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TODAY'S WEATHER
Mostly sunny today, mostly cloudy tonight. A 20 percent chance of rain and snow after 2 a.m.

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Hamilton County Reporter

The County Line

Here's a surprise....

With referendum passage, tax rate goes down

By FRED SWIFT
The Noblesville School referendum coming to voters May 3 may have a greater impact on the school system and the community than many folks realize. That's a big part of the message that school superintendent Beth Niedermeyer is trying to get across to Noblesville citizens.

On the surface one would think passage of the referendum would be an easy slam dunk. If the ballot measure passes, taxes will actually go down a little, not much, but usually any decrease in taxes is considered better than the alternative.

A referendum passed in 2010 provides for a special tax rate of 21 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to supplement the school operations budget.



If the upcoming referendum passes that rate will drop by a fraction over two cents per \$100 effective on this fall's property tax billing and still raise about \$6 million per year which the superintendent says is vital to maintaining the quality of education in Noblesville.

Financing by referendum began in 2008 when state law was amended to allow schools to go to their voters for added money that, if approved, would be collected for seven years. At the end of this time the referendum levy would expire or could be extended by another vote. Provisions of the current Noblesville referendum expire in 2017.

If this year's referendum fails, the schools will lose the \$6 million annually, and officials say the impact will be felt next year. The current class size that averages 24 through-



Niedermeyer

out the system of 10,000 students will increase and the number of staff members that is currently about 1,500 will have to be reduced by 10 percent.

Other negative results, according to information from Dr. Niedermeyer, would be reducing some of the system's innovative programming, lengthening or eliminating some bus routes and a general drag on the local economy since the school system is the city's largest employer.

The superintendent says the biggest problem facing the supporters of the referendum is getting information to the general public. She is grateful to Sen. Luke Kenley and the state legislature for increasing state funding somewhat this year which helps keep the need for local taxation static. Noblesville receives state assistance amounting to about \$5,350 per student whereas in 2013 and 2014 it was just over \$5,100.

Meanwhile, the local student population continues to grow, but there are no immediate needs for additional buildings. The high school, for example, has an enrollment of about 2,800 and will be able to accommodate 3,200.

Mitch Frazier joins Reynolds Farm Equipment

Reynolds Farm Equipment has hired one of the best minds that the high tech marketing world has to offer.

Inside Indiana Business reported that Mitch Frazier has been hired by Reynolds as the company's new chief marketing and innovation officer. Reynolds, of course, has been innovating itself over the past year, as it opened its new state-of-the-art facility on U.S. 31 in Atlanta.

Frazier comes to Reynolds after a successful run as vice president of marketing at TinderBox, a sales solutions company with its headquarters on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis. The company is designed to "provide sales teams a better way to create the assets they need to close deals," according to its Web site.

Frazier himself was active on TinderBox's blog, with frequent posts about different topics related to marketing for the 21st century. He also wrote a guest post on VentureBeat, a technology innovation Web site, about the need for companies to think beyond the traditional separation of sales and marketing, as the two need to work together.

Prior to joining TinderBox, Frazier spent five years at ExactTarget, an email-marketing company with an office in Indianapolis. Frazier was the chief of staff to the CEO and played a major role in guiding the company as it made its initial public offering to the New York Stock Exchange.



Photo courtesy the City of Noblesville

State Sen. Luke Kenley speaks to the Noblesville City Council on behalf of the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club as they make a one-time request for \$300,000 (five percent of overall new facility costs) in funding from the council. Payments will be made over three years.

Basketball Spectacular is more than hoops

By RICHIE HALL
Basketball and more will be taking place at Noblesville High School on Saturday, all thanks to the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville.

The basketball, of course, is the main event for the "Basketball Spectacular," the Club's annual event. Tony Eslamirad, the Club's sports director, said a total of around 500 kids are in the basketball program, "and all will participate in some way because during the awards ceremony ALL kids are encouraged to be there."

There will be five championship games on the main floor, with the kindergarten

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Noblesville Schools names 2016 Innovative Teachers of the Year

Noblesville Schools has named four educators as 2016 Innovative Teachers of the Year. The teachers were nominated by their peers and were then selected for the honor by a committee of teachers and administrators.

The winners are:

- Mitch Mosbey, 1st grade at Promise Road Elementary (4 years of service with Noblesville Schools)
- Jamie Weiss, 5th grade at White River Elementary (10 years of service with Noblesville Schools)
- Julie Meyer, 7th grade science at Noblesville West Middle School (18 years of service with Noblesville Schools)

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These four teachers were the winners of the Noblesville Schools 2016 Innovative Teachers of the Year.
Pictured: Front left Mitch Mosbey, front right Jamie Weiss, back left Andy Wilkins, back right Julie Meyer.

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- Andy Wilkins, financial algebra and aerospace engineering at Noblesville High School (11 years of service with Noblesville Schools)
One teacher was chosen to represent each academic level: (grades K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12) and selection focused on teachers who best exemplify Noblesville Schools’ mission and vision. The teachers selected are regularly demonstrating new and exciting ways to connect with their student learners through innovative techniques that spark curiosity and empower students.
- Mitch Mosbey uses peer tutorials, literacy stations and student-led progress reporting in his classroom to engage students. He is also creating a learning environment using digital tools that connect his first graders to the larger world in which they live.
- Jamie Weiss inspires her coworkers and is seen as a resource for other teachers regarding student engagement techniques and technology use. She gives her students opportunities to tackle new ideas and is recognized as a key reason fifth-grade student engagement at her school has soared.
- Julie Meyer’s students anxiously share with her studies they have completed on their own, as a continuation of their classroom learning. She treats her class as mini-scientists instead of middle school students, and finds learning mo-

ments for them everywhere- even in the hallway on the way to lunch.
• Andy Wilkins empowers his students by providing them opportunities to create, invent, discover, challenge and take risks. He’s a vocal ambassador not just for his aerospace class and their famous balloon launch, but also for all Project Lead the Way STEM curriculum at Noblesville High School.

The winners were presented a laser engraved award made by Noblesville High School students and a \$250 professional development grant. Their names will also be engraved on a plaque displayed at the district administrative headquarters.
The announcements were made as part of the Miller Shift Learning Showcase event, where faculty and students across the district displayed approximately 70 interactive accomplishments aimed at highlighting the Miller Shift learning experience. Miller Shift is Noblesville Schools’ term to describe their unique instructional style. It’s the “shift” to a new way of educating students for the world of tomorrow and emphasizes soft skills, making real-world connections, and learning through doing, so learning is deeper, collaborative and relevant.
Noblesville Schools employs approximately 650 teachers.

Outdoor Warning Siren being moved in Fishers

Friday resumes the weekly tests of Outdoor Severe Weather Sirens in Fishers. Due to road construction at Kincaid Drive and 106th St, that siren will be out of service for the next couple of weeks as workers relocate a few feet for road construction.
Firefighters remind citizens, these sirens are intended for outdoor alerting only. We encourage the public to purchase weather alerting radios, download weather apps on their electronic devices and monitor TV and radio when severe weather is expected.
Severe weather can come at any time but Spring tends to kick of the severe weather patterns. Stay indoors on the lowest floor possible, in the inner most room without windows. Never go near downed power lines or stand under a tree during storms. Plan outdoor activities accordingly with projected weather and be safe.

Between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m...

City of Carmel to participate in Earth Hour this Saturday

The City of Carmel is encouraging residents and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights, computers, cars and other electronic items as part of the worldwide Earth Hour event taking place on this Saturday, March 19, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. The City itself will also be participating by turning out all of the lights in and around City Hall as it has for the past seven years. By taking part in this global “lights out” event, Carmel will be acknowledging our commitment to personal and operational actions that benefit the planet in the year ahead.
The Girl Scouts of Central Indiana will be partnering with the City and will be making glow in the dark necklaces and will have binoculars available for star gazing. Girl Scouts and their families are invited to attend, as well as any girls who are interested in joining Girl Scouts. This is an exciting partnership which will raise more awareness around this event and will involve the youth; who will be inheriting the world we leave behind.
Earth Hour began as a single-city initiative – in Sydney, Australia – in 2007 and has since grown into a global movement. Hundreds of millions of people from more than 7,000 cities and towns in 152 countries/territories across every continent switch off their lights for an hour as a massive show of concern for the environment; creating the largest, symbolic mass participation event in the world. Earth Hour’s mission is three-fold: To bring people together through a symbolic hour-long event; To galvanize people into taking action beyond the hour; And to create an interconnected global community sharing the mutual goal of creating a sustainable future for the planet.
To get a better sense of the magnitude and inspiring nature of the event, please take a moment to watch the Earth Hour 2016 video at <https://youtu.be/WTuotGIzj60>.
“The City is pleased to support Earth Hour this year to emphasize the importance of conserving our energy resources. This is a symbolic event in which every single person can participate. Our city prides itself on being environmentally friendly, and this is one more way we can encourage our residents and businesses to care for our planet,” said Mayor Jim Brainard.
For more information on Earth Hour, or to sign up as an individual for the event, visit www.earthhour.org. For more information on the City of Carmel’s environmental initiatives, visit the City’s website at www.carmel.in.gov.

BASKETBALL

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through second grade teams playing their games upstairs. In all, around 220 kids will take part in the spectacular. Games begin at 9 a.m., with the last game finishing up around 4 p.m.
The “more” part to the Basketball Spectacular is the anti-drug and anti-tobacco message that will be a large portion of the event. Eslamirad provided the message the Club’s teenage members will educate the community about during the event:
“Who is to say that quitters never win? The vicious cycle that cigarettes have on life financially, physically and environmentally is devastating. Sign pledge cards at our booth for a chance to win dinner and a movie on the Club! Our youth are taking action to help educate the public in hopes to reduce the amount of cigarettes bought, inhaled and dropped on the ground. Help us in our fight.”
There will be different messages announced at halftime. One encourages parents to talk to their children about tobacco use and its effects. The second message lists tips for fighting substance abuse in the community, and the third gives sobering facts about what cigarettes can do to people.

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Williams Comfort Air creates...

The Next Chapter group to assist displaced Carrier workers

Following the Carrier announcement of the impending move of the Indianapolis manufacturing jobs to Mexico, Williams Comfort Air reached out to Central Indiana HVAC and plumbing dealers about joining together and pledging job opportunities to the displaced employees.

"We have reached out to the other dealers in Central Indiana because we believe that all of the dealers in our area can help lessen the impact of this move on a community level by pledging job opportunities within our companies to the displaced Carrier employees", says Jacob Huck, President of Williams Comfort Air. "Carrier's Employee Scholar Program provides educational assistance to these employees, and we believe that HVAC Service Technician, Installation Technician, Plumbing and Client Care positions may be of interest to many. With Carrier providing the education, combined with other dealers providing job opportunities, we hope that many will pursue these career paths."

The company believes that this effort can transcend their industry and involve other companies. They are call-

ing it **The Next Chapter**. Huck says, "What we are doing is helping provide opportunities as these people plan the next chapter of their careers and lives. I know that if I were in their shoes, it would be helpful to know that there are companies in the area that are willing to employee me if I get the required training. It would guide me in what direction I would go."

Area dealers, regardless of the brand of equipment that they carry, were asked to reflect upon their companies' upcoming manpower plans and to commit to filling a number of these openings with Carrier employees who receive training in heating, cooling or plumbing. Several dealers have replied with positive feedback and intentions of providing positions to those with the required training.

Huck continues, "This can be so much more if other companies answer our challenge to get involved like this. I know that the skilled trades industry is always looking for people willing to be trained. There is far too little an emphasis on skilled trades at the school level. I am sure that there are other employers in our area in other lines of

business that would consider this opportunity if they know about it."

The Williams Comfort Air team believes that it is the right thing to do for the community. The idea is a direct result of a decision that impacted their industry, but now that they have the idea, they want it to be more.

Huck requested help saying, "We can't do this on our own. If this grows the way we hope it does, it will be an example for all areas that have similar job losses. We can pull together as a community to help give peace-of-mind to those in need of comparable employment opportunities. After all, these are our friends, family and neighbors we're talking about."

To become involved, contact Williams Comfort Air at TheNextChapter@WilliamsComfortAir.com. They not only want other companies to provide career path direction for the Carrier employees, they also need help in further organizing and growing this concept.

Goal is education and training...

Indiana State Police participate in Tri-State Human Trafficking Initiative

Troopers and Motor Carrier Inspectors with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Indiana State Police joined neighboring states to raise awareness about human trafficking for the entire month of February. The Indiana State Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Michigan State Police take the crime of human trafficking seriously and will continue to educate the public and enforce laws that crack down on traffickers.

The goal of the month-long Tri-State Human Trafficking Initiative was to train and educate those in a position to see human trafficking taking place, such as motor vehicle drivers, public transportation companies, rest area attendants and truck stop employees. These individuals can act as the eyes and ears of Indiana's highways, and by teaching them the signs of human trafficking and how to report it, they are yet another resource to protect humans from trafficking and exploitation.

Over the month of February, the three states distributed more than 17,000 materials that included wallet cards and brochures. They conducted 180 educational events that reached 2,446 people.

"The terrible crime of human trafficking often goes unnoticed and unreported," said Captain Jon Smithers of the Indiana State Police. "Educating those most likely to come in contact with these individuals is one way to combat those who condone human trafficking and empower potential victims. Through our efforts with our law enforcement partners from other states we will continue to disseminate information and hopefully save lives."

To report a trafficking tip, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline Resource Center at [888-373-7888](tel:888-373-7888) or text BeFree to 233733. The toll free number is available anywhere in the US, 24/7. The hotline received calls from Indiana regarding 243 potential human trafficking cases in 2015, making Indiana the twenty seventh highest total for potential cases reported among the states.

To learn more about Human Trafficking or request a presentation for your group, business or organization contact the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division at [\(317\) 615-7373](tel:317-615-7373)

Noblesville Common Council approves...

Preliminary resolution for Noble Industries

The Noblesville Common Council has approved the preliminary resolution designating an economic revitalization area for Noble Industries, Inc., 3333 E. Conner St., Noblesville.

"Noble Industries is a homegrown and longstanding business in Noblesville. I am pleased to see their continued growth and expansion. I appreciate the Parker family's commitment to Noblesville's job growth and strong corporate citizenship," Mayor John Ditslear said.

Noble Industries was founded by William and Anita Parker in 1968 and incorporated in 1970. The family business started in a barn with less than 300 square feet and has since grown to a 70,000-square-foot facility with all growth occurring in Noblesville. Noble Industries has 65 employees with many employed for more than 20 years.

Noble Industries has purchased the five acres to the south of its current building and plan to expand an additional 52,400 square feet. The business plans to

expand production and warehouse space by 39,000 square feet and office space by 13,400 square feet. Noble Industries approximate new size with the expansion is 122,000 square feet.

Total capital investment for this project will be \$6.1 million – \$3.5 million in real property and \$2.6 million in personal property, which includes laser upgrades as well as a separate IT room for robot use.

"Noble Industries, Inc. has once again chosen Noblesville to expand their business through new building construction and new purchase of innovative manufacturing equipment," Economic Development Director Judi Johnson said. "Their belief in Noblesville results in the continued growth of jobs and capital investment in Noblesville. Noble Industries is poised to become one of Noblesville's largest manufacturing employers with the addition of up to 50 new jobs in Noblesville."

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Grant Phillip Johnson

July 1, 1987 - March 16, 2016

Grant Phillip Johnson, 28, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2016. He was born July 1, 1987 in Noblesville, Indiana. He was the son of Harry Joseph Johnson and the late Linda Sue (Darts) Johnson. Grant is survived by his father; and his brother & his wife, Eric N. & Anne (Kuk) Johnson. He enjoyed writing and traveling, and spent time in Europe, South America, Jamaica, Alaska, and most of the 48 states. Services are pending. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Levetta P. Murdock

June 12, 1927 - March 16, 2016

Levetta P. Murdock, 88, Pendleton, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at her son's home following an extended illness. She was born on June 12, 1927, in Anderson, Indiana to Charles and Helen (Crawford) Pavey. Levetta retired in 1977 from the former Delco Remy division of General Motors in Anderson after 30 years of employment. She enjoyed bowling in Anderson leagues. After retiring, she and her husband, Walter, lived in Daytona Beach, Florida and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for fifteen years before moving back to Indiana. She is survived by one son, Tod (wife, Beth) Baker of Anderson; one granddaughter, Casey Baker of Noblesville; one great-granddaughter, Amiyah Baker of Noblesville; one sister, Waneta Hiatt of Anderson; and a nephew, Kevin Hiatt of Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter Murdock; two sisters, Rosemary McGowen and Jacqueline Pavey; a brother, Thomas L. Pavey; and a niece, Karen Hiatt. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am Friday, March 18, 2016, at Grovelawn Cemetery in Pendleton with Chaplain Marjorie Vandergraff officiating and burial will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com



DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

- Matthew 5:13

May R. Cook

August 12, 1913 - March 16, 2016

May R. Cook, 102, of Noblesville, died March 16, 2016 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus. May was born August 12, 1913 to James Vernon Redick and Rose (Ault) Redick. While she was born in Madison County she lived nearly all of her life in Hamilton County. May was descended from an Indiana pioneer family; her great-great-grandfather, George Redick, settled in Wayne Township, Hamilton County prior to 1830. May graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1931 and took great pleasure in sharing memories of her childhood on a farm near Omega. May married Mark W. Cook. They were the parents of Mark W. Cook, Jr., Stanley E. Cook and Stephen W. Cook. Her husband Mark died in 1960. As a widow, May decided she needed a job. She worked briefly at Riverview Hospital and was then elected to several terms as Noblesville Clerk Treasurer. Public office was a good fit. She enjoyed elective office and, it is said, was an excellent Clerk Treasurer and public official. May was a 75 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she was past Worthy Matron, and Noblesville United Methodist Church. May was also a member of the Walnut Grove Alumni Association. She was an avid fan of Noblesville and I.U. Basketball and, later, the Indianapolis Colts. May loved to travel, read, garden, cook, crochet, and spend time with her grandchildren. May is survived by sons, Mark W. (Verona) Cook and Stephen W. (Annie) Cook; grandchildren, Sue Myose, Sandy (Bill) Lynch, S. Matthew (Lynn) Cook, and Dr. J. Craig (Amy) Cook; and great-grandsons, Eric Sears, Kevin Sears, Michael Myose, Matthew Myose, Ryan Cook, Noah Cook, John Stephen Cook, Charles Cook, Nathaniel Cook and Henry Cook. May's sister, Carolyn R. Bardonner of Arcadia, also survives. May's family extends a heartfelt thanks to the staff at Prairie Lakes Health Campus and to Dr. Walter P. Beaver for the wonderful care and kindness extended to May. May's funeral will be held at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St in Noblesville at 3:00pm on Saturday, March 19, 2016, with calling from 1:00 to 3:00 prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, Noblesville Boy Scout Troop 101, or the donor's favorite charity. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com



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As part of the resolution, the common council has approved the location as an economic revitalization area eligible for a 10-year declining real property tax phase-in and a four-year declining tax phase-in for its personal property investment. March 15 was the preliminary resolution, which is the introduction to an economic development project and lays out the initial request for approval with council. Because the "first look" resolution was passed, a public hearing and confirmatory resolution will be held at the next council meeting on March 29.

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With Copeland on mound ...

Southeastern is reloading



By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Hamilton Southeastern graduated 10 seniors from an outstanding 22-3 squad last spring.

“We’ll be okay,” said veteran coach Davie Cook.

That’s the Southeastern way. Year after year, when needed, Cook reloads.

The coach is counting a lot on a seven-member senior class.

“These seniors had a strong season as sophomores and then last year had to sit behind an outstanding senior class,” Cook said.

Seniors include outfielders Maddie Baxter and Sydney Cooley, second baseman Marlee Desplinter, catcher Ally Goley, pitcher Katherine Lucas, third baseman Cydney Ogan and shortstop Veronica Olson.

Currently, Goley is nursing a knee injury. Junior Ashton Kiehl likely will start. Goley hit .317 last season.

Cooley is a returning starter in center. She batted .317 last spring.

The other starter returning is outstanding pitcher Savanna Copeland, now a junior. At the plate, she batted .444 and had five triples and five homers and knocked home 24 runs. On the mound, Copeland was 11-2 with a 1.25 ERA. She fanned 124 batters in 72.2 innings.

Other probable starters include either junior Kaylee Carter or freshman Jordan Rager at first, junior Shelby Berthhold in right, junior Alexis Macha on the mound and sophomore Mary Bickle in left field. Junior Katelyn Shonborn will add a strong bat.

The Lady Royals are scheduled to open the season on Tuesday with a big home game against Carmel.

Brian Reddick/File photo

Savanna Copeland compiled 124 strikeouts for Hamilton Southeastern last season. Copeland returns for her junior season at HSE this year.

Southeastern Roster

Seniors: Maddie Baxter, Sydney Cooley, Marlee Desplinter, Ally Goley, Katherine Lucas, Cydney Ogan, Veronica Olson.

Juniors: Shelby Berthhold, Kaylee Carter, Savanna Copeland, Ashton Kiehl, Alexis Macha, Katelyn Shonborn.

Sophomores: Mary Bickle, Nicole Dillow.

Freshman: Jordan Rager.

Southeastern Schedule

March

22, Carmel, 5:30 p.m.
23, North Central, 5:30 p.m.
29: at Avon, 6 p.m.

April

8, Franklin, 5:30 p.m.
12, Fishers, 6 p.m.
14, at New Palestine, 5:30 p.m.
15, at Mt. Vernon, 5:30 p.m.
19, at Westfield, 6 p.m.
21, at Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.
23, at Whiteland Tourney.
26, Zionsville, 6 p.m.
28, at Senandoah, 5:30 p.m.
29, at Pendleton Heights, 6:30 p.m.
30, Fort Wayne Snider, 11 a.m.
30, Carroll, 2 p.m.


May

3, at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
7, Greenwood, 12 noon
9, Anderson, 5 p.m.
11, Richmond, 6 p.m.
12, at Southport, 5:30 p.m.
14, at Shelbyville Tourney.
17, Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
19, Ben Davis, 5:30 p.m.
21: at Roncalli Tourney

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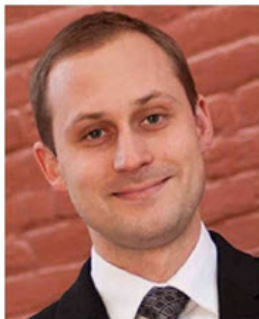



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As Hoosier State Relays near...

County dominating Big School list

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

When the Hoosier State Relays are held at Purdue University on March 26, the field in the boys and girls Big School Division will be loaded with Hamilton County athletes.

With qualifying set to end this weekend, the top 24 in each event (except for 18 in the pole vault and high school) will make the field.

Currently, in the boys division, Hamilton County has one leader. Ryan Lipe of Carmel has cleared 16-4.75 in the pole vault.

Southeastern's Gabe Fendel is second in the 3200 run.

In the relay events, Southeastern has the fastest time in the distance medley and Carmel ranks second in the 4x800.

Hamilton County high leaders in the girls division are Carmel's Sarah Leinheiser, first in the 3200 run, and Southeastern's Tayah Irvin, second in high jump.

In the girls relays, Westfield has the best time in the 4x800 and Carmel in the distance medley. Noblesville is second in the 4x400 and Fishers stands second in the 4x200.

Big School Leaders

Boys

60 Meter Dash: none.

3200 Run: 2, Gabe Fendel, Southeastern, 9:22.97; 4, Sam Henthorn, Westfield, 9:34.25; 13, Ben Wagoner, Southeastern, 9:44.72; 16, Eric Hoffman, Noblesville, 9:48.01; 17, Ethan Parsley, Westfield, 9:48.91; 18, Trey Harris, Carmel, 9:49.31; 23, Brayden Watson, Southeastern, 9:53.21.

60 Hurdles: 13, Jalen Garner, Noblesville, 8.47; 20, Madison Norris, Southeastern, 8.3.

4x200 Relay: 13, Southeastern, 1:33.94; 21, Noblesville, 1:34.26.

4x400 Relay: 4, Fishers, 3:29.68; 12, Carmel, 3:31.62; 16, Southeastern, 3:33.49.

Girls

60 Meter Dash: 13, Camille Christopher, Southeastern, 7.96; 13, Danielle Harrison, Fishers, 7.96; 16, Karen Hubbard, Westfield, 7.97.

3200 Run: 1, Sarah Leinheiser, Carmel, 10:45.02; 5, Stacy Morozov, Carmel, 11:04.10; 7, Christina Geisler, Carmel, 11:11.05; 11, Megan Kress, Carmel, 11:24.14; 15, Rachel Anderson, Carmel, 11:29.86.

60 Hurdles: 6, Mia Mackenzie, Southeastern, 9:30; 14, Emily Robertson, Westfield, 9.54.

4x200 Relay: 2, Fishers, 1:45.09; 7, Southeastern, 1:47.17; 8, Noblesville, 1:48.26; 12, Westfield, 1:48.64; 18, Carmel, 1:49.99.

4x400 Relay: 2, Noblesville, 4:06.09; 4, Fishers, 4:08.77; 11, Carmel, 4:12.90; 15, Southeastern, 4:15.65.

4x800 Relay: 1, Westfield, 9:36.27; 2, Carmel, 9:39.77; 3, Noblesville, 9:42.94; 5, Southeastern, 9:49.90; 14, Fishers, 10:03.90.

Distance Medley Relay: 1, Carmel, 12:37.72; 3, Noblesville, 12:40.63; 5, Westfield, 12:43.93; 15, Fishers, 13:12.67.

High Jump: 2, Tayah Irvin, Southeastern, 5-5; 2, Shelby Tyler, Noblesville, 5-5; 9, Sydney Street, Fishers, 5-3.

Pole Vault: 12, Natalie McDaniel, Southeastern, 9-9; 15, Audrey Bullock, Westfield, 9-3; 18, Aleks Anderson, Noblesville, 9-0.

Long Jump: 10, Ashley Perry, Southeastern, 17-1.25; 12, Mia Mackenzie, Southeastern, 16-10.5; 13, Maria Anderson, Noblesville, 16-9.75; 16, Sydney Spears, Westfield, 6-8.25; 23, Cailyn Etgen, Carmel, 16-4.

Shot Put: 11, Jada Caldwell, Westfield, 37-5.75; 14, Katie Thompson, Fishers, 37-3.



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Hamilton County Reporter Boys Swimmer of the Year Charles Vaughan, Carmel



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Carmel junior Charles Vaughan is this year’s Hamilton County Reporter Boys Swimmer of the Year. Vaughan earned four top four finishes at the state meet, winning the individual medley, getting the runner-up medal in the breaststroke, and competing in two medal-winning Greyhound relays.

Hamilton County Reporter All-County Boys Swimming and Diving Team

First Team			Second Team		
Stefano Batista	Carmel	Sophomore	Evan Diamante	Noblesville	Freshman
Jonathan Bledsoe	Carmel	Sophomore	Alex Hand	Westfield	Junior
Cavan Boylan	Carmel	Senior	Isaac Johnston	Noblesville	Junior
Glen Brown	Fishers	Senior	Christopher Kenney	Westfield	Sophomore
Brandon Brunelli	Southeastern	Senior	Thomas Kenney	Westfield	Senior
Joel Crull	Fishers	Sophomore	Samuel Kuhn	Fishers	Sophomore
Luke Ingram	Fishers	Senior	Jordan Loeser	Westfield	Senior
Jota Iwase	Fishers	Freshman	Ethan Moe	Westfield	Junior
Troy Li	Carmel	Senior	Justin Ogle	Noblesville	Senior
Joseph Moser	Fishers	Junior	Jacob Reichert	Fishers	Senior
Matthew Netherton	Southeastern	Senior	Jacob Seyfried	Noblesville	Senior
Nicholas O’Connor	Southeastern	Senior	Honorable Mention		
Andrew Rafalko	Carmel	Freshman	Nicholas Brauer	Westfield	Junior
Brett Sherman	Carmel	Sophomore	Kerry Broshears	Noblesville	Senior
Drake Stallworth	Fishers	Freshman	Nathan Brown	Southeastern	Sophomore
Zack Teffeteller	Southeastern	Junior	Jack Becker	Southeastern	Senior
Cole Van Devender	Fishers	Sophomore	Cody Fenimore	Westfield	Sophomore
Charles Vaughan	Carmel	Junior	Liam Fordham	Fishers	Sophomore
Joseph Vinyard	Carmel	Senior	Ben Higgins	Westfield	Senior
Nolan Yorkman	Fishers	Sophomore	Blake Ratliff	Southeastern	Freshman
			Tyler Rickman	Heights	Senior
			Zach Silcox	Southeastern	Senior
			Hayden Wenger	Southeastern	Junior

Hamilton Southeastern's Nick Sink commits to Ohio University



Photo courtesy Hamilton Southeastern

Hamilton Southeastern senior Nick Sink has announced his intent to continue his football career at the collegiate level. Nick will attend Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. The Bobcats are an NCAA Division I school that competes in the Mid America Conference under the direction of Coach Frank Solich. Nick is the son of Dan & Rita Sink. He earned his second varsity letter in football this fall. Pictured - Seated: Dan Sink (father), Nick, and Rita Sink (mother). Standing: Nate Sink (brother) & Scott May (HSE Football Coach).

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Including three first-time regional champions...

Boys basketball semi-state action on Saturday

Sixteen teams will battle for the chance to play for a state championship this Saturday as the 106th Annual IHSAA Boys Basketball State Tournament rolls on to the semi-state round. Each of the four sites will host a doubleheader.

Following last Saturday's regional clashes, three schools cut down the regional nets for the first time – Tri-West Hendricks (3A), 21st Century-Gary (A) and West Washington (A). Only two of this year's semi-state qualifiers were repeat champions from a year ago – Griffith (3A) and Liberty Christian (A) which won its third regional in a row.

Indianapolis Howe won its first regional crown in 35 years, the longest drought of this year's group of teams. Southport has reached this point for the first time in 26 seasons. The 1990 Cardinals advanced to the state finals that year and were part of that national record crowd of 41,046 that showed up at the Hoosier Dome. Scores from each game will be posted to the IHSAA website as they become available on Saturday.

FAST FACTS

- Date:** Saturday, March 19, 2016.
- Admission:** \$8.
- Home Team:** The winners of the even-numbered regionals will be the designated home teams.
- Official Basketball:** The Wilson Evolution Wide Channel (B0516), the

official ball of the IHSAA state tournament, will be provided for use at each host site.

Note: Teams will be assigned to semi-state sites on Sunday, March 13, 2016. Two games will be played at each site beginning at the time listed below.

Huntington North
Class A | 21st Century-Gary (20-6) vs. Liberty Christian (24-4) | 1 pm ET
Class 2A | Fort Wayne Canterbury (16-10) vs. Lapel (24-4) | 3 pm ET

Lafayette Jefferson
Class 3A | Griffith (25-3) vs. Marion (21-7) | 4 pm ET
Class 4A | Warsaw (25-1) vs. McCutcheon (27-3) | 6 pm ET

Richmond
Class 2A | Indianapolis Howe (22-7) vs. Providence (19-7) | 1 pm ET
Class 4A | Southport (22-6) vs. New Albany (25-1) | 3 pm ET

Seymour
Class A | Bloomfield (25-3) vs. West Washington (20-8) | 4 pm ET
Class 3A | Tri-West Hendricks (22-6) vs. Evansville Bosse (18-10) | 6 pm ET

Notables

Looking for First Semi-State Title (8 of 16)
4A: McCutcheon.

TV-40 to show Richmond semi-state games live

WHMB-TV 40 will telecast the Richmond semi-state LIVE on Saturday. Indianapolis Howe plays Providence at 1 p.m., followed by No. 1-ranked New Albany vs. Southport at 3 p.m. Howard Kellman and Dave Nicholson will be your announcers.

3A: Tri-West Hendricks.
2A: Fort Wayne Canterbury, Indianapolis Howe, Providence.
A: 21st Century-Gary, Liberty Christian, West Washington.

Looking to Break Semi-State Championship Drought (Five or More Years)
26: Southport (1990).
18: Bloomfield (1998).
11: Lapel (2005).
9: Evansville Bosse (2007).
8: Marion (2008).
6: Warsaw (2010).

Most Consecutive Semi-State Championships
4 by Ben Davis (1993-96).

Top 10 All-Time Semi-State Championship Leaders
14: Marion.
13: Muncie Central.

12: Lafayette Jefferson.
11: Anderson.
8: East Chicago Washington, Kokomo, New Albany.
6: Elkhart Central, Evansville Bosse, Gary Roosevelt, Jeffersonville, Washington.

2015 State Champions Still Alive
None.

2015 State Finalists Still Alive (1)
3A: Griffith.

First-Time Regional Champions
4A: None.
3A: Tri-West Hendricks.
2A: None.
A: 21st Century-Gary, West Washington.

Regional Championship Drought Breakers (Five or more years)
35: Indianapolis Howe (1981).
26: Southport (1990).
17: Bloomfield (1999).
15: McCutcheon (2001).
11: Lapel (2005).
8: Marion, New Albany (2008).
6: Warsaw (2010).

Repeat Regional Champions (2 of 16)
4A: None.
3A: Griffith.
2A: None.
A: Liberty Christian.

Share in an iconic celebration...

World's largest milk toast planned for 100th Running of the Indianapolis 500

The most iconic celebration in sports will add a new chapter to its legacy this year, as 100,000 fans will have the chance to share the world's largest milk toast with the winner of the 100th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by PennGrade Motor Oil. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is teaming up with the American Dairy Association (ADA) and Prairie Farms to add this spectacular moment to Race Day.

"Drinking the milk in Victory Circle is one of those special traditions that sets us apart from other events," Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles said. "This year, as we mark the 100th Running of 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing,' we felt it was important to bring as many fans as possible into the mix. This 100,000-strong milk toast will be an epic part of an unforgettable Race Day."

On Race Day, 100,000 16 oz. pints of Prairie Farms milk will be distributed by ADA volunteers to spectators sitting in the grandstand sections along the front stretch. The milk bottles will be available throughout the race at several strategic locations which will be announced before the event. "Being a part of the victory celebration and that famous drink of milk, representing Indiana dairy farmers who produce the milk is a special thrill, honor and tradition of American Dairy Association Indiana," said Deb Osza, American Dairy Association Indiana. "We are excited to continue our partnership with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis 500 Mile race in 2016 at the 100th Running of the Indy 500. We'll be there helping distribute 100,000 milks. We hope to see you on Race Day!"

"Prairie Farms is looking forward to providing milk for the World's Largest Milk Toast and we're proud to be part of the most iconic celebration in sports," Prairie Farms CEO Ed Mullins said. "We strongly believe in giving back to the communities we serve. Not only is Prairie Farms providing 100,000 commemorative bottles of milk for the celebration, our farm families and employees will be there to engage with race fans throughout the day."

The pints of milk will be specially branded for the 100th Running and will be

available at retailers leading up to the race. Fans are encouraged to buy ahead of time to ensure they can celebrate with the winner. A 50-cents-off coupon is included in the Indy 500 ticket mailing. Fans watching from home are encouraged to purchase and participate as well.

IMS video boards and PA equipment will be used to help notify attendees of the time to raise their bottle of milk alongside the 100th Running champion. Get ready for a photo moment not to be missed!

The tradition of drinking milk following an Indy 500 victory began in 1936 with three-time champion Louis Meyer. Meyer regularly drank buttermilk to refresh himself on a hot day and happened to drink some in Victory Lane as a matter of habit after winning the 1936 race. An executive with what was then the Milk Foundation was so elated when he saw the moment captured in a photograph in the sports section of his newspaper the following morning that he vowed to make sure it would be repeated in coming years.

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Thursday's scores	Friday's games
Toronto 101, Indiana 94 OT	Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Washington 99, Philadelphia 94	Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte 109, Miami 106	Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta 116, Denver 98	Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago 118, Brooklyn 102	Minnesota at Houston, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee 96, Memphis 86	Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Antonio 118, Portland 110	Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah 103, Phoenix 69	Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Eastern Conference				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	46	21	.687	-
Boston	39	29	.574	7.5
New York	28	41	.406	19.0
Brooklyn	19	49	.279	27.5
Philadelphia	9	59	.132	37.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	48	19	.716	-
Indiana	36	32	.529	12.5
Chicago	34	33	.507	14.0
Detroit	34	34	.500	14.5
Milwaukee	30	39	.435	19.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	40	29	.580	-
Miami	39	29	.574	0.5
Charlotte	39	29	.574	0.5
Washington	33	35	.485	6.5
Orlando	29	38	.433	10.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	46	22	.676	-
Portland	35	34	.507	11.5
Utah	33	35	.485	13.0
Denver	28	41	.406	18.5
Minnesota	22	46	.324	24.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	61	6	.910	-
L.A. Clippers	43	24	.642	18.0
Sacramento	26	41	.388	35.0
Phoenix	18	50	.265	43.5
L.A. Lakers	14	54	.206	47.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	58	10	.853	-
Memphis	39	30	.565	19.5
Houston	34	34	.500	24.0
Dallas	34	34	.500	24.0
New Orleans	25	42	.373	32.5

Pacers fall to Toronto in overtime

By GREG RAPPAPORT
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After forcing overtime against the Raptors, the Pacers were outscored 16-9 in the extra period, falling 101-94 to the team with the second-best record in the Eastern Conference.

After a George Hill 3-pointer knotted things up at 88 in OT, DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry continued their two-man game, tallying six consecutive Toronto points, and pushing the Raptors' advantage to six.

"They made more plays," said Pacers head coach Frank Vogel after the game. "We didn't have Ian (Mahinmi) and they attacked our bigs. We couldn't contain DeRozan and Lowry in the pick-and-roll. We got some open looks and couldn't knock them down."

Lowry and DeRozan were menacing all night, combining for 56 points.

In the final moments of the fourth quarter, Monta Ellis stood on the free-throw line with 14.2 seconds remaining and his team trailing by one. The crowd at Bankers Life Fieldhouse stood on its feet and gasped as Ellis missed the first, then sighed with relief as he drained the second, tying the game at 85.

The Raptors had a chance to grab the win in regulation, but a jumper from DeRozan at the buzzer wouldn't fall, sending the contest into overtime.

Late in the fourth, when Indiana was in need of offense, Solomon Hill was able to find his scoring touch to help lift Indiana. First he hit a 3-pointer from the corner to put Indiana up two. Then a runner in the lane to once again extend the Pacers' advantage. Hill finished the game with 12 points and seven rebounds.

But the Raptors countered by drawing fouls, pushing back into the lead, 83-81. In the fourth quarter, the Raptors were able to generate 10 free-throw attempts, connecting on nine of them.

Needing a spark, Paul George drove directly at the basket, and converted a difficult and-1, thrusting Indiana to an 84-83 lead. The bucket ignited the crowd, giving George his team-high 18th point (tied with George Hill's 18). But overtime was not kind to PG, as he went scoreless on six field goal attempts.

Following George's and-1 in regulation, DeRozan drained a step-back jumper to give the Raptors the lead once more, setting up the final moments of drama in regulation at The Fieldhouse.

When it was announced before the game that Raptors center Jonas Valanciunas would be resting, it seemed as if the Pacers might have caught a break. Unfortunately, his replacement Bismack Biyombo turned in a career-best performance, tallying an eye-popping 25 rebounds while chipping in 16 points. By the time the fourth quarter began, Biyombo had already racked up 22 rebounds.

"Bismack was great, he was a monster," DeRozan said, "going up against their whole front line."

The Pacers limited the Raptors to just 43 points in the first half, including a 16-point second quarter. But Indiana struggled to generate offense as well, going into the break leading by just three, thanks to a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from George Hill.

In the third quarter, the Raptors stifled the Pacers, holding the Blue & Gold to 14 points and taking a 63-60 lead into the fourth quarter.

But despite trailing to start the final quarter of action, Indiana pulled in front,

71-70, with 6:45 remaining in the contest. On an inbounds play, Monta Ellis was able to find George in the corner, who hit a 3-pointer to push the Pacers' lead to four, and lift the St. Patrick's Day-clad crowd to its feet.

The score triggered a Raptors timeout, with the Pacers doubling Toronto's scoring in the fourth quarter to the tune of 14-7 with 6:17 remaining.

The Raptors clawed back from there, forcing the overtime and eventually pulling away from the Pacers in the extra frame.

Presently, Indiana would face the Raptors if the season were to end today. Although the game ended as a loss for the Blue & Gold, the overtime battle gave a preview of what could be an exciting series between the two teams, should they eventually meet in the postseason.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Atlanta Town Council will have a special public meeting, Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Town Hall (105 E. Main Street). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a potential water project and grant funding regarding the same.



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College Baseball Showcase this weekend at Grand Park

The inaugural Midwest Region Cross-over Baseball Showcase will be held at Grand Park this weekend, March 18-20. This event, which was created to increase the number of regional contests, will pit six Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) baseball teams against three institutions representing the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) and three programs from the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC). Each team will play multiple games on site throughout the weekend.

"It's always exciting to host college baseball at Grand Park," said Westfield Mayor Andy Cook. "Since our opening two years ago, we've quickly become a premier destination for college baseball in the spring, due to the state-of-the-art drainage system which allows for play on our fields in a variety of conditions."

Participating teams include Cedarville University, Lewis University, University of Indianapolis, Drury University, Walsh University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Grand Valley State University, Alderson Broaddus University, St. Joseph's College, Kentucky Wesleyan College and Tiffin University. The full event schedule and team information can be found at this link: <http://bullpentournaments.com/facilities/crossover/>

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