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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Hamilton County

Reporter

State says “no” to

Hamilton County housing

On Thursday, the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA) announced which projects across the state would receive reservations for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, and for the fifth straight year, Hamilton County proposals are denied funding.

Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) proposed two developments this year that would have created 84 affordable apartments and contributed to the revitalization of two significant properties. The Noblesville Granary and Blackhawk Commons in Sheridan also would have established a business incubator in a preserved grain elevator, and a recreational facility in an historic school gymnasium.

In total, HAND proposed to leverage local funds to generate a \$20 million investment in Hamilton County. Each development faced significant competition. 15 small cities and 17 rural communities proposed projects to compete with HAND’s proposal. HAND will assess the factors that contributed to the projects not receiving funds, and plans to explore other options.

“HAND is committed to the Southwest Quad and the Town of Sheridan, so the reality is we will continue to advocate for the highest quality, redevelopment project in both locations,” said Lichti. “Whether we get an opportunity to resubmit these proposals is not entirely up to us at the moment, so we’ll work closely with local stakeholders to navigate the next steps.”

Hamilton County has not received these funds since 2011, a time period in which over 10,000 new housing units have been built. “We don’t expect special consideration from the State, but the rules need to accommodate developments that place affordable housing close to jobs and opportunity,” says Lichti.

“Hamilton County is an economic engine that needs workers. It has a population rapidly moving into retirement and Millennials can’t afford to live in the communities they grew up in,” says Lichti. “This housing is critically important to the long-term vibrancy of Hamilton County communities.”

Putting the brakes on these developments also puts a pinch on HAND’s comprehensive strategy. In recent years, HAND increasingly partnered with local communities through its outreach program,



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Demolition is continuing on the Noblesville Granary, and will continue. The Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development’s projects, which included turning the Granary and Blackhawk Commons into affordable housing were both denied funding by the Indiana Housing Community Development Authority.

“Neighborhoods NOW,” which allows them to work at a neighborhood level on a whole range of quality of life issues. The delay in these developments leads to increasing pressure on local support. HAND will be rallying partners in the coming months to maintain momentum.

“As a nonprofit, we need leaders in each community who believe as we do, that Hamilton County will be a healthier more vibrant community when everyone has safe, affordable housing,” says Lichti. “HAND is rooted in a mission to improve lives and build community, so while strategy may shift, our mission stays the same.”

“In terms of the Noblesville Granary and Blackhawk Commons, let’s just say

we’re shifting gears and we may have to explore some alternative options.”

Noblesville Granary

In the meantime demolition of the wooden grain elevator will continue. The current plan preserved the bottom two stories so the historic facility could become a public landmark.

“It does complicate demolition, so I cannot fault the North Central Coop if they proceed with a more conventional demo,” said Lichti. “We’ve been grateful for their cooperation to help us get to this point.” Local firms have expressed interest in salvaging wood from the structure, and the potential for an on-site sale for the community is still in the works.

A group of Purdue graduate business students are researching how to develop the Noblesville Innovation Elevator – the name of the business incubator proposed for the site. Their report in late April will shed light on what other paths may exist to obtain financing for the preservation.

Blackhawk Commons

Town and county support were critical to the proposal, and HAND will reassess its plans and discuss options with the owner and community. “The worst part is feeling that we let down the people of Sheridan,” says Lichti. “I want them to retain hope that this community gem will be restored to life, and HAND will do whatever we can to make it possible.”

Jim Belden Celebration of Life is Saturday

Jim Belden touched many lives in Hamilton County during his 77 years, and on Saturday the community is invited to join his family and friends for a Celebration of Life program at the Ivy Tech Gymnasium in Noblesville, 300 N. 17th St. The memorial, which begins at 3 p.m., includes tributes from local luminaries as well as award presentations by State Rep. Kathy Richardson and U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks.

Belden, who died Feb. 14, was inducted into the Indiana Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1996 after spending 30-plus years as a high school coach in Westfield, Noblesville and Carmel, winning four state championships along the way. He also served his community as a member of the Hamilton County Council for 23 years.

County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, former U.S Rep. Dan Burton and Hall of Fame football coach Dick Dullaghan are among those scheduled to pay tribute to Belden’s contributions. His son, Bo Belden, also is expected to speak.

February is heart health awareness month...

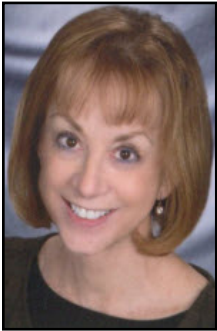
“Take it easy” and reduce stress

By SHARON MCMAHON

“Take it easy...don’t let the sound of your own wheels drive you crazy.” G. Frey, J. Browne, 1972

Ah, stress. We live in a world of it don’t we? Some of it due to our own making; some (much) due to outside influences. We are tethered to the outside world with little downtime. We constantly check phones, email, Facebook and various social media or the 24-hour news cycle.

We know we are stressed, but we seldom think about the cost to our health. That nagging headache, frequent insomnia, or decreased productivity at work or home – all may be the result of that culprit STRESS. Children, sadly, are experiencing more stress at younger and younger ages.¹



As February is heart health awareness month, let’s look at the effects of stress on the cardiovascular system. Heart attacks, stroke, hypertension all continue to rise in America and have become the number one cause of death. Frequent or chronic stress makes your heart work too hard for too long, raising your risk of hypertension and problems with your blood vessels and heart, and putting you at higher risk of having a stroke or heart attack.

Is there a “higher purpose” for stress that I have not mentioned? Of course, if we are in a situation which induces a “fight or flight” response the release of cortisol serves a very important purpose.

When you encounter a perceived threat — a large dog barks at you during your morning walk, for instance — your hypothalamus, a tiny region at the base of your brain, sets off an alarm system in your body. Through a combination of nerve and hormonal signals, this system prompts your adrenal glands, located atop your kidneys, to release a surge of hormones, including

adrenaline and cortisol. Adrenaline increases your heart rate, elevates your blood pressure and boosts energy supplies. Cortisol, the primary stress hormone, increases sugars (glucose) in the bloodstream, enhances your brain’s use of glucose and increases the availability of substances that repair tissues.²

Cortisol also curbs functions that would be nonessential or detrimental in a fight-or-flight situation. It alters immune system responses and suppresses the digestive system, the reproductive system and growth processes. This complex natural alarm system also communicates with regions of your brain that control mood, motivation and fear.

The body’s stress-response system is usually self-limiting. Once a perceived threat has passed, hormone levels return to normal. As adrenaline and cortisol levels drop, your heart rate and blood pressure return to baseline levels, and other systems



Photo provided

Rosewood Property Company acquires new storage project in Fishers

Rosewood Property Company (RPC) today announced that it has completed the acquisition of the Brooks School Self Storage facility in Fishers, Indiana.

The project, which was built in the fall of 2013 and expanded in the summer of 2015, contains 70,200 rentable square feet and 492 storage units, more than half of which are climate controlled. It is located at 11775 Brooks School Road at the northeast corner of 116th Street and Brooks School Road in Fishers.

"The Brooks School Self Storage facility adds another important project to our expanding presence in the self-storage sector. The facility, which is well-located in a desirable Indianapolis suburb, is very high quality and was built and operated by a respected and knowledgeable group of local business people," said Bill Flaherty, president of Rosewood Property.

The project will be managed by Extra Space Storage and has been rebranded under the Extra Space Storage name, which is a nationally recognized brand. MJ Partners of Chicago represented the seller.

Rosewood Property Company currently owns a portfolio of 26 operating self-storage projects in eight states, totaling two million square feet. RPC is also under construction on seven new multi-story storage projects in Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and Denver, totaling approximately 650,000 square feet, and is focused on actively building its current self-storage portfolio through acquisition and development.

Brooks statement on President’s plan to close Guantanamo Bay prison

Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks (R-IN) issued the following statement regarding President Obama’s plan to shut down the Guantanamo Bay prison and move Guantanamo detainees to the United States:

“The first priority of the federal government is to keep our homeland safe. Moving Guantanamo detainees into the United States puts our national security at risk and eliminates a valuable tool in our counterterrorism arsenal to keep an irresponsible campaign promise. Congress has made its position clear. It is against the law to transfer terrorist detainees to American soil, and this plan from the President does not provide necessary details about the cost and location of an alternate detention facility. We cannot and must not endanger our homeland by closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay.”



Brooks

MCMAHON

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resume their regular activities. But when stressors are *always* present and you constantly feel under attack, that fight-or-flight reaction stays turned on. Cortisol and the stress response have known deleterious effects on the immune system. High levels of perceived stress and increases in cortisol have been found to lengthen wound healing time in healthy, male adults.³

It’s not quite that simple, is it? We can’t tune out the “world” completely. We can, however, make a conscious effort to turn off the electronics, focus on breathing deeply, perhaps pray or meditate, get outside and take in the fresh air, or just *do nothing* every day for 10-15 minutes. If you have a teenager in your home who takes their cell to bed with them, my suggestion is to change the rules...yes parents, you are allowed to do that. Take care of your heart and “*Take It Easy*” friends!

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Peggy J. “Peg” Wilson

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Peggy J. "Peg" Wilson, 86, went home to the Lord on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Copper Trace in Westfield. She was born on March 31, 1929 to John T. and Margaret L. (Coy) Cross in Kokomo, Indiana.



Peggy was secretary for Bob Haverstick (her surrogate son) at CBSI in Sheridan. She loved her four kitties as much as she did her family! Peggy retired in 2004 from her part-time position at the Hamilton County Recorder’s office. She was a volunteer at Riverview Hospital for many years, and was a lifelong active member of the Women of The Moose. Peggy was an avid bowler on many leagues. She loved to crochet and made many beautiful baby blankets for the maternity ward at Riverview Hospital. Peggy loved to read, solve crossword puzzles, and watch all sports (even golf).

She is survived by her children, Vicki G. Calvert of Waynetown, IN, Soni & Tom Sully of Pensacola, FL, John R. Abbott of Phoenix, AZ, and Debbie & Phillip Folkerts of Noblesville, IN; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, John M. Wilson, on November 6, 2003.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 29, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation from 12:00 Noon to the time of service. Pastor Fred Folkerts will officiate. Burial will be at Boxley Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana.

If you wish, you can make memorial donations to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060; or, give a gift of flowers to a loved one.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

- Matthew 4:20

Fishers student nominated for SBU’s annual Mr. and Miss Southwest pageant

Lydia Swisher of Fishers is among the candidates in the running for Southwest Baptist University’s Mr. and Miss Southwest Pageant, a tradition annually honoring one male and one female student. The event takes place this year at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 4, in Pike Auditorium on the SBU campus.

Eight candidates are nominated from the junior class by SBU faculty and staff and voted upon by the student body to select a pair of students to represent the Bearcat family for the next year. The voting will take place by text message during the pageant, which will include opportunities to learn more about the candidates through introductory videos, talent presentations and question-and-answer sessions.

Swisher, daughter of David Swisher and Jess Hodge, is a middle school math and science education major.

The beginnings of the “Miss Southwest” pageant date back to the 1930s, with “Mr. Southwest” being added in 1963. The pageant is part of Bearcat



Days, the two-day visit event in which admitted students considering SBU attendance are hosted on campus.

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.

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State Road 37 pavement preservation project begins in April

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded a \$3.4 million contract to E & B Paving Inc. to preserve pavement on two sections of State Road 37 in Hamilton, Madison and Grant Counties.

E & B Paving will patch and seal existing pavement before applying an ultra-thin bonded wearing course on top of State Road 37 between 146th Street and Allisonville Road and between State Road 28 and State Road 26.

Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-April in Grant and Madison Counties. Crews working on two-lane sections further north will flag traffic around a mobile work zone during daylight hours. Crews working on multi-lane sections in Hamilton County will require lane restrictions between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Specific work locations and schedules will be announced before work begins. All work on the project is expected to be complete in July.

About ultra-thin bonded wearing courses

Ultra-thin bonded wearing courses consist of applying a thick coat of polymer-modified liquid asphalt, which provides flexibility, immediately followed by paving a thin layer of hot mix asphalt, which provides strength.

The surface treatment is intended to preserve and extend the life of higher-traffic

roadways by about 9 years, depending on traffic volumes.

The one-pass application is a fast-moving operation that allows traffic to drive on the surface treatment within minutes and causes minimal traffic delays.

Taking care of what we have

For the past several years, INDOT has been expanding its preservation programs to keep pavement and bridges in good condition for as long as possible, targeting bridges and roadway sections with the right treatments at the right times. Pavement preservation projects may include crack sealing, chip sealing, pothole repair and resurfacing.

During the current fiscal year, INDOT will award contracts to resurface 727 miles of state highways. INDOT's resurfacing program has increased each year since 2013, when 334 miles of highway were resurfaced. Between 2012 and 2014, state-maintained pavement has improved from 89.3 percent in fair or better condition to 90.3 percent.

Governor Mike Pence's 21st Century Crossroads proposal will make \$1 billion in new road funding available over the next four years without raising taxes, building upon the \$3.2 billion INDOT already plans to invest in highway preservation work over the next five years. For more information on the 21st Century Crossroads proposal, go to www.in.gov/indot/3404.htm.

OneZone celebrates one year anniversary with State of the Chamber address

OneZone will review the successes of 2015 and present highlights for the year ahead at their March 9 luncheon at 502 East Event Centre, 502 E. Carmel Dr. OneZone was formed with the merger of the Carmel and Fishers chambers of commerce in February, 2015.

"After two years in the making, it's amazing that one year is behind us. During the merger discussions, we believed in the business value of a stronger voice and more opportunity," said OneZone President Mo Merhoff. "We are so encouraged that the last year has provided us ample evidence that we were on to something - that businesses don't see municipal boundaries, they see opportunities."

Significant growth was seen in total membership, which topped 1,300 at year's end. Between March and December, OneZone welcomed 185 new members and nearly 7,500 attendees at chamber events.

Reservations are required by noon on Monday, March 7. Cost is \$20 for OneZone members and \$25 for non-members. Corporate tables of eight that include preferred seating and table recognition are available for \$200 for chamber members and \$250 for non-

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Final regular season tilts

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Final games of the regular season can be dangerous to teams which might be looking ahead to the sectionals. Especially so, if the opponents are very good.

That will be the situation facing Noblesville, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan and Hamilton Heights tonight as those four Hamilton County teams bring down the curtain on the 2015-16 regular season.

Only Hamilton Heights will be at home; the Huskies entertaining New Castle. Noblesville will close at Lebanon; Southeastern at Lawrence North and Sheridan at Frankton.

Noblesville will take a 13-8 record to Lebanon where the Tigers are 15-8. The Millers have lost only to Mt. Vernon and Lawrence Central in their last nine games. Lebanon had won eight consecutive games until back to back losses to Zionsville and Danville. The Tigers recovered last weekend by beating Plainfield.

“Lebanon is having an outstanding season,” said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. “They have one loss at home and that was to Zionsville by two points. They are led by Trevor Lakes, who is averaging 20 points and 8 rebounds.

“This is the type of game that will help us prepare for our sectional,” McCauley added.

Noblesville and Lebanon have played some tight games in recent years. The Millers won 47-41 last season after blowing out Lebanon 72-31 the year before. Three years ago Lebanon edged Noblesville 55-54 in overtime.

The Millers are led in scoring by John Kiser (21.7), Max Flinchum (11.8) and Corby Mertens (9.6).

Hamilton Southeastern may have the toughest ticket to be punched by Hamilton County teams. Lawrence North is 18-5 and ranked No. 8 in this week’s Class 4A poll. The Wildcats have won seven straight games.

Southeastern is 13-10 and have gone through illness and injuries while losing five of their last seven games. Leading scorer Zach Gunn (18.5) has missed six of those games. Greg Miller also is averaging in double figures (11.1).

“This will be a tough challenge for us,” said Southeastern coach Brian Satterfield.

“Lawrence North is playing very well and they have a lot of weapons. They have been very good on the defensive end. They have speed and length, which can always cause trouble.

“We will have to be efficient at the offensive end with great ball movement to find quality shots against their zone. On the defensive end, we must keep them off the glass and be able to contain them off the dribble.

“We are getting closer to full strength. We might have a few more players back closer to full strength tonight. The key is for our players to continue to work together while keeping our cohesion we have developed over the past month while dealing with the injuries and illness,” Satterfield added.

Hamilton Heights (15-8) will face a New Castle team which is 14-6. The Trojans have lost to Pendleton Heights and Westfield the last two times out. The Huskies have lost only to Tipton and Lawrence North in their last eight games. Heights gained revenge from the Tipton loss by last weekend beating the Blue Devils in the championship game of the Hoosier Conference Tourney.

Heights is led in scoring by Hunter Crist (18.8), who has played the last two games after missing eight with an injury. Sterling Weatherford is scoring 14.2 points a game and Caymn Lutz 10.6. New Castle is led by Andrew Garrett (16.8) and has three other players averaging about 11 points a game.

“New Castle is very talented,” said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. “They are young and talented. We have to defend the 3-pointer, which they shoot very well.

“It is going to be a great test and warm up for us for the sectional. It will be our last home game for our seniors. We want to head into the sectional feeding off our Hoosier Conference championship and a win over New Castle,” said Ballenger.

Sheridan (9-14) will face a 13-9 Frankton team.

Frankton has lost four of its last six games. Sheridan has won three of four.



Kent Graham/File photo

Corby Mertens is averaging 9.6 points per game for Noblesville. The Millers travel to Lebanon tonight.

Three Blackhawks are leading Sheridan’s scoring, Chris Roberts (12.6), Jake Chesney (10.3) and Patrick Weitzel (8.7).

“Frankton has a whole new cast of players this year. They are young, but they can play,” said Sheridan coach Chris Schrank.

“We really will have to defend in order to compete. We will also have to be prepared to deal with their pressure. They will press for nearly the entire game. They want to create havoc.

“We have to take care of the basketball in order to give ourselves a shot. This will be a really big measuring stick game heading

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Alford scores 20...

‘Blazers win on Senior Night

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

University got everything it needed out of its Senior Night game against Irvington Prep Academy on Thursday.



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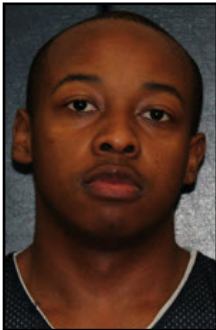
Holly

The Trailblazers won 58-39, which gave is three seniors (Sam Nerney, Connor Holly and Ajay Wooden Jr.) a nice send-off on their home court. University, the No. 5 team in Class 1A, also got a solid test from the 2A Ravens, which it needed heading into a tough Sectional 58 at Bethesda Christian next week.

"I know they play hard, and they got some kids that are pretty good off the dribble," said UHS coach Brandon Laffer. "They make

some shots. We were a little slow to start out. Because of Senior Night, we had some different lineups that we were playing around with. But I felt like our defense was good. It kind of gave us an edge all game."

Holly opened the contest with a 3-pointer, after which Irvington scored a couple baskets to get its only lead of the game at 4-3. But the Trailblazers' Josh Alford answered with a layin, and Wooden tipped a shot back in to make the score 7-4.



Wooden

University started the second period by scoring eight unanswered points. Irvington interrupted the run with another 3-pointer, but the 'Blazers added another seven straight points to make it 27-12. Alford scored the last five points of that run, first

by making a three-point play, then scoring off a steal.

University led 29-16 at halftime, and cruised through the second half, maintaining a double-digit lead for the entire 16 minutes. Alford continued to have a dynamite game, scoring seven points in the third quarter. He wound up leading all scorers with 20.

"He was fantastic tonight," said Laffer. "And to be honest, he's been really good the whole second half of the season. We've had some injuries and Josh has really taken advantage of the extra minutes that he's had and really turned himself into a player."

Holly was next in line with 17 points. Howard and Emerson Halbleib each scored eight points. Halbleib grabbed nine rebounds, with Alford and Wooden each getting five boards. University totaled 34 rebounds on the night.

"The tournament, the play is always very physical," said Laffer. "I feel like the rebounding war is always something that is very crucial during the sectionals. If you look at the teams that we're about to face, they all defend well and they're pretty tough inside. So we're definitely going to have to board."

The win puts University at 19-5 for the season; those 19 wins tie this Trailblazer team with the 2004-05 squad for most victories in a season.

University plays its first-round sectional game Wednesday, taking on International.

University 58, Irvington Prep 39

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sam Nerney	0-0	0-0	0	1
Connor Holly	5-15	6-6	17	1
Ajay Wooden Jr.	1-1	1-2	3	0
Josh Watson	1-8	0-0	2	4
Josh Alford	9-13	2-2	20	2
David Howard	2-4	3-4	8	4
Emerson Halbleib	4-9	0-0	8	2
Tyler Wott	0-0	0-0	0	1
Ben Glazier	0-2	0-0	0	1
Marcus McTyer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ethan Sickels	0-0	0-0	0	0
Grant Schepers	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-52	12-14	58	16
Score by Quarters				
Irvington	9	7	10	13
University	12	17	11	18
University 3-point shooting (2-14)				
Holly	1-5			
Howard	1-1			
Watson	0-5			
Nerney	0-1			
Glazier	0-1			
Alford	0-1			
University rebounds (34)				
Halbleib	9			
Alford	5			
Wooden	5			
Howard	3			
Holly	3			
Watson	3			
McTyer	1			
Sickels	1			
Schepers	1			
Wott	1			

Thursday boys basketball scores

Courtesy John Harrell's Web site
www.johnharrell.net

Bloomington South, 69, Northview, 50
Brown County, 61, Edinburgh, 54
Clay City, 47, Riverton Parke, 31
Columbus North, 52, Center Grove, 45
East Noble, 87, Lakewood Park, 56
Evansville Harrison, 69, Evansville Mater Dei, 60
Gibson Southern, 57, Tecumseh, 43
Greenfield-Central, 66, Plainfield, 62, OT
Indianapolis Cathedral, 86, Lafayette Central Catholic, 64
Indianapolis International, 67, Indiana Deaf, 47
Indianapolis Tindley, 60, Indianapolis Northwest, 57, OT
Lapel, 36, Tipton, 33

Loogootee, 46, North Knox, 38
Muncie Burris, 58, Blue River, 29
New Castle, 68, Mississinewa, 53
Owen Valley, 73, Shakamak, 61
Shelbyville, 57, Batesville, 43
Terre Haute South, 64, Danville (Ill.), 62
University, 58, Irvington Prep Academy, 39
Vincennes Rivet, 58, White River Valley, 50
Winchester, 89, Randolph Southern, 51

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Attica, at, Benton Central
North White, at, Faith Christian, Feb. 27
West Central, at, Covenant Christian (DeMotte), Feb. 26



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Track and field

Lady Millers burn up Kentucky Invite

The Noblesville girls track and field team competed at the Kentucky Invitational this past weekend.

Leading the way was the Millers distance medley relay team of junior Kat Domborski, freshman Maria Anderson, junior Susanna Sharples-Gordon and sophomore Abi Little. The team finished in a time of 12:45.67, which is the best performance in the state so far this year.

The same championship team members competed in the 4x800m relay. Noblesville was leading by three seconds going into the last handoff; however, NHS coach Dennis Scheele said the officials "did not allow the first two teams to enter the track to accept the hand-off between the 3rd leg and the anchor leg.

"Ourselves and Westfield ran past the zone because their teammates were not allowed on the track. Our 3rd leg ran 30 meters past the zone before the announcer (and spectators) told NHS to stop that we missed the hand-off. The venue was packed with spectators and athletes. This mistake cost our girls another record.

"Our girls were attitudes were fantastic. They handled the situation with great character. We told them we'd be back for the medals next year." Scheele estimated that the finished time would have been between 9:40 and 9:44.

Another Noblesville team, freshmen Aubrie Deal, Aubrey Stewart, Ciera Baldwin and junior Abbie Klinker, placed sixth in a time of 13:53. That same group placed third in the 4x800 with a time of 10:46.

Freshman Shelby Tyler competed in the high jump, setting a new personal best of 5-5.



Photo provided

Noblesville's Distance Medley relay team of juniors Kat Dombroski and Susanna Sharples-Gordon, sophomore Abi Little and freshman Maria Anderson won that race at the Kentucky Invite this past weekend.

Noblesville is ranked fourth in the IndianaRunner.com Track and Field Power Rankings. The Millers have 182 points, behind Warren Central's 300, Fort Wayne county teams ranked are Carmel (seventh, Northrop's 230 and Westfield 's 188. Other 151 points), Fishers (tied for 24th, 49 points).

HSE's Matio signs with the University of Indianapolis

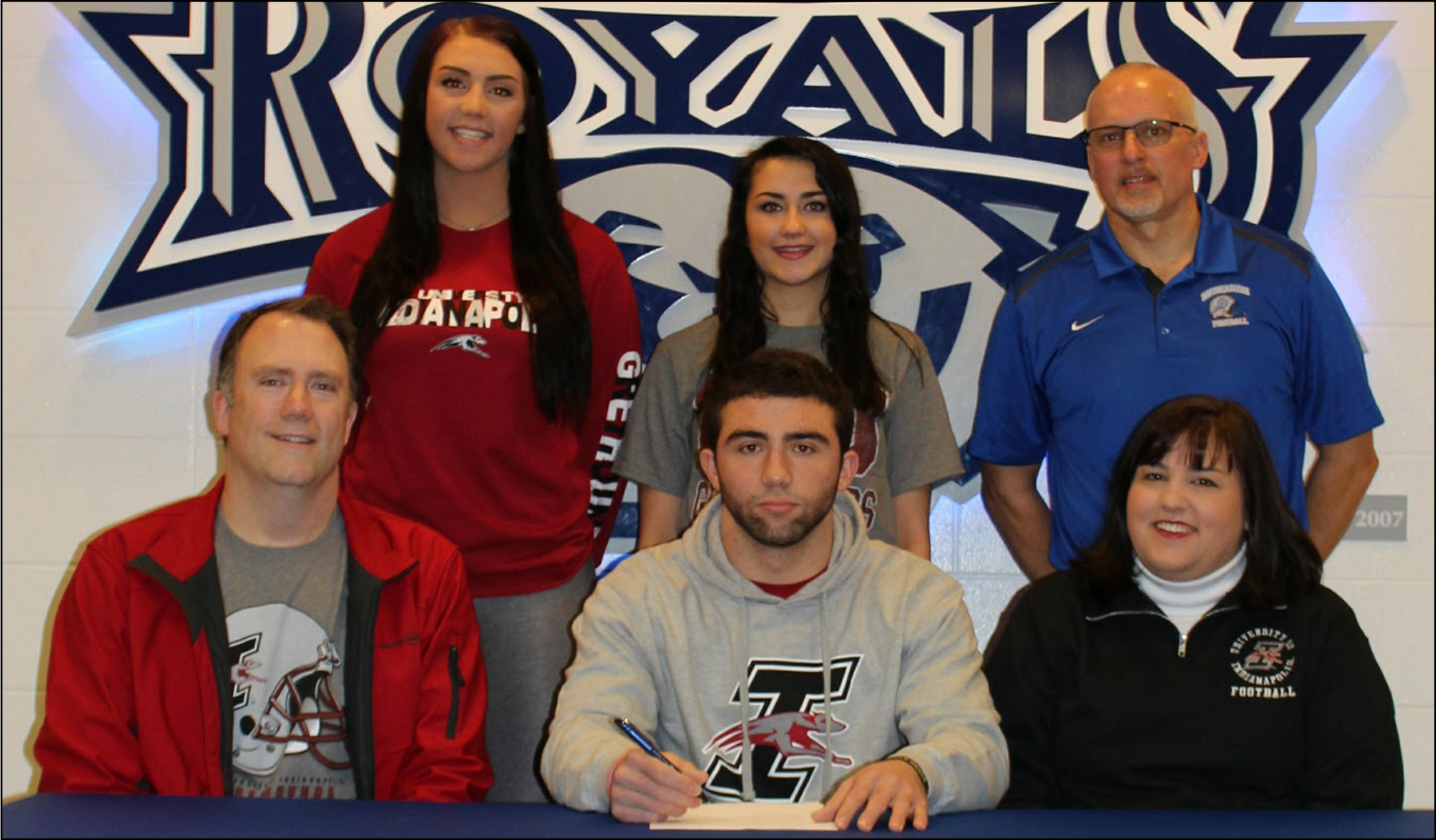


Photo courtesy Hamilton Southeastern

Hamilton Southeastern football player Aaron Matio has committed to the University of Indianapolis. Pictured - Seated: Jared Matio (father), Aaron, and Denise Matio (mother). Standing: Emily Matio and Ally Matio (sisters) & Scott May (HSE Football Coach).



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NBA standings

Thursday's scores		Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State 130, Orlando 114		Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Boston 112, Milwaukee 107		Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans 123, Oklahoma City 119		Chicago at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn 116, Phoenix 106		Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston 119, Portland 105		L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
San Antonio 96, Utah 78		Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games		
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.		

Eastern Conference

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	38	18	.679	-
Boston	34	25	.576	5.5
New York	24	35	.407	15.5
Brooklyn	16	42	.276	23.0
Philadelphia	8	49	.140	30.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	41	15	.732	-
Indiana	31	26	.544	10.5
Chicago	30	26	.536	11.0
Detroit	29	29	.500	13.0
Milwaukee	24	34	.414	18.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	32	25	.561	-
Atlanta	31	27	.534	1.5
Charlotte	29	27	.518	2.5
Washington	26	30	.464	5.5
Orlando	25	31	.446	6.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	41	17	.707	-
Portland	30	28	.517	11.0
Utah	28	29	.491	12.5
Denver	23	35	.397	18.0
Minnesota	18	40	.310	23.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	52	5	.912	-
L.A. Clippers	37	20	.649	15.0
Sacramento	24	32	.429	27.5
Phoenix	14	44	.241	38.5
L.A. Lakers	11	48	.186	42.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	49	9	.845	-
Memphis	33	23	.589	15.0
Dallas	30	28	.517	19.0
Houston	29	29	.500	20.0
New Orleans	23	34	.404	25.5

Carmel is defending state champion...

Boys state swimming/diving finals this weekend

For the second year in a row, plenty of new faces are expected to stand at the top of the awards podium this weekend during the 79th Annual IHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving State Finals at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis.

Like last year's state meet, only two individuals return who were crowned state champion in last year's final meet.

Gabriel Swardson of Fort Wayne Snider surprised a few last year in winning the 100 butterfly in 49.14. He'll be looking for a repeat performance to cap off his senior season and enters Friday's prelims with the eighth-best time in 50.71.

County rival Ryan Huizing, a senior out of Carroll (Fort Wayne) swam the fastest time in the state in the 100 fly (49.34) last Saturday. He also enters with a state-best 20.71 in the 50 freestyle and is the only top seed in two events. If he pulls off either race, he would become Carroll's first swimming state champion.

The other returning state champ is Homestead diver Kevin Frebel. The senior recorded a state-best 560.55 points in Tuesday's diving regional on the one meter springboard and just under the 568.65 points he put up to win last year's state competition.

The final state coaches poll has No. 1 Zionsville, last year's state runner-up, followed by Northridge, Avon and Carroll (Fort Wayne), respectively, with Fishers and Carmel tied for fifth. Those teams appear to be the prime contenders this weekend. Carmel is the defending state champion and winner in four of the last six years. Perennial power Chesterton cannot be discounted either having split the last eight crowns with Carmel.

Preliminary swimming heats get underway Friday night at 6 p.m. The top 16 in each event will return for competition on Saturday with the top eight individuals vying for state championship honors. Those finishing ninth through 16th on Friday will make up the competitors in the consolation heats. All diving will take place on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. 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. All championship and consolation finals, including diving, will commence at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Saturday's championship and consolation finals will be streamed live on IHSAAtv.org beginning at 1 p.m. with Thad Vandeventer, 11-time state championship coach Tony Young (swimming analyst), Dan Johnson (diving analyst), and Vaso Michels (deck reporter).

State Finals
Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, 6 pm ET (Swimming prelims).
Saturday, Feb. 27, 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.
State Finals Ticket Information: 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 p.m.

Defending State Champion: Carmel is the defending state champion and winner in four of the last six years. The Greyhounds ranked tied for fifth in the final state coaches poll of the season.

Top Seeds
200 Medley Relay: Carroll (Fort Wayne), 1:32.74.
200 Freestyle: Troy Li, 12, Carmel, 1:39.30.
200 Individual Medley: Glen Brown, 12, Fishers, 1:50.14.
50 Freestyle: Ryan Huizing, 12, Carroll (Fort Wayne), 20.71.
One Meter Diving: Kevin Frebel, 12, Homestead, 560.55.
100 Butterfly: Ryan Huizing, 12, Carroll (Fort Wayne), 49.34.

100 Freestyle: Jackson Sandala, 12, Warren Central 45.94.
500 Freestyle: Spencer Lehman, 11, Northridge, 4:30.87.
200 Freestyle Relay: Chesterton, 1:25.47.
100 Backstroke: Jacob Steele, 11, Fort Wayne Snider, 49.97.
100 Breaststroke: Chandler Bray, 12, Avon, 55.31.
400 Freestyle Relay: Carroll (Fort Wayne), 3:07.23.

Defending State Champions in Field (Individual Events)
One Meter Diving: Kevin Frebel, 12, Homestead.
100 Butterfly: Gabriel Swardson, 12, Fort Wayne Snider, 49.14.

Former State Champions in the Field (Individual Events)
None.

Career State Championships by an Individual (Individual and Relay Events)
12: Jason Lancaster, Carmel, 1991-94.
12: Kyle Whitaker, Chesterton, 2007-10.
11: Grant Wieczorek, Carmel, 2001-04.
9: Blake Pieroni, Chesterton, 2012-14.
8: Conor Leehaug, Columbus North, 1997-2000.
8: Mike Reynolds, Carmel, 1993-95.
8: Aaron Whitaker, Chesterton, 2013-14.

State Championships Won by This Year's Participants (Individual and Relay Events)
1: Jack Franzman, 10, Zionsville.
1: Kevin Frebel, 12, Homestead.
1: Tyler Harmon, 11, Zionsville.
1: Gary Kostbade, 11, Chesterton.
1: Troy Li, 12, Carmel.
1: Andrew Schuler, 10, Zionsville.
1: Gabriel Swardson, 12, Fort Wayne Snider.
1: Charles Vaughan, 11, Carmel.

Last Weekend's Sectional Champions: Avon, Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Carmel, Castle, Chesterton, Crawfordsville, Delta, Fishers, Floyd Central, Franklin Community, Greenfield-Central, Homestead, Jasper, Munster, North Central (Indianapolis), Northridge, Penn, Warsaw, Zionsville.

Active Consecutive Sectional Championships (thru last weekend)
31: Munster.
18: Chesterton.
14: Northridge.
12: North Central (Indianapolis).
9: Carmel, Warsaw.
7: Penn.
6: Greenfield-Central, Zionsville.
5: Avon.
4: Franklin Community.
3: Brownsburg, Jasper.

Most Consecutive Sectional Championships (thru last weekend)
31 by Munster (1986-2016).

Top 10 Most Sectional Championships (thru last weekend)
46: Munster.
35: Columbus North.
29: Carmel.
27: Center Grove, South Bend Riley.
25: Kokomo.
24: North Central (Indianapolis).
23: Hamilton Southeastern, Valparaiso.
22: Castle.



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