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TODAY'S WEATHER



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Hamilton County Reporter

Honoring Jim Belden

Name a training center in his honor

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

How do you honor a giant, a man who for 50 years was a leader in Hamilton County?

A leader for more than 30 years in education and in representing three Hamilton County schools as a legendary Hall of Fame football coach. A leader who for 20 years served in Hamilton County government on the Hamilton County Council.

A man who was a friend and a role model to the hundreds of Hamilton County young people he touched. A friend to everyone he met.

How does Hamilton County honor Jim Belden?

To me, the answer is simple. Hamilton County honors Jim Belden by making something happen which in recent years had been so close to his heart. So close that only in recent weeks Belden announced he would run for another Council term, perhaps realizing he would never be able to serve.

The Hamilton County Council should shift gears and approve the funding of an emergency training center in Hamilton County.

The Jim Belden Memorial Emergency Training Center.

Asked to fund \$3 million for a center to be built on land on the west side of Noblesville, the County Council voted that down

by a 4-3 vote. Belden, along with Steve Schwartz and Amy Massilamany, voted in favor of the center.

Belden strongly believed that such a training facility was extremely important to Hamilton County.

The Council should call a special session to reconsider its recent decision.

Yes, there still are questions. Yes, there still are problems to solve. But, if Hamilton County's brightest leaders can't meet and answer those questions and solve those problems, they never gained the true value of Hamilton County government that Belden displayed for 20 years.

Today, those who are in favor of the training center are hoping that the make up of the Council can be changed in the upcoming election.

That's not the way it should work. What is needed is for the six Council members who served with Belden approve and fund the center now. Yes, now before the election.

The six members who served on this Council with Jim Belden need to be the ones to act, now.

There may be no better way to honor the man than the naming of the Jim Belden Emergency Training Center.

An act which should be accomplished by this six-member Council.



Photo courtesy Riverview Health

The hyperbaric oxygen chambers at Riverview Health Wound Care offer advanced technology treatments for complex wounds and are operated by a certified hyperbaric technologist.

Riverview Health Wound Care becomes...

First program in Indiana to be accredited for hyperbaric medicine

Riverview Health is the first facility in Indiana to be accredited for hyperbaric medicine by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS).

"We're very proud to earn this recognition as it not only validates the high standards of care and safety we ensure our patients every day, but also reflects the dedicated team we have at Riverview Health Wound Care," said Tracey Ikard, MD, medical director of Infection Control at Riverview Health. "Although we treat complex wounds, the improved quality of life our patients receive is the true reward for us."

To be accredited for hyperbaric medicine, Riverview Health Wound Care successfully completed a rigorous assessment process that reviews equipment and facility capabilities, quality of care and staff qualifications.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy works by surrounding the person with 100 percent oxygen at higher-than-normal atmospheric pressure. This increases the amount of oxygen in the blood, allowing red blood cells to pass more easily through the plasma to help heal a wound from the inside out while decreasing infection and inflammation.

Second year in a row...

Sheridan Community Schools one of the Best Places to Work

Sheridan Community Schools has been named by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce in the top 100 Best Places to Work in Indiana for 2016. This is the second consecutive year SCS has been selected for this honor.

Dr. Dave Mundy stated that this recognition is very well deserved and speaks to intense work ethic and dedication that the Sheridan Community Schools staff has for their students and community. "It's a huge honor and it represents the culture throughout Sheridan Community Schools that it is truly the best place to work and learn."

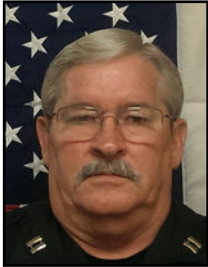
The Indiana program includes four categories based on company

size: small have between 15 and 74 U.S. employees, medium have between 75 and 249 U.S. employees, large have between 250 and 999 U.S. employees and major have 1,000 or more U.S. employees. Businesses with out-of-state parent companies must have at least 15 full-time Indiana employees to participate.

The companies selected embrace the idea that a positive work culture that includes respect, communication, opportunity and being part of a team not only makes it a place in which employees want to work but also fuels the success of the company.

Final rankings of the honorees will be announced May 5th.

Curl selected to fill Sheridan Town Council at-large seat



Curl

A Hamilton County Republican caucus selected former Sheridan Police Chief Bill Curl to fill the at-large Sheridan Town Council seat vacated earlier this year by Jeremy Sommerville.

Sommerville, elected in 2014, resigned his council seat after a job change required he move from Sheridan. Curl will

serve the remaining three years of Sommerville's term.

In an interview with the Hamilton County Reporter Curl stated, "I'm looking forward to working with the council for the betterment of Sheridan." Curl said his top priorities would be improving Sheridan streets, attracting new business to Sheridan and responsible spending of town funds.

Curl retired from the Sheridan Police Department in 2014 after serving 29 years now works in the security division of Riverview Health.

Fishers Fire, Forum Credit Union partnering for family and friends CPR class

Fishers Fire Department and Forum Credit Union have partnered to provide a Family and Friends CPR class for some of the employees of the Forum Credit Union Headquarters Office. In the spirit of Valentines, FFD and Forum Credit Union have joined forces to increase the number of people in Fishers who can provide life-saving CPR when someone goes into cardiac arrest.

Today, Fishers Fire is beta testing this partnered approach to teaching CPR. In continued efforts to *Protect the Heart of Fishers*, 25 employees at the Forum Corporate Headquarters will take this 2 hour, non-certified course that will provide the techniques and skills for CPR and AED usage.

On the heels of an earlier announcement by St. Vincent Hospital to provide funding for 11 new AED's for city parks, firefighters want to assure there are trained individuals throughout the community that are prepared and willing to take life-saving steps for others.

The department is excited about this approach to community education and looks forward to other

opportunities to work with business leaders and innovators throughout the City of Fishers.

According to the American Heart Association:

- o 326,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually
- o Many victims appear healthy with no known disease or risk factors
- o Effective bystander CPR can up to triple a victims survival
- o Only 32% of cardiac arrests receive CPR prior to emergency services
- o Only 11% of cardiac arrest victim survive
- o Of those receiving CPR and AED intervention, that raises to 31% survival rate.
- o **Heart Disease remains the #1 global cause of death.**

Class will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. today at the Forum Credit Union Headquarters, 11313 USA Parkway, Fishers. Contact Captain John Mehling with any questions.

CONFERENCE RACE HEATING UP

Read a preview of tonight's Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys basketball games in our sports section, which starts today on Page 5.

Hamilton County's hometown newspaper...

Is there any doubt?

By REPORTER PUBLISHER
JEFF JELLISON

One thing I've learned over the past few



years is the newspaper industry is always changing. Reporters come and go. Newspapers change ownership. Distribution and publication has changed to meet the needs of an internet driven society.

A little over four years ago when I published my first newspaper, the Sheridan Reporter, I realized at some point the newspaper would need to change. It would need to grow.

About 1 year into publication the Sheridan Reporter expanded. We began covering all of northern Hamilton County and our banner changed to the Hamilton County North Reporter.

The expansion got the attention of newspaper readers from all over Hamilton County. People in Noblesville, Westfield, Fishers and Carmel wanted to read northern Hamilton County news and sports.

The expansion also caught the eye of my dad, Reporter Editor Don Jellison and Sports Editor Richie Hall. At that time both were working for another county newspaper. Both eventually made the decision to jump on board with the Reporter.

Having Don and Richie on staff, I knew another change needed to be made. I knew Don and Richie could not be chained to just northern Hamilton County. I also knew newspaper readers in Noblesville, Westfield, Fishers and Carmel would be unhappy if Don and Richie were no longer in their gyms and government meetings.

In 2012 the Reporter expanded coverage into all of Hamilton County. Another

name change followed. The Hamilton County North Reporter became what is known today as the Hamilton County Reporter.

The decision to go county-wide was something I discussed with northern Hamilton County government leaders, school officials and residents. All expressed the same concern. They were concerned their news would take second place to the news from the "big towns."

Since going county-wide I've often published the statement, "We are Hamilton County's hometown newspaper." That's a statement I take very seriously. It's our way of saying we are committed to publishing not just "big-town" news, but also news from "small-town" Hamilton County.

In news this past week we were the only Hamilton County based newspaper to cover the controversial Jackson Fire Territory meeting. We were first to report former Sheridan Police Chief Bill Curl was selected to fill a vacant town board position, the first to report Sheridan Community Schools was selected once again by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce as their Best Place to Work, the first to publish Sheridan resident Indiana State Trooper John Perrine had been promoted to the rank of sergeant and Reporter columnist Fred Swift produced an article on the Morse Lake silting problem.

This week in sports Don previewed the Hamilton Heights boys basketball team's chase for a conference crown. Richie Hall produced a terrific preview about Hamilton County wrestlers in the state tournament that featured a page wide picture of Hamilton Heights wrestler Clayton Cowan.

Considering, at the time of this writing, we are only two days into this week's publication schedule, that's a lot of northern Hamilton County news and sports.

Hamilton County's hometown newspaper? Is there any doubt?

Parade, ceremony Saturday for Carmel girls swim team

The City of Carmel welcomes fans, supporters and all residents of Carmel to a celebration of the Carmel High School Girls Swim Team, which recently won its 30th consecutive state championship - setting a new national record for the most consecutive state titles in any sport for any high school in the USA.

The celebration will consist of a parade that begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. The parade will take place on Main Street from Carmel High School to the Monon Trail in the Carmel Arts and Design District. A ceremony will then take place on 2nd Avenue NW on the street just north of Main.

The public is invited to line Main Street in the Arts & Design District to celebrate the

girls as they are paraded atop Carmel Fire Department trucks and celebrated with a special City proclamation near the Monon Trail at 2nd Avenue NW.

Public Information Meeting

Roundabout – Allisonville Road and Cumberland Road – Please be advised, on Thursday, March 3, 2016, The Hamilton County Highway Department will hold a public information meeting for the planned roundabout at Allisonville Road and Cumberland Road. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the project, discuss schedule, gather pertinent information regarding the area, and afford all interested persons an opportunity to ask questions on the proposed project.

Please direct all questions to:

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COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program (YAP) Sustainability Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Carmel Community Life and Learning Center, 515 East Main Street, Suite 110 Carmel, Indiana. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of the sustainability of the YAP Program.

/s/ Dawn Coverdale,

Hamilton County Auditor

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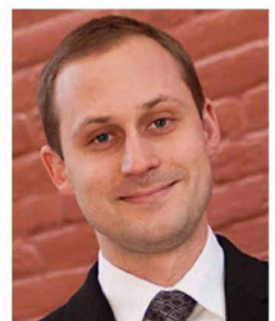
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Betty L. Bell

September 13, 1928 - February 17, 2016

Betty L. Bell, 87, of Muncie, passed away in the early morning of Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. She was born on September 13, 1928 to John F. and Louie (Davisson) Horner in Randolph County, Indiana.



Betty was a 1946 graduate of Modoc High School and was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Muncie. She had been a photography proofer for LifeTouch Portraits in Muncie, and also for AMK in Phoenix, AZ where she and her husband, Dillard, had lived for 20 years, before returning to Muncie in 1994; but her first love was being a homemaker and spending time with her family. She enjoyed sewing, cross-stitching, cooking and baking, and was known for making the world's best apple butter.

Betty is survived by her husband of 62 years, Dillard L. Bell of Muncie; daughters, Brenda (Bob) Upchurch of Muncie and Connie Workman of Blountsville; son, Lynn (Debbie) Bell of Janesville, WI; her sister, Mary Virginia Hubbard of Mission, KS; grandchildren, Deanne Brown, Jared Upchurch, Donald (Angel) Workman, Chris Workman and Rosetta (Steve) Molden; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by three brothers, one sister, and a son-in-law, Donald Workman.

Services will be held at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 22, 2016 at Fellowship Baptist Church, 2204 S. Macedonia Ave., Muncie, Indiana, with Pastor Andy Phipps of Liberty Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at Fellowship Baptist Church. Burial will be at Elm Ridge Memorial Park in Muncie, Indiana.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

- Matthew 4:11

Dedicated to the sport of the Art...

Fishers/HSE Community Night is March 4

The public is invited to the Fishers/HSE Community Night, which will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, March 4 at the Fishers High School gym.

This free event showcases the amazing work and dedication to the sport of the Art from the Hamilton school district. It is called Sport of the Arts because it brings music to life through performance in a competitive format.

The HSE School District Groups include:

HSE Corporation JV Winterguard

HSE Winterguards and Percussion ensembles (3 total)

FHS Winterguards and Percussion ensembles (5 total)

The percussion ensemble will compete this season at the Indiana Percussion Association Invationals, State Prelims and Finals. The Fishers Percussion ensemble will continue on to the Winter Guard National Championships in April.

The winter guards will compete in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association invationals and State competitions.

The ensembles exists to strengthen leaders within the school and community. It is their goal to inspire them to achieve the highest artistic and creative standards. The ensembles view competition as a means to encourage the highest standard of excellence.

Upcoming Westfield Library events

Here's a list of upcoming events at the Westfield Library: Wednesday 3/2 @ 1:00 PM

Adult Events

Beginner American Mahjong
Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Euchre

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
at 5:30 PM

March 9, 23

Mystery Book Discussion Group: *All Mortal Flesh* by Julia Spencer-Fleming

Book Discussion Group: Special visit from author Christina Abt
Wednesday 3/16 @ 1:00 PM

ESL Class

*Registration required

Mondays @ 11:30 AM

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Saturdays @ 1:30 PM

March 5, 12, 19, 26

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Ecology focus for community input meeting for...

Carmel West Park master plan

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation will hold the second of three community meetings to provide information about the ecology of West Park and the surrounding area. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeting House, 3rd Floor, 2000 N. New Market St., Carmel, located within the Village of West Clay.

The community meeting will feature Steven Apfelbaum, a nationally acclaimed ecologist and author who specializes in ecological restoration, ecosystem assessment, alternative stormwater management, and conservation development. This educational topic builds upon the department's historical commitment to conservation and sustainable land management, which was recently recognized through the 2015 Barb King Environmental Stewardship Award from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation is beginning the process of creating a new master plan to guide future development within West Park, the park system's only park located west of U.S. 31/Meridian Street. The original 75 acres for West Park was purchased in 1997 and developed in three phases between 2000 and 2002 based on the 1999 West Park Site Master Plan. Some of the original amenities, such as the playground and spray pad, are nearing the end of their anticipated life and will soon need to be replaced. The park was expanded through the acquisition of adjacent property in 2003 (5 acres) and 2005 (40 acres), accounting for its current 120 acres. The new master plan will incorporate and integrate designs for both the capital repair and replacement of existing infrastructure and expansion into the 45 undeveloped acres.

The master planning process is anticipated to take 6-9 months and will incorporate a variety of opportunities for both community leaders, neighbors, user groups,

and the general public to provide input on how to enhance West Park to best meet the current and future needs of the community. We held our first round of meetings on January 26, including several focus groups with elected officials and the park board, and a community meeting open to the general public. The initial community meeting included an overview of the planning process, as well as an educational speaker who provided information about the science of play and current trends in childhood development as it pertains to parks and playgrounds. The intent of this presentation was to share with the public the different types of play features possible, from traditional playgrounds to nature play, and solicit feedback on which of these type of amenities the public would potentially like to see in the park. Those in attendance generally expressed an interest in a careful mix of both types of play experiences.

As the master planning process progresses, YourWestPark.com will serve as a central location for the public to learn about future meeting dates, review findings reports, preliminary plans, and similar documents as they are created, and provide feedback throughout the process. YourWestPark.com will also include videos of all community meetings for those unable to attend.

For more information about West Park or the master planning process, please contact Michael Klitzing at mklitzing@carmelclayparks.com or 317.843.3875.

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Acrylic on Canvas Class
 1st Thursday of the month @ 10:30 AM
 March 3

Genealogy Group
 1st Saturday of the month @ 10:15 AM
 March 5

Watercolor Class
 3rd Thursday of the month @ 10:30 AM
 March 17

Writers Group
 4th Thursday of the month @ 1:00 PM
 March 24

Technology Class: Microsoft Excel
 Monday, March 14 @ 6:30 PM

Technology Class: Intro to eBooks
 Wednesday, March 9 @ 1:00 PM

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 Tuesday, March 29 @ 1:00 PM

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HCC down to the wire

Kiser nears 1,000 mark

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Hamilton Southeastern and Zionsville are in a position to control their own destiny when it comes to deciding a Hoosier Crossroads Conference champion tonight. But, the race, if things go exactly right, could be a three-team or even a four-team tie for the title. Noblesville and Fishers are in the picture.

“If we take care of business, we are guaranteed a share of the conference title,” said Southeastern coach Brian Satterfield.

That means the Royals will need to beat Brownsburg. HSE is 4-1 in the conference. So is Zionsville, which will need to defeat Fishers.

Southeastern is 12-10 overall, but is struggling through a series of injuries. The Royals have lost five of their last six games. Brownsburg is 5-15. The Bulldogs have won games over Manual and Plainfield after losing eight straight.

“This is a big game for us,” said Satterfield. “We are still trying to get healthy as tournament time is getting near. This is huge because

Greg Miller
Southeastern

Lance Dollison
Fishers

Kyle Nicole
Westfield

Looking at the Top Conference Standings		
Team	Won	Lost
Southeastern	4	1
Zionsville	4	1
Noblesville	3	2
Fishers	3	2
Westfield	3	3

of our players are gaining confidence, which should help as we move forward.

“Concerning Brownsburg, they are very disciplined,” Satterfield continued. “Their record doesn’t reflect how good they are. They have been very competitive against quality teams throughout the season.”

Noblesville and or Fishers would tie for the championship if the Millers and Tigers win and if Southeastern and Zionsville lose. Noblesville and Fishers are one game behind Southeastern and Zionsville, each with a 3-2 record.

Noblesville’s game at The Mill tonight will be special for the Millers and special for team-leader John Kiser.

The Millers could finish anywhere from a tie for first to a tie for fifth. With a 12-8 overall record, Noblesville needs to win when hosting Avon. NHS is coming off a 64-49 loss to powerhouse and MIC Conference champ Lawrence Central, but the Millers have won six of their last eight games.

It’s Senior Night at The Mill and Kiser, one of those seniors, could reach the 1,000 point career mark.

“John is 15 points away from 1,000,” said coach Brian McCauley. “I hope he gets it tonight and about 15 more.”

Avon is 5-15 and has lost eight straight, but McCauley warns to be prepared for the Orioles.

“The Avon game will be very challenging for us,” McCauley said. “Avon has been ultra competitive in every HCC game this season. Four of their conference games have been one or two possession battles.

“Avon is led by Jack McCue, but they also have excellent offensive balance with three more players averaging 8-11 points each.”



Kent Graham/File photo

Noblesville’s John Kiser is only 15 points away from the 1000-point mark. Kiser will have a chance to reach 1000 points at The Mill tonight, when the Millers take on Avon in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. Noblesville still has a chance to tie for the conference championship.

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2 more toughies...

Carmel plays 2 on road

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor



Sterling Brown
Carmel senior
starter

If late season games against strong opponents prepare teams for sectional play, Carmel should be ready for the Noblesville Sectional. This weekend, Carmel will face strong MIC Conference opponent Warren Central on Friday and then undefeated Warsaw on Saturday. Both games will be on the road. "It's going to be another challenging weekend," predicts Carmel coach Scott Heady.

"Warren Central is possibly the quickest team we will play all season. They are much better than their record indicates." The Warriors, a team Heady once coached, are a respectable 9-10, but have run into tough times during the second half of the season. Warren Central has won only two of its last nine games, beating Hamilton Southeastern 68-66 and Center Grove 66-45. WC is coming off a 58-53 loss to Southport. This is a Metropolitan Conference game. Carmel still could finish tied for third in the conference, but in order to do so would need a win over Warren Central and a Lawrence North loss at Pike. Lawrence Central has won the conference with a 7-0 record, currently followed by North Central 5-1, Lawrence North 4-2, Carmel 3-3 and Warren Central 2-3.

"Warsaw," Heady continued, "is undefeated and that's all you need to know." Warsaw is 20-0 and coming off a 60-40 decision over Hamilton Southeastern. Southeastern is the only common opponent for Warsaw and Carmel. A couple of weeks ago, Carmel defeated Southeastern 47-42. "Hopefully," said Heady, "we can put two very good games together." Warren Central and Warsaw will be Carmel's last two road games of the regular season. The Greyhounds (12-7) will close on Feb. 26 hosting Brebeuf. Carmel followed a five-game winning streak by losing to Lawrence North, beating Southeastern, and losing to Fort Wayne Carroll.

University now 17-5...

'Blazers cruise past ISD

The University Trailblazers raised their record to 17-5 Tuesday evening with a 70-43 win over Sectional 58 opponent, Indiana School for the Deaf. Junior Josh Alford led the way with 23 points, making all 11 of his field goal attempts. The 6-4 junior also handed out five assists and had four rebounds. University shared the ball very well. The Trailblazers racked up 23 assists on 29



Alford

made baskets. Connor Holly had a team high nine assists. Josh Watson had 15 points, David Howard 11, Connor Holly 10 and Emerson Halbleib nine. Holly and Halbleib tied for the team high with five rebounds. Alford's 11 for 11 shooting ties for the ninth best in state history according to the Hickory Husker Book of Indiana High School Basketball Records and is the best in the state since Westfield's Wade Burtron made 13 of 13 against Rushville in the 2011-12. Coach Brandon Lafferman said "I was very happy with our energy tonight. It started with our defense letting us get out and run. Connor Holly did a good job pushing the ball and Josh Alford was get-

ting up the floor and getting behind the defense." University led 11-0, scoring eight points in a 57 second span of the first quarter. The Trailblazers outscored ISD 43-11 in the first four minutes of each quarter and held ISD scoreless for at least the first 2:20 of each quarter. University is next action Tuesday evening at Greenwood Christian.

University 70, Indiana Deaf 43

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Connor Holly	4-10	0-0	10	0

Josh Watson	6-12	0-0	15	1
David Howard	3-5	2-2	11	1
Emerson Halbleib	4-5	1-2	9	0
Josh Alford	11-11	1-1	23	0
Tyler Wott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ajay Wooden Jr.	0-0	0-0	0	1
Ethan Sickels	0-0	0-0	0	1
Grant Syrek	0-0	0-0	0	1
Grant Schepers	1-1	0-1	2	0
JT Turner	0-0	0-1	0	0
Totals	29-44	4-7	70	5
Score by quarters:				
University	19	11	21	19
Indiana Deaf	9	7	19	8
University 3-point shooting (8-19) Watson 3-8, Howard 3-4, Holly 2-7.				
University rebounds (24) Holly 5, Halbleib 5, Howard 4, Alford 4, Watson 2, Turner 1, Syrek 1, Wott 1, Wooden 1.				

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Kiser is Noblesville's leader at 21.6 points a game. Max Flinchum, a junior, is averaging 12.3 points. What could be the deciding contest for first is Fishers' game at Zionsville tonight. A Zionsville win and the Eagles are assured of at least a tie. Fishers, should the Tigers

beat Zionsville, still would need help from Brownsburg against Southeastern. Fishers is 10-10 and coming off a tough 60-53 loss to a strong Franklin Central team. Zionsville is 15-5 and has won six of its last seven games.

"I have always found Zionsville a tough place to play," said Fishers coach Joe Leonard. "They just don't beat themselves. "We need to be ready to face a good team. Any let up on our part and we won't be happy with the results.

"The conference is a great race," Leonard added. Westfield could still be in the race, not for first or second but for third and fourth. The Shamrocks have finished their conference season at 3-3.

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Boys swimming sectional prelims...

County teams set up well for Saturday finals

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

The boys swimming post-season began on Thursday with the sectional preliminaries, and everything went pretty much as Hamilton County's teams wanted it to.

At Carmel, the defending state champion Greyhounds and Noblesville sent all 27 of their swims to Saturday's sectional finals. Westfield wasn't too far behind with 22 swims advancing to Saturday, while Hamilton Heights had 10 swims advance, including two of its three relays making the championship heat. Guerin Catholic, which is still building its swim program, had all three relays make the consolation heat.

Carmel earned the top seed in all eight individual events. Troy Li finished first in the 200 and 100 freestyles, while Brett Sherman will be the first seed in the individual medley and 500 free. Other top seeds for the 'Hounds are Cavan Boylan in the 50 free, Jonathan Bledsoe in the butterfly, Joseph Vinyard in the backstroke and Stefano Batista in the breaststroke.

Twenty-five Carmel swims reached the championship heat, with the other two making the consolation heat.

"The guys were focused, they took care of their business, very safe relay exchanges," said Greyhounds coach Chris Plumb. "We're set up to have a great Saturday."

The Millers had 18 swims, including all three relays, make it to the championship heat, and the other nine get to the consols. Noblesville's medley relay team got the highest seed, with Jacob Seyfried, Justin Ogle, Evan Diamante and Isaac Johnston placing second.

"We've got three or four or five swims that for sure we can get in there," said Miller coach Rich Wolfred of swims that could reach the state cut time in their event, thus guaranteeing an automatic place at state. "And then we're looking at all three relays."

Westfield got two top seeds, both in relays. The medley team of Ethan Moe, Alex Hand, Christopher Kenney and Thomas Kenney finished first, as did the 200 freestyle relay team of Hand, Christopher Kenney, Thomas Kenney and Cody Fenimore. In all, Westfield sent 15 swims to the championship heat and seven more to the consolation heat.

"I thought we had a really nice night," said Shamrocks coach Kyle Messmore. "It was kind of similar to how our girls did, we got a lot of really great positions, a lot of really great swims tonight."

Heights had four swims reach the championship heat and another six get to the consolations. The Huskies' medley relay team of Jared Holder, Camden Dimmock, Logan Fakes and John Fisher got the highest seed at fifth.

Guerin Catholic's highest seed was ninth, achieved by the medley relay team of Parker Schassberger, Ryker McPhail, Connor Maroney and Hugh Ross; and the 200 freestyle relay team of Ross, Schassberger, Maroney and Logan Bedford.

Over at Fishers, all 27 swims for both the Tigers and Hamilton Southeastern reached the championship heat after Thursday's prelims. Fishers got the top seed in all 11 events, with Nolan Yorkman and Glen Brown both getting two individual first seeds: Yorkman in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Brown in the IM and backstroke. Other top seeds are Joe Moser (50 free), Drake Stallworth (butterfly), Joel Crull (100 free) and Luke Ingram (breaststroke).

Brown, Ingram, Moser and Crull swam on the top seeded medley relay; Jota Iwase, Ingram, Moser and Stallworth were on Fishers' 200 free relay team, and Brown, Stallworth, Yorkman and Iwase competed on the Tigers' 400 free relay team.

Southeastern got second seeds from Matthew Netherton in the 200 free, Zack Teffteller in the 100 free, Nicholas Barr in the breaststroke, the 200 free relay team of Ryan Cockman, Jack Becker, Dylan Petriko and Brandon Brunelli and the 400 free relay team of Cockman, Max Eden, Blake Ratliff and Nicholas O'Connor.

Positions 1-8 qualify for the championship heat, positions 9-16 qualify for the consolation heat.

AT CARMEL

200 medley relay: 1. Westfield (Ethan Moe, Alex Hand, Christopher Kenney, Thomas Kenney) 1:40.71, 2. Noblesville (Jacob Seyfried, Justin Ogle, Evan Diamante, Isaac Johnston) 1:40.97, 3. Carmel (Zachary Burch, Chris Brunory, Joseph Vinyard, Evan Kopp) 1:42.95, 5. Hamilton Heights (Jared Holder, Camden Dimmock, Logan Fakes, John Fisher) 1:47.89, 9. Guerin Catholic (Parker Schassberger, Ryker McPhail, Connor Maroney, Hugh Ross) 2:01.63

200 freestyle: 1. Troy Li (C) 1:43.92, 4. Zachary Wilson (C) 1:49.88, 5. Jacob



Photo by Bret Richardson

Carmel's Troy Li (center) earned the top seed in the 100 and 200 freestyles at Thursday's boys sectional swimming preliminaries.

Green (C) 1:50.73, 6. Jack Wolfred (N) 1:52.03, 7. Brett Calvin (W) 1:52.06, 9. Drew Sarabyn (N) 1:52.37, 11. Fakes (HH) 1:53.34, 12. Aaron Helms (N) 1:55.14, 13. Cameron Todd (W) 1:55.81, 14. Michael Peck (W) 1:56.18, 25. Dylan Young (HH) 2:09.47, 27. Nate Russell (HH) 2:12.00, 28. Kent Linton (GC) 2:22.09, 31. Will Young (GC) 2:47.41, 32. Isaac Cloran (GC) 2:44.58.

200 individual medley: 1. Brett Sherman (C) 1:58.71, 2. Andrew Rafalko (C) 1:59.28, 3. Nicholas Brauer (W) 2:01.06, 4. Hand (W) 2:03.94, 5. Charles Vaughan (C) 2:04.20, 6. Ogle (N) 2:05.81, 7. Gavin Cooley (N) 2:06.37, 9. Jakob Janson (N) 2:09.07, 10. Holder (HH) 2:09.29, 12. Cody Fenimore (W) 2:14.25, 25. Dimmock (HH) 2:34.79, 27. McPhail (GC) 2:37.28, 28. Joshua Newman (GC) 3:00.97, 29. Kyle Curtis (GC) 3:09.82.

50 freestyle: 1. Cavan Boylan (C) 21.96, 3. Kopp (C) 22.64, 4. T. Kenney (W) 22.70, 6. Johnston (N) 22.77, 10. Diamante (N) 23.07, 12. Alec DeLong (C) 23.21, 14. Lawson Crum (N) 23.67, 18. Matthew Sawyer (W) 24.63, 21. Kevin Estrada (W) 24.99, 24. Maroney (GC) 25.36, 26. Logan Bedford (GC) 26.34, 27. Sam Rupe (HH) 26.41, 28. Tony Harden (HH) 26.82, 29. Josh Gover (HH) 28.66, 32. Keegan Kirkwood (GC) 34.41.

100 butterfly: 1. Jonathan Bledsoe (C) 53.26, 3. Vinyard (C) 54.57, 4. Brauer (W) 54.70, 5. Diamante (N) 54.96, 6. Lucas Irvine (W) 55.53, 7. Brunory (C) 56.29, 8. Janson (N) 56.90, 9. Cameron Todd (W) 58.24, 11. Will Huff (N) 59.06, 22. Hugh Ross (GC) 1:12.33.

100 freestyle: 1. Li (C) 48.09, 2. C. Kenney (W) 48.90, 5. Johnston (N) 50.28, 6. Patrick Cavanaugh (C) 50.34, 7. Moe (W) 50.46, 9. Andrew Morozov (C) 50.57, 12. Seyfried (N) 51.10, 13. Crum (N) 51.57, 15. Fisher (HH) 52.12, 23. D. Young (HH) 56.86, 25. Russell (HH) 57.86, 27. Schassberger (GC) 1:00.09, 31. Newman (GC) 1:09.73, 32. Cloran (GC) 1:10.73.

500 freestyle: 1. Sherman (C) 4:52.23, 2. Wilson (C) 4:55.97, 3. Peck (W) 4:59.48,

4. Green (C) 4:59.85, 5. Wolfred (N) 5:02.30, 6. Sarabyn (N) 5:05.10, 7. Calvin (W) 5:07.61, 8. Helms (N) 5:07.86, 10. Christopher Lisle (W) 5:17.20, 24. Linton (GC) 6:54.19.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Westfield (Hand, C. Kenney, T. Kenney, Fenimore) 1:29.00, 4. Carmel (Morozov, Kopp, Cavanaugh, Boylan) 1:31.85, 5. Noblesville (Diamante, Daniel Isaacs, Crum, Wolfred) 1:33.34, 9. Guerin Catholic (Ross, Schassberger, Maroney, Bedford) 1:42.72, 10. Heights (Rupe, Dimmock, Harden, D. Young) 1:45.21.

100 backstroke: 1. Vinyard (C) 54.37, 2. Burch (C) 55.16, 3. Moe (W) 55.17, 4. Seyfried (N) 56.38, 5. Kinkead (N) 56.83, 6. Morozov (C) 57.66, 7. Holder (HH) 57.98, 8. Cooley (N) 58.00, 11. Irvine (W) 1:01.19, 12. Fisher (HH) 1:01.29, 18. Lisle (W) 1:05.45, 25. Rupe (HH) 1:14.25, 28. Curtis (GC) 1:18.98.

100 breaststroke: 1. Stefano Batista (C) 58.44, 2. Rafalko (C) 59.04, 3. Vaughan (C) 1:00.11, 4. Ogle (N) 1:00.55, 5. Hand (W) 1:03.21, 7. Kinkead (N) 1:03.90, 8. Fakes (HH) 1:05.29, 10. Fenimore (W) 1:06.94, 13. Dimmock (HH) 1:08.96, 18. Kevin Estrada (W) 1:11.50, 25. McPhail (GC) 1:18.92, 28. Kirkwood (GC) 1:28.20, 29. Glover (HH) 1:28.41, 30. W. Young (GC) 1:29.84.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel (Morozov, Wilson, Green, Batista) 3:23.25, 3. Westfield (T. Kenney, C. Kenney, Brauer, Moe) 3:25.25, 4. Noblesville (Helms, Sarabyn, Cooley, Janson) 3:27.65, 8. Heights (Holder, Fisher, Russell, Fakes) 3:36.98, 10. Guerin Catholic (Schassberger, Maroney, McPhail, Ross) 4:08.37.

AT FISHERS

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers (Glen Brown, Luke Ingram, Joe Moser, Joel Crull) 1:37.80, 3. Hamilton Southeastern (John Kirby, Michael Reising, Jack Becker, Ryan Cockman) 1:45.27.

200 freestyle: 1. Nolan Yorkman (F) 1:48.04, 2. Matthew Netherton (HSE)

1:48.31, T3. Max Eden (HSE) 1:49.44; Jacob Reichert (F) 1:49.44, 5. Zack Teffteller (HSE) 1:50.03, 6. Samuel Kuhn (F) 1:50.79.

200 individual medley: 1. Brown (F) 1:55.73, 2. Ingram (F) 2:00.45, 3. Jota Iwase (F) 2:03.70, 4. Ethan Christopher (HSE) 2:03.87, 5. Blake Ratliff (HSE) 2:04.12, 6. Kirby (HSE) 2:06.24.

50 freestyle: 1. Moser (F) 22.19, 2. Crull (F) 22.25, 4. Brandon Brunelli (HSE) 22.52, 5. Nathan Brown (HSE) 22.57, 6. Drake Stallworth (F) 22.67, 7. Nicholas O'Connor (HSE) 22.69.

100 butterfly: 1. Stallworth (F) 52.78, 3. Moser (F) 53.46, 5. Eden (HSE) 53.86, 6. Becker (HSE) 54.14, 7. Iwase (F) 55.01, 8. Brunelli (HSE) 55.68.

500 freestyle: 1. Crull (F) 49.02, 2. Teffteller (HSE) 49.70, 3. Isaiah Wolf (F) 49.78, 4. Brown (HSE) 50.01, 6. Peyton Dewaelsche (F) 50.20, 8. Dylan Petriko (HSE) 51.34.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Yorkman (F) 4:45.22, 2. Reichert (F) 4:54.62, 3. Netherton (HSE) 4:54.81, 4. Kuhn (F) 4:59.52, 5. Christopher (HSE) 5:01.83, 8. Ratliff (HSE) 5:11.45.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers (Iwase, Ingram, Moser, Stallworth) 1:31.10, 2. Southeastern (Cockman, Becker, Petriko, Brunelli) 1:33.66.

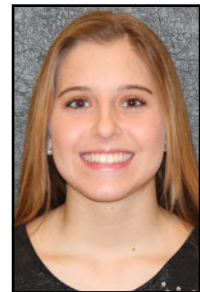
100 backstroke: 1. Brown (F) 52.08, 2. Nicholas Harris (F) 56.34, 3. Harrison Jordan (F) 56.56, 4. Ratliff (HSE) 56.59, 6. O'Connor (HSE) 58.96, 7. Christopher Connelly (HSE) 59.73.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ingram (F) 1:00.94, 2. Nicholas Barr (HSE) 1:02.06, 3. Noah Baldwin (F) 1:02.11, 4. Reising (HSE) 1:02.46, 6. Cory Jacobs (F) 1:02.69, 7. Zach Silcox (HSE) 1:02.87.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers (Brown, Stallworth, Yorkman, Iwase) 3:15.77, 2. Southeastern (Cockman, Eden, Ratliff, O'Connor) 3:30.37.

Gymnastics

Ellie has season highs for Millers



E. VanBuskirk

The Noblesville gymnastics team competed at a four-team meet with Franklin Central, New Palestine and Lapel Thursday at the Gymnastics Company in Indianapolis.

The Millers, dealing with injuries and illness, scored 88.55. Ellie VanBuskirk had the highest all-around score of the night with a 29.825; that included a career-high of 8.075 on the balance beam,

Ellie and her sister Ronnie VanBuskirk tied for best place of the night, as Ellie's beam score gave her fifth place, and Ronnie was fifth on the vault, with Noblesville's high score of the night at 8.575. Ellie VanBuskirk also had a season high on the vault with an 8.275.

"I was very proud of all of our girls' vaults this evening," said Miller coach Jody Ramey. "They continue to produce strong scoring vaults even despite the ongoing battle of injuries and illness."

Team scores: Franklin Central 102.875, New Palestine 98.025, Noblesville 88.55, Lapel inc.

All-around scores: 8. Ellie VanBuskirk 29.825, Ronnie VanBuskirk 29.425, Maddie VanBuskirk 27.825.

Vault: 5. R. VanBuskirk 8.575, 6. M. VanBuskirk 8.50, E. VanBuskirk 8.275, Lauren Murray 7.975, Sydney Anway 7.725, Zoe Hartman 7.55.

Uneven bars: 8. M. VanBuskirk 7.25, R. VanBuskirk 6.975, E. VanBuskirk 5.925.

Balance beam: 5. E. VanBuskirk 8.075, Anway 6.55, R. VanBuskirk 6.20, M. VanBuskirk 5.925, Murray 5.90.

Floor exercise: R. VanBuskirk 7.675, E. VanBuskirk 7.55, Murray 7.00, Anway 6.40, M. VanBuskirk 6.15, Maddie Henderzahn 5.95.

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Cleveland 106, Chicago 95		Indiana at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers 105, San Antonio 86		Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Friday's games		Houston at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Orlando, 7 p.m.		Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.		Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New York at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.		Boston at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.		San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.		

Eastern Conference				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	35	17	.673	-
Boston	32	23	.582	4.5
New York	23	32	.418	13.5
Brooklyn	14	40	.259	22.0
Philadelphia	8	45	.151	27.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	39	14	.736	-
Indiana	28	25	.528	11.0
Chicago	27	26	.509	12.0
Detroit	27	27	.500	12.5
Milwaukee	22	32	.407	17.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	31	24	.564	-
Miami	29	24	.547	1.0
Charlotte	27	26	.509	3.0
Washington	24	28	.462	5.5
Orlando	23	29	.442	6.5

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	40	14	.741	-
Portland	27	27	.500	13.0
Utah	26	27	.491	13.5
Denver	22	32	.407	18.0
Minnesota	17	37	.315	23.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	48	4	.923	-
L.A. Clippers	36	18	.667	13.0
Sacramento	22	31	.415	26.5
Phoenix	14	40	.259	35.0
L.A. Lakers	11	44	.200	38.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	45	9	.833	-
Memphis	31	22	.585	13.5
Dallas	29	26	.527	16.5
Houston	27	28	.491	18.5
New Orleans	20	33	.385	24.5

State wrestling...

New Pal's Red goes for perfect career

Ten individuals who have won state championships including nine from last year head the field of wrestlers into the 78th Annual IHSA Wrestling State Finals this weekend at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Two hundred twenty-four wrestlers in all, 16 in each of the 14 weight classes, will begin first round competition on Friday at 6 pm ET / 5 pm CT. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarterfinal action beginning at 9:30 am ET / 8:30 am CT and semifinal matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded.

Consolation bouts begin at 5 pm ET and championship matches under the spotlight are scheduled for 7:30 pm ET.

The quest to become a four-time state champion is the goal of New Palestine's Chad Red. The senior hopes to become the ninth four-time champion in state history and first since Crown Point's Jason Tsirtsis polished off his fourth in 2012. Red also enters the weekend undefeated in his career

at 197-0 (40-0 this season) and would become just the third to finish all four years without a loss joining Indianapolis Cathedral's Lance Ellis (172-0 from 1986-89) and Griffith's Alex Tsirtsis (Jason's older brother) (236-0 from 2001-04). Red would also join Alex Tsirtsis as the only

undefeated wrestlers to win four titles in four different weight classes. Tsirtsis won his at 119, 130, 135 and 145. Red has won at 106, 120 and 126 and hopes to add the 132 title this weekend.

He could meet Evansville Mater Dei's Nick Lee on Saturday night if both advance. Lee (13-0 on the season), ranked second nationally behind Red in his weight class, is the defending state champion at 132 winning last year's crown finishing 35-0.

Eight others that have stood atop the podium return as well. By weight class they are: Colton Cummings of Lowell at 113; Jeremiah Reitz of Griffith at 120; Brock Hudkins of Danville at 126; Jacob Covaciu of Merrillville at 160; Drew Hughes of Lowell at 170; Blake Rypel of Indianapolis Cathedral at 182; Kobe Woods of Penn at 220 and; Shawn Streck of Merrillville at 285.

The overall team state champion will be decided on points scored at this tournament where Penn enters as the defending state champion after capturing the trophy for the first time a year ago.

Fans are welcome to follow the progress of the meet as first round, quarterfinal and semifinal action on each mat will be streamed for a fee via TrackWrestling.com. Satur-

day night's championship matches will be televised on Fox Sports Indiana (FSI) and streamed on IHSAAtv.org to those outside the FSI footprint. The championships will be hosted Mark Jaynes, Mike Goebel and Greg Rakestraw.

One hundred ten schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Warren Central's eight qualifiers and seven each from Brownsburg, Penn, Portage leading the way. Brownsburg and Warren Central led the state with six and four semi-state champions last weekend, respectively.

Team scoring will begin with Friday night's preliminary matches for the first time this year. Scoring will go to eight places and, additionally, two advancement points will be awarded per match for a championship bracket victory while one point is earned for advancement in the consolation bracket.

Finally, points will be awarded to the top eight place-winners: 1st place: 16 points; 2nd place: 12 points; 3rd place: 9 points; 4th place: 7 points; 5th place: 5 points; 6th place: 3 points; 7th place: 2 points; 8th place: 1 point.



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