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# Hamilton County Reporter

Work could begin this year or in early 2017...

# New section of Noblesville Riverwalk

By **FRED SWIFT**

Work could begin soon on a new section of the Noblesville Riverwalk from Logan Street to Riverside Cemetery. A \$1.7 million contract has been awarded to Beaty Construction Company for the work. The Indiana Department of Transportation is paying for the project which is considered an alternative transportation route.

Whether work begins this year or early in 2017 will depend on the construction company schedule and weather conditions this fall. The riverwalk will eventually connect to the proposed east-west Midland Trail which is planned on the old Midland Railroad bed. To the north, the riverwalk will connect to the existing Potters Bridge trail along White River.

County Highway Director Brad Davis also announced continued progress on the reconstruction of 276th Street. Phase One of the project, anticipated next year, extends east from U.S. 31 to Gwinn Road in Jackson Township. In their meeting Monday, County Commissioners will accept right-of-way donations from Beck's Hybrids seed company for part of the improvements.

In a later Phase Two of the project, an entirely new section of roadway will curve north from 276th to meet 281st Street and continue east to State Road 19. The overall improvement will provide a better east-west route for trucks and farm equipment, especially those coming and going from the Beck's company operation.

In other business on Monday, commissioners will hear requests from Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) for funding the proposed Home Place Gardens housing complex. The project for low to medium income residents is planned south of 106th Street and east of College Ave. Money being requested is from federal Community Development Block Grant funds which are administered locally.

Also on the agenda is consideration of plans for re-occupying the former juvenile detention center which is part of an overall plan to eliminate overcrowding at the jail complex, and a marketing (public relations) update on the multi-million dollar upgrade of State Road 37 for which planning is now underway.

## The "just" of it

By **JANET HART LEONARD**

I've always said when you have a child they not only wrap you around their little finger but also, they wrap themselves around your heart. It's just the way it is.

Watching Leah "wrap" Emily into doing what she wants her Mommy to do, makes me smile. She is so like her Mommy.

A few days ago Emily and Leah and Aiden were at our house when we all decided to walk uptown for the soup cook off.

Emily thought she would drive "in case" almost four year old Leah didn't want to walk back to our house.

Leah has a way of convincing her Mommy that her legs get tired and she needs picked up and carried. I just smile as Emily lifts her up on her hip and off they go. I tell Leah that she is too big to be carried. She smiles and says "no, I'm not, I just need my Mommy to carry me".

Emily drove while GrandChuck, Aiden and Leah and I walked, skipped, hopped and ran the somewhat six blocks to the courthouse square. Leah never once complained...until she saw her Mommy. She reached up and said "I need up". As Emily picked her up to stand in line, Leah looked over her Mommy's shoulder and smiled at me. I knew what that smile was saying. I saw the same smile on her Mommy some thirty-one years ago, when Emily was four.

Back then, Emily could convince me of about anything with her sweet smile and pleading words. "Just one more story Mommy, just one more drink of water. can we stay just a little longer?" Just. Just. Just.

Though a little girl be tiny, believe me, she can be a force with which to be reckoned. The word, "just" pushes a button in a weak place of a mother's heart.

Today, Emily is not only my daughter but a best friend. She can make me smile with just a simple phone call to say, "Wanna do lunch?" As she shares her thoughts with me I realize "just" how important those moments were when she was little and in control. She knew her Mommy would always be there for her. I would always pick her up.

Today, I pick her up with words but the feelings are still the same. It's simple

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Photo provided

Members of the Indiana State Police SRT coordinate with fire and medical personnel on taking a K9 officer through hazardous material decontamination during the Hamilton County Emergency Management's training exercise earlier this month.

## Hamilton County Emergency Management hosts training exercise

Hamilton County Emergency Management along with the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) hosted a three-day training exercise October 12, 13, and 14 at the training grounds located on River Road in Noblesville. This full-scale exercise was designed to test and train first responders, the scenario presented was a simulated real-life situation law enforcement and fire departments may encounter in Hamilton County as well as assess the tactics, skills, and equipment used to respond to those situations.

This training, conducted in partnership with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Noblesville Police and Fire Departments, Carmel Police and Fire Departments, Westfield Police and Fire Departments, Cicero Fire Department, Fishers Fire Department, Indiana State Police, Department of Natural Resources, and Hamilton County Public Safety Communications, is part of an on-going series of trainings to foster cooperation among the many jurisdictions represented in Hamilton County as they prepare for a variety of responses to natural and man-made disasters.

## The League of Women Voters of Hamilton County to host candidate forums

The League of Women Voters of Hamilton County will host two candidate forums next week.

The first forum takes place at 7 p.m. Monday at the Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. Candidates for the State Representative Districts 24, 32, 37, 39, and 88; and State Senate Districts 20 and 30 have been invited to participate. League member Janet Chandler will be moderator.

The second forum is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Shamrock Springs Elementary School, 47 W. 161st St., Westfield. This forum will feature candidates for Indiana's 5th Congressional

District. The three candidates participating are Susan Brooks, Angela Demaree, and Matt Wittlief. League member Sandra Grant will be moderator.

During the forums, candidates will be given equal time to respond to written questions from the audience. The public is invited to attend.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan and non-profit organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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## Noblesville's own serving in the Navy



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Seaman Sydney Thrasher, from Noblesville, operates an aircraft tow tractor on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8). Makin Island, the flagship of the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group, is deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in support of the Navy's maritime strategy in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of responsibility.

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# Janus introduces Giving Tuesday on Nov. 29

There is a day for giving thanks. There are days such as Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Now, Janus is starting a new tradition: Giving Tuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, charities, families, businesses, community centers and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: To celebrate generosity and to give.

Janus's goal is to raise \$10,000 to provide life enhancing opportunities to over 100 adults with disabilities. Janus is hoping to offer three choices from the list below to empower its clients with life changing experiences.

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JANET

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words. It's small gestures. Just a phone call. Just a quick hello to see how her day is going. If she's having a "come apart" I remind her that everything will be okay. Just have faith, Emily. Just give it time. Just. Just. Just.

I hope I live to see Emily and Leah be best of friends when Leah is grown. I'll take them both to lunch. Why? Because they might need "lifted up". They both may need a little "just". We will just wait and see.

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## Letter to the Editor...

# Country Over Candidates

By CHARLES E. SCHMIDT

As leader of the nation's largest veterans service organization, I am frequently asked who The American Legion is supporting in this year's presidential election. My answer is simple. "Veterans." And by that answer I am not referring to a candidate's military service (or lack thereof) but to his or her proposals on issues such as VA health care, a strong national defense and border security.

Sometimes, if the questioner is unaware of our nonpartisanship, a follow-up is asked along the lines of "who does the Legion *really* support, Trump or Hillary?" My answer is the same, "The American Legion supports veterans."

While a lot of organizations claim nonpartisanship, it is a mandate that is enshrined in The American Legion's Constitution and is backed up by the examples set forth by our World War I veteran founders.

During one of the earliest meetings of The American Legion in 1919, a movement was afoot to nominate Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as our first national commander. A World War I hero and the son of a former president, "T.R. Jr." was widely perceived to have political ambitions of his own and possibly follow in his father's footsteps to the White House. A term as national commander would be a nice steppingstone for the young Republican.

But Roosevelt would have none of it. Over shouts of "We Want Teddy," Roosevelt told the delegates, "I wish to withdraw my name for a number of reasons...We are gathered together for a very high purpose. I want every American through the length and breadth of this land to realize that there is not a man in this caucus who is seeking anything for himself, personally, but that he is simply working for the good of the entire situation."

Roosevelt knew that the best way for The American Legion to advance its pillars of fighting for a strong national defense,

caring for veterans, establishing wholesome youth programs and promoting Americanism was to avoid partisanship and political labels.

While many Democrats, Republicans, and Independents have been active in The American Legion throughout our history, the organization is only beholden to "God and Country," the two entities that are emblazoned on the back of every membership card. We endorse no political office seeker nor any political party. We operate no political action committee and contribute to no campaign.

This does not mean that we are not engaged in the democratic process. Far from it. During election years, we routinely invite the Republican and Democratic nominees for president to address our national convention. Only time constraints prevent us from inviting the numerous independent and third party candidates as well.

The American Legion is concerned that the candidates have barely uttered a word about veterans' issues during any of the presidential or vice presidential debates. This comes at a time when an estimated 20 veterans a day commit suicide, more than 80,000 veterans have waited five years or longer to have their claims appeals decided and problems abound with the much ballyhooed Veterans Choice program.

Moreover, ISIS, North Korea, Iran, China and Russia dominate headlines, while lawmakers and the White House continue to fund our military at pre-World War II levels. Recent terrorist attacks by immigrants in Washington state, New York City and Minnesota demonstrate that the government still has some deadly holes in its vetting process.

Veterans care deeply about the security of this country. If they didn't, they wouldn't have served. In our all-volunteer force, the care and well-being of these veterans is the cost of war and fielding a strong defense.

The American Legion is not interested in which candidate "wins" on election day. We are instead encouraging candidates to follow Roosevelt's example and work for "the good of the entire situation."

When that happens, America wins.

## DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

- Matthew 10:2

## 50 Years Ago

**News:** The Noblesville Junior Chamber of Commerce will honor three new members at its meeting Wednesday, Oct. 26th, at the Indiana Loan and Savings Association Community Room. Honored will be Mike Brandenburg, Bill Bannon and Ron Dole.

**Sports:** Hamilton County may crown a 1966 football scoring champion yet this week, or the battle for first place might extend into the final week of the campaign. At the present, Carmel junior Bob McLean and Hamilton Heights senior Bruce Louks are deadlocked for first place, each with 12 touchdowns and 72 points. Junior Nell Palmer of Sheridan is just a step behind with 11 touchdowns and 66 points.

**Ad:** A&P: Steak Sale, 79 cents a pound!

## Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville presents Hockey Night in Indy

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville has teamed up with the Indy Fuel again this year for their Hockey Night in Indy event, taking place on Friday, Nov. 18. The Indy Fuel will donate 100 percent of ticket sales proceeds, of tickets sold to individuals mentioning the Boy & Girls Club of Noblesville, directly back to the Club!

The Indy Fuel will take on the Wheeling Nailers at 8:05 p.m. at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum on the Indiana State Fairgrounds on Friday, Nov. 18. Fans are invited to enjoy a free pre-game concert outside the Coliseum and take a shot on the ice after the game. This event is sure to sell out so be sure to purchase tickets early.

Becky Terry, Executive Director of the Club, says "This is a fun opportunity for people to enjoy the thrills and excitement of a hockey game all while benefiting our local Club. We are thrilled to partner with the Indy Fuel and our members love going to the game to cheer them on. We hope to have a great turnout!"

This event is sure to sell out so purchase your tickets soon by visiting <https://fuel.isportstix.com/order/seats/479/> or calling (317) 800-6540. For more information, visit the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BGCNoblesville](http://www.facebook.com/BGCNoblesville) and ensure you are benefiting a great cause while witnessing exciting hockey action in Indy.

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# Hamilton County Emergency Management hosts training exercise

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RIGHT: A number of participants and guests involved in the Thursday morning Hamilton County Emergency Management training exercise.

BELOW: Hamilton County EMA Deputy Director Carl Erickson briefs participants in the training scenario.

BELOW RIGHT: Emergency equipment was staged to respond to the training.



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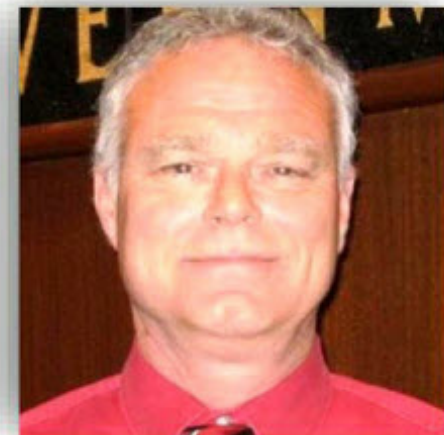
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Volleyball sectionals



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Westfield volleyball team put together two solid matches on Saturday to win Sectional 8 at Fishers. The Shamrocks beat Noblesville in the semi-finals and Carmel in the championship match.

Solid Shamrocks win the championship

By RICHIE HALL  
Reporter Sports Editor

What would be the biggest shock to come out of this weekend's Sectional 8 volleyball tournament at Fishers? A team winning all of its matches without the loss of a set.

But that's just what Westfield did. The Shamrocks put together two solid performances Saturday, sweeping Noblesville 25-18, 25-19, 27-25 in the semi-finals, then upsetting Class 4A No. 7 Carmel 25-21, 25-21, 25-20 in the championship.

The sectional title was the first for Westfield since 2011, and its fifth overall. The Shamrocks will now host the regional championship at 7 p.m. Tuesday, taking on Zionsville.

"I felt like our girls and they executed our game plan to a 'T'," said Shamrocks coach Michelle Mapes. "And I couldn't ask for a better day."

Westfield got on top early in the first set, jumping ahead 9-4. Abigail Huser hit three kills, while Natalie Ravenell put down a kill to put her team up by five points.

Carmel cut the Shamrocks' lead to 11-10, with Mo Armstrong hitting three kills of her own, and Morgan Seaman had a successful spike as well. But Westfield was able to respond whenever the 'Hounds got too close. Ravenell ended Carmel's run with a kill, and Lienne Miller had a pair of good shots as well. Huser gave the 'Rocks the set on a kill.

The second set was much tighter in its first half, with no team leading by more than two points. It wasn't until the score was 19-all that Westfield was able to pull away; Huser served an ace to start a run of four unanswered points. Carmel closed to within 23-21, but Ravenell put the set away with a pair of kills.

The Shamrocks again jumped out to an early lead in the third set, first getting ahead 4-1, then 9-4, then 12-7. The Greyhounds got as close as 14-13, but Westfield was able to stay in front by two or three points after that.

With her team ahead 23-19, Huser smacked a kill to get the 'Rocks to championship point. Carmel saved one thanks to a kill from Alexandria Hicks, but

Huser converted the second opportunity with another kill. She had 15 kills on the night.

"I told Caroline (Sinicki) to set me on that ball, so I really wanted to finish it," said Huser. "I wanted the imprint to know that I was the winning kill and I'm here to make a difference at Westfield."

Huser was all over the place for the Shamrocks. She also had 12 digs, 3.5 blocks and two aces. Ravenell had a solid game as well, with eight kills and several blocks. Sinicki handed out 29 assists, and Miller served two aces as well.

"To be honest, I felt confident from the very start," said Ravenell. "I just felt like we were playing as a team the entire day, throughout this entire tournament, and I just felt like we were going to come out and we were going to do what we were supposed to do."

For the Greyhounds, Armstrong had 11 kills, while Bonnie Bostic got nine kills and two blocks. Seaman handed out 31 assists, made 12 digs and had two blocks as well. Sophie Oliphant had 14 digs.

"Westfield played great, you got to give them credit for doing that," said Carmel coach Adam Havice. "My girls fought. They never gave up, they didn't quit. They're a good group of kids and I'm lucky to be their coach. But Westfield got us today."

SEMI-FINALS

Just to get to the final, Carmel had to get past No. 3-ranked Hamilton Southeastern in the second semi-final of the day. The Greyhounds did so, in a hair-raising five-set match, 28-26, 20-25, 27-25, 18-25, 17-15.

"We beat them the very first match of the season just like this, so we knew it was going to be a battle," said Havice. "They're a really good team. They're well-coached. They have a bunch of really competitive, good girls."

The tone was set early for how close the match would be, as neither team led by more than two points. Carmel had four set points, but HSE erased the first three of them. Finally, Hicks hit a kill on the fourth set point to get the Greyhounds the set.

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Westfield’s Natalie Ravenell (9) hits the ball as Noblesville’s Lexie Almodovar (6) goes up to defend.

# SHAMROCKS

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The Royals blasted off to a 13-6 lead in the second set, with Meredith Phillips hitting four kills during that run. Southeastern led by 22-14 at one point, and held off the 'Hounds to take the set.

HSE held off two set points before Carmel converted the third one to take the set 27-25. The 'Hounds jumped ahead 10-7 in the fourth set before the Royals came back and took a 13-12 lead when Bria King made a successful block. Southeastern ran

out the set from there, capping it with a kill by Phillips.

Carmel scored four of the last five points of the fifth set to win, holding off two HSE match points in the process. Armstrong's ace gave the 'Hounds their own match point, and Hicks won it with a successful block.

In all, Armstrong hit 21 kills, with Bostic putting down 15 and Hicks getting 14. Hicks was incredible at the net, with eight blocks; Carmel had 16 blocks as a team. Seaman dished out 59 assists.

Oliphant made 28 digs, with Hicks getting 20.

"Our blocking was a little off tonight," said Havice. "It came up big when it mattered. Which is important. And our defense was off, but they also came up big when it mattered and made adjustments throughout the game, which was really fun to watch as a coach, to see kids make real positive adjustments."

For the Royals, Phillips hit 28 kills, with Kane smacking 12 kills. Caroline Kirchmer

and Jones both hit eight kills, and King had five.

Kenzie Hinshaw handed out 54 assists, and made 19 digs as well. Olivia Burgess led the digs with 20. Jones and King both had five blocks. Kane, Anne Kleinrichert and Sarah Chastain all served three aces.

"I thought it was a hotly contested match on both sides," said HSE coach Jason Young. "Obviously disappointing to come out short today, but Carmel did a nice job with their outsides, getting kills when they needed them."

The Shamrocks won the first semi-final of the day over Noblesville in three sets. The Millers jumped out to a 7-3 lead in the first set before Westfield scored the next five points, and went on to win the set.

The Millers then led 23-20 in the third set, but the 'Rocks won the next four points to get to match point at 24-23. Noblesville battled, but eventually Westfield won the set 27-25, and the match.

Huser hit 14 kills, made 10 digs and served two aces. Ravenell had another big match with 13 kills. Bailey Mendler had 10 digs, Miller made three blocks and Sinicki dished out 37 assists.

For the Millers, Lexie Bowler hit nine kills, while Allie Phillips handed out 32 assists. Brenna Everingham had 14 digs.

"The season as a whole, I thought we showed a lot of improvement from beginning to end," said Noblesville coach Steve Hawthorne. "The girls worked hard."

HEIGHTS FALLS TO YORKTOWN  
Over at the Class 3A Delta sectional, Hamilton Heights lost a semi-final match to No. 1-ranked Yorktown 25-11, 25-15, 25-14.

Tori Hayden had eight kills and one block. Ana Collar hit seven kills, handed out five assists, made eight digs and also had two blocks and one ace.

Emma Knowles dished out 10 assists and made 15 digs. Senior Mallory Morphew had 18 digs, while senior Kenna Burman hit three kills and had eight digs.



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TOP LEFT: The Carmel-Hamilton Southeastern semi-final was a battle from the first point to the last. The Greyhounds prevailed in five sets, needing extra points to win that fifth set, 17-15.

ABOVE: Westfield was in celebration mode after beating Carmel in the championship match. The Shamrocks won their first sectional title since 2011.

LEFT: Southeastern's Olivia Burgess (7) bumps the ball. In the background is Grace Kane (1). At left is HSE coach Jason Young.

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Tennis

# Carmel sweeps the Triple Crown

By **RICHIE HALL**  
**Reporter Sports Editor**

The Carmel boys tennis team played its way into the history books Saturday, as the Greyhounds won the individual state singles and doubles championships at Park Tudor.

The singles and doubles victories complement the team state championship that Carmel won last Saturday. This achievement, known as the Triple Crown, has been accomplished by only two other teams: New Albany in 1967 and North Central in 1995.

Junior Patrick Fletchall cruised his way to the singles championship with two overwhelming wins. Fletchall beat Franklin Community senior Noah Roberts 6-1, 6-0 in the morning semi-final, then defeated Evansville Memorial senior Brandon Wu in the afternoon championship, also by a 6-1, 6-0 score.

"It definitely feels really cool," said Fletchall. He joins his sister Molly Fletchall as an individual state champion for Carmel; Molly won the doubles title with Emma Love in 2014.

"I just tried to stay focused, high tempo, good attitude, lots of energy," said Patrick. "I think I played pretty solid today."

Fletchall finished his junior season undefeated at 24-0.

Carmel's doubles team of seniors Ethan McAndrews and Jay Natarajan also won both their matches in straight sets. The Greyhounds beat Penn seniors Mason Lee and Cole Pollyea 6-3, 6-0 in the semi-finals, then defeated the Park Tudor team of senior Jaren Katz and junior Will Emhardt 7-6 (3), 6-4.

"We love to bring the intensity to every match we play, and I don't think this was an exception," said McAndrews. "We both kind of pump each other up on the court, and I think that shows through how we play."

"I think we played our greatest doubles that we have this whole season," said Natarajan. "And a lot of that goes down to just stressing the fundamentals, and I think each and every point, that's all we focused on doing, and I think we executed well."

McAndrews and Natarajan finished their season with a 13-6 record.



Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**

The Carmel boys tennis team earned the Triple Crown Saturday, winning the individual state singles and doubles tournament to go along with the team championship the Greyhounds won last week. Patrick Fletchall (center) won the singles title, while Jay Natarajan (left) and Ethan McAndrews won the doubles crown.

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## Millers girls soccer falls to No. 1 Penn in semi-state

The Noblesville girls soccer team lost in the semi-finals of the Class 2A Warsaw semi-state Saturday morning.

The No. 17-ranked Millers fell to No. 1 Penn 1-0. After a scoreless first half, the Kingsmen scored three minutes into the second half. Noblesville continued to attack, but Penn held off the Millers. Mackenzie Kincaid had another outstanding game as Noblesville goalkeeper.

The Millers finished their season 9-7-2, winning their first sectional and regional championships since 2008 along the way.

Late Football Boxscore					Heights Scoring	
Twin Lakes 28, Heights 14					First Quarter	
Heights	7	0	0	7 - 14	Jesse Brown 61-yard run (Michael Tyner kick), 1:27	
Twin Lakes	7	7	0	14 - 28	Fourth Quarter	
Game Stats					Caymn Lutz 95-yard kickoff return (Tyner kick), 8:40	
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First Downs	10		25		Rushing: Brown 2-87, Clayton Cowan 9-66, Riley White 9-48, Sterling Weatherford 2-32.	
Yards Rushing	22-233		NA		Passing: White 3-9-34, Brown 1-1-31.	
Yards Passing	65		NA		Receptions: Weatherford 2-21, White 1-31, Michael Cross 1-13.	
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Cross country semi-state

Perfect day for Carmel girls



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ABOVE: Noblesville's Levi Neuzerling qualified for the state meet after finishing 19th at the Shelbyville semi-state on Saturday.

TOP RIGHT: Carmel's Sarah Leinheiser (100) and Christina Geisler (96), went 1-2 for the Greyhound girls team, and led a top five sweep.

RIGHT: Guerin Catholic's Quinn Gallagher finished fifth in the boys race and qualified for state. Also pictured are Carmel's Ben Miller (109) and Colin Murphy (110).

Hamilton County cross country teams dominated Saturday's Shelbyville semi-state. The word "dominated," however, doesn't begin to do justice to what the Carmel girls team did.

The Greyhound girls scored a perfect 15 points to win the semi-state championship. That's right. Carmel swept the top five positions to earn the perfect score, which is a rarity in top-level competition, but almost unheard of at the semi-state level.

All of the Greyhound runners finished under 17:50, with defending individual state champion Sarah Leinheiser leading the way. The senior ran home in 17:19.2, almost 25 seconds ahead of her teammate, second-place Maddie Dalton, who clocked in at 17:44.0. Phoebe Bates was third, Rachel Anderson fourth, and Christina Geisler fifth.

Carmel will lead the county brigade to next Saturday's state meet, which takes place at the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course in Terre Haute. The top six teams qualify for state, and Hamilton teams took five of those positions.

Fishers was second, edging Noblesville for runner-up honors by the score of 96-100. Zionsville broke up the county sweep by taking fourth, Westfield placed fifth, and Guerin Catholic finished sixth to earn its first-ever berth to the state meet.

The top finishers for each team were as follows: Abi Little placed eighth to lead the Millers, Megan Slamkowski was ninth for the Golden Eagles, Miya Wai took 10th for the Tigers, and Gabby Dilick finished 11th for the Shamrocks.

Two individuals from Hamilton Southeastern qualified for state, taking two of the top 10 spots reserved for runners not on an advancing team. The Royals' Lulu Black was the highest-placing Hamilton County finisher not from Carmel, racing to a sixth-place finish in a time of 17:56.4. Sabrina Bippus also made it to state, taking 12th place.

In the boys event, county teams swept the top three. Carmel won the semi-state with a score of 53 points, with Hamilton Southeastern the runner-up by scoring 77

points. Fishers placed third, clinching a state spot with 95 points.

The Greyhounds had two finishers in the top 10. Ben Miller led Carmel with a fourth-place finish, while Colin Murphy took sixth.

Gabe Fendel paced the Royals with a runner-up finish, clocking in at 14:46.3. The Tigers had two runners in the top 10: Sam Kuhn took seventh and Josh Roth was 10th.

Four other county runners qualified for state as individuals. Guerin Catholic's Quinn Gallagher placed fifth overall to earn a reservation for state. Westfield had two runners get out: Aaron Bennett was ninth and Nicholas Leahy took 14th. Noblesville's

Levi Neuzerling finished in 19th place, also qualifying for state.

**GIRLS RACE**  
Team scores: Carmel 15, Fishers 96, Noblesville 100, Zionsville 112, Westfield 146, Guerin Catholic 173, Center Grove 199, Franklin Central 248, Brownsburg 249, Avon 307, Southport 316, Batesville 316, Pike 332, Plainfield 401, East Central 401, Rushville 436, Franklin Community 465, Union County 514, Roncalli 539, Warren Central 581.

Race winner: Sarah Leinheiser (Carmel) 17:19.2.

Other Carmel runners: 2. Maddie Dalton 17:44.0, 3. Phoebe Bates 17:45.2, 4. Rachel Anderson 17:47.8, 5. Christina Geisler 17:48.4, 26. Tasha Geisler 18:55.6, 33. Sydney Haines 19:04.0.

Fishers runners: 10. Miya Wai 18:20.4, 22. Tessa Kraft 18:49.3, 29. Abby Carter 19:01.8, 31. Kanya Lampsley 19:02.4, 34. Corinne O'Leary 19:05.1, 54. Liz Rogers 19:31.9, 55. Corinne Yorkman 19:33.1.

Noblesville runners: 8. Abi Little 18:11.4, 18. Kat Dombroski 18:38.7, 23. Susanna Sharples-Gordon 18:50.2, 32. Sophie Reichard 19:03.5, 50. Abbie Klinker 19:30.0, 83. Aubrey Swart 20:01.6, 93. Aubrie Deal 20:13.5.

Westfield runners: 11. Gabby Dilick 18:22.0, 25. Lauren Bailey 18:53.5, 40. Gabby Brown 19:12.6, 49. Sydney Clifford 19:28.0, 62. Carly Bogdajewicz 19:41.5, 78. Kyla Curtis 19:57.2, 84. Madison Smith 20:02.0.

Guerin Catholic runners: 9. Megan Slamkowski 18:14.3, 16. Paige Schemanske 18:14.3, 28. Ellie Schroeder 19:00.6, 81. Lucia Perez 19:59.7, 95. Isabel Bucklew 20:15.8, 137. Kate Anderson 21:18.4, 141. Madeline Youngman 21:27.8.

Hamilton Southeastern runners: 6. Lulu Black 17:56.4, 12. Sabrina Bippus 18:22.6, 48. Maddie Mirro 19:27.3.

**BOYS RACE**  
Team scores: Carmel 53, Hamilton Southeastern 77, Fishers 95, Brebeuf Jesuit 139, Avon 167, Zionsville 182, Cathedral 242, New Palestine 281, Franklin Community 302, Greenfield-Central 302, Danville 322, Center Grove 350, Southport 359, Franklin Central 361, Brownsburg 400, Greenwood 415, Hagerstown 426, Roncalli 438, South Putnam 448, Batesville 489.

Race winner: Curtis Eckstein (Oldenburg Academy) 14:34.4.

Carmel runners: 4. Ben Miller 15:21.7, 6. Colin Murphy 15:24.6, 16. Evan Bouillet 15:44.9, 21. Keelan Grant 15:48.3, 29. Calvin Bates 15:55.7, 34. Thomas Gastineau 15:59.2, 64. Trey Harris 16:25.2.

Southeastern runners: 2. Gabe Fendel 14:46.3, 11. Ben Wagoner 15:40.4, 12. Brayden Watson 15:41.7, 36. Grant Wilson 16:03.6, 39. Brendan Huckabee 16:04.5, 49. James Conaway 16:10.8, 70. Eric Steinmetz 16:30.7.

Fishers runners: 7. Sam Kuhn 15:32.8, 10. Josh Roth 15:39.1, 27. Ashton Murray 15:53.5, 38. Brendan Reyes 16:04.4, 40. Andrew Runion 16:04.7, 44. Ethan Meyer 16:07.4, 50. Alex Meyer 16:11.3.

Guerin Catholic runner: 5. Quinn Gallagher 15:23.6.

Westfield runners: 9. Aaron Bennett 15:36.7, 14. Nicholas Leahy 15:43.4.

Noblesville runners: 19. Levi Neuzerling 15:47.2, 48. Eric Hoffman 16:08.7.

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