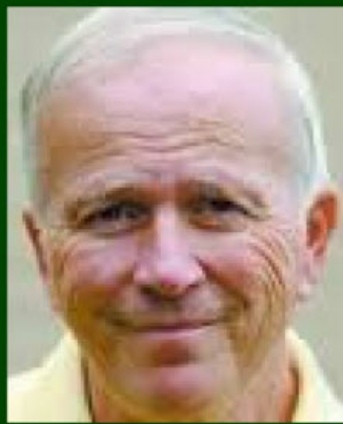
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Some kind of weekend for ...

Millers, Shamrocks, Huskies

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

It's an interesting looking weekend for Noblesville, Westfield and Hamilton Heights basketball teams, all of which are faced with back to back action.



Charlie Warner
Westfield



John Kiser
Noblesville

The Noblesville-Westfield game is one of those "must win" contests. "Must win" if either team wants a shot at the conference championship. In HCC play, Westfield has lost to Zionsville and Noblesville has lost to Fishers. In a six-game conference, losing the first two games will leave that team in, arguably, an uncatchable chase.

Westfield is 1-3 overall and Noblesville is 2-2. Westfield is coming off a 57-53 overtime victory over New Palestine. Noblesville is coming off a 55-48 road victory over Anderson.

"I liked our approach against Anderson," said Noblesville mentor Brian McCauley. "Anderson had just beaten a solid Indianapolis Tech team in their previous game. Our guys came out with focus and energy and we played a very good first half. I liked how we kept our composure in the second half and finished the game strong. I

thought we got a good contribution from everyone and that is what our team will continue to need."

Westfield has an outstanding player in Charlie Warner, averaging 16.8 points a game. Noblesville's John Kiser is above the 20-point mark.

Westfield will have a road game on Saturday, hosting a 6-0 Tipton team. The Blue Devils have defeated Tri-Central, Northfield, Frankton, Elwood, Western and Sheridan.

Noblesville, on Saturday, will travel to Heights, matching up the county's top 2 scorers (Kiser and Hunter Crist).

"Both teams have outstanding players and are playing well right now.

"It ultimately will be a weekend that will help us improve as we head into our holiday tourney."

Hamilton Heights has a Hoosier Conference game on Friday, playing at Western. The Panthers are 0-4 with losses to McCutcheon, Northwestern, Tipton and Ross-ville.

Heights is 4-2. The Huskies have a 1-0 mark in the Hoosier Conference, having defeated Lewis Cass. Heights also has beaten Lebanon, Guerin Catholic and Tri-Central and lost to Mount Vernon and North Central.

"We had a great weekend of basketball (against Lewis Cass and Tri-Central)," said Husky coach Chad Ballenger. "We fought and clawed and found a way to win against Cass. We hit some key shots and free throws down the stretch."

"Hunter Crist reached his 1,000 career point mark.

"Max Wahl hit two big shots that got us going. Sterling Weatherford played really well the game winning basket.

"Caymn Lutz was very aggressive on the offensive and defensive ends of the floor.

"Western on Friday will be our sixth straight road game," Ballenger continued. "Western graduated a lot from last year. They compete hard and they can shoot it. Their schedule is very strong. We must be focused and take care of business."

Then, Noblesville on Saturday at the Husky Dome.

"We will not talk about Noblesville until Saturday morning," said Ballenger. "It is



Brian Reddick/File photo

Caymn Lutz's aggressiveness helped Hamilton Heights to wins last weekend. The Huskies play at Western on Friday and host Noblesville on Saturday.

always a great atmosphere with a great crowd. I'm just glad we finally get to play at home.

"Coach McCauley will have his guys ready and disciplined. To be team we will have to play extremely well and disciplined," Ballenger added.



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Hamilton County Wrestling Meet...

Royals try to defend, but other teams can challenge

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor
Takedowns will take over The Mill on Saturday, as Noblesville hosts the Hamilton County Wrestling Meet.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., and will feature wrestlers from all eight county schools that have teams: Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Sheridan and Westfield.

The Royals are the defending champions. They dominated last year's meet to the tune of 250 points, picking up five individual blue-ribbon winners. Two of them are back in this year's draw, and they are both seniors: Austin Holmes and Spencer Irick.

Holmes won at 120 pounds last year, and moves up to 126 this season. He still is doing well at the higher weight, as the senior has won all 12 of his matches this year. Holmes finished fourth at the IH-SAA state meet the past two years in a row in the 113-pound class. Irick, last season's 170-pound champion, is up at 182 this year, and is 8-1. Both Holmes and Irick are the top seeds in their respective weight classes, and are ranked in IndianaMat.com's state individual rankings. Holmes is fourth at 126, while Irick is 12th at 182. Two more HSE seniors are state-ranked: Kolby Ferris is rated 12th at 195 pounds and comes in to the meet with an 8-1 mark; while Bryce Chastain is ranked 15th at 285 and holds a 10-2 record.

Carmel is the only county team in IndianaMat.com's state rankings, coming at No. 8 in the latest (Dec. 14) poll. Carmel has faced a couple ranked teams al-



Kent Graham/File photo

Noblesville's David Kitko is ranked 12th in the state at 145 pounds, and will compete for the Millers in Saturday's Hamilton County Wrestling Meet. Also pictured is Fishers' Alex Williams.

ready, beating No. 11 Lawrence North and losing a close dual to No. 5 Brownsburg.

The 'Hounds have a returning champion in Sam Hipple. The senior, also a football player, won at 195 pounds last year; he also placed fourth at the state meet. Hipple is up to the 220 class this season, and comes into county with a 5-0 record.

Hipple, ranked fifth in the state, is one of three top seeds for Carmel. The other two are junior Adam Jerde at 120 pounds, and sophomore Jack Eiteljorge, the state's 16th ranked wrestler at 145. Both hold 4-1 records. Senior Nick Fox is also a 195-pound wrestler to watch; he is rated 15th in the state with a 5-0 mark.

Westfield, meanwhile, has the most top seeds of any school, with five. Leading the way is senior Evan Eldred, who is first in the 138-pound class with a 17-0 record. Eldred won the 132-pound title last year, and went on to finish sixth in the

state. He is currently ranked second at 138 pounds.

Westfield's other top seeds are 113-pound junior Reid Hutson, who is 12-5; Senior Zachary Steele at 132 pounds, with a 10-1 record; senior Nick Schaeffer at 195 pounds, who is perfect in 17 matches and ranked eighth in the state; and 285-pound senior Austin Dollens, who holds an 8-4 mark.

Fishers has a pair of top seeds. Sophomore Alexander Streuder, ranked seventh in the state, is first at 106 pounds; he is unbeaten in 17 matches this season. Also seeded first for the Tigers is senior Dan Stevens, a 170-pounder with a 12-4 record.

Hamilton Heights holds the final two top seeds, right next to each other. Senior Trezdon O'Neal is the first seed at 152 pounds; he has won all 16 of his matches this season. Junior Clayton Cowan holds the top seed at 160 pounds after compiling a 15-1 mark. In addition, the Huskies have a returning champion: Senior David Bryant won at 106 pounds last year, but this year has made a big jump to 126 pounds. He is the second seed with a 9-2 mark.

Noblesville has several wrestlers worth watching. Junior David Kitko is ranked 12th at 145, and enters the county meet with a 14-3 mark. Another junior, Nick Brady, is 16-1 and will compete at 113 pounds.

Guerin Catholic has a couple of unbeaten wrestlers competing. Senior Dawson McMahon is 7-0 as he competes at 145 pounds, and senior Sam Vondersaar is 6-0; he will wrestle in the 220-pound class.

Sheridan sophomore Justin Delph has the most match wins for the Blackhawks entering the tournament. Delph is 9-2 at 138 pounds.

Turn to Page 8 to see a complete bracket for this year's Hamilton County Wrestling Meet.

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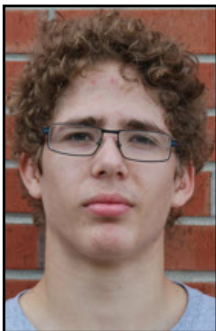
The top seeds



Alexander Strueder
Fishers, 106



Reid Hutson
Westfield, 113



Adam Jerde
Carmel, 120



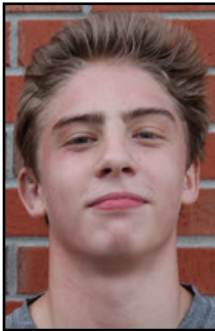
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Zachary Steele
Westfield, 132



Evan Eldred
Westfield, 138



Jack Eiteljorge
Carmel, 145



Trezdon O'Neal
Heights, 152



Clayton Cowan
Heights, 160



Dan Stevens
Fishers, 170



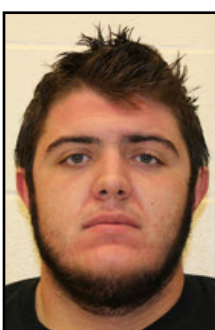
Spencer Irick
Southeastern, 182



Nick Schaeffer
Westfield, 195



Sam Hipple
Carmel, 220



Austin Dollens
Westfield, 285

Hamilton County Wrestling Meet pairings

106 pounds
Alexander Strueder (F), sophomore, 17-0 vs. forfeit (S)
Kyle Holman (C), freshman, 3-2 vs. Chris Jones (N), freshman, 8-4
Esteban Perez (W), freshman, 7-3 vs. forfeit (HH)
Kaleb Kalawao (HSE), 0-1 vs. Zach Sutton (GC), freshman, 5-2

113 pounds
Reid Hutson (W), junior, 12-5 vs. forfeit (S)
Dominic Pecoraro (C), junior, 2-3 vs. Wyatt Smith (GC), freshman, 3-2
Blan Dickerson (F), sophomore, 8-4 vs. Christian Broshears (HH), sophomore, 0-2
Blake Forbes (HSE), sophomore, 6-5 vs. Nick Brady (N), junior, 16-1

120 pounds
Adam Jerde (C), junior, 4-1 vs. Chris Semler (GC), sophomore, 4-3
Cody Turner (HH), senior, 8-8 vs. George Vrachnos (F), freshman, 7-5
Noah Long (N), junior, 12-5 vs. Luke Brogan (W), sophomore, 9-8
Jacob Garcia (HSE), sophomore, 9-3 vs. forfeit (S)

126 pounds
Austin Holmes (HSE), senior, 12-0 vs. Noah Robinson (W), sophomore, 9-8
Corbin Went (S), 6-5 vs. Eric Hiestand (C), freshman, 5-0
Andrew Nicholson (F), senior, 12-5 vs. Dalton Huffman (N), freshman 6-9
Ben Batchelder (GC), freshman, 3-4 vs. David Bryant (HH), senior, 9-2

132 pounds
Zachary Steele (W), senior, 10-1 vs. Riley Downes (N), senior, 4-10
Will Bernard (C), senior, 3-1 vs. Korbin Lane (GC), sophomore, 5-2
Noah Scott (F), senior, 13-2 vs. Jacob Chastain (HSE), freshman, 4-7

Corrin Whitlow (S), senior, 1-1 vs. Chris Loy (HH), junior, 14-2

138 pounds
Evan Eldred (W), senior, 17-0 vs. Jerrod Smith (C), senior, 3-2
Trey Hubbard (HSE), senior, 5-2 vs. Hunter Haynes (HH), senior, 14-2
Luke Elliott (N), junior, 8-4 vs. Justin Delph (S), sophomore, 9-2
Nick Smith (GC), senior, 5-1 vs. Caleb Wright (F), senior, 12-5

145 pounds
Jack Eiteljorge (C), sophomore, 4-1 vs. forfeit (S)
Drew Collier (W), junior, 9-7 vs. Dawson McMahon (GC), senior, 7-0
Riley White (HH), junior, 14-2 vs. Cade Hartman (HSE), sophomore, 7-5
Beau Wildebrandt (F), junior, 6-1 vs. David Kitko (N), junior, 14-3

152 pounds
Trezdon O'Neal (HH), senior, 16-0 vs. Austin Dunbar (S), sophomore, 0-0
Chad Sauder (C), junior, 1-4 vs. Justin Miller (W), junior, 9-8
Jacob Ferris (HSE), senior, 8-3 vs. Jason Houck (N), junior, 3-10
Spencer Bischoff (F), junior, 11-5 vs. JT Lazzara (GC), junior, 7-0

160 pounds
Clayton Cowan (HH), junior, 15-1 vs. Collin Ells (S), sophomore, 6-5
Michael Storey (N), junior, 1-10 vs. Michael Leonard (GC), senior, 6-1
Sam Bublick (C), senior, 2-3 vs. Corey Saf (W), senior, 10-6
Hayden Grow (F), senior, 9-8 vs. Alec Jessop (HSE), junior, 11-1

170 pounds
Dan Stevens (F), senior, 12-4 vs. Josh Marlow (N), senior, 11-6

Lucas Pieper (HH), senior, 10-6 vs. Alex Iler (GC), senior, 5-1
Liam Jagow (W), junior, 13-4 vs. Bryce Sharp (C), junior, 3-2
Justin Castle (S), freshman, 3-8 vs. Joe Mazero (HSE), junior, 10-2

182 pounds
Spencer Irick (HSE), senior, 8-1 vs. Nick Masuccio (GC), sophomore, 2-1
Eric Boleman (C), junior, 1-2 vs. Sam Trompen (W), senior, 3-3
Josh Ahmed (F), sophomore, 3-3 vs. Ethan Reynolds (S), sophomore, 3-5
Dylan McGuffey (N), senior, 5-8 vs. Kaleb Rulon (HH), senior, 7-5

195 pounds
Nick Schaeffer (W), senior, 17-0 vs. Matthew Fogarty (F), senior, 7-10
Jaleel Pugh (HH), senior, 10-6 vs. Ryan Leslie (N), junior, 15-2
Nick Fox (C), senior, 5-0 vs. Logan Weaver (GC), sophomore, 3-3
Cameron Powell (S), sophomore, 7-4 vs. Kolby Ferris (HSE), senior, 8-1

220 pounds
Sam Hipple (C), senior, 5-0 vs. David Powers (S), senior, 7-4
John Klingler (HH), freshman, 4-12 vs. Joe Myren (HSE), junior, 9-3
Levi Gleason (W), junior, 11-6 vs. Nathan Pairitz (F), freshman 5-6
Sam Wertz (N), freshman, 6-10 vs. Sam Vondersaar (GC), senior, 6-0

285 pounds
Austin Dollens (W), junior, 8-4 vs. forfeit (GC)
Deshawn Williams (C), senior, 2-2 vs. Luis Vazquez (F), sophomore, 4-9
Bradley Killion (N), junior, 10-7 vs. forfeit (HH)
Bryce Chastain (HSE), senior, 10-2 vs. forfeit (S)

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NBA standings

Thursday's scores		Toronto at Miami, 8 p.m.
Charlotte 109, Toronto 99		Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Cleveland 104, Oklahoma City 100		Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston 107, L.A. Lakers 87		L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Friday's games		Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Indiana, 7 p.m.		Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7 p.m.		New Orleans at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.		Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m.		

Eastern Conference				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	16	11	.593	-
Boston	14	12	.538	1.5
New York	12	14	.462	3.5
Brooklyn	7	18	.280	8.0
Philadelphia	1	26	.037	15.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	17	7	.708	-
Chicago	15	8	.652	1.5
Indiana	15	9	.625	2.0
Detroit	15	12	.556	3.5
Milwaukee	10	17	.370	8.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	15	9	.625	-
Charlotte	15	10	.600	0.5
Orlando	14	11	.560	1.5
Atlanta	15	12	.556	1.5
Washington	10	14	.417	5.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	17	9	.654	-
Denver	11	14	.440	5.5
Utah	10	14	.417	6.0
Portland	11	16	.407	6.5
Minnesota	9	16	.360	7.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	25	1	.962	-
L.A. Clippers	16	10	.615	9.0
Phoenix	11	16	.407	14.5
Sacramento	10	15	.400	14.5
L.A. Lakers	4	22	.154	21.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	22	5	.815	-
Dallas	14	12	.538	7.5
Memphis	14	13	.519	8.0
Houston	13	14	.481	9.0
New Orleans	7	18	.280	14.0

Back-to-back games this weekend...

Fuel ink centerman Roehl

The Indy Fuel announced today that the team has signed Derek Roehl to a standard players contract.

A native of Clinton Township, Mich., Roehl played both junior hockey and college hockey in North America. After his senior season in 2011-12 at Western Michigan the 5-11, 183 lb. center played in one playoff game for the (then-CHL) Fort Wayne Komets. Following that year Roehl departed for three-plus seasons overseas with stops in France with Villard-de-Lans, the United Kingdom with Fife and Braehead and Italy with Valpellice where this season he appeared in three games with one goal before deciding to return stateside.

Roehl’s best season came in the EIHL in 2013-14 with Fife when he scored 26 goals and totaled 47 points to go along with 151 minutes in penalites.

Indy will play back-to-back games in Evansville this Friday and Saturday night at 8:15 p.m. before returning home for a Sunday matinee against the Toledo Walleye at 3:05 p.m. to finish the pre-Christmas portion of the schedule. Radio coverage is available starting 15 minutes prior to puck drop on CBS Sports 1430 AM.

Single-game tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster or at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum box office, while a variety of different ticket plans and group specials are available by calling (317) 925-FUEL or visiting IndyFuelHockey.com. Don’t miss out on anything from the Fuel in 2015-16, follow the team on Twitter and Instagram (@IndyFuel) and don’t forget to ‘Like’ the Fuel on Facebook.

Sheridan 8th grade boys hoops beats Frankton

The Sheridan 8th grade boys basketball team had a cold shooting night Thursday, but still pulled out a win against Frankton.

Cameron Weitzel led the way with 19 points. Jake Jones had six points and six rebounds. Nolan Buckner and Nick Roberts also scored.

Sheridan will play in the Clinton Prairie Holiday Tournament this Saturday.

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