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TODAY'S WEATHER



**Today:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 3 p.m.  
**Tonight:** Showers and possibly a thunderstorm before 10 p.m., then a chance of showers. Some storms could be severe with damaging winds. ☐  
**HIGH:** 69 **LOW:** 32

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## HAND's Noblesville Granary plan declined, but...

### Proposed affordable housing development tops tax-credit wait list

HAND's plans to build 56 affordable apartments on the former site of the Noblesville grain elevator hit a snag Thursday when the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority declined to award the project highly-sought-after Low Income Housing Tax Credits to fund construction.

Of the 62 development proposals submitted last November, just 16 received tax credits; another five—including the \$10.5 million Noblesville Granary Elevator and Lofts—were placed on a waiting list.

Due to uncertainty in the equity market, IHEDA did not award all of the available tax credits, holding back a portion for funded projects that may need to request more. Tax credits that have not been reserved by mid-September, however, will be awarded to wait-listed proposals.

Since the Granary project is No. 1 on the wait list, it would be the first to receive leftover credits. HAND is seeking \$8.4 million in tax credits for the Granary. If that amount is not available, the development plan could be adjusted to reduce project costs.

"There is a still a strong likelihood that the project will move forward," said HAND Executive Director Jennifer Miller.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits are awarded to developers as a way to incentivize private investment in affordable

housing. Investors buy the credits, generating revenue to fund projects while reducing their tax liability.

As proposed, the Granary would include a three-story apartment building with more than 10,000 square feet of street-level commercial space leased at below-market rates to draw startups and small businesses.

Located in Noblesville's Southwest Quad, less than six blocks from the courthouse square, the Granary is intended to provide an affordable option for entry-level professionals, artists, entrepreneurs and others.

Rent for the one- and two-bedroom apartments will be based on tenants' income. About 60 percent of the units will rent for \$625-\$901 per month; the rest will rent for \$375-601 per month.

Two other Hamilton County projects also made the waiting list: RealAmerica Development's proposal to build a 63-unit senior apartment community in Noblesville is No. 2, and Blackhawk Commons Limited Partnership's proposal to renovate the old Adams Township school in Sheridan to create 40 affordable apartments is third.

HAND was a consultant on the Sheridan project after its own plan to develop the property failed to win tax credits in 2016.

This is HAND's second attempt to secure tax credits for the Granary. The original proposal called for preserving a



Artistic rendering provided

HAND's plans for the Noblesville Granary Elevator and Lofts were declined Thursday. However, the project was placed No. 1 on the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority's waiting list.

portion of the historic wooden grain elevator as a local landmark. Property owner North Central Co-op has since cleared the 2-acre site.

Founded in 2003, HAND's mission is invest in neighborhoods, provide housing solutions and develop partnership to improve lives and build community in Hamilton County. The not-for-profit organization owns six apartment

communities that offer a total of 94 affordable units.

While waiting for a final decision on the Granary project, HAND will move forward with Home Place Gardens, a 10-unit development planned along 106th Street east of College Avenue in Home Place.

Indianapolis-based consultant Greenstreet Ltd. estimates that demand for affordable housing in Hamilton County exceeds supply by more than 10,000 units.

## Property tax rates remain relatively low

By FRED SWIFT

A comparison of property tax rates in Hamilton County for 2017 shows increases for homeowners in eight of the county's municipalities and unincorporated areas of townships and decreases in nine of the units.

With a few exceptions, most changes are minor. County residents continue to experience relatively low rates compared to many areas.

Tax bills will be mailed in April with a May 10 deadline for payment. The tax rates from the county auditor's office are all calculated on dollars and cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Property owners seeing the largest increase in taxes are those in the Hamilton Southeastern school district where the rate went up by nearly 13 cents over last year. Voters there approved a school tax referendum, and increases due to a referendum are exempt for the state imposed tax cap.

School taxes in Westfield and Sheridan actually went down slightly and remained static in the Hamilton Heights district.

The overall property tax rates include schools, cities, townships, libraries and the general county rate. Because of the Southeastern school increase the overall rates went up the most for residents of Fishers, Delaware, Fall Creek and Wayne Townships. Residents of unincorporated Clay Township face the next highest at 10 cents, while Noblesville city residents will see an increase of six cents per \$100.

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## No boundary changes needed at HSE Intermediate/Jr. High



Photo by Larry Lannan

HSE Superintendent Allen Bourff & Board President Matt Burke discuss rebalancing.

By LARRY LANNAN  
LarryinFishers.com

The Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School Board will make no boundary changes impacting students at HSE Intermediate/Jr. High School.

Superintendent Allen Bourff told the board, families have been allowed to make their own choices, resulting in no recommendation to the board for any changes in boundary lines.

About 100 families chose to have their students enrolled in Fall Creek Intermediate/Junior High, satisfying the student imbalance issue. Some families could not make the choice if transportation was not provided. The school corporation will provide bus service to most of the volunteering families, but not all.

## District 4 Conservation Officers Nominate John Gano as 2016 District 4 Officer of the Year

Indiana Conservation Officers of District 4 are honored to nominate Master Officer John Gano for the 2016 James D. Pitzer Outstanding Officer of the Year award. A 21 year veteran, 18 of which have been spent serving in Hamilton County, his positive attitude, strong work ethic, and devotion to public service have earned him the opportunity for this prestigious award.



Gano

Officer Gano's motivation and dedication to education is what separates him from others. This past year, he instructed the boater education course for all eighth-grade students at Noblesville East and West Middle Schools. Officer Gano has been teaching boater education at the Noblesville Middle Schools since 1998. Most of the students live on or near the water and will soon operate a boat on their own for the first time. His dedication to teaching safe boating will undoubtedly make their first trip on the water both safer and more enjoyable.

On top of his boater education classes, Officer Gano has also personally created an outdoor education class that he

has been teaching to all seventh-grade students since 2010. The program includes full lesson plans covering several topics such as survival skills, fishing, ATV safety, boater safety, and a section on hunting and fishing that includes firearms safety.

In all, Officer Gano has instructed approximately 1000 students through 2016 between the seventh- and eighth-grade students. Both programs usually require six weeks and two instructors Monday through Friday to be successfully completed. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, this year he had to teach all of those classes by himself.

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## Carmel Police looking for counterfeit suspects



Photos courtesy Carmel Police Department

On February 21, 2017, the subjects pictured below passed a counterfeit \$100 dollar bill at a local gas station in Carmel. The vehicle they were driving appears to be an older model dark green Saturn 2 door sedan. Anyone with information on the identity of either person is asked to contact the Carmel Police Department.

## TAX

The largest decreases in overall rates are found in the towns of Sheridan, down 20 cents, and Atlanta, down five cents. Other changes in rates throughout the county were minor.

Of course, another factor can figure into a property owner's actual bill. If the assessment on a property increased over the past year, the tax bill this year will increase for that reason.

A full breakdown of tax rates in each municipality and township for each branch of local government was published in a legal notice in Tuesday's Hamilton County Reporter.

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## GANO

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Officer Gano serves as a vital component of boating safety and enforcement on two heavily used reservoirs and a major river running through central Indiana. He prides himself in his productivity through various fish and wildlife enforcement duties and boating enforcement. Gano also assists our department in the capacity of a public information officer, boat accident investigator, and field training officer.

In 2016, Officer Gano assisted with numerous public events including the Boat Sport and Travel Show as well as the Indiana State Fair. He also participates in several outreach and local community public safety days. During these events, he can be found promoting the "Wear It" campaign, which promotes the wearing of life jackets on the water, or providing some structured demonstration promoting a safe boating practice.

Officer Gano strives to foster positive working relations between the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and other law enforcement agencies, fire departments, Coast Guard Auxiliary and with a reservoir homeowner's association in an effort to better our working relations and stay in touch with the needs of the community surrounding the waterways.

As a public information officer, Officer Gano has made numerous news releases and live interviews to best inform the public of occurring incidents and safe practices while outdoors. One example that stood out involved a high profile drowning at Geist Reservoir where he performed live interviews for four major news stations. Officer Gano not only represented the department well by providing safety tips, he also utilized good discretion and shows compassion to the families while dealing with such a sensitive matter. He is also tasked with running the District 4 social media accounts, helping to disseminate information to the public on a daily basis.

Officer Gano was instrumental in the field training process of a new officer prior to solo patrol. He assumed the duties of the

primary FTO midway through the process, dedicating approximately six weeks to field training, providing a wealth of knowledge to the trainee. Throughout the field training process Officer Gano and the trainee made several drug arrests, and addressed numerous fish and wildlife violations, including a forged fishing license case. They also worked several details at Geist Reservoir to address complaints of skiing before sunrise and without observers. In two different details they were able to address four violations resulting from the complaints. With Officer Gano's guidance, the new officer led District 4 in overall activity in 2016. Officer Gano was quoted as saying that he is "most proud of the hard work put in all activity despite his numerous commitments to field training, education, and community service."

Even after the conclusion of the field training program, Officer Gano continued working with young officers making numerous arrests including an illegally taken mute swan during waterfowl season. Officer Gano is very proactive when addressing boating problems in his area of assignment. In 2016, Gano remained near the top or leading his district in all activity despite his numerous commitments to field training, education, and community service.

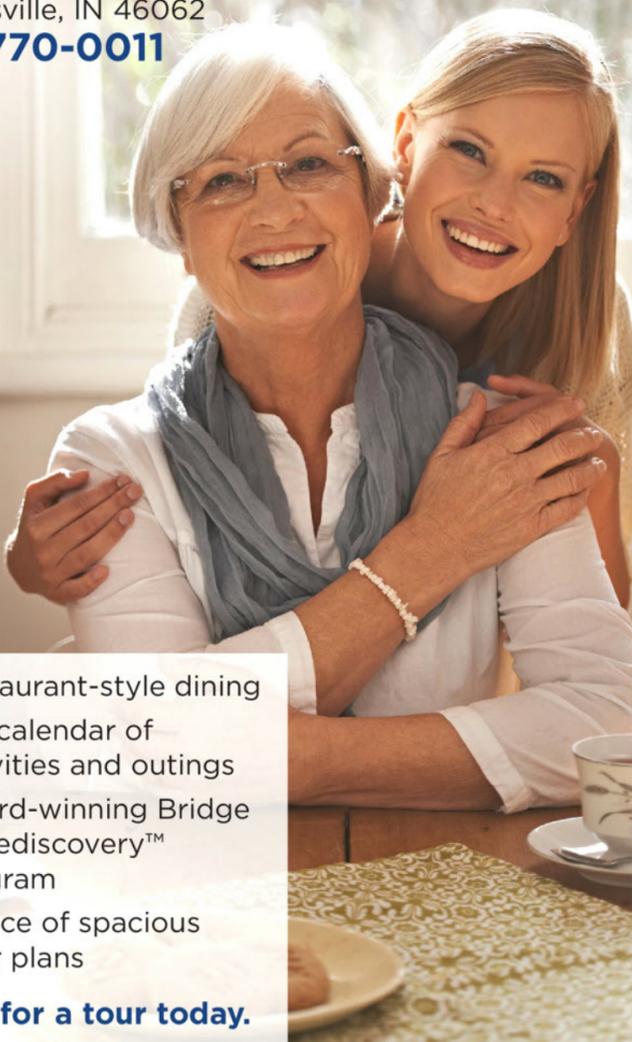
Indiana Conservation Officer John Gano is a well-rounded veteran conservation officer who provides a great service to the public and is looked upon by new officers for advice and guidance. With his boating public appearances and enforcement, Officer John Gano is a stand-out in his community. Master Conservation Officer John Gano is a dedicated officer that is well respected in his community. His hard work and dedication is a great example of a stellar Indiana Conservation Officer. He exemplifies the core values of an Indiana Conservation Officer and the officers of District Four believe he is deserving of the Pitzer Award.

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**Kenneth Pickett**

December 18, 1925 - February 22, 2017



Kenneth Pickett, 91, of Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. He was born on December 18, 1925 to Howard Warren and Pearl (Thompson) Pickett in Sheridan, Indiana.

For over 30 years, Kenny was a machinist and owned Westfield Manufacturing. He was then a camp director for Timber Ridge Camp in Spencer, Indiana, and was pastor of Bloomfield Seventh Day Adventist Church. Kenny's hobbies were horses and building things. He grew up loving music and had the talent to play music as well.

Kenny is survived by his children, Sandra (Tim) Townsend, Dan (Marilyn) Pickett, Nancy (Ron) Hittle, Steve (Donna) Pickett, and Kris Godby; ten grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Clifford (Dort) Pickett, Jack (Carol) Pickett, and Phil Pickett.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Donna June (Johns) Pickett; grandson, Chad Hittle; brother, Bill Pickett; and great-grandson, Justin Culverhouse.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with visitation from 11:00 am to the time of service. Pastor Dean Whitlow and Pastor Charlie Thompson will officiate. Burial will be at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Timber Ridge Camp, 1674 Timber Ridge Road, Spencer, IN 47460.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)

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How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

- Matthew 12:4

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## Celebrate National Nutrition Month by 'Putting Your Best Fork Forward'



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(StatePoint) Are you finding it difficult to keep up with your healthy New Year's habits? Tackle those resolutions with renewed energy in March during National Nutrition Month and remember that small changes, made over time, can add up.

The 2017 National Nutrition Month theme, "Put Your Best Fork Forward," encourages everyone to start small -- one forkful at a time. Whether you're planning meals to prepare at home or making selections when dining out, it's crucial to develop a healthy eating style that you can maintain.

"To make lasting, healthful changes to your eating habits, it's important to start small," says registered dietitian nutritionist

and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics spokesperson Caroline Passerello. "Registered dietitian nutritionists can help you develop personalized solutions that will keep you healthy and allow you to still enjoy your favorite foods throughout your entire life."

Passerello offers these ways you can "Put Your Best Fork Forward."

- **Choose Healthier Options When Cooking at Home.** "Eating a variety of healthful foods across and within all food groups helps reduce the risk of preventable, lifestyle-related chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity," says Passerello. "Eat more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, fat-free or low-fat dairy, lean proteins and oils."

- **Find Healthful Options When Dining Out.** "Finding healthful options at restaurants is easier today than it ever has been," says Passerello. "Most restaurants offer healthful options. Look for items that are steamed or roasted, and ask for sauce, dressing and cheese on the side. To-go boxes can help control portions. Eat half your meal at the restaurant and take the other half home."

- **Set a Good Example for Your Children.** Parents are the most important role models for their children. "Modeling healthful eating habits starts in the kitchen," Passerello says. "Involving your kids in the cooking with age-appropriate tasks, serving balanced meals with a variety of nutrient-rich foods and enjoying dinner together as often as possible are among the many things you can do to help your family be mindful of their eating habits."

- **Consult a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.** "A healthy lifestyle is much more than choosing to eat more fruits and vegetables. While that is important, it's also essential to make informed food choices based on your individual health and nutrient needs," Passerello says. "A registered dietitian nutritionist can educate you and guide your food choices while keeping your tastes and preferences in mind. They are able to separate facts from fads and translate nutrition science into information you can use." To find a registered dietitian nutritionist in your area, visit [eatright.org](http://eatright.org).

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' National Nutrition Month website, [eatright.org/NNM](http://eatright.org/NNM), includes articles, recipes, videos and educational resources to spread the message of good nutrition and an overall healthy lifestyle for people of all ages, genders and backgrounds. You can also follow National Nutrition Month on social media using #NationalNutritionMonth.

This National Nutrition Month, keep up the good work you began in January by recommitting to health and wellness in March.

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# Royals get big Senior Night victory

By **RICHIE HALL**  
Reporter Sports Editor

With seven seniors on its team, Thursday's Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball Senior Night game was going to be special.

And it was. Three senior Royals reached the 20-point mark during HSE's 93-83 victory over Lawrence North. This game was also the regular-season finale for Southeastern, which is now 19-5.

Royals coach Brian Satterfield started an all-senior lineup, which is standard operating procedure on Senior Night. It certainly didn't hinder Southeastern, as it was up 12-1 within the first two-and-a-half minutes of the game.

"Anytime you got Senior Night and you switch up the starting lineup a little bit, you always wonder how things are going to go," said Satterfield. "That's one thing that's been special about this group all year is the depth that we have, and just mixing up that. I thought the guys came out with a lot of composure, handled the pressure, but more importantly, moved the basketball, shared the basketball and knocked down shots."

The Royals jumped ahead by as much as 19-4 before the Wildcats cut the lead to 24-19 by the end of the first period. Lawrence North got within three during the second quarter, but Southeastern got going again late in the period. A late 3-pointer by the Wildcats was answered with a '3' at the halftime buzzer by senior Zach Gunn, and that made the score 47-32.

The Royals held their margin in double digits for most of the second half, absorbing a 32-point fourth quarter by LN by scoring 26 points of their own during that period. When the dust settled, senior Connor Rotterman led Southeastern with 24 points, including an 8-of-8 performance from the free-throw line. Gunn added 22 points, throwing in three 3-pointers. Senior Jack Davidson scored 20, with four 3s and a 6-of-6 foul shooting part of his total.

The Royals were 32-of-47 from the field, a solid 68 percent. Meanwhile, the Wildcats made 30-of-52 baskets for a 58 percent shooting mark. As a result, there weren't too many rebounds to be grabbed, but Gunn did get five of them, as did junior Jerron Bond.

Meanwhile, Southeastern handed out 25 assists as a team, with Rotterman dishing out seven. Four other players had four assists: Davidson, sophomores Aaron Etherington and Noah Smith, and Gunn.

"We got a lot of guys who can shoot it, and do everything," said Gunn.

Southeastern will play Fishers in the first game of the Carmel sectional on Tuesday.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Southeastern senior Connor Rotterman scored 24 points for the Royals in their Senior Night victory over Lawrence North on Thursday.

Zach Mutchner	0-0	0-0	0	3
Zach Gunn	9-11	1-2	22	5
Noah Smith	4-5	0-0	8	0
Austin Holzum	2-4	0-0	5	0
Aaron Etherington	4-6	0-0	9	1
Aaron Shank	0-1	0-0	0	1
Jerron Bond	0-1	2-2	2	1
Chaz Birchfield	1-1	1-2	3	2
Totals	32-47	18-20	93	19
Score by Quarters				
Lawrence	19	13	19	32 - 83
Southeastern	24	23	20	26 - 93
Southeastern 3-point shooting (11-19) Davidson 4-6, Gunn 3-4, Rotterman 2-4, Holzum 1-3, Etherington 1-2.				
Southeastern rebounds (19) Bond 5, Gunn 5, Etherington 2, Smith 2, Holzum 1, Birchfield 1, Shank 1, Mutchner 1, team 1.				

## Franklin Central applies for HCC

The Reporter has learned that Franklin Central has applied for membership to the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

News had been posted earlier in the week on Hickory Husker, a well-known Indiana basketball website, that Franklin Central, one of Marion County's township schools and a member of Conference Indiana, had shown interest in joining the HCC. That news was confirmed to the Reporter on Thursday by Hamilton Southeastern athletic director Greg Habbeger.

Franklin Central will make a presentation to the conference on Monday, March 6, and a decision on whether or not to admit the Flashes will likely come in the spring. If FC is admitted, it would be the first Indianapolis/Marion County school to join the HCC.

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## Southeastern 93, Lawrence North 83

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Southeastern	32-47	18-20	93	19
Jack Davidson	5-9	6-6	20	3
Jack Habbeger	0-0	0-0	0	1
Connor Rotterman	7-9	8-8	24	2

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# Trailblazers rally in second half

The University Trailblazers held Irvington Prep to just six points over the final 12 minutes of the game and rallied for a 53-41 win to close out the regular season on a three game winning streak.

Trailing 35-30 midway through the fourth quarter, University rallied to tie the game at 37 at the end of the third quarter. David Howard scored inside before Josh Watson found Josh Alford for a three pointer and Zach Hodgkin drove to the rim for lay-in to knot the score at 37 with 1:11 remaining in the period. A



Alford

defensive stand by the Blazers kept the score even at the end of the quarter.

University took the lead for good 30 seconds in to the fourth quarter when Tyler Wott found Alford behind the Ravens press for lay-in. Another Alford lay-in off a Wott pass put University up 41-37. Irvington Prep cut the lead to 41-39 before Emerson Halbleib scored three straight baskets off feeds from Watson for a 47-39 lead with 3:13 left. Alford scored again on a lay-in for a 49-39 advantage with 2:32 left and University coasted home for the win.

"We were really efficient on offense" said University Coach Brandon Lafferan. The Blazers shot a blistering 73 percent from the field and racked up 15 assists on 22 field goals. "We did a good job of breaking their press. Tyler Wott came off the bench to give us some great minutes in the fourth quarter with a lot of energy. Josh

Alford also provided some big minutes off the bench. I was very pleased with our energy and how we've been playing."

Halbleib led the way with 19 points, making 8 of 9 field goal attempts. Alford had 16 points on a 7 for 8 shooting night, a perfect 2 for 2 on three pointers that included a huge buzzer beating three at the end of the first quarter. Watson had a team high seven assists.

University finishes the season with a 13-10 record. The Trailblazers will host Sectional 58 action next week and open with a huge challenge, facing the Indianapolis Tindley Tigers in Tuesday's second game. The 17-5 Tigers are the third ranked team in this week's AP Class 1A poll and defeated University 53-41 in early January.

Irvington Prep finishes the regular season at 17-5.

## University 53, Irvington Prep 41

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ethan Sickels	3-6	0-0	9	0
Kaden Edwards	0-0	0-0	0	1
David Howard	2-4	0-0	4	1
Foster Flamion	0-0	0-0	0	0
Tyler Wott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zach Hodgkin	2-3	1-2	5	2
Josh Watson	0-0	0-0	0	2
Josh Alford	7-8	0-0	16	1
Emerson Halbleib	8-9	3-5	19	2
Sam Mervis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-30	4-7	53	9

Score by Quarters  
 University 13 13 11 16 - 53  
 Irvington 14 15 8 4 - 41  
 University 3-point shooting (5-9) Sickels 3-6, Alford 2-2, Howard 0-1.  
 University rebounds (13) Alford 4, Halbleib 3, Hodgkin 2, Watson 2, Wott 1, Mervis 1.

# Fishers High School college signings



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Julia Calvert has committed to play soccer at Butler University.

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## HCC From Page 5

The Hoosier Crossroads, which began in 2000, has had relatively stable membership in its 16 years. The original eight schools included three from Hamilton County (Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville and Westfield), plus Avon and Brownsburg from Hendricks County, Zionsville from Boone County and Harrison and McCutcheon from Tippecanoe County.

Since it began, membership in the HCC has only changed three times. Lafayette Jeff entered the conference in 2004 after a decades-long run in the North Central Conference, and Fishers came on board when the school re-opened in 2006. In 2014, the three Lafayette-area schools left; Lafayette Jeff returned to the NCC with Harrison and McCutcheon joining as new members.

Conference Indiana, which started as a 10-team "super conference" in 1997, has seen its membership drop to seven as of this school year. Other current members are Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Columbus North, Southport, Terre Haute North and Terre Haute South. The conference once included schools such as Pike and Lawrence Central, which are both now in the Metropolitan Conference, while Decatur Central, Perry Meridian and Martinsville are now in the Mid-State Conference.

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# NBA standings

<b>Thursday's games</b>		Cleveland 119, New York 104
Portland 112, Orlando 103	Golden State 123, L.A.	
Detroit 114, Charlotte 108, OT	Clippers 113	
Houston 129, New Orleans 99	Sacramento 116, Denver 100	

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	37	20	.649	-
Toronto	33	24	.579	4.0
New York	23	35	.397	14.0
Philadelphia	21	35	.375	15.5
Brooklyn	9	47	.161	27.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	34	21	.618	-
Atlanta	32	24	.571	2.5
Miami	25	32	.439	10.0
Charlotte	24	33	.421	10.5
Orlando	21	38	.356	14.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	40	16	.714	-
Indiana	29	28	.509	11.0
Chicago	28	29	.491	12.0
Detroit	28	30	.483	13.0
Milwaukee	25	30	.455	14.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	35	22	.614	-
Oklahoma City	32	25	.561	3.0
Denver	25	32	.439	9.5
Portland	24	33	.421	11.5
Minnesota	22	35	.386	13.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	43	13	.768	-
Houston	41	18	.695	4.0
Memphis	34	24	.586	10.0
New Orleans	23	35	.397	20.5
Dallas	22	34	.393	21.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	48	9	.842	-
L.A. Clippers	35	22	.614	12.0
Sacramento	25	33	.431	23.5
L.A. Lakers	19	39	.328	29.0
Phoenix	18	39	.316	29.5

# IHSAA boys state swimming begins tonight

The IHSAA boys state swimming and diving finals begin tonight, with the top 32 swimmers in 11 events taking to the IU Natatorium at 6 p.m. for the preliminaries.

The top 16 in each swimming event during Friday's prelims will return for competition on Saturday with the top eight individuals vying for state championship honors. Those finishing nine through 16 on Friday will make up the competitors in the consolation heats.

All diving will take place on Saturday with the top 20 of 32 competitors advancing from the prelims to the semis after five dives each. After three dives each in the semis, the top 16 will advance to the final round for another three dives each.

Carmel is the two-time defending state champion and winner in five of the last seven years. The Greyhounds are shooting for their 17th state championship in the sport, the most of any school. Head coach Chris Plumb has guided Carmel to its last five state titles and also coached the school's girls team to another crown two

weeks ago.

There are five individuals who return as defending state champions with hopes to add more hardware to their collections.

Three-time champ Jack Franzman of Zionsville leads the way after winning both the 50 and 100 freestyle a year ago. He also swam the leadoff leg of the winning 200 free relay as a freshman two years ago when he attended Brownsburg. He enters Friday's prelims with the fourth-best times in both the 50 (20.89) and 100 (46.13).

Franzman's teammate Tyler Harmon will look to hold off all challengers after taking the 100 backstroke last season. His 50.83 stands as the fourth-best time in the event after Saturday's sectional. The senior also swam the third leg on the Eagles' championship 400 freestyle relay two years ago.

Carmel's Charles Vaughan also has two titles to his credit including last year's win in the 200 IM and had the state's third-best time (1:51.64) during Saturday's sectional. He also was the second leg on his team's

200 medley relay two years ago as a sophomore.

The Greyhounds have several top seeds, including the fastest times in all three relays. Drew Kibler is seeded first in the 200 and 100 freestyles, while Andrew Couchon holds the 50 free's fastest time. Freshman Wyatt Davis holds the top seed in the 500 free, with Stefano Batista the top seed in the breaststroke.

Meanwhile, Fishers' Nick Harris is the fifth seed in the 500 free, with Drake Stallworth rated eighth in the butterfly. The Tigers' 400 free relay teams is seeded second.

Hamilton Southeastern's 200 free relay team is rated fifth, while Hamilton Heights' Jared Holder has the fifth seed in the backstroke.

Northridge's Spencer Lehman is the keeper of last year's 500 freestyle state championship after becoming his school's first winner in the event. He clocked a 4:32.57, the third-best time last weekend.

Eighty-three schools and 504 student-athletes have qualified for this weekend's event. Sectionals began last week with 238 schools and 2,961 participants. The record was set in 2010 when 240 schools were represented in the tournament.



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