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# Hamilton County Reporter

# Northern Hamilton County leaders have big decisions to make

By **JEFF JELLISON**

Not many answers came from two separate meetings held in northern Hamilton County on Monday. Both meetings were billed as “special meetings” designed to gather facts about two very important issues that community leaders from Sheridan, Arcadia and Atlanta will soon need to make decisions on.

Sheridan’s meeting involved the town’s water and waste water utilities. Council members David Kinkead, Steve Fisher, Glen Bougher, Darryl Waters and Bill Curl gathered information that outlined the value of the town’s utilities.

While council members in Sheridan were reviewing options on their outdated and failing utility system, just a few miles down the road, Arcadia town council members Maurice St. Louis, Randy Hill and Mitch Russell were discussing fire and paramedic services.

Todd Burtron with Conrad Consulting explained to Sheridan council members they currently have three options which include a possible utility sale, improving or replacing the current waste water plant or contracting with a private manager to manage the town’s utilities.

Mike Lane, an accredited senior appraiser, estimated the value of Sheridan’s water and waste water utilities at \$5.2 million if a potential sale would occur.

Burtron reported to the council that an estimated \$7 million dollars would be needed if the council chose to repair and replace the current waste water plant, an option that could possibly lead to a 103% increase in the waste water rate. “No matter what you do it will impact the future of our community both now and in the future,” stated Burtron. Town Council President David Kinkead stated,

“Right now we are trying to decide what we want to do and how to do it.” Council member Steve Fisher stated, “We have to make a decision based on what is best for the community.”

A standing room only crowd that overflowed into the hallway at Arcadia Town Hall featured a who’s who list of legal advisers. On one side of the isle was Many Herceg and Robert Rund of Indianapolis based law firm Lewis & Kappes representing the Town of Atlanta. On the other side of the isle was Bob Becker and Tim Hixson of Noblesville based law firm Boje, Benner, Becker, Markovich representing Arcadia.

The Arcadia discussion centered on whether the Jackson Fire Territory remains intact after Jackson Township officials announced their intention to withdraw from the fire territory effective July 1, a decision that sent Arcadia and Atlanta scrambling for answers. Attorneys representing both towns agreed the fire territory could legally continue.

Russell and St. Louis both expressed concern on response time to Arcadia if firefighters and paramedic services remained with the fire territory and were based out of Atlanta.

Other discussion focused on a potential legal battle over tax money to fund the fire territory and the distribution of equipment after the split with Jackson Township.

Atlanta officials say they are prepared to move forward operating the fire territory with the town of Arcadia. Arcadia hasn’t committed yet. A decision will most likely come prior to a fire territory meeting to be held at the Atlanta Town Hall on Friday.



Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

Arcadia Town Council members Mitch Russell (left) and Maurice St. Louis (right) listen to area residents during a special meeting to discuss fire and paramedic services conducted on Monday at Arcadia Town Hall.

## Growing

By **JEFF JELLISON**

Likes, friends, followers, reaches, engagements, posts and shares are terms typically not associated to a newspaper, unless you follow the Hamilton County Reporter.



I’ve often said that writing is not my forte. I leave most of that up to Editor Don Jellison, Sports Editor Richie Hall, longtime veteran newspaper man Fred Swift and a stable of very talented columnists. Nobody does Hamilton County better than those people. My job is growing the newspaper, and oh boy have we grown.

July marks our third birthday covering news and sports in every Hamilton County community. During that time we grew from a small weekly print edition to being the first Hamilton County based newspaper to deliver a daily edition to thousands of subscribers’ email boxes 6 days per week.

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*Vote delayed until at least May 2018...*

## Clay Township board declines to put public transit tax referendum on ballot

By **FRED SWIFT**

In a move that few had predicted, the Clay Township Board last night declined to place a public transit tax referendum on the November ballot. Earlier in the day the Washington Township Board had voted in favor of placing the referendum in front of voters this fall.

The Clay decision, announced in front of a nearly full house at the Hensel Government Center, likely renders the Washington vote meaningless since Clay lies between Washington and Marion County. The referendum, had it been placed on the ballot, would have asked voters if they wished to increase their local income tax, now at one percent, to one and a quarter percent.

And, if passed the referendum would have paid for a portion of the cost of extending the proposed Indianapolis Red Line bus service into Hamilton County as far north as Grand Park. But, board Matthew Snyder Snyder and Mary Eckard said more information on the costs of the bus transit proposal needs to be known to the public. The third board member, Paul Bolin, could not attend last night's meeting.

The decision to delay a referendum vote until at least May of 2018 was announced at the beginning of the meeting, but about a dozen members of the public said they wanted to speak on the

issue. About half expressed support for the bus transit plan and half expressed reservations or outright opposition.

Snyder, president of the Township Board, said he also wants to await the outcome of results in Marion County where voters will find the referendum on the ballot. Should it fail there, the issue would likely be dead for the time being. Local supporters say, however, they will continue to push for a public transit system serving central Indiana.

For her part, board member Eckard said she is also concerned about recent increases in property taxes and property assessments. Because of these increases she said the request for an additional tax is not timely.

If the referendum passes in Marion County, the Red Line with its electric buses, dedicated street lanes and covered waiting stations, will likely extend from Broad Ripple on the north to the University of Indianapolis on the south. A timetable for construction has not been firmly established although 2019 has been predicted.

Despite last night's decision, an "Informational Open House" has been set for Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Bridgewater Clubhouse at Westfield where transit supporters say the public can "learn about the proposed transit plan and get your questions answered."

### FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Yes, you can begin using fireworks in Noblesville today - but only during certain times.  
Read a reminder about Noblesville’s fireworks ordinance on Page 2.

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### Carmel Police looking for robbery suspect

Carmel Police are looking for a man that robbed a gas station in the western part of the city early Saturday morning.

At 1:03 a.m. Saturday, an armed robbery occurred at the Marathon gas station located at 9800 N. Michigan Road. The male suspect pictured below displayed a black handgun in his left hand and demanded money. He was described as being a black male, approximately 5’9” and weighing around 150-175 lbs. He was wearing a dark brown hoodie sweatshirt, black pants and shoes and had a cloth covering his face. He was also wearing what the clerk described as gold framed women’s sunglasses and an orange construction safety vest.

The Carmel Police would like your assistance in identifying the suspect in the below surveillance photos. We are asking that if anyone has information on this suspect to contact the Carmel Police Department Investigations Division at [317-571-2511](tel:317-571-2511) or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at [317-262-8477](tel:317-262-8477) (TIPS).



### GROWING

From Page 1

How does a newspaper that publishes a successful weekly print edition, and an overwhelmingly popular daily digital edition, grow? What’s next for the Reporter? Those were two questions I asked myself. The answer was simple. Social media.

The Reporter has maintained a Facebook page for a couple of years. In the past I don’t think we took advantage of all it had to offer. All of that has changed over this past month.

I recently reviewed our mission as a newspaper. Simply, it is twofold...Share local Hamilton County news, sports and obituaries with local folks, and expose our advertisers’ products and services to as many people as possible. Facebook seemed to be a great avenue to further accomplish our mission.

Why Facebook? According to the website statista.com Facebook leads social media with 43.2% of the social media views. YouTube is second with 22.7%, Reddit is third with 5.6%, Twitter is fourth with 4.9% and Instagram rounds out the top five with just 1.7%

Over the last month the Reporter has been on a Facebook roll. In a 28 day period our posts reached 114,234 people. Let me rephrase that...Our photos, news and sports, columnist and our advertisers have reached 114,234 people.

The Reporter is the only Hamilton County based newspaper locally owned. Our staff and columnist are all Hamilton County residents. We’re not owned by a media group. We don’t have “out of county” investors. I’ve always said our investors are the Hamilton County communities and the many local advertisers and readers.

Our motto has always been...*We are Hamilton County’s Hometown Newspaper.* Is there any doubt?

Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

The Reporter’s Facebook page reached over 110,000 people during a recent 28-day period.

### Reminder of the consumer fireworks ordinance for the City of Noblesville

With the upcoming Fourth of July holiday fast approaching, residents of the City of Noblesville are reminded of the ordinance that addresses legal fireworks usage within city limits. City of Noblesville Ordinance #50-10-09 states that consumer fireworks may only be used in the Noblesville city limits during the following days and times:

- a. Between the hours of 5 p.m. and two hours after sunset on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8 and July 9.
- b. Between the hours of 10 a.m. and midnight on July 4
- c. Between the hours of 10 a.m. On December 31 and 1 a.m. on January 1.

In addition, the ordinance states that a citizen may only shoot off fireworks on his or her private property. Shooting off fireworks on streets, in parks, etc., is prohibited. The public may report any violation of the fireworks ordinance by calling the Dispatch Center’s non-emergency line (773-1300). This number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

After using consumer fireworks, residents are very strongly encouraged to completely soak in water both the used fireworks as well as the fireworks that did not light in order to avoid starting a fire. Once the risk of fire is completely eliminated after soaking the spent fireworks in water, then please remember to dispose of the leftovers in the trash. Anything not thrown away will end up in the storm sewers after a rain storm which will then lead directly to the city’s lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water.

For more information about the fireworks ordinance, contact Noblesville Fire Department Public Information Officer Todd Estes at [317-776-6336](tel:317-776-6336).

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Jesse “Sonny” Clark

August 15, 1939 - June 28, 2016

Jesse "Sonny" Clark, 76, of Carmel, passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at McGivney Health Care Center in Carmel. He was born on August 15, 1939 to Jesse and Vivian (Barnette) Clark in Noblesville, Indiana.

For 20 years, Jesse was a supervisor at a mattress factory in Pensacola, FL, and for Fabric Tech for 5 years in Noblesville. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

Jesse is survived by his daughter, Vivian Melissa "Missie" Clark; sisters, Sara Clark and Martha (Chris) Hatten; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces & great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Marvin Clark and Arthur Clark; and sister, Mary Cooper.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)

Kroger hosting job fair today in Fishers

The Kroger Co.’s Central Division is hosting a job fair at its Fishers store, 9779 E. 116th St., from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today.

Kroger is hiring associates for the following positions at two remodeled stores.

- For the store at 11700 Olivo Road: Executive and Sous Chefs, General Merchandise hourly management and clerks, Starbucks, Murray’s Cheese, meat and seafood and more.
- For the store at 9799 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street: deli/bistro, bakery, Starbucks, Murray’s Cheese, meat and seafood and more.
- Day, evening, weekend and overnight shifts are available. There are more than 100 job openings for immediate hiring.

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- Matthew 7:13-14

**50 Years Ago**

**News:** Dale Ridgeway, former Fishers resident residing in Biloxi, Miss., the past 15 years, has returned and is now managing the Citgo Service Station in Fishers. Manager of a service station in Biloxi, Ridgeway has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge in the service of motor vehicles. He is leasing the Citgo building from A. W. Reynolds, Jr.

**Sports:** Hamilton Heights, a school which will open its doors for only the second time next fall, today announced the signing of its third head football coach. Ronald L Schmink, an assistant coach at Beech Grove High School in Marion County last season, has signed a contract as head bossman of the football Huskies for the 1967 season. The announcement was made this morning by Dallas Hohnstreiter, superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

**Ad:** Country Square Appliances: RCA Whirlpool Disposer, \$29.88!

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Sheridan Public Library, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper fiscal body will consider the following reduction of appropriation of the budget for the current year at the location of the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069, at 6 o'clock pm on the 11th day of July, 2016.

Fund Name: Lease  
Major Budget Classification:  
Other Services &  
Charges \$(35,816.00)  
**Total \$(35,816.00)**

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The reduction of appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.  
6/22/2016

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Sheridan Public Library, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper fiscal body will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year at the location of the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069, at 6 o'clock p.m on the 11th day of July, 2016.

Fund Name::	Operating	Rainy Day
Major Budget Classification:		
Other Services &		
Charges	\$20,000.00	\$15,816.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,816.00</b>

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.  
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**Meeting Notice**

The Jackson Fire Territory Executive Board, The Atlanta Town Council, and the Arcadia Town Council will meet Friday, July 1, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main Street.

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# Hamilton County students named to IU dean’s list

Indiana State University has announced its dean’s list for the spring semester of 2016. To be eligible for the list, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Hamilton County students making the dean’s list are Taylor Dayton, Cassie Owen Mata and Kathleen Rulon, both of Arcadia; Emily Benjamin, Sarah Briley, Austin Brothers, Sabrina Castleberry, Haley Ellis, John French, Marcus Gibson, Lucas Loudon, Aryn Richey, Ashley Smaltz, Elizabeth White and Ghassan Zalam, all of Carmel; Arick Crecelius and Haley Jordan, both of Cicero; Patrick Chavis, Charles Cummins, Margaret Da-

vidson, Micaela Kamps, Gregory Lalloff, Jaclyn Lanthier, Mark MacLaren, Matthew MacLaren, Nickolas Mason, Da-Monica Mhoon, Phillip Schwoeppe, Nathan Smith, Joshua Winchell and Jordan Wright, all of Fishers; Lindsey Austin, Rachel Burnham, Kelsey DuBois, Sarah Gregory, Mackenzie Hamrick, Karrie Lewis, Sally Roberts, John Schoenle, Nicholas Stutz, Casey Taylor, Lauren Weigel and Jessica Weiss, all of Noblesville; Stephen Vanderipe of Sheridan; and Braxton Arnett, McKenzie Barber, Monica Burkett, Hannah Mauck, Taylor Rogers, Claire Silcox, Dustin Taylor and Anne Watson, all of Westfield.

# Latest Hamilton East Public Library lists

Here are the new Hamilton East Public Library items lists for the week of June 27, 2016:

- New Adult Fiction Books**
1. All Summer Long: A novel; by Dorothea Benton Frank
  2. Here’s to Us: A novel; by Elin Hilderbrand
  3. The Emperor’s Revenge; by Clive Cusler and Boyd Morrison
  4. The Cavendon Luck; by Barbara Taylor Bradford
  5. The House of Secrets; by Brad Meltzer
  6. Foreign Agent: A thriller; by Brad Thor
  7. Ink and Bone; by Lisa Unger
  8. End of Watch: A novel; by Stephen King
  9. Liberty’s Last Stand; by Stephen Coonts
  10. The Long Cosmos; by Terry Pratchett

- New Adult Nonfiction Books**
1. 1932: The Rise of Hitler and FDR—Two Tales of Politics, Betrayal and Unlikely Destiny; by David Pietruza
  2. First, Break All the Rules: What the World’s Greatest Managers Do Differently; by Gallup Press
  3. Bare Bones: I’m Not Lonely if You’re Reading This Book; by Bobby Bones
  4. Blockchain Revolution: How the Technology Behind Bitcoin Is Changing Money, Business and the World; by Don Tapscott
  5. Boy Erased; A memoir; by Garrard Conley
  6. Double Cup Love: On the Trail of Family, Food, and Broken Hearts in China; by Eddie Huang

7. Drive!: Henry Ford, George Selden and the Race to Invent the Auto Age; by Lawrence Goldstone
8. The Fire Line: The Story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots and One of the Deadliest Days in American Firefighting; by Fernanda Santos
9. Follow Me; by Ricky Dillon
10. For the Glory: Eric Liddell’s Journey from Olympic Champion to Modern Martyr; by Duncan Hamilton

- New DVDs**
1. Crimson Peak
  2. Spotlight
  3. Steve Jobs
  4. The Last Kingdom
  5. And Then There Were None
  6. Brooklyn
  7. In the Heart of the Sea
  8. The Boy
  9. Detectorists. Series 2
  10. Joy

- New Music CDs**
1. Bright Star: Original Broadway Cast Recording; by Steve Martin
  2. Brubeck: Bold & Brassy; by Dave Brubeck
  3. Feel Good! 40 Years of Life Changing Music; by Leonard Stephen Scott
  4. Fired Up; by Randy Houser
  5. Full Circle; by Loretta Lynn
  6. Let the Glory Come Down; by Bill Gaither
  7. Lovers and Leavers; by Hayes Carll
  8. Music Is Medicine; by Marie Osmond
  9. New Lane Road; by Josh Kelley
  10. Obsessed; by Dan + Shay

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## Friday is deadline to register for parade, volunteer...

## Five days until Noblesville Fireworks Festival and Parade

In just five days, another fun and patriotic Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks Festival for the community will be held. This year’s theme is “200 Years of Tradition – Indiana’s Bicentennial” and will take place on Monday, July 4.

Grand Marshal Bruce Hitchcock will lead the parade, which begins at 5 p.m. at the corner of 16th and Harrison streets. Immediately after the parade, the free Fireworks Festival, presented by IDI Composites International, will take place on the grounds of Noblesville High School (18111 Cumberland Road) from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be several activities for people of all ages. The grand finale of the day will be the fireworks display, which will begin at approximately 10 p.m. and will be the exciting end to a fun celebration!

All activities and entertainment are free to attendees, thanks to the generous support of the event’s sponsors. However, there are still two ways you can get involved with the festivities:

- Deadline to register for the parade is Friday. Entry registration is \$20 and entry forms are available at [www.noblesvillemainstreet.org](http://www.noblesvillemainstreet.org) or by stopping by Noblesville Main Street, 839 Conner Street, or Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street. The parade route will be 16th Street to Logan Street; Logan to Ninth Street; Ninth to Monument Street; and Monument to 16th Street. Noblesville Main Street is coordinating this year’s parade.
- The biggest challenge faced each year is finding enough volunteers to staff the festival and parade. Residents are asked to please consider donating a couple of hours of their time to help make this event a success – and receive a meal voucher. Volunteer shifts are from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., 5:30 to 8 p.m. and 7:30 to 10 p.m. with opportunities to assist in setup, monitoring the kids’ activities and more. Volunteers still have plenty of time to enjoy the festival and fireworks with their family and friends before or after their shift. Some organizations can earn in-kind trade of discounted

rates for facility rentals. Organizations volunteering with at least 10 volunteers and reaching 20 hours of service can earn a free 4-hour court or shelter rental. To volunteer or for more information, contact [nhaberlin@noblesville.in.us](mailto:nhaberlin@noblesville.in.us) or call (317) 770-5750.

For questions or additional details, visit [www.NoblesvilleFireworksFestival.com](http://www.NoblesvilleFireworksFestival.com) or call (317) 776-6367.



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## CarmelFest free bicycle parking through Pedal & Park

Pedal & Park will offer free bicycle parking at CarmelFest from 2 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 3 and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, July 4.

Free and secure Pedal & Park bicycle parking will be located at the Northwest corner of the Monon Trail and Gradle Drive at Carmel Civic Square. There will be signs posted along the Monon.

To avoid traffic and parking issues, the CarmelFest team highly recommends biking or walking to CarmelFest if you live nearby.

If you have any questions, e-mail [info@CarmelFest.net](mailto:info@CarmelFest.net).

*Cash prizes...*

## Carmel rain barrel contest back again

*Rain on Main* is back! Local artists are again invited to paint a rain barrel for this unique event. Rain on Main is a painted rain barrel contest and auction that is being organized by the City of Carmel Utilities, Department of Storm Water Management and the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The barrels will be part of an art show and thanks to the generous sponsorship of Woodland Terrace Inspired Senior Living the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive cash prizes of \$200 to \$50. A "People's Choice" selection based on votes will also be named and receive a \$100 cash prize. Additionally, artists' barrels and bios will be featured online in the weeks leading up to the event as well as on social media.

The painted barrels will be on display along Main Street in the Carmel Arts & Design District starting with the Aug. 13 Gallery Walk and throughout the following week. On Saturday Aug. 20 the barrels will be displayed at the Carmel Farmer's Market and a silent auction will be held with net proceeds benefitting the Carmel Clay Parks water information signage.

Artists are asked to paint a rain barrel with an original design. Artwork does not need to have an environmental theme. However, designs of political, religious or sexual nature are not permitted. The rain barrels will come primed, thanks to the generous in-kind support by Carmel businesses Touch 'N Go Collision and Sherwin-Williams and will be ready to be painted by artists.

Interested artists are encouraged to visit the Artist Info Page at [www.RainOnMain.com](http://www.RainOnMain.com) or contact the Hamilton County SWCD at [claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) or 773-2181 for all the details regarding the contest. Once your participation is confirmed, you will be able to pick up a rain barrel. The finished product will be due back no later than July 29.

For more information and to participate in the contest, please contact Claire Lane at 317-773-2181 or [claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov). More information can also be found at [www.rainonmain.com](http://www.rainonmain.com).

## I-69 paving continues

Milestone Contractors is continuing overnight paving an asphalt overlay on southbound I-69 south of Campus/Southeastern Parkway (Exit 210) to State Road 37 (Exit 205).

Crews will also continue patching existing northbound pavement north of Exit 210.

The patching operation will continue north over the next several weeks to the end of the project limits, which is just past State Road 38 (Exit 219), before returning southbound on I-69 back to Exit 210.

Milestone is repairing pavement on about 15 miles of interstate before paving a new asphalt overlay on existing lanes.

Motorists may temporarily experience rough pavement after sections are patched and before sections are paved.

Weather permitting, patching and paving operations require alternating lane closures six nights a week on Monday through Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. One lane of I-69 will remain open at all times, and two lanes will remain open during peak daytime travel times.

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Big schools’ football teams get a break...

# 6A tournament games moved back a week

By **RICHIE HALL**  
Reporter Sports Editor

When the 2016 IHSAA football tournament begins this fall, the big schools will be back on the same schedule as everyone else.

At its annual meeting last week, the IHSAA Executive Committee voted to move the bye week in Class 6A football to the week following the last game of the regular season, or Week 9. The bye week had previously been the week after the semi-state championship, so only the two teams competing for the 6A state title got the week off. Now, all 32 teams in the biggest class get a week to recuperate from the regular season and prepare for the tournament.

The scheduling also meant that the sectional, regional and semi-state championships were played a week ahead of those championship games in the other five football classes. Everyone will now be on the same page.

"In response to the desires of a majority coaches of 6A football playing schools, the Executive Committee approved a change to move the bye week for the classification to the initial week of the tournament series," said IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox.

Hamilton County has four Class 6A schools: Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern and Noblesville. The Greyhounds play in the unforgiving Metropolitan Conference, along with seven other 6A programs.

"I think having a week to get healthier after a rugged regular season is the biggest



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Sectional clashes between Hamilton County’s Class 6A football schools, such as this one last year between Carmel and Noblesville, will take place a week later this year. The IHSAA Executive Committee voted to move the 6A bye week to the week after the last regular season game; previously the bye came between the semi-state and state championships.

positive," said Carmel coach John Hebert. "Last season we lost several starters in week 9 and could have benefitted from some rest and renewed emphasis on fundamentals."

The other three county 6A schools play in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, which has become a difficult league as well. Five of the seven schools are in 6A, and the two 5A schools (Westfield and

Zionsville) are tough programs as well. The Shamrocks are knocking on the door of 6A, as they were 35th in terms of school size in the last enrollment period. The Eagles are 44th, so they will probably be 5A for a while.

Both Millers coach Jason Simmons and HSE coach Scott May pointed out that moving the sectional games back a week could help attendance. For the past three years, those teams' first-round games had taken place during Fall Break, which meant that students and other fans may have been out of town and unable to cheer on their teams. But if kids are back in school, they're more likely to go to the games.

"The IHSAA continues to look for ways to enhance the tournament to make it the best they can," said Simmons. "Moving the 6A bye week is just the first of what could be several changes to the tournament. We are going to take whatever time we can get to prepare for the opponent the tournament draw affords us. This also gives us a chance to have larger crowds now the game is moved off our fall break. Playing after a week off will allow all four of us to take a breath after competing in the HCC and MIC Conference."

"For us and our fans this is probably a good move," said May. "We are on fall break the way the playoffs fell, now pushing it back a week it should be better for fans."

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# McClure returns as GC girls soccer coach

Guerin Catholic is welcoming an old soccer coach back to the field. Jonathan McClure, who had a successful five-year run with the Golden Eagles girls soccer team, is returning to the program, the school announced Tuesday night. McClure had previously coached the Guerin girls from 2008-2013. The Golden Eagles won sectional and regional title in McClure's first three years as head coach, in 2008, 2009 and 2010. In addition, GC won a semi-state in 2010, qualify the program for the state finals for the first time. Guerin pushed Columbus North to penalty kicks in the semi-finals (at the time, soccer was still a one-class sport with four

teams reaching state), eventually falling 4-2 in the PK round. The Golden Eagles' Hannah Barker won the Mental Attitude Award. When class soccer began in 2011, McClure elected to have Guerin Catholic play in Class 2A, the higher of the two classes, even though GC was a 1A school enrollment-wise. The Golden Eagles played well in 2A, battling an eventual state champion Carmel team in the sectional final before falling 2-1. Guerin lost to tough Zionsville teams in 2012 and 2013, but always elected to remain in 2A nonetheless.

## Title matches set at the 2016 US Youth Soccer Region II Championships

After four days of competition, the final teams are set to compete in the 2016 US Youth Soccer Region II (Midwest) Championships in Westfield. From the 216 teams that started, 14 will be crowned. Winners in the Under-13 through Under-19 Boys and Girls matches will win a Regional title, and earn a berth to the 2016 US Youth Soccer National Championships held July 26-31 at the Toyota Soccer Center in Frisco, Texas.

The final matches of the Under-15 through Under-19 Boys and Girls age groups will be broadcast live. Viewers can find the online links to the streamed games [here](#).

**Highlights from the semifinal matches:**  
**Under-13 Girls**

Cincinnati United Premier Gold (OH-S) tallied four goals for a shutout against KHA 02 Red (KY). Brooklyn Harris earned the first goal in the ninth minute of the match and Kailyn Dudukovich added a second just before the end of the half. Makala Woods earned Cincinnati United Premier Gold another goal in the second half, and two minutes later, Dudukovich topped off the game with her second goal of the day for the 4-0 win.

**Under-14 Boys**  
Sporting J. B. Marine (MO) and Minnesota Thunder Elite Academy (MN) fought in a close match, resulting in a 1-0 win for Sporting J. B. Halfway through the first period, Sporting J.B.'s Arthur DeCampos put the team on the board.

THIS MORNING'S MATCH SCHEDULE						
Division	Home Team	State	Away Team	State	Time	Field
U13 Girls	Chicago Fire Juniors South Premier	IL	Cincinnati United Premier Gold	OH-S	8:00 AM	Field 19
U13 Boys	Michigan Wolves 03	MI	CUP Gold	OH-S	8:00 AM	Field 25
U14 Girls	PSG MI Gators 02 Orange	MI	Waza FC East 02 Black	MI	8:30 AM	Field 27
U14 Boys	Sporting J. B. Marine	MO	Raiders City	IL	8:30 AM	Field 26
U15 Girls	Midwest United FC 01 Royal	MI	Campton United Navy	IL	8:00 AM	Field 22
U15 Boys	CFA Raiders	IL	Toledo Celtics Black	OH-N	10:00 AM	Field 21
U16 Girls	FCKC Pink Panthers Elite	MO	CUP Gold 99/00	OH-S	10:00 AM	Field 22
U16 Boys	OP Green	OH-S	Milwaukee Bavarians	WI	10:00 AM	Field 23
U17 Girls	LSC EGA Maroon 98/99	NE	FC United	IL	8:00 AM	Field 20
U17 Boys	Challenger Crew Jrs Gold 98	OH-N	Chicago Fire Juniors	IL	8:00 AM	Field 23
U18 Girls	Ambassadors FC	OH-N	OFC 97/98 Elite	NE	8:00 AM	Field 21
U18 Boys	OP Green	OH-S	OGFC 97 Elite	OH-S	10:00 AM	Field 24
U19 Girls	Red Stars	IL	CUP Gold	OH-S	8:00 AM	Field 24
U19 Boys	Kansas Rush Academy Blue 96/97	KS	Chicago Celtic	IL	10:00 AM	Field 20

Sporting J. B. Marine's defense prevailed and held the lead for a 1-0 victory.

**Under-15 Boys**  
Toledo Celtics Black (OH-N) recorded a 3-2 win over LFSC Geerling (MO). Toledo Celtics' Josh Kidder sent two balls into the back of the net within the first 16 minutes of the match. Aaron Swerlein then added a third goal in the second half. LFSC began to get the ball rolling halfway through the second period as Tristan Stotler and Joseph Ackfeld scored two goals for the team.

**Under-16 Boys**  
Milwaukie Bavarians (WI) finished one goal against Sporting STL – McMahon Ford (MO), and that was all the team needed to advance to the finals. With an early goal from Anthony Giunta in the 15th minute of the match, Milwaukie Bavarians held on until the final minute for the 1-0 victory.

**Under-17 Boys**

The game was a back-and-forth scoring contest between Omaha FC 98/99 Elite 1 (NE) and Chicago Fire Juniors (IL). In the 22nd minute, Tanner Miller from Omaha FC was the first to score. The second goal of the match didn't come until the second half when Chicago Fire's Matthew Bahena evened the match. Robert Reichert's goal earned the lead for the Chicago Fire just two minutes later, but Omaha FC's Erik Fahner retaliated with a goal to tie up the game once again. Chicago Fire put the game away when Reichert scored again and Peter Becht finished the team's fourth goal of the game one minute later. Chicago Fire's 4-2 win earned the team a spot in the final matches.

**Under-18 Girls**  
CRSA 97/98 (IA) and Ambassadors FC (OH-N) both had their hands full throughout the entire game as the match went into double overtime. Ambassadors FC brought on the pressure, but in the second half, Sydney Hayden and Courtney Powell gave CRSA a 2-0 lead. Hayden snuck in behind the Ambassadors FC's defense to score her goal. Powell ran onto a ball that was played over the defense and took on the goalkeeper in a one-on-one battle, placing her shot in the bottom right corner. Ambassadors FC did not stop fighting as Alexandra Wright

earned not just one goal, but two goals to tie the game. Her second goal was taken at the corner of the 18-yard box and flew over the head of CRSA's goalkeeper. Going into overtime, Wright posted her third goal of the day as she found an opening between the CRSA defenders and aimed the ball at the right side of the goal. Ambassadors FC's Gabrielle LoPresti and Alexandra Ehrnfelt then piled on two goals in the overtime periods for breathing room and a 5-2 lead. CRSA received a penalty kick, which Morgan Petsche finished, but Ambassadors FC was the team to advance after the 5-3 victory.

**Under-19 Girls**  
In the semifinal match between Red Stars (IL) and Iowa Rush (IA), the Red Stars came out on top with a 2-1 win. In the third minute of the match, Karly Stuenkel from Red Stars was able to poke the ball into the net after a scramble in the 18-yard box. Iowa Rush's Hartley Christensen converted the equalizer as she sent the ball in from the side of the field and hit the side net later in the first half. After some back-and-forth play, Stuenkel earned her second goal of the match and the game winner as she scored in the second half.

For a full box score of semifinal games, [click here](#).

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Tuesday's scores  
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 0  
Texas 7, N.Y. Yankees 1  
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 2  
Chi. Cubs 7, Cincinnati 2, 15 innings  
Cleveland 5, Atlanta 3  
Detroit 7, Miami 5  
L.A. Dodgers 6, Milwaukee 5

Minnesota 4, Chi. White Sox 0  
St. Louis 8, Kansas City 4  
Toronto 14, Colorado 9  
Philadelphia 4, Arizona 3  
Houston 7, L.A. Angels 1  
Baltimore 11, San Diego 7  
Seattle 5, Pittsburgh 2  
Oakland 13, San Francisco 11

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	46	30	.605	-
Boston	42	35	.545	4.5
Toronto	42	37	.532	5.5
N.Y. Yankees	37	39	.487	9.0
Tampa Bay	32	44	.421	14.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	46	30	.605	-
Kansas City	40	36	.526	6.0
Detroit	39	38	.506	7.5
Chi. White Sox	38	39	.494	8.5
Minnesota	25	51	.329	21.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Texas	51	27	.654	-
Houston	41	37	.526	10.0
Seattle	39	38	.506	11.5
Oakland	34	43	.442	16.5
L.A. Angels	32	46	.410	19.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	46	32	.590	-
Miami	41	36	.532	4.5
N.Y. Mets	40	36	.526	5.0
Philadelphia	34	45	.430	12.5
Atlanta	26	51	.338	19.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	50	26	.658	-
St. Louis	40	36	.526	10.0
Pittsburgh	37	41	.474	14.0
Milwaukee	34	42	.447	16.0
Cincinnati	29	49	.372	22.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	49	30	.620	-
L.A. Dodgers	43	36	.544	6.0
Colorado	37	40	.481	11.0
Arizona	36	44	.450	13.5
San Diego	33	45	.423	15.5

# Noblesville cross country Twilight Series - Week 2



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The Noblesville cross country Twilight Series ran its second installment Tuesday night at the Chinquapin Ridge Cross Country Course at White River Elementary School. A total of 65 runners participated in the 3K and 4K races. Tuesday's 3K Youth winners were Laney Balciunas (top right) for the girls and Charlie Kimmel (above) for the boys. In the 4K races, Abi Little (top left) won the female event and Aaron Becker (left) won the male race.