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TODAY'S WEATHER

Rain throughout the day. A 10 percent chance of rain before 7 p.m., then cloudy, then becoming partly cloudy.

HIGH: 61 LOW: 41

Hamilton County

Reporter

League of Women Voters stop in Hamilton County...

“Use Your Voice”

The League of Women Voters of Hamilton County today announced they will be teaming up with recording artist Patty Griffin and touring mates Sara Watkins and Anais Mitchell to empower voters at an upcoming concert to be held at The Palladium Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel on Sunday, March 20th. The event is part of a 39-city tour.

At the concert, local League of Women Voters volunteers will be on-hand to help fans get the election information they need,

including how to update their voter registration, find easy-to-understand local candidate and voting information, or learn about getting involved in the League's work to engage voters nationwide.

According to artist Patty Griffin, “I am so excited about this upcoming tour! It all started with me looking for a way to participate in the world as I’ve grown older – you know, complain a little less, do a little more. I then came across information that was surprising to me about voting in the US:

single women are an incredibly influential voting group, and too many are not turning out to vote. This is troubling on a lot of levels, but the most troubling one to me is that so many in this group, of which I am a member, find so little to connect with in the workings of government. So little that we don’t bother.”

“I am hoping with this tour to bang the drum about our democracy, about our communities, and even about our neighbors down the street,” Griffin concluded.

“Our League is excited to be a part of this inspiring tour,” said Mari Briggs, President of the League of Women Voters of Hamilton County. “With our presidential primary coming up on May 3, now is the time for us to take advantage of any and all opportunities talk with voters about how much their voice matters, help our neighbors make sure their voter registration is up to date and get them the information they need to cast a vote.”

IFJ Turf Classic...

New season kicks off at Grand Park

The 2016 tournament season kicks off at Grand Park with two Indiana Fire Juniors Turf Classic events over the next two weekends. The weekend of March 11-13 will feature 100 teams ages U12-U14 (11v11) and March 18-20 will feature 154 teams ages U8-U12 (6v6 and 8v8). The Turf Classic events are sanctioned by US Youth Soccer (Indiana Soccer) and US Club Soccer. Additional information can be found online at the following Web site: <http://www.indianafirejuniors.com/ifjturfclassic>.

“We’re looking forward to hosting these Indiana Fire Juniors tournaments at Grand Park again this year,” said Westfield Mayor Andy Cook. “It’s a winning combination when we have the opportunity to host a large number of local teams and visitors.”

While travel tournaments are the primary draw for visitors to Grand Park, a large number of local youth athletes also use the fields on a regular basis. Last year, 1,438 local kids participated in baseball, softball, football and lacrosse through Westfield Youth Sports (WYSI) and 1,100 local kids played soccer at Grand Park through Indiana Fire Juniors. Starting this spring, Westfield Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) will move its recreational soccer program to the newly added recreational fields, which will give an additional 1,500 local youth the opportunity to play at Grand Park.

In 2015, Grand Park hosted 997,990 unique visitors at the park for tournaments and events, which amounted to 1.5 million total visits/impressions. Furthermore, the park was responsible for 61,970 hotel room nights throughout the central Indiana region. The overall economic impact of all events held at Grand Park in 2015 was estimated to be \$147.7 million.



Photo courtesy the City of Noblesville

Members of the Ivy Tech Regions Board join College President Thomas Snyder, Campus President Dan Clark and Mayor John Ditslear to cut the ribbon for the school.

Newly renovated campus...

Ivy Tech celebrates official grand opening

The Hamilton County campus of Ivy Tech officially celebrated its grand opening on Tuesday.

Hamilton County Campus President Dan Clark, Ivy Tech Community College President Thomas Snyder and Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear spoke at the event, which had more than 100 attendees. Attendees were able to view the newly renovated campus, which serves approximately 1,000 students.

Renovations to the building include:

- New student commons areas including a huge new atrium in the entrance
- Refurbished classrooms

- Refinished gymnasium, used as home court for Ivy Tech Central Indiana basketball team
- New labs: robotics, machine tool, HVAC, construction technology
- Modernized fire suppression and safety system and heating and air conditioning system.
- Modernized technology systems (Internet access; computer labs)
- New parking areas

Ivy Tech's first classes took place at the Hamilton County Campus in August 2014. The building is located at 300 N. 17th St. Turn to Page 4 to see more pictures from the grand opening.

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At Noblesville First United Methodist Church...

Open House for Vietnam veterans March 19

Vietnam veterans are invited to an Open House from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19 in Noblesville.

Most states celebrate “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” the date of the final withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. The day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago.

To recognize military service men and women who served during the Vietnam era, we invite you to attend an Open House at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 E. Monument St. (south entrance) in Noblesville. Coffee and doughnuts donated by The Farmers Bank will be served by members of the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as Boy Scout Troop 101.



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International investing can expand your horizons

By COREY SYLVESTER

If you don't mind slow trips, you can go around the world in 80 days. But it takes almost no time to become a global investor. So, should you look abroad for good investments?

You may not have thought about it. And that may not be all that surprising, because when Americans check market updates, they typically see data for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Nasdaq Composite, all of which provide information for essentially one asset class: large-capitalization domestic stocks. Yet, U.S. equities actually only represent slightly more than one third of world equities, according to Bloomberg, a financial news service – so if you're confining yourself to the U.S., you may be missing out on an opportunity.

By investing internationally, you can gain at least two significant benefits:

- *Growth potential* – U.S. stocks have achieved good returns for long stretches of time. Yet, in any given year, markets in other countries can outperform the U.S. – and they have done just that.* By looking beyond our borders, you can invest in -regions with different prospects for economic growth.
- In mature economies, such as those found in Western Europe, you can find investment possibilities in companies that produce high-quality, well-known products. Like many of the best American businesses, these foreign companies are likely to remain competitive far into the future – which means they can be attractive to serious, long-term investors.
- *Diversification* – If you invest entirely in domestic investments, and the U.S. financial markets suffered a downturn, your portfolio would likely take a big hit. But if you spread your investment dollars between both U.S. and international investments, you could lessen the impact of the U.S.-based volatility. The U.S. financial markets do not always move in tandem with global markets, so, when we're down, they might be up. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profit or prevent losses.)
- While investing internationally offers some advantages, it also carries some specific risks. Here are a few to consider:
- *Political or economic instability* – A quick glance at the headlines can tell you that different parts of the world may be undergoing political or economic turmoil – or both at the same time. This instability can obviously affect the investment outlook within these regions.
- *Fluctuating exchange rates* – The exchange rate between U.S. and foreign currencies fluctuates all the time. This movement can decrease or increase the dollar value of your investment even if its actual price remains unchanged.
- *Difficulty in obtaining information* – Financial information about specific companies in emerging markets can be

hard to obtain, which is why it may be better to invest using professional managers.

Given these factors, if you are going to invest internationally, it's probably a good idea to do so with the help of a financial professional – someone with the resources and experience to help you avoid potential pitfalls. But don't ignore the opportunities available internationally. The exact amount depends on your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon.

The world is a big place – investing an appropriate portion of your portfolio in international investments could help broaden your investment horizons.

*(Please include the source of these statements.) Past performance is not a guarantee of future market performance.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Carmel 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, March 12, 2016** from 5-9 p.m.

Join us for our special events for St. Patrick's Day in the Arts and Design District:

- **Irish Poetry and Storytelling** by Rosaleen Crowley beginning at 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. at Peace Water Winery (37 W. Main St.)
- **Irish Music Entertainment** by harpist Jan Aldridge-Clark at **Inspire Studio Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 120)

Featured artists and exhibits during the March Gallery Walk include:

- **Magdalena and Jerry Points Gallery** (27 E. Main St.). Our exhibit for the March 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 March 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.

- Spring has come to the **ArtSplash Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 140). Enjoy their new exhibit **“Wind and Flowers – The Art of Spring.”** Indiana glass artist **Ben Johnson's** exhibit continues at the gallery. Johnson's artwork has been shown in venues across the US and he's received best in show awards in Indiana, Ohio, Louisiana, Florida and Arizona.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of Brookside Cemetery in Lapel would like to advise lot owners that all winter decorations must be removed by March 14th.



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GALLERY

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• **Soori Gallery** (33 E. Main St.) is celebrating “Persian New Year” and spring with an exhibition of Boehm Porcelain Flowers. Persian New Year starts the first day of spring and lasts 13 days.

• **CCA Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 135) features the beautiful and varied pottery of **Ingrid Craft** of Coal Creek Clay. Join Ingrid at her opening reception on Saturday from 4 – 8 p.m.

• **Inspire Studio & Gallery** (111 W. Main St., Suite 120) presents new art to warm your soul featuring works by **Randall Scott Harden, Lindsey Tull, Catherine Bauder, Bob Meyers, Rodney Reveal** and **Sean Gray**. Beautiful paintings by these artists will take you from farms, fields and lake country to the ocean’s edge with pelicans and beaches.

• **The World’s Smallest Children’s Art Gallery** (40 W. Main St.) features mosaic artwork by students from Smoky Row Elementary. These 4th and 5th grade students explored the art forms of “zentangles” and “zendalas,” resulting in many interesting creations. The **Carmel Art Council’s Gallery Annex** (within the gallery at 40 W. Main St.) features new student art from Carmel, Clay and Creekside Middle Schools and the Carmel High School Life Skills Art Class.

• **Hoosier Salon** (22 N. Range Line Rd.) presents the work of Indiana painters **Roy Boswell, Matt Katz** and **Wyatt LeGrand** as part of an exhibition called **Warmer Days**. Visit the gallery to celebrate the impending warmer seasons and draw yourself out of hibernation. The exhibit continues through April 23rd.

• **The Great Frame Up Carmel** (1st St. SW). Please join them for a beautiful exhibit showing local watercolor artist **Dave Smith**.

• **Silver in the City** (111 W. Main Street, Suite 150) features new jewelry designs from **J & I Jewelry Studio**, including an amazonite collection and their new men’s collection. J & I Jewelry is designed by Ian Gibson and completely handmade in his Philadelphia studio.

Additional activities taking place during the March Gallery Walk include:

• **Free caricatures** by **Kim Custom Eyes Design, Face painting** by **Aly Oop** (by Auntie Em’s Frozen Custard & Cupcakes 111 W. Main St., Suite 130)

• 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 T-shirts and two \$25 gift certificates from Muldoons (\$50+ value)
- o Mosaic class by Mosaics and Wine (\$55 value)
- o Original photo matted and framed by Marie Reamer Fine Art of ArtSplash Gallery (\$250 value)
- o Two tickets to the Carmel Symphony at The Palladium (\$50 value)
- o Dance lessons from Darren’s Ballroom Dance (\$210 value)
- o Beleck Irish porcelain (\$55 value)
- o Porcelain Irish trinket box (\$20 value)
- o Two children’s art/toy gift basket (\$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.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

- Matthew 5:7

Applications being accepted for...

Westfield Chamber of Commerce 2016 Academic Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the 22nd annual Westfield Chamber of Commerce Academic Scholarships.

A **\$1000** and two **\$500** scholarships will be awarded to three graduating high school seniors who reside in Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana and who have plans of furthering their education. The \$1000 Scholarship to Ivy Tech is provided by **Tom Warner** and the two \$500 Scholarships to a university or college of the recipient’s choice are sponsored by **Busby Eye Care, LLC** and **Body One Physical Therapy & Sports Rehabilitation**.

To be considered for these awards all essays must be in a word format and submitted to the Chamber office via email no later than March 31, 2016. Essays must be in a Word document format and accompanied by the student information.

Requirements:

In addition to submitting student information, each candidate must write and submit a **minimum 500-word maximum 1000-word essay. The essay should focus on the essay topic stated on page two of this document.**

The essay is not intended to be a report on the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, its activities, or its history or the history of chambers of commerce in general. This essay is a position paper. It reflects a potential real situation, and your recommendation could be taken into consideration for remedy. You are expected to create a specific solution, advocate for that solution, and appease both sides of the debate. In awarding this

scholarship a well-reasoned essay will be considered. The essay will be evaluated by community and chamber leaders using the following criteria:

- **Understands the Role of the Chamber in this endeavor**
- **Well organized and supported with examples**
- **Correct grammar and proper word usage**
- **Interesting to the reader**
- **Content is accurate**
- **Overall impression**

To qualify for review, refrain from using names and/or identifying relationships

Student Information:

To be considered for these awards, essays must be submitted via e-mail as a Word document attachment to info@westfield-chamber.org with all the following information in a cover e-mail no later than March 31, 2016:

1. Name.
2. Mailing Address.
3. Phone number and e-mail address.
4. Date of birth.
5. Year of High School Graduation.
6. High School from which you will graduate.
7. School you plan to attend.
8. Field of Study.
9. Have you applied at the above school?
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RIGHT: More than 100 people attended the grand opening for Ivy Tech's Hamilton County Campus on Tuesday.

BELOW: Dr. Dan Clark, Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus President, spoke at the grand opening.

BELOW RIGHT: Perry Williams of Hamilton County Television interviews Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett about the department's partnership with Ivy Tech to increase recreational programming opportunities.



Riverview Health to host foot health seminar

Riverview Health will host a foot health seminar from 6-7 pm on Wednesday, April 13. Dr. Scott Schulman and Dr. Tracey Ikard will discuss common foot problems, such as warts, ingrown toenails and bunions. They will also talk about the advanced wound care technology available at Riverview Health for foot infections and ulcers.

The foot health seminar will take place at Riverview Health in the Krieg DeVault Conference Room, located in the lower level of the Women's Pavilion. A light dinner will be served. The program is free, but registration is required. Register at riverview.org/classes or call [317.776.7999](tel:3177767999).

Legally Blonde coming to Heights

The Hamilton Heights High School Drama Club will be presenting Legally Blonde the Musical on March 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. The production uses more the talents of more than 60 students including tap dancing, baton twirling and "Irish" dancing. This production has all the humor and quirkiness of the original movie combined with a nonstop singing, dancing and costume changes. This production is made possible by a grant from the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation.



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County doing well in Small Schools Division...

DeFoe among HSR leaders

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

When penciling in super stars for the upcoming boys track and field season in Hamilton County don't miss placing Hamilton Heights' Michael DeFoe among the leaders.

DeFoe is off to an excellent start in the early running of qualifying for the Small Schools competition of the Hoosier State Relays. Entering this week of qualification, DeFoe is first in the 60 hurdles, third in the 60 dash and seventh in the long jump.

Qualifying will continue through March 20. Final competition in both the boys and girls small school and large school divisions will be March 26 at Purdue University.

Hamilton Heights and Guerin Catholic have Hamilton County's only teams in the Small School Division.

Along with DeFoe, Hamilton County has another high qualifier with Guerin Catholic's Quinn Gallaher standing in seventh place in the 3200 run. Also, Hamilton Heights ranks sixth in the 4x200 relay and Guerin Catholic ranks sixth in the distance medley relay.

Currently the county's top qualifier in the Girls Small School Division is Guerin Catholic's Megan Slamkowski, fifth in the 3200 run.

Guerin Catholic ranks first in the distance medley relay and third in the 4x800 relay, while Hamilton Heights is fifth in the 4x400 relay and sixth in the 4x200 relay.

Small Schools Boys
60 Dash: 3, Michael DeFoe, Hamilton Heights, 7.10.
3200 Run: 7, Quinn Gallagher, Guerin Catholic, 10:03.35.

60 Hurdles: 1, Michael DeFoe, Hamilton Heights, 8.28; 21, Wilmer Morales, Hamilton Heights, 9.85.
4x200 Relay: 6, Hamilton Heights, 1:37.22; 19, Guerin Catholic, 1:41.95.
4x400 Relay: 11, Guerin Catholic, 3:51.39.
4x800 Relay: 11, Hamilton Heights, 9:12.69; 15, Guerin Catholic, 9:24.93.
Distance Medley: 6, Guerin Catholic, 11:43.37; 19, Hamilton Heights, 12:22.64
High Jump: none.
Pole Vault: none.
Long Jump: 7, Michael DeFoe, Hamilton Heights, 20-9.
Shot Put: 17, Eddie Poynter, Guerin Catholic, 41-9.5.

Small Schools Girls
60 Dash: 20, Kiana Hunter, Guerin Catholic, 8.43; 22, Lauren Bjortomt, Hamilton Heights, 8.49.
3200 Run: 5, Megan Slamkowski, Guerin Catholic, 11:39.64.
60 Hurdles: 16, Macey Policka, Hamilton Heights, 10.70; 22, Jenna Janssen, Guerin Catholic, 10.99.
4x200 Relay: 6, Hamilton Heights, 1:53.34; 8, Guerin Catholic, 1:54.06.
4x400 Relay: 5, Hamilton Heights, 4:31.14; 9, Guerin Catholic, 4:33.21.
4x800 Relay: 3, Guerin Catholic, 10:50.69; 6, Hamilton Heights, 10:59.65.
Distance Medley Relay: 1, Guerin Catholic, 13:23.38.
High Jump: none.
Pole Vault: none.
Long Jump: 20, Kiana Hunter, Guerin Catholic, 14-9; 21, Lily McCormick, Hamilton Heights, 14-8.7.5
Shot Put: none.



Kent Graham/File photo

Hamilton Heights' Macey Policka is ranked 16th in the 60 hurdles in the Girls Small School Division qualifying for the Hoosier State Relays.



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Northside advances at Nationals...

Lions rebound, trounce Mustangs

After a blowout loss on Tuesday to the team that is expected to win it all at Nationals, it was the Northside Lions who produced the blowout on Wednesday as they put the hammer down on the Memphis Metro Mustangs 84-53 to improve their record at Nationals to 2-1. The Lions had a gut check after their Tuesday game against the Aggieland Panthers and came ready to play on Wednesday. It was a good Memphis Metro team that suffered the Lions' wrath.

The first quarter was no indication of what was to come as Northside was holding onto a 17-15 lead by the end of the stanza. The Northsiders got the ball rolling in the 2nd quarter taking a 37-29 lead into half-time.

The Lions put more distance between them and the Mustangs in the 3rd quarter by



Job



Jones

putting up 22 points to take a commanding 59-42 lead into the 4th quarter. Northside had taken most of the fight out of the Memphis boys by the end of the 4th quarter as they put up 25 points in the quarter coasting to an 84-53 win.

The Lions used the hot hand of Aaron Tharp in the game to go with a balanced offensive attack. The Northsiders kept feeding the hot shooting Tharp who wound up draining 7 of 11 shots from the 3-point arc and ended the game with a game high 25 points. Graham Stieglitz ended the game with 11

points including 3-4 from the 3-point line.



Stieglitz

lead the Lions in rebounds while Erik Job and Caleb Jones followed with 6 and 4 boards respectively. Riley Vitales dished out 6 assists to lead the Lions in assists. Caleb Jones followed Vitales with 5 assists while leading the Lions with 3 steals.

Northside (27-13) advance in the Boys Varsity Small Program D1-Bronze Division to take on the Lakeshore Thunder on Thursday in a 4:45 p.m. game. The Lions have faced the Thunders twice previously

during the regular season falling to Lakeshore both times.

Northside Lions 84, Memphis Metro Mustangs 53

Northside	FG	FT	TP	PF
Daniel Abbott	3-4	0-0	7	1
Riley Vitales	2-6	4-6	8	1
Ian Smith	2-5	3-3	7	1
Erik Job	3-4	2-2	10	2
Stephen Schwartz	1-4	2-2	4	3
Aaron Tharp	8-14	1-1	25	3
Caleb Jones	4-9	1-1	10	3
Graham Stieglitz	4-9	0-0	11	2
Ethan Rollins	1-2	0-0	2	0
Totals	28-57	13-15	84	16

Score by Quarters:
Northside Lions 17 20 22 25 - 84
Memphis Metro Mustangs 15 14 13 11 - 53
Northside 3-Point Shooting (10-19): Abbott 1-1, Vitales 0-1, Smith 0-1, Schwartz 0-1, Tharp 7-11, Stieglitz 3-4.
Northside Rebounds (35): Abbott 2, Vitales 2, Smith 4, Job 6, Schwartz 9, Tharp 2, Jones 5, Stieglitz 4, Rollins 1.
Northside Assists (15): Abbott 1, Vitales 6, Smith 1, Schwartz 1, Jones 5, Stieglitz 1.
Northside Steals (7): Vitales 2, Schwartz 1, Tharp 1, Jones 3.
Northside Blocked Shots (0):

Six county football players to play in All Star game

Six Hamilton County senior football players will get the honor of playing in the 2016 Community Chrysler of Martinsville/Indiana Football Coaches Association All Star Football Classic.

This will be the 50th edition of the game, which will be played Friday, July 15 at North Central. All six county players will be on the South Team.

The Hamilton County players participating are:

- Aaron Matio, running back, Hamilton Southeastern
- Bryce Sears, tight end, Westfield
- Eric Ferguson, offensive line, Noblesville
- Chase Krauter, offensive line, Carmel
- Titus Martin, offensive line, Fishers
- Brennan Thienemann, free safety, Guerin Catholic

In other IFCA honors, 38 county players were named to the association's Academic All-State team. Those players are:

Carmel: Jacob Abrams, Alex Akins, Scott Levine, Jack Lorson, Simon Pachciarz, Mark Perkins, Justin Schumann, Tonny Vittirito.

Fishers: Zach Eaton, Mike Folta, Hayden Grow, Trent Nielson, Kade Orris.

Guerin Catholic: Vincent Ferrucci, Isaac Fettig, Jack Freiburger, Jack Freudenthal, Dax Schnase, Arion Shinaver, Nick Thiem, Brennan Thienmann.

Hamilton Heights: Ethan Jones, Henry Magdun.

Hamilton Southeastern: Ryan Brown, Will Coudret, Curtis Goss, Noah Haxton, Justin Ndah, Grant Skelton.

Noblesville: Max Atkins, Jeffrey Muselman.

Westfield: Zach Krieg, Jordan Long, Max McCool, Will McCool, Noah Nigh, Ryan Pepiot, Sam Trompen.

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Guest speakers, including Dr. Daniel O'Donnell - Assistant Professor of IU Clinical Emergency Medicine and Chief Medical Director Indianapolis EMS and Fire Department.

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Southeastern's Samantha McKenzie commits to Chicago State University



Photo courtesy Hamilton Southeastern

Senior Samantha McKenzie has announced her intent to continue her soccer career at the collegiate level. Samantha will attend Chicago State University in Chicago, Illinois. The Cougars are an NCAA Division I school that competes in the Western Athletic Conference under the direction of Coach Tony Tommasi. Samantha is the daughter of Barbara Castello. She earned her third varsity letter in soccer this fall. Pictured - Seated: Olivia McKenzie (sister), Samantha, and Barbara Castello (mother). Standing: Greg Davidson (HSE Varsity Soccer Coach) & Jackie Purcell (HSE Ass't Soccer Coach).



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Wednesday's scores		Cleveland 120, Sacramento 111
Charlotte 122, New Orleans 113		Golden State 115, Utah 94
Houston 118, Philadelphia 104		Thursday's games
Boston 116, Memphis 96		Atlanta at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee 114, Miami 108		Chicago at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Detroit 102, Dallas 96		Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
New York 128, Phoenix 97		Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City 120, L.A. Clippers 108		

Eastern Conference				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	42	20	.677	-
Boston	39	26	.600	4.5
New York	27	39	.409	17.0
Brooklyn	18	46	.281	25.0
Philadelphia	8	56	.125	35.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	45	18	.714	-
Indiana	34	30	.531	11.5
Chicago	32	30	.516	12.5
Detroit	33	31	.516	12.5
Milwaukee	27	38	.415	19.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	37	27	.578	-
Atlanta	36	28	.563	1.0
Charlotte	35	28	.556	1.5
Washington	30	33	.476	6.5
Orlando	27	36	.429	9.5

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	44	20	.688	-
Portland	34	31	.523	10.5
Utah	29	35	.453	15.0
Denver	26	38	.406	18.0
Minnesota	20	45	.308	24.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	57	6	.905	-
L.A. Clippers	41	22	.651	16.0
Sacramento	25	38	.397	32.0
Phoenix	17	47	.266	40.5
L.A. Lakers	14	51	.215	44.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	54	10	.844	-
Memphis	38	26	.594	16.0
Dallas	33	32	.508	21.5
Houston	32	32	.500	22.0
New Orleans	24	39	.381	29.5

Defending champ Valparaiso, four other teams back...

IHSAA gymnastics state finals are Saturday

Five teams return from last year's field of finalists along with three former individual state champions as the 44th Annual IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals will be contested Saturday at Worthen Arena on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie. Competition will begin at 1 pm ET following the opening ceremonies.

Top-ranked Valparaiso, No. 2 Columbus North and No. 5 Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger each won their respective regionals last weekend for a return trip to state and are joined by seventh-ranked Owen Valley and No. 15 Homestead, the other holdovers from last year.

Valparaiso is the two-time defending state champion and winner in six of the last eight meets. The Vikings have won a record 11 gymnastics titles overall, all under the direction of coach Lorie Cook, also the state's leader.

Columbus North enters Saturday ranked No. 2 for the second year in a row and will make its 10th straight appearance as a team this weekend. The Bull Dogs aim to land their first state title since 1974 two weeks after the girls basketball team finished as the Class 4A state runner-up.

Bishop Dwenger, ranked fifth in the state coaches poll, collected both the Fort Wayne Concordia sectional and Huntington North regional crowns. The Saints have finished second the last two seasons and three of the last five and will attempt to win the school's sixth crown and first since 2012.

Chesterton, Columbus East, Crown Point, Elkhart Central are the other schools who have qualified in the team competition. Elkhart Central is competing for the first time at state while Crown Point is making just its second appearance and first since 2005.

Three individuals who won titles a year ago are among Saturday's competitors including the last two all-around champs. Owen Valley senior Anna Watkin returns as the defending beam and all-around winner while helping her school make its first appearance as a team last year. She's captured the beam title in two of the last three years.

Morgan Township senior Kylee Maxwell is the defending champion in the vault and also boasts the 2014 titles in the bars and the all-around competition.

Ashley Holliday, a junior at Columbus North, joins them as the defending crown holder in the bars competition. She finished third in Saturday's regional event but helped her team secure its third straight regional title.

Others to keep an eye on include: Columbus East sophomore Addison Minor who took three of four events (vault, bars, beam) to win the all-around at her school's regional; Dwenger senior Maria Trahin won twice (vault, floor) to claim the all-around at Huntington North and; Valparaiso senior Sydney Intagliata (bars, beam) to take honors at her school's regional.

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016.
Site: Worthen Arena, Ball State University, 1699 W. Bethel Avenue, Muncie.
Time: Opening ceremonies at 12:30 p.m. ET; Competition at 1 pm ET.
Admission: \$9.
Parking: Please note that Ball State charges a \$5 all-day parking fee in the Worthen Arena lots. \$10 for vehicles that take up more than one parking space.

have won five crowns, third-most in state history.

Former State Champions in the Meet (3)

Ashley Holliday, 11, Columbus North. *2015 Bars.*
Kylee Maxwell, 12, Morgan Township. *2014 Bars, 2014 All-Around, 2015 Vault.*
Anna Watkin, 12, Owen Valley. *2013 Beam, 2015 Beam, 2015 All-Around.*

Schools Represented (21)

Carroll (Fort Wayne), (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus East, Columbus North, Connersville, Crown Point, DeKalb, Elkhart Central, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne Northrop, Franklin Central, Homestead, Logansport, Merrillville, Morgan Township, New Castle, New Prairie, Owen Valley, Roncalli, Valparaiso.

Competing for Team Championship (9)

Chesterton, Columbus East, Columbus North, Crown Point, Elkhart Central, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Homestead, Owen Valley, Valparaiso.

Returning Teams from 2015 (5)

Columbus North, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Homestead, Owen Valley, Valparaiso.

Sectional Champions (6)

Columbus North, Connersville, Elkhart Central, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Logansport, Valparaiso.

Regional Champions (3)

Columbus North, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Valparaiso.

State Coaches Poll (Competing for Team Championship in Bold)

1. Valparaiso (8) 148
2. Columbus North (2) 136
3. Crown Point 121
4. Chesterton 116
5. Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger 110
6. Columbus East 100
7. Owen Valley 89
8. Merrillville 61
9. Portage 58
10. Elkhart Central 55
11. Logansport 50
12. Michigan City 32
13. Seymour 32



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