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Jackson Fire Territory will dissolve...

Township’s decision will send Atlanta and Arcadia shopping for fire and paramedic services

By JEFF JELLISON

Jackson Township Trustee Chris Miller on Thursday announced plans for Jackson Township to withdraw from the Jackson Fire Territory.

Miller’s announcement indicated, because Jackson Township has withdrawn, the Fire Territory will dissolve beginning July 1, 2016.

Currently the Jackson Fire Territory provides fire and paramedic services to all unincorporated Jackson Township and the towns of Arcadia and Atlanta.

The press release issued by Miller indicated, fire and emergency services will not change for residents of unin-

corporated Jackson Township; however, the dissolution will leave Atlanta and Arcadia without fire and paramedic services.

Town officials for Atlanta and Arcadia will need to contract with Jackson Township or enter an agreement with another neighboring fire department to provide fire and paramedics services for their residents.

Miller’s release, signed by Jackson Township Board President Jeff Roberts stated, “After much consideration and financial analysis the Jackson Township Board decided to withdraw from the Jackson Township Fire Territory.

This is the most financially responsible decision and is in the best interest of all Jackson Township residents.”

Arcadia Town Board President Maurice St. Louis stated, “We are going to explore all options, whether it be contracting with Cicero, Jackson Township or any other option that may present itself. Our number one priority is to make sure fire and paramedic services are available to our residents.”

Atlanta Clerk Treasurer Robyn Cook stated, “This is devastating for Atlanta. We operate on a shoestring bud-

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Up to 469 jobs...

Republic Services coming to Fishers

Republic Services Inc., an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous solid waste, announced plans today to establish a shared services center in Fishers, which will create up to 469 new jobs by 2025.

“When industry leaders like Republic Services consider where to grow, Indiana is at the top of the list,” said Governor Mike Pence. “Indiana’s national reputation as a leading state for doing business has helped the Hoosier State add more than 140,500 private sector jobs in the last three years, with nearly 60 percent of those jobs paying above the state’s average wage. Today, I’m proud to welcome Republic Services’ expansion as it furthers this trend with plans to add hundreds of quality, middle-management jobs to the Indiana economy, leveraging our state’s affordable business climate and our dedicated, skilled Hoosier workforce.”

Republic Services, a Fortune 500 company, will invest \$13.6 million to lease, renovate and equip a 68,000-square-foot class-A office space at 10194 Crosspoint Blvd. along the I-69 corporate corridor in Fishers. As noted during the company’s fourth quarter and full year 2015 earnings call today, the new facility is one of three Customer Resource Centers to be established

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IMCU contributes \$1,800 to Carmel Schools

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) recently presented a check for \$1,800 to the Carmel Greyhound Booster Club as part of an ongoing school spirit debit card program. The partnership allows Carmel fans the opportunity to show their school spirit and support the athletic program by signing up for a Carmel Greyhounds themed debit card.

Stephanie Roesner, IMCU Carmel Branch Manager, and Paul Hensel, IMCU Business Banker, presented the check to Jim Inskeep, Athletic Director, Carmel High School, at the boys’ varsity basketball game on Friday, January 22, 2016.

The card is available for issue to members at the IMCU Carmel Branch, 4790 E. 96th Street, as well as IMCU’s other 23 Central Indiana locations. The IMCU Carmel Greyhounds debit card is free to members with IMCU’s free checking account and can be issued immediately through IMCU’s Instant Issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot. Every time the card is used Carmel athletics

benefits. The more cards that are in use, the larger the contribution. Help support the Carmel the IMCU Carmel Branch or Greyhound Booster Club and visit imcu.com for details.

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Noblesville Schools’ Director of Student Services...

Mark Booth to lead state special education organization

Booth

Noblesville Schools announced today that director of student services Mark Booth has been elected president of the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE). During his three-year term, Booth will represent Indiana special education administrators on state and federal issues.

ICASE provides leadership and support on special education issues in Indiana by shaping policies and practices which impact the quality of educational experiences for students.

Booth brings over 25 years of education experience to the role, having served as an assistant principal, home school advisor and instructional assistant in Pike and Perry Townships prior to joining Noblesville as a director in 2004.

“Mark is a passionate advocate for special education and has been at the forefront of increasing inclusionary practices and co-teaching

models to better serve students with special needs,” said Beth Niedermeyer, superintendent of Noblesville Schools. “I know Mark will use this leadership position to share his expertise, that has served Noblesville Schools so well, throughout the state and to shape forward-thinking policy in the area of special education.”

During his tenure at Noblesville, Booth created Autism House, a professional development tool for special education administrators that has received national recognition. He is also credited with developing the Noblesville Unified Sports program through Special Olympics, a special education parent leadership team, and the Project Work initiative, which is a real-world intern work experience program for students with special needs.

Booth was also named the Indiana School Board Association’s Educator of the Year in 2013. He will continue his responsibilities with Noblesville Schools while serving as ICASE president.

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Cannon, rifle fire to be part of Whitcomb Memorial Service

Indiana's 43rd Governor, Edgar Whitcomb, and WWII Veteran, passed away on February 4th. He will be honored on February 12th with a Memorial Service being held in downtown Indianapolis, in the area of the downtown Circle and on the south side of the State Capitol Building.

The Memorial related services will begin late in the morning and will conclude by early afternoon. People that work in the downtown Indianapolis area should be prepared for traffic congestion around and near the Circle along the streets of Michigan, Meridian, Market, Capitol and Washington.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., as part of the Memorial Service, three Howitzer Cannons will fire six volleys, followed by one single shot for a total of 19 rounds in recognition of Indiana being the 19th State admitted to the Union. There will also be a seven person rifle team that will fire three volleys, for a total of 21 shots, in recognition of Gov. Whitcomb's WWII service. Weather permitting, there will also be a military aircraft flyover of the Circle.

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department is aware of the Memorial Service and is assisting with traffic flow before, during and after the Memorial Service.

TOWNSHIP

get. We do not have the money to contract with another fire department without making major budget cuts."

Atlanta board member John Phifer stated, "Atlanta is a little different from Arcadia. We have a firehouse and own several pieces of fire equipment. We could form a volunteer fire department; however, we would not be able to provide paramedics without contracting with another department that maintains an Advance Life Support certificate."

Currently the Jackson Fire Territory is budgeted for six fulltime firemen, three of which are paramedics. The department has approximately 20 volunteers and uses a pool of eight fireman from other departments to fill one part time position.

The Fire Territory has two ambulances, two fire engines, one tanker truck, one grass

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truck and three utility vehicles. All of the equipment, with the exception of one fire engine is owned by the township. Atlanta owns the other engine.

Township Trustee Chris Miller was asked by the Hamilton County Reporter if Jackson Township had funding in place to support a township fire department at the current staffing and a service level that area residents currently receive. Miller stated, "The Township will be able to maintain staffing and services at their current level."

The Jackson Fire Territory will conduct a meeting on February 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Arcadia Town Hall. Area residents with questions or concerns regarding fire and paramedic services are encouraged to attend.

REPUBLIC

throughout the country to enhance support for Republic's 31,000 employees and 15 million customers across 39 states. The corporate office is expected to be operational by Sept. 1, 2016.

"With the creation of the Republic Services Customer Resource Centers (CRCs), we are taking an important step toward transforming our customer experience and we believe Indiana is the right place to do just that," said Joe Burkel, senior vice president of customer experience of Republic Services. "Placing our customers at the center of all we do is our top priority. The state-of-the-art Fishers CRC will bring advanced technologies and additional professional customer service jobs to the community, and will allow Republic to focus on delivering consistent and superior service to our valued customers."

Republic Services currently employs more than 1,500 full-time professionals in Indiana. The company, which is committed to providing reliable and responsible recycling and waste disposal services, provides jobs for more than 31,000 employees, boasting the eighth largest vocational fleet in the United States and more than 160 environmental managers, engineers and scientists.

"Republic Services' move to Fishers is very exciting and a testament to our commitment to bring good jobs to our community," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "By locating in Concourse at Crosspoint along I-69, Republic Services has chosen an easily accessible, top-tier office space that will help attract a talented workforce and spur future development in the area. It is a perfect fit for an industry leader like Republic Services, and we couldn't be more thrilled to welcome them to the community."

Headquartered in Phoenix, Republic serves commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers through 340 collection operations, 198 transfer stations, 189 active solid waste landfills, 60 recycling centers and more than 70 landfill gas and renewable energy projects.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) offered Republic Services up to \$4,500,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Fishers will offer additional incentives.

Today's news is the latest in a string of economic development announcements in Hamilton County. Just yesterday, Braden

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Business Solutions, a technology solutions provider, announced plans to construct a new office in Fishers, creating up to 120 new high-wage jobs by 2020. And in January, Allied Solutions and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) both announced plans to expand in Carmel, together creating an additional 684 new Hoosier jobs.

Apply by March 31...

INDOT offers paid college internships, scholarships

Attention college students! The Indiana Department of Transportation is currently accepting applications for Governor's Summer Internships paying \$11.30 per hour and civil engineering scholarships of up to \$3,125 per semester.

"INDOT employs a staff of more than 3,400 to build and maintain 28,800 lane miles of interstates, U.S. highways and state routes," said Commissioner Brandye Hendrickson. "INDOT strives to be an employer of choice. College internships and scholarships are some of the ways that we attract top talent."

Governor's summer interns

INDOT is accepting resumes through Friday, Feb. 26, for Governor's Public Service Summer Internship positions at its offices in Crawfordsville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Greenfield, Indianapolis, Jeffersonville, LaPorte, Seymour and Vincennes.

Governor's Summer Interns will spend at least 50 percent of their time on a predetermined project that enhances college-level skills and abilities. Candidates must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate with an accredited post-secondary institution and have completed at least one year of undergraduate education. Students who are graduating in May 2016 are eligible to apply.

Selected interns may pick a start and end date between May and August that best fits their academic schedule. For more information about applying to the Governor's Public Service Summer Internship program and to view available internships, visit www.in.gov/spd/2335.htm

Scholarship

INDOT's civil-engineering scholarship program offers \$3,125 per semester or \$2,083 per trimester for up to five years of post-secondary civil engineering education. Scholarship funds can be applied to educational expenses, fees and books. In return, recipients will work for INDOT in a variety of full-time, paid positions during their summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana's Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology certified civil engineering programs. Eligible programs include Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University, Purdue University Calumet, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Trine University, University of Evansville, University of Notre Dame and Valparaiso University.

Learn more about the INDOT Engineer Scholarship program and apply using the form at www.INDOTScholarship.in.gov. Applications for the 2016-2017 school year must be postmarked by Thursday, March 31.



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Rep. Schaibley welcomes student pages to the Statehouse

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) recently welcomed the following student pages to the Statehouse:

- Anthony Stallman, from Zionsville, attends Zionsville Community High School;
- Graham Oberweiser, from Zionsville, attends Zionsville Community High School;
- Jacob Horten, from Zionsville, attends Zionsville Middle School;
- Michelle Stallman, from Zionsville, attends Zionsville Community High School;
- Natalie Penry, from Westfield, attends Westfield Middle School;
- Ryenne Crittendon, from Sheridan, attends Traders Point Christian School;
- Samantha Lewis, from Westfield, attends Westfield Middle School;
- Trenton Wesley, from Zionsville, attends Howe Military Academy;
- Sophia Rogers, from Carmel, attends Creekside Middle School;
- Madelyn Rogers, from Carmel, attends Creekside Middle School; and
- Nathan Felix, from Carmel, attends Creekside Middle School.

As a House page, these participants toured government offices, helped staff with daily duties and joined Schaibley on the House floor as she conducted the people's business.

Schaibley said although openings for this year's page program have been filled, students aged 13-18 should consider participating next session.

For more information, visit www.indianahouserpublicans.com/page-program or call 1-800-382-9841.



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DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

- Matthew 4:5-6

50 Years Ago

February 12, 1966

Sports: "Noblesville will host a Demolay Sectional basketball tournament this Saturday at the Noblesville Armory. Sheridan will meet Lebanon in the 9 a.m opener and Noblesville will battle Crawfordsville at 10:30 a.m."

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Celebrate Valentine’s Day at the Carmel Saturday Gallery Walk

Wine and dine at one of the District restaurants, browse the new and exciting exhibits at 10 District galleries and explore all the unique things the District has to offer during the IU Health North Hospital Second Saturday Gallery Walk on **Saturday, February 13, 2016** from 5-9 p.m.

Free trolley rides will take place in the District from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Pickup will be at the PNC Bank Parking Lot (21 N. Range Line Rd.) with a free charm to the first 50 riders. Please note trolley rides are on a first come, first served basis.

The **first 300 visitors** throughout the galleries will receive a free rose, available in each gallery.

Additional featured artists and exhibits during the February Gallery Walk include:

- **Magdalena and Jerry Points Gallery** (27 E. Main St.). Our exhibit for the February Gallery Walk will feature very creative works from four artists. One of our young artists, Kristy Hughes, is a Stutz Scholarship Winner and will be showing two new works. Her larger works of art include a limited palette of color selection and a thorough understanding of design. Another addition to our February exhibition will be April Willy. April was featured in an *Eye on Art* exhibition last year and is always a favorite among Carmel gallery visitors. William Denton Ray, our big seller for the December Exhibition, returns with his mixed media and whimsical art. Living in Indianapolis, his art ranges from wood sculpture, digital drawings, mixed media paintings and illustrations. William works from his studio at the Harrison Center for the Arts. While his work is whimsical there are underlying tones and references to various cultures including Indian, Polynesian, Aztec and more. Jerry Points, Partner and Curator of the gallery, will show several new works including two smaller abstract paintings. The two works are part of an exploration for larger paintings Points plans for this year.
- A showcase of bronze sculptures by Italian artist Angelo Basso will be featured at **Soori Gallery** (33 E. Main St.).
- **CCA Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 135) presents **Think Pink: “Pink” for Romance, “Pink” for Valentines, “Pink” for Spring**; an all-member feature show starring the color “Pink.”
- **Inspire Studio & Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 120) presents **Women With Heart** featuring works by **Sylvia Gray** and **Lindsey Tull**. Gray is an abstract oil painter and creates one-of-a-kind scarves. Tull also paints and does interior designing. The artists reception takes place from 6-9 p.m. and also features guest potter Sean Gray.
- **ArtSplash Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 140) will feature hearts and flower art for your Valentine, highlighting the work of **Nancy Keating, Debbie Slack, Marie Reamer** and **Erika Woods**.
- **The Great Frame Up** (21 1st St. S.W.) will be showcasing work from Hamilton County Artists’ Association’s Sojna Widmer from 5 – 8 p.m. Widmer’s artwork is on display until March 7th, 2016.
- **Hoosier Salon** (22 N. Range Line Rd.) will feature whimsical Valentine figures by Rita Jackson.

Additional activities taking place during the February Gallery Walk include:

- **Free caricatures and face painting** by **Custom Eyes Design & Aly Oop** (by Auntie Em’s Frozen Custard & Cupcakes 111 W. Main St., Suite 130)
- **Entertainment** by guitarist Casey Harshbarger at **Inspire Studio Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 120).
- Be a part of the **Scavenger Hunt** that will lead you to find select pieces of art in each of the participating galleries and

- businesses. Begin the hunt at the **ArtSplash Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 140). Follow the clues through the District and then turn in your completed clue sheet to receive a charm. Collect a different charm at each Gallery Walk throughout the year to complete a whole charm bracelet by the end of the year. Your completed clue sheet will also enter you for a chance to win one of the following prizes:
- o Two tickets to the Carmel Symphony at The Palladium (\$44 value)
 - o Mosaic class with Nancy Keating of ArtSplash (\$55 value)
 - o Glass heart paperweight from glass artist Lisa Pelo (\$30 value)
 - o Dance lessons from Darren’s Ballroom Dance (\$180 value)
 - o Stationary set from Jilly Jack Designs (\$30 value)
 - o Original art from award winning calligrapher Erika Woods (\$75 value), sponsored by Park Lane apartments
 - o A pair of tickets to the Carmel Ice Skadium (\$25 value)
 - o Two children’s art/toy gift baskets (\$30 value each)
 - o Woman’s Bath and Body Works gift basket (\$55 value)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about the IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk activities can be found at www.CarmelArtsAndDesign.com. Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st Ave NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Rd.) or available on-street public parking. The Arts & Design District parking map may be downloaded at http://www.carmelartsanddesign.com/images/Carmel_District_ParkingMap.pdf.

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Heights will visit Westfield ...

No. 10 LN will visit Huskies

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

It's a challenging weekend for Westfield basketball. A double challenging weekend for Hamilton Heights. That's Hamilton County basketball.

The Shamrocks will host the Huskies tonight at The Rock. On Saturday, at the Husky Dome in Arcadia, Hamilton Heights will entertain powerhouse Lawrence North.

Coach Chad Ballenger will take his Huskies to Westfield with a 12-7 record. The Huskies have won three of their last four outings. Heights is coming off an early week victory over Frankton.

"Westfield is always a good gauge for us," Ballenger said. "They are playing very well. Their schedule always prepares them."

"Playing over there is always tough, but our guys look forward to it. It is always a nice atmosphere. Being a Hamilton County game, we always judge off this game headed down the home stretch into the tourney," Ballenger added.

Westfield is 8-10 after dropping a tough one-pointer to Harrison earlier in the week.

"Hamilton Heights is an explosive offensive basketball team," said Westfield coach Shane Sumpter. "We will need to do a good job containing their guards and limiting their opportunities in transition. We will need to recognize their changing defenses and be sure we are taking great shots."

"Heights is playing very well right now, so we will need to be sharp in all aspects of the game. We look forward to a great night

of Hamilton County basketball," Sumpter added.

Heights has played its last five games without scoring leader (18.5) Hunter Crist, out of action with a wrist injury. Sterling Weatherford (14.4) and Caymn Lutz (10.5) have picked up the pace.

Westfield is led by the 1-2 punch of Charlie Warner (16.6) and Ian Kristensen (10.0).

Hamilton Heights has defeated Westfield two consecutive games.

The Huskies will take on Lawrence North Saturday at Hamilton Heights.

"It will be our toughest stretch of basketball in a long time," said Ballenger. "We played really well vs. Tipton in the fourth quarter. We played as well defensively as we have in a while. If we can play defense like that, we will compete against a lot of teams."

"Weatherford and Lutz turned on the offense in the fourth quarter and gave us a chance to win."

"We have had some good practices and the guys' attitudes have been fantastic. Hunter is healing and there is a chance we might get him back."

"We are looking forward to this stretch to help us get ready for March Madness," said Ballenger.

Lawrence North, before traveling to Hamilton Heights on Saturday, will play Ben Davis on Friday. The Wildcats are 14-5 and have won three straight, beating Center Grove, Fishers and Carmel.

LN is ranked No. 10 in the Coaches Association's all-classes poll.



Brian Reddick/File photo

Westfield's Charlie Warner is scoring 16.6 points per game for the Shamrocks, who host Hamilton Heights tonight.



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Hamilton Heights' Sterling Weatherford is averaging 14.4 points per game for the Huskies, who play Westfield tonight and Lawrence North on Saturday.

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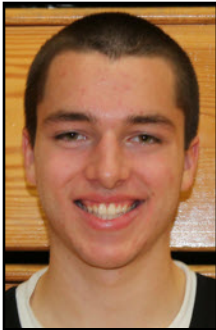
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Another No. 5 opponent....

Millers to host Howe, Saturday

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Having just knocked off Class 4A, No. 5 Pike earlier in the week, Noblesville will get another shot at a No. 5 opponent this Saturday in The Mill when the Millers face Class 2A Indianapolis Howe.



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The game was postponed because of Howe's schedule early in the season.

Since that time the Hornets have posted a 14-5 record. Noblesville is 11-7.

If Howe defeats Traders Point Christian tonight, Coach Mosi Barnes will be looking for career victory 100 at Noblesville on Saturday.

Howe has won three straight, last losing to Cathedral in an 81-73 thriller.

Two of Howe's five losses have been dished out by Cathedral. The Hornets also have lost to Broad Ripple, University and Mt. Vernon.

Mt. Vernon (Fortville) is the lone common opponent on Noblesville's and Howe's schedules. The Hornets lost 63-53 and Noblesville lost to Mt. Vernon 45-30.

Noblesville's loss to Mt. Vernon is the Millers' only setback in their last six games. The Millers are coming off the 58-56 barnburner over Pike on Tuesday, won on a fast break layin by Grant Bullard.

"Indianapolis Howe will be a very challenging game for us," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. "They are having an excellent season. They have won four of their last five games."

Howe is led in scoring by Brian Warren with a 24.0 average, which presents an interesting matchup with Noblesville's John Kiser, who is averaging 22 points a game.

"In addition to Warren, Howe has good offensive balance and are very athletic at every position," said McCauley.

NHS freshmen win county opener

The Noblesville freshman boys basketball team opened the Hamilton County Tournament Thursday with a 58-16 victory over University.

The Millers were led in scoring by Zack Johnson with 10 points and Xavier Hines with nine. Noblesville will play at 10 a.m. Saturday in the semi-final game at Carmel High School.

Noblesville also has offensive balance with Max Flinchum and Corby Mertens averaging in double figures.

This will be the third consecutive meeting between the Millers and the Hornets. Noblesville has won the first two, 65-55 last year and 70-50 two years ago.

It also is the start of a three-game home stand for the Millers. They will host Lawrence Central and Avon before closing the regular season at Lebanon.

Carmel, HSE meet tonight...

Warsaw, Carroll are next up

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Nothing is better in the world of Hamilton County high school basketball than a meeting between Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern. Especially, when played just a couple of weeks before the sectional.



Garrett Covington
Carmel

Then, the same weekend, tack on Saturday showdowns for the Greyhounds and Royals against state powerhouses.

This will be an interesting weekend. Southeastern will host Carmel tonight. On Saturday, Southeastern will play at Warsaw and Carmel will entertain Fort Wayne Carroll.

"The weekend will be a very challenging one for our team," said HSE coach Brian Satterfield. "We are playing two really fundamentally sound teams."



JD Bembry
Southeastern

"Southeastern has as much depth as any team in Indiana and Zach Gunn is one of the better players we will face all season," offered Carmel coach Scott Heady. "Carroll is a top 10 team that could very easily be undefeated, having just three close losses."

Southeastern is 12-7. The Royals have played the last two games without Gunn, losing to Noblesville and beating Columbus

North. The injured Gunn is averaging 18.5 points a game.

Carmel is 11-6. Last time out the Greyhounds had a five-game win string snapped by Lawrence North 45-41.

"We still won't be at full strength," said Satterfield, but we are getting closer. Hopefully this will be a great opportunity for our players to get more playing time and take advantage of the opportunity that has been presented to some of them.

"Coach Heady does a great job and will have his team ready to come back after a tough loss. They are a team that won't beat themselves. We have to be very disciplined at both ends of the floor for us to have a chance."

Satterfield said he could say the same thing about Warsaw.

"They are a very solid team. If they win Friday, they will be undefeated and ready for our game," Satterfield added.

Warsaw is 18-0 entering a game with Plymouth on Friday. In the Coaches Poll, Warsaw is tied with North Central for No. 3.

"Carroll is really good defensively, patient and efficient offensively. Mallers is one of the better players in the state."

Carroll is ranked No. 6 and has won five straight. Their losses have been to Ft. Wayne North 58-54 in overtime, Lawrence Central 62-5 and Merrillville 48-44.

Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern have met twice the last two years. Carmel won 48-31 and 51-44 last year. Two years ago, Carmel won 55-54 and Southeastern won 50-42 in the sectional.

"This is one of the most challenging weekends we will face and one that gets you ready for March," said Heady.

"This will be a good weekend to see where we are entering the final few weeks before the tourney," said Satterfield.



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HSE, Fishers on track for high places...

Carmel girls go for record 30th in a row

In what has become annual anticipation of more historic performances, this weekend's 42nd Annual IHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving State Finals are unlikely to disappoint as significant team and individual records are expected to fall.

Preliminary swimming heats will begin Friday at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT at the Indiana University Natatorium with the top 16 in each event returning Saturday for the championship and consolation finals scheduled for 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT. Those events will be streamed on the IHSAA Champions Network at IHSAAtv.org.

The state diving competition begins Saturday at 9 am ET.

As it has in recent years, Carmel's girls swimming and diving team's continuous climb up the national record ladder has been at the forefront of talk about this meet. The Greyhounds are poised to extend their consecutive state championship streak to a 30th straight year which would set a new national high school record in all sports. The Greyhounds are currently tied for the national record with Punahou High School

boys swimming and diving from 1958-86. Carmel's first championship in this string arrived November 22, 1986 when girls swimming and diving was a fall sport in Indiana. Five different coaches have directed the Carmel program during its run with Chris Plumb in charge for its last nine titles. Plumb has also guided the Carmel boys team to four championships in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015.

"The team is excited for the IHSAA State Championship meet," said Plumb. "We have put ourselves in a good place, but it means little unless we can execute on Friday night. The team wants the opportunity and is ready for the challenge. Our goal is to have all 27 spots move on to Saturday." Carmel qualified all 27 of its swims for state below the state cut time.

There are 32 swimmers or relay teams in each of the 11 swimming events that will compete in tonight's preliminary round. The top 16 in each event return on Saturday, with the top eight swimming in the championship heat, and positions 9-16 competing in the consolation heat.

On the individual front, Carmel senior Claire Adams, with 12 state championships to her credit, could become the most decorated swimmer in state history on Saturday. She'll be shooting for former Greyhound Emily Ayers' mark of 14 blue ribbon medals between 1992 and 1995. Adams is the top seed in the 100 backstroke (54.21) and will look to become the first fourtime state champion in the event she set the state record in a year ago (51.99). Adams is not entered in the 200 freestyle this year after winning the last three state titles and setting a new state record in last year's prelims in 1:45.09 but is set to go in the 100 freestyle where she had the state's fifth-fastest time last weekend.

Teammate and classmate Veronica Burchill is right behind with 11 state championships including a leg on each of Carmel's three relay teams which have swept the field the last three seasons. Burchill also is the defending state champion and state record holder in the 100 butterfly after her 52.26 last year. She had the second-best time (54.16) during Saturday's sectional behind Crown Point junior Hannah Kukurugya's 54.02. Kukurugya has stood on the podium's top step previously as well having won the 500 freestyle as a freshman in 2014. Sophomore Emma Nordin of Carmel is the defending champion in the 500 freestyle but is seeded fourth this year in 4:57.26. Franklin Community freshman Carla Gildersleeve is the top seed (4:55.51) in the event after helping the Grizzly Cubs win their first sectional crown since 1989 last weekend which ended Center Grove's 26-year stranglehold on the local sectional crown. Franklin Community swimmers captured five events, two by Gildersleeve, and all three relays for the school's third sectional crown in school history.

Hamilton Southeastern senior Robyn Clevenger is the top seed in both freestyle sprint races clocking a 22.60 in the 50 and 49.80 in the 100. The Royals are poised to have a strong finish after their sensational performance at their own sectional last Saturday.

Southeastern qualified 17 swims for state, with seven sectional champions and nine more making it to state by virtue of beating the state cut time. Another swimmer, Hannah Pugh, earned a callback in the individual medley; a callback happens when a swim is fast enough to fill a field of 32 in an event.

Fishers junior Lauryn Parrish heads the field in the 200 free with a 1:49.03. Fishers classmate Lauren Edelman had the fastest time in the 200 individual medley in 1:59.77 and Yorktown freshman Emily Weiss heads into the weekend with the best time in the 100 breast in 1:01.59. All of those swims took place at the HSE sectional.

Fishers, in all, will have 16 swims compete at state. The Tigers had three sectional swimming champions, another eight qualify by the state cut time, and then had five more earn callbacks. Those were Carissa Schneider (200 and 500 freestyles), Ally Sperring (IM), Amilia Nusbaum (butterfly), Morgan Booth (500 free)

Westfield will have four swims at the state meet. Erin Verbrugge made the state cut time in the 500 freestyle to earn a spot at state, then received a callback in the 200 free. The Shamrocks also got callbacks in the 200 and 400 free relays.

Noblesville will have three swims at state, all by callbacks - Kate Holtkamp in the butterfly and the medley and 400 free relays.

Don't forget about diving, too. Hamilton County will have three divers at state: HSE's Halli Siwik, Fishers' Maddie Folta and Noblesville's Megan Hayes.

Centerville senior Brooke Madden accumulated the most points during diving

regional competition on Tuesday night with 526.70 points to lead the field of 32 divers. She would become the first Centerville swimmer or diver to win a state championship with another performance like that on Saturday.

All diving will take place on Saturday with the top 20 of 32 competitors advancing from the prelims to the semis after five dives each. After three dives each in the semis, the top 16 will advance to the final round for another three dives each.

Results will be posted throughout both days to IHSAA.org and tweeted at [@IHSAA1](https://twitter.com/IHSAA1). Saturday's championship and consolation finals will be streamed live at IHSAAtv.org beginning at 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT. Mark Jaynes and Tony Young will host with Thad Vandeventer reporting from the pool deck and Kevin Rockhill serving as the diving announcer.

Dates
Friday, Feb. 12, 2016, 6 pm ET (Swimming prelims).
Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, 9 am ET (Diving prelims and semis), 1 pm ET (Consolations and finals for all events).
Site: Indiana University Natatorium, IUPUI, 901 W. New York St., Indianapolis
Admission: Unreserved tickets are \$8 per session or \$12 both days.
Webstream: Saturday's championship and consolation finals will be streamed live at IHSAAtv.org beginning at 1 pm ET / 12 pm CT.

Hamilton County competitors and seed times:

200 medley relay:
Carmel, 1:44.73
Hamilton Southeastern, 1:45.22
Noblesville, 1:50.43

200 freestyle:
Lauryn Parrish (Fishers), 1:49.03
Kelly Pash (C), 1:51.45
Morgan Grout (C) 1:51.99
Emily Barnes (HSE), 1:53.33
Emma Nordin (C) 1:53.49
Carissa Schneider (F) 1:54.59
Erin Verbrugge (Westfield) 1:54.64

200 individual medley:
Lauren Edelman (F) 1:59.77
Sammie Burchill (C) 2:02.36
Natalie Mudd (HSE) 2:02.91
Maggie Jahns (F) 2:03.74
Trude Rothrock (C) 2:04.17
Jaclyn Pash (C) 2:04.43
Ally Sperring (F) 2:07.73
Hannah Pugh (HSE) 2:10.48

50 freestyle
Robyn Clevenger (HSE) 22.60
Allie Barnes (HSE) 23.29
Lauren Blanchrad (HSE) 23.60
Grace Pangburn (C) 23.79
Kendall Smith (C) 23.87
Katy Schlies (C) 24.00
Amilia Nusbaum (F) 24.28

100 butterfly:
Veronica Burchill (C) 54.16
Kylie Sutherlin (HSE) 55.72
Trude Rothrock (C) 56.01
Caroline Schultz (C) 56.01
Hannah Pugh (HSE) 56.65
Amilia Nusbaum (F) 57.45
Kate Holtkamp (N) 57.70

100 freestyle:
Robyn Clevenger (HSE) 49.80
Lauryn Parrish (F) 50.49
Claire Adams (C) 51.13
Allie Barnes (HSE) 51.83
Kelly Pash (C) 51.92
Lauren Blanchard (HSE) 52.13
Kendall Smith (C) 52.34

500 freestyle
Morgan Miller (C) 3:56.81
Emma Nordin (C) 4:57.26
Morgan Grout (C) 4:57.81
Erin Verbrugge (W) 5:01.69
Elisabeth Peskin (F) 5:05.39
Carissa Schneider (F) 5:05.74
Morgan Booth (F) 5:07.09

200 freestyle relay
Southeastern 1:34.01
Carmel 1:36.39
Fishers 1:37.43
Westfield 1:40.71

100 backstroke:
Claire Adams (C) 54.21
Natalie Mudd (HSE) 54.97
Maggie Jahns (F) 56.21
Sammie Burchill (C) 56.32
Becky Flaherty (C) 56.84
Megan Lugar (HSE) 57.15
Kylie Sutherlin (HSE) 57.56

100 breaststroke:
Lauren Edelman (F) 1:02.47
Brinley Barton (C) 1:04.88
Madeline Foxworthy (C) 1:05.03
Grace Estabrook (C) 1:05.42
Ally Sperring (F) 1:05.64

400 freestyle relay:
Southeastern 3:25.41
Fishers 3:27.20
Carmel 3:27.77
Westfield 3:37.99
Noblesville 3:41.00

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Thursday's scores	
Milwaukee 99, Washington 92	
Oklahoma City 121, New Orleans 95	
No regular-season games scheduled until Feb. 18, as the All-Star Break begins today	

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	35	17	.673	-	Oklahoma City	40	14	.741	-
Boston	32	23	.582	4.5	Portland	27	27	.500	13.0
New York	23	32	.418	13.5	Utah	26	26	.500	13.0
Brooklyn	14	40	.259	22.0	Denver	22	32	.407	18.0
Philadelphia	8	45	.151	27.5	Minnesota	17	37	.315	23.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	38	14	.731	-	Golden State	48	4	.923	-
Indiana	28	25	.528	10.5	L.A. Clippers	35	18	.660	13.5
Chicago	27	25	.519	11.0	Sacramento	22	31	.415	26.5
Detroit	27	27	.500	12.0	Phoenix	14	40	.259	35.0
Milwaukee	22	32	.407	17.0	L.A. Lakers	11	44	.200	38.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	31	24	.564	-	San Antonio	45	8	.849	-
Miami	29	24	.547	1.0	Memphis	31	22	.585	14.0
Charlotte	27	26	.509	3.0	Dallas	29	26	.527	17.0
Washington	23	28	.451	6.0	Houston	27	28	.491	19.0
Orlando	23	29	.442	6.5	New Orleans	20	33	.385	25.0



Kent Graham/File photo

Hamilton Heights’ Riley White is one of 31 Hamilton County wrestlers that will compete in the New Castle semi-state on Saturday.

Wrestling semi-state

County will send 31 to New Castle Saturday

Saturday will be one of the most important days of the wrestling season, as the IHSAA hosts its four semi-states. Hamilton County teams compete in the always-difficult New Castle semi-state. Sixteen wrestlers in each of the 14 weight classes compete to be one of the four in each class that qualifies for the state meet, which takes place Feb. 19-20 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis.

As one can imagine, semi-state is a tense affair. It also doesn’t help that New Castle hosts some of Indiana’s best wrestlers, many of whom are ranked in the Top 20 in the state. Based on the luck of the draw, some wrestlers can face each other in the quarter-finals, or the “ticket round,” where whoever wins is guaranteed a top four placing and a spot at state.

So who are Hamilton County’s wrestlers that are going for a chance at Bankers Life? Read on:

106 pounds
Alexander Strueder, Fishers (sophomore, 39-4) vs. Grant Stapleton, East Central (freshman, 29-8)
Strueder is ranked 18th in the state, and gets an unranked freshman in his first round. A win could see the Tigers sophomore take on No. 16 Gavin Rose, a Greenfield-Central freshman, in the ticket round.

113 pounds
Dominic Pecoraro, Carmel (junior, 20-10) vs. Chase Peavler, Franklin Central (sophomore, 31-13)
Alec White, New Palestine (junior, 38-1) vs. Reid Hutson, Westfield (junior, 24-12)
Tyler Wilburn, Milan (senior, 43-5) vs. Nicholas Brady, Noblesville (junior, 33-6)
White is the No. 2-ranked wrestler in the state, but one thing Hutson has going for him is that he’s faced tough competition at the Frankfort sectional and North Mont-

gomery regional. Same goes for Pecoraro. Brady came out of the tough Pendleton Heights regional, which features several northside Indianapolis wrestlers.

120 pounds
Tras McMillian, Pike (senior, 25-9) vs. Adam Jerde, Carmel (junior, 28-7)
Neither Metropolitan Conference wrestler is ranked. The two met at the MIC meet on Jan. 23, with Jerde winning a 100 major decision.

126 pounds
Noah Robinson, Westfield (sophomore, 25-16) vs. Aaron Sikorski, Pendleton Heights (senior, 34-10)
Zak Bowling, Lebanon (junior, 27-10) vs. Chris Loy, Hamilton Heights (junior, 35-7)
Breyden Bailey, Cathedral (junior, 38-1) vs. Eric Hiestand, Carmel (freshman, 27-9)
Austin Holmes, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 32-2) vs. Dheontae Unsel, Lawrence North (sophomore, 25-10)
Bailey is ranked 2nd in the state, while the freshman Hiestand is 18th. Holmes is rated fourth, and will be looking to get to state for the first time at 126, after two years of qualifying as a 113-pounder.

132 pounds
Zachary Steele, Westfield (senior, 24-7) vs. Chad Red, New Palestine (senior, 36-0)
The top-ranked Red has never lost a high school match, but Steele is an experienced senior.

138 pounds
Jerrod Smith, Carmel (senior, 25-11) vs. Brady Gosnell, Connersville (junior, 29-11)
Evan Eldred, Westfield (senior, 35-1) vs. Dyllion Humbert, Franklin County (sophomore, 28-17)

Riley White, Hamilton Heights (junior, 34-8) vs. Logan Hurley, Perry Meridian (senior, 26-8)
Eldred is ranked third in the state.

145 pounds
Jack Eiteljorge, Carmel (senior, 29-5) vs. Landon Alberts, Lapel (senior, 15-9)
Beau Wilbrandt, Fishers (junior, 22-12) vs. Trevor Bagwell, Cathedral (senior, 26-7)
Clayton Cowan, Hamilton Heights (junior, 37-6) vs. Cade Groves, North Montgomery (sophomore, 26-17)
All three county wrestlers are in separate quarters of the draw.

152 pounds
Jacob Ferris, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 27-8) vs. Alex Johnson, Pendleton Heights (junior, 29-14)
Justin Miller, Westfield (junior, 23-15) vs. Dru Berkebile, Frankton (sophomore, 25-2)
Trezdon O’Neal (senior, 37-3) vs. Nic Blondeel, Attica (senior, 33-3)
O’Neal is ranked 14th in the state, while Berkebile is rated fourth.

160 pounds
Sam Bublick, Carmel (senior, 22-6) vs. Josh Gee, Shenandoah (junior, 37-4)
Alec Jessop, Hamilton Southeastern (junior, 29-9) vs. Jake Ruberg, Lawrenceburg (junior, 41-2)
Ruberg is ranked third in the state, although Jessop has been having a strong season.

170 pounds
Liam Jagow, Westfield (junior, 31-11) vs. Dezmen Goddard, Warren Central (senior, 35-6)
Joe Mazero, Hamilton Southeastern (junior, 27-8) vs. Brad Lowe, Greenfield-Central (sophomore, 32-8)

Goddard is ranked 13th in the state, but Jagow has been performing well in the tournament.

182 pounds
Spencer Irick, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 27-4) vs. Derek Bryant, Elwood (senior, 34-5)
Irick is ranked 16th in the state.

195 pounds
Nick Fox, Carmel (senior, 31-2) vs. Lee Dullaghan, Greenfield-Central (junior, 21-16)
Ryan Leslie, Noblesville (junior, 34-7) vs. Wes Hertel, Union County (senior, 33-14)
Nick Schaeffer, Westfield (senior, 34-10) vs. Tristen Tonte, Warren Central (junior, 38-3)
Kolby Ferris, Hamilton Southeastern (senior, 25-8) vs. Tyler Smith, Roncalli (senior, 32-11)
Fox is ranked eighth, Ferris is 10th and Schaeffer 18th - and that’s just among the county wrestlers. Tonte is the top-ranked wrestler at 195.

220 pounds
Sam Hipple, Carmel (senior, 30-1) vs. Mitch Quinn, Eastern Hancock (sophomore, 18-12)
Hipple, a fourth-place finisher at 195 last year, is ranked eighth at 220.

285 pounds
Austin Dollens, Westfield (junior, 23-11) vs. Peyton Wuerch, Mount Vernon (junior, 32-5)
Jack Williams, Carmel (sophomore, 13-8) vs. Chris Ridle, Perry Meridian (senior, 26-8)
Ridle is ranked 19th in the state and Wuerch is ranked 20th. Dollens and Williams have both wrestled tough schedules.