

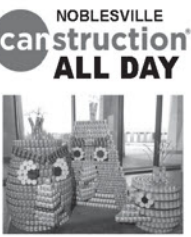
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Noblesville Reporter

Women in the “kitchen”

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

It's a different world today. A world where many women have chosen not to slave away in kitchens, cooking food for the evening meal when their husbands return home from work and their children arrive home after an active day at school, or, playing sports after school.

They've entered the world of business.

But, here in Noblesville women still are in the kitchen, so to speak. In a city crammed with restaurants in an active downtown area, several women are restaurant owners.

Like, for example, Mikki Perine, a life-long resident of Noblesville and the owner of Ginger's Café, located at 1804 E. Conner St.

Mikki made a career change six years ago, leaving the title writing business for a career as a waitress. Three years later, Mikki purchased Ginger's and has a career of specializing in biscuits and gravy with home fries and pancakes.

There are, Mikki said, lots of challenges in owning a restaurant.

“The biggest challenge,” she believes, “is getting good help. Lots of people are out of jobs but really don't want to work.”

Perine said men, in the business world, face the same challenges as women.

“Males are fighting the same challenges as women,” said Perine.

Ginger's seats 96 and is open for breakfast and lunch from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast is served at any time. Perine has a staff of 19.

“I work hard,” she said. “I love my customers.”

Cheryl Schulz is co-owner, along with partner Laura Berndt, of Alexander's on the square, a classic ice cream parlor in downtown Noblesville. Cheryl and Laura purchased the restaurant 20 years ago.



Mikki Perine (center) has owned Ginger's Cafe for three years and is one of several women who own a restaurant in Noblesville. Perine is pictured with customers Shirley Cecil (left) and Karen Phillips.

“The biggest change,” Cheryl said, “is today so much reporting to the government is required. Business hasn't changed that much. It's pretty consistent.”

“We have more restaurants in the downtown today, and that's good for business with all the added traffic the different restaurants attract.”

Schulz has listened to talk about a bypass around Noblesville. She doesn't favor a bypass.

“I've never seen a bypass that helped business (in the city),” Cheryl said. “When State Road 37 opened, we took a hit in the

downtown. Hamilton County moving some of its offices away from the downtown hasn't helped.”

Schulz and Berndt put in long hours. Alexander's is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Depending on the time of season, the restaurant employs a staff of 10-15.

Another Noblesville native is Carrie Courtney, who along with her brother, Cass, own Courtney's Kitchen, located on Logan Street in downtown Noblesville. On Oct. 15, they celebrated their third year at that location.

Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**

National Business Women's Week

“We got experience by starting a restaurant at the American Legion,” Carrie said. “We were there from October, 2010 to May, 2011. It was a great experience.”

Carrie's family had been in the restaurant business.

“Owning a restaurant became a family dream,” she said. “I'm

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Here's your chance to help PLANoblesville

Do you want to be Mayor for a Day? Do you want to have your views heard on how Noblesville, in the future, can be a bigger and better city?

Here's your chance.

The City of Noblesville will host the last open house in a series of public workshops as part of the update to the city's Comprehensive Master Plan.

The public is invited to the workshop on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Noblesville East Middle School cafeteria, located at 300 N. 17 Street.

Titled “PLANoblesville,” this initiative will outline a vision and strategic framework for future development, redevelopment and community building projects.

Interested citizens and business owners are invited to assist with PLANoblesville by attending the workshop and taking part in decisions that will shape the future of the city. Participants will have the opportunity to review and discuss the goals and objectives

Warnings from Sheriff about scammers

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is warning residents of driveway paving scammers working the Central Indiana and Hamilton County area. These individuals seem to target the elderly and people who live in the rural areas of the county.

Investigators say a person representing the paving company will contact homeowners and tell them they are working on a job nearby and have leftover materials. After the job is half done the paving crew will increase the price of the job or say they need more money to finish.

Later, homeowners will discover the poor quality of workmanship and shoddy materials the paving company used. In the Hamilton County area the suspects were not using hot asphalt but cold asphalt grindings, called millings, from the top surface of a roadway.

The Sheriff's Office reported one elderly victim in Westfield paid nearly \$7,800 for the job that was likely worth as little as \$1,500 to \$2,000. Just days after the work was completed, grass was already popping through the surface of the asphalt.

The Sheriff's Office suggests a good rule of thumb is to use extreme caution or never do business with a paving company that operates door to door.

Another warning from the Sheriff concerns telephone calls made from scammers claiming to work for the IRS. A complainant in Fishers was told he had filed his taxes incorrectly for the last 10 years and if he did not pay a penalty, a warrant would be issued for his arrest.

The complainant was asked to go to a grocery store and get a “tax

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Reporter Newspapers, LLC, which includes the Noblesville Reporter and the Hamilton County North Reporter, is growing.

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Now, publisher Jeff Jellison, announces that the Noblesville Reporter will be sold at five Noblesville Speedway Stations and also at the Kroger Store in Noblesville. Speedway locations are at 17645 Little Chicago Road; 3150 E. Conner St.; 1176 S. 10th St.; 510 Westfield Road and 2290 Greenfield Ave.

“This announcement is a big step in the growth of the Noblesville Reporter,” Jellison stated. “Currently the Reporter is distributed free of charge, by mail and by carriers, throughout Noblesville City and Township on a sampling, week-by-week basis. Subscriptions can also be purchased, which guarantee weekly circulation by mail. A circulation form is available elsewhere in the newspaper you are reading.”

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“We are proud of the fact that this is a Noblesville-only newspaper, from front to back, and proud that we are locally owned and operated,” Jellison said.

This is the seventh issue of the Noblesville Reporter. The Hamilton County North Reporter, which includes news only from the Sheridan, Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta areas, is beginning its 10th month of operation.

With the growth, we have growing pains. We have needs for additional sales people in all of our areas, Noblesville, Sheridan and Hamilton Heights. These are part-time positions. Previous experience in newspaper ad sales is not required. We will provide the training.

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While the owners of Ginger’s Courtney’s and Alexander are long-timers in the city, Debbie Bougerie isn’t. She is, however, a veteran in the restaurant business. She recently celebrated the third anniversary of Rosie’s Place, located at 68 N. 9th Street on the courthouse square.

Bougerie grew up in a family business in St. Louis. After going to school to learn the trade, Debbie ran the family restaurant for 15 years.

“Then we had a detour to Boston,” she said. “My husband was transferred to Boston and for eight years I stayed home as we raised three daughters. I’ve been here in this area for 10 years.

“Gosh, yes, Noblesville is a great place to do business. The downtown is great. We get a lot of local traffic from the courthouse and from the downtown area, but lots of our customers also come from other cities and states.”

Bougerie said her challenge is the unknown.

“In running a small business today, you don’t know what to expect from the government.

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Everyone is concerned about what is coming in health care.”

Rosie’s has a staff of 25. The restaurant is open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends.

While Rosie’s has a flair for brown sugar oatmeal pancakes with blueberries, and Alexander’s specializes in ice cream and Courtney’s in home cooked meals, and Ginger’s has its biscuits and gravy, Matteo’s is a different type of restaurant where customers can dine on a fine Italian meal with wine as well as enjoy fine art and great music. Located on the square at 40 N. 9th Street, Matteo’s is open for lunch and dinner.

Emily Dirosa has owned Matteo’s for 10 years, 11 years this coming March. She graduated from Indiana University; worked in an Italian restaurant in Indianapolis as a waitress, and then started the restaurant in Noblesville.

“It’s great owning a restaurant in Noblesville,” she said. “It’s hard work, but this is a great spot for a restaurant. The city (government) has helped us in a variety of ways. We have great loyal customers. We have our local customers and we have people driving north from Indianapolis, Carmel and Fishers and we seem to get several customers from Kokomo.

“Once people come north, they enjoy eating at our restaurants and at other spots in Noblesville,” said Dirosa.

Emily manages a staff of approximately 25 employees.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Debbie Bougerie is a hands-on owner at Rosie’s Place on the square, helping out in the kitchen on a busy Tuesday. Bougerie has owned Rosie’s Place for three years.

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that have been outlined by the city based on previous public feedback.

Results from the workshop will then serve as a continuing guide for the city’s Planning Department in the development of the final draft of PLANoblesville, the 2013 comprehensive plan update.

In previous workshops, small groups were organized and conducted a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis, some of which follows:

Weakness: Gateways to downtown need more appeal (i.e. landscaping).

Opportunity: Downtown can be revitalized with mixed-use development.

Opportunity: Embrace the river and the reservoir by riverwalk, paths, shops, etc.

Opportunity: Ivy Tech and other technical or skills training.

Weakness: Lack of trails and sidewalks.

Strength: Historic district in downtown is authentic and has unique amenities (i.e. railroad).

Weakness: More opportunities needed for entertainment and recreation.

Weakness: Taxes are higher compared to other Hamilton County communities.

Opportunity: Capitalize on other community development around Noblesville (i.e. Grand Park in Westfield).

Weakness: Pockets of vitality are disconnected by trails and walking opportunities.

Opportunity: Embrace the railroad as an asset.

Threat: Current comp plan does not address downtown mixed-use development.

Weakness: Lack of diversity in restaurant choices.

Opportunity: Improvement of State Road 37 to ease traffic and diversify business offerings.

Strength: Existing sense of community around downtown core.

Have ideas of your own? This is your opportunity by attending the Oct. 24 public workshop.

City News

River Avenue work

The City of Noblesville and Hamilton County are partnering on a temporary road closure to do maintenance on the bridge over Cicero Creek on River Avenue (Road) between 160th Street and State Road 32.

Access will be maintained to all homes and businesses throughout the duration of the project. River Avenue will be open from the north to local traffic from State Road 32 down to 17090 River Road. This includes Bannon & Son, Dove’s Nest Subiv., Fink Dental, Hamilton Heart, River’s Edge Apt., River Run Subdiv., Warren Auto, Westbrook Village, Westridge Subdiv., and White River Canoe.

River Avenue will be open from the south to local traffic from 160th Street to 16567 River Road. Flaggers will assist traffic.

Change in meeting

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners have changed their Dec. 23 meeting to Thursday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m.

This is the last meeting of 2013 and will be held to deal with date sensitive or emergency items only. The agenda deadline for this meeting is 12 noon on Monday, Dec. 16.

Riverview seminar

Riverview Hospital will host a joint replacement seminar from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Dr. Jeffrey Ginther, a board certified and fellowship trained orthopedic surgeon, will discuss the latest techniques and procedures for hip and knee replacement, including the anterior hip replacements. He will also explain procedure and treatment options, and talk about who is a good candidate for surgery.

The seminar will take place at Riverview Hospital in the Krieg DeVault Conference Room, located in the lower level of the Women’s Pavilion. A light dinner will be served. The program is free, but registration is required by going to riverview.org or calling 317-776-7999.

This week in Hamilton County history

75 Years Ago
Twenty-five milk cows were sold at the weekly Farmers’ Connection at Woodward Sale Barn. Top price was \$68. It was one of the largest sales in many months.

County highway superintendent Lem Carey said county roads were in good shape for the upcoming winter season after a large amount of gravel was spread.

50 Years Ago
The Hamilton County Commissioners agreed to take back State Road 431 from the state after the state said the highway was in perfect condition.

Seven county bridges were being widened, including four on road 238 and one each on roads 234, 38 and 47.

25 Years Ago
Local supporters offered to pay up to \$15,000 for a “Welcome Noblesville” sign if the name of local singer Steve Wariner was included on the sign.

Ledger general manager and treasurer of the Republican Editorial Association Ruth Anne Nunamaker introduced speaker Sen. Richard Lugar as the Association’s 110th annual dinner.

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Building Permits



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Construction continues to be robust in the Slater Farms subdivision on the west side of Noblesville. Shown here is a house being built on Bluestone Drive.

Who is hammering in your neighborhood?

Led by a \$600,000 remodel at 14450 Getz Road, a total of \$1,507,270 was issued in Noblesville building permits this past week. The remodel is Pharmakon Phamaceuticals going into the Old Permiks Logistics building in the Corporate Campus. There were 34 permits issued during the week.

Single Family
Weekley Homes of Indiana, Twin Oaks, 6083 Boundary Drive, \$238,000.
Beazer Homes, Prairie Crossing Lakes, 7851 Busby Bend Drive, \$97,000.
Beazer Homes, Prairie Crossing Lakes, 19492 Chip Shot Road, \$117,000.
Pulte Homes, Meadows of Shelborne, 12745 Cold Stream Road, \$148,000.
Pulte Homes, Meadows of Shelborne, 12725 Cold Stream Road, \$148,000.

Accessory Structure
Philip Stanley Lewis Jr., Deer Path, 12245 Rally Court, \$1,000.

April L. Epperson, 549 N. 14th Street, \$845.00.

Commercial Alteration
Meyer Najem Corporate, Saxony Corporate Campus, 14450 Getz Road, \$600,000.
MacDougall Pierce Co., 2001 Stony Creek Road, \$40,000.

Improvement Location
Gaylor Group, Inc., Pleasant Street Commercial, 17225 Kraft Court; no valuation listed.
Greenlawn Underground, Lochaven at Noble West, 6100 Roxburgh Place; no valuation listed.

Sign
Nickel Plate Arts, 107 & 123 S. 8th Street; no valuation listed.
Lew's Plumbing, Evans & Gray; 1106 S. 8th Street; no valuation listed.
David Bastin, 400 Noble Creek Drive, \$1,000.00.

Pool
Blue Haven Pools, Slater Ridge, 16954 Timbers Edge Drive, \$55,425.

Others
Greenlawn Underground, Chapel Woods, 10933 Boxwood Lane;

Duke Energy, Slater Woods, 169th Street and Rosetree Court; Annette Davis, South Harbour, 140 Cottonwood Circle; Barthuly Irrigation, Country Lake Estates, 20491 Country Pine Court; Vine & Branch, Wellington Northeast, 112 Chesterfield Drive; Ping's Tree Service, South Harbour, 2001 Walnut Way; MSHS Hardsurface, South Harbour, 1506 Persimmon Place; Richmarc Productions, Noblesville Original Plat, parking spaces west side of 9th Street; Custom Touch Irrigation, Sagamore, 16443 Valhalla Drive; Boram Lawn & Irrigation, Horzons at Cumberland Pointe, 15243 Harmon Place; Roto-Rooter, 1220 Chestnut Street.

Fence
Jeanette Welch, Fairfield Farms, 18838 Orleans Court; Judith Cass, Forest Hill Estates, 844 Forest Ridge Drive.

Residential Remodel
Certified Construction, 3211 Westfield Road, \$15,015.
CMH Builders, Stony Ridge, 9966 Jasper Court, \$61,000.

Marriage Licenses

Collin D. Gayde, 34, Noblesville, and Kathryn S. Dudek, 25, Noblesville.
Robert Redden, 26, Noblesville, and Jessica Kiefer, 26, Bloomington.
John C. Kinney, 24, Noblesville, and Morgan L. Welty, 24, Indianapolis.
Kevin Scott Shirk, 30, Tipton, and Amber Rose Davis, 27, Noblesville.
Brent Adam Smith, 29, Noblesville, and Megan Joy Stanley, 25, Noblesville.
Kyle Andrew Killen, 30, Noblesville, and Ashlee Lynne Medlin, 31, Noblesville.
Celso Wences, 40, Noblesville, and Maria Elena Lozano, 42, Noblesville.
Seth Brendon Haynes, 25, Noblesville, and Jessica L. Perkinson, 26, Arlington, VA.
Gordon Andrew Buhler, 24, Noblesville, and Courtney Renee Maas, 22, Fishers.
Joshua P. Short, 23, Noblesville, and Brianna L. Bartley, 24, Noblesville.
David Paul Holstein, 26, Noblesville, and Kali Anne Denney, 25, South Bend.
Thomas Johnson Fox, 35, Noblesville, and Heather Michelle Brunson, 33, Fishers.
Drexel Lee Combs, 58, Noblesville, and Dienne Kaye Gardner, 49, Noblesville.
Phillip Jeffery Spann, 20, Noblesville, and Paige Elizabeth Tishner, 22, Fishers.

Hamilton East releases new materials

The Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville has released a list of its latest materials.

Adult Fiction
The Shadow Lamp, Steve Lawhead; **Holy Orders: A Quirke Novel**, Benjamin Black; **The Thicket**, Joe Lansdale; **Blindsided**, Fern Michaels; **Dr. Sleep**, Stephen King; **The Spymistress**, Jennifer Chiaverini; **Deceived**, Randy White; **The Final Cut**, Catherine Coulter; **The Price of Innocence**, Lisa Black; **Dexter's Final Cut: a novel**; Jeffry Lindsay.

Adult Nonfiction
The New eBay: official guide to buying, selling, running at profitable business: Todd Alexander; **Dogtripping: 25 rescues, 11 volunteers, and 3 RVs on our canine cross country adventure**: David Rosenfelt; **Let Freedom Ring: Stanley Tretick's iconic images of the March on Washington**: Kitty Kelley; **Fevered: why a hotter planet will hurt our health, and how we can save ourselves**: Linda Marsa; **The American Craft Beer Cookbook, 155 recipes from your favorite brewpubs and**

breweries: John Holl; **Countdown, our last best hope for a future on earth**: Alan Weisman; **The Conquest of the Ocean, the illustrated history of seafaring**: Brian Lavery; **Being Sober, a step-by-step plan for getting to, getting through and living in recovery**: Harry L. Horoutunian; **The Bridesmaid's Manual, make it to and through the wedding with your sanity**: Sarah Stein; **You'll Get Through This, hope and help from your turbulent times**: Max Lucado.

DVD
Barrymore; Bunohan, return to murder; Jubal; Kai po che Brothers for Life; The Pool; The thick of It; White Frog; The Place Beyond the Pines; G.I. Joe, retaliation; Amour.

CD
20/20 Experience, Justin Timberlake; **The Appeal**, Gucci Mane; **Messiah, Arias and choruses**; George Frideric Handel; **The Low Highway**, Steve Earle; **Indicud**, Kid Cudi; **Now What?:** Deep Purple; **Man of Steel**: Soundtrack; **Under the Covers**: Gretchen Wilson; **Seesaw**; Beth Hart; **Cloud Atlas**: Soundtrack.

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Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) saved an old building on South Eighth Street in Noblesville from demolition. The building is serving today as offices for the not for profit.

HAND Deserves High Five

By MARY SUE ROWLAND



Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development known as HAND celebrated its tenth anniversary last week with a gathering of supporters who have shared accomplishments and good work. In their Mission of investing in neighborhoods, providing housing solutions and building partnerships to improve lives in Hamilton County, HAND has reached beyond its goal and mission. Housing opportunities in Sheridan has been improved with HAND project Spicewood Garden Apartments that offers 52 patio style apartments for seniors. Cicero has in progress the Lakeside Gardens and new construction single-family homes for first-time buyers in north Hamilton County. Noblesville has the Pebble Brook Gardens, nine patio-style apartments for seniors, Plum Tree Gardens, six patio-style apartments for seniors and the Roper Lofts, a downtown revitalization providing eight 1 bedroom apartments. Not only did the Roper Lofts project provide housing, it was a model revitalization of existing deteriorating buildings. Along with the Hamilton Country Convention and Visitors Bureau revitalization project on 8th and Maple streets in Noblesville, HAND has added improvements to the same 8th street corridor making a big difference for the neighborhood and the community.

There are hundreds of folks who have contributed to HAND in hundreds of ways along with over \$12 million dollars invested in Hamilton County in the last 10 years but a handful of people made the difference.

That special group included RICK CONNER who was the strategic leader during the development and implementation stages of HAND and has served for 20 plus years on the Noblesville Housing Authority. Others with special thanks are TROY HALSELL, GAIL ROTHROCK, MARK WINZENREAD, COLLEEN BUESCHING, KEN PULLER, JOHN TERRY, REX DILLINGER, CHUCK HEINTZELMAN, MARSHA BROWN AND CONSTANCE JONES.

The HAND Strategic Plan says, “The impact of HAND’s initiatives on the residents of Hamilton County is the most powerful reason to continue these efforts. HAND’s housing solutions help: Stabilize neighborhoods by supporting homeowners in maintaining ownership of safe, quality, affordable homes, build family assets as they pursue first-time homeownership; close the gap on available quality rental housing options so that seniors can comfortable age in place; provide affordable options so the retail workforce can live in the same community in which they work; and reduce housing costs so residents are not overly burdened. All of which, promotes stable housing, strengthens neighborhoods and maintains vibrant communities”. Most of the funding for the work of HAND comes from County Administered Federal Funds and Private Tax Credit Investments along with smaller sums of Private Loans, Private Grants, State Administered Federal Funds and the smallest contribution Local Government.

Executive Director, Nate Lichti, Program Manager, Michelle Westermeier, all directors, contributors and volunteers now and in the past, job well done.

Contact information: HAND, 347 S. 8th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060, (317) 674-8108 www.handincorporated.org , click on, How you can help!

Letters to the Editor

Salary changes should only apply to next terms

Interesting Council Meeting tonight. I recognize most of you may not have an interest in my thoughts but wish to suggest the council forgo any salary increases for all elected officials.

The logic for this mindset is a result of the pay for the job that you were elected to perform was set when you ran for office. Not a salary amount yet to be determined after you are elected and thus allowing for you to assist in raising your own salary. Most voters I believe would not have an issue with the council continuing to give raises pertaining to the salary for Mayor, Treasurer, Council Members, Judges, etc., following the election. Any salary changes for this class should apply to the next term and NOT BENEFIT THE CURRENTLY ELECTED!

Another thought comes to mind regarding the Noblesville City Court. As I recall the court no longer hears Noblesville traffic cases. Noblesville cases in this court

are limited to ordinance issues with the balance and most if not all of the traffic cases coming from Westfield. What's to keep Westfield from doing its own thing, then Noblesville will be stuck with a HIGHLY paid administrator. I believe many voters will agree with Mr. Woods and Mr. Connors summation of the additional request advanced by the current City Judge.

Just some thoughts and an opinions worth sharing given the suggested \$ 6 million budget increase that includes as I understand a minimum of a seven percent health insurance increase and other cost associated with employee cost that may not be sustainable over a long period given the total cost of employees after considering the employee cost for the FOP, Police Department and the Fire Department!

JIM WILLIAMS
Noblesville

Reader enjoys seeing historical stories, current events

I have been enjoying "The Noblesville Reporter" especially since we no longer have the Noblesville Ledger. The historical stories about Noblesville and Hamilton County are favorites for my husband Bob and me. Current events of family-oriented

things to participate in are also welcomed. Thank you for your part in helping this new paper come into existence!

DIANA HEISKELL
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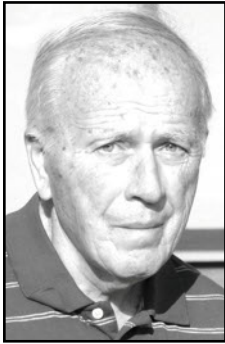
voucher” to send money to the IRS. A different suspect later called the complainant and said he was an employee of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office and he would be issuing an arrest warrant if the complainant did not comply. The complainant called the Sheriff’s Office and found there was no employee with that name and no warrants were being issued.

The Sheriff’s Office warns the public that they do not issue warrants for tax issues with the IRS. Any person that calls asking for money to be sent by wire transfer or some type of pre-paid visa card for any reason is more than likely a scam.

The IRS has been contacted and confirmed that they will always attempt to contact a taxpayer by mail first. If any individual is contacted by the IRS, they can always ask for the IRS agent’s ID number or ask to speak with a supervisor. If there are questions, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

City, County, State never will agree

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor



In my opinion there never will be a bypass around Noblesville. Not in my lifetime. Probably, not in your lifetime.

I hope you read the story in last week’s Reporter when Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear and State Senator Luke Kenley all gave their views concerning helping get vehicles through downtown Noblesville.

For Noblesville to have a bypass around the city would require the state (Conner Street through the downtown is a state highway), the city and the county all to be on the same page. I don’t think that’s going to happen.

Dillinger, in the Reporter story, talked about the county building a bridge over White River, connecting with Pleasant Street, and thus, bypassing downtown Noblesville to the south.

Ditslear expressed concern of what a bypass might do to business in the downtown.

Kenley questioned how many home owners in south Noblesville might lose their homes to make space for a bypass.

Ditslear, Dillinger and Kenley are powerful figures because of the positions they hold. They, also, are long-time Noblesville residents. Dillinger and Kenley grew up in Noblesville. Ditslear moved here as a young adult.

So, how in the heck do we get all those cars (more and more every day) and all those big and nasty trucks through, or around, or under, or over Noblesville?

A friend of mine suggested tunneling under the city. If New York City, he said, can do that with its subway system, why can’t Noblesville tunnel under the Uptown, City Hall and Jim Dandy?

Or, how about building a bridge-type system over Conner Street? Kind of like the “L” in Chicago. That system has been getting folks in the Windy City over the city since 1947.

As you may have noticed, I have weird friends.

Probably, my suggestion might, also, appear to be a little weird.

Traffic isn’t really all that bad through Noblesville except during the rush hours in

the mornings and evenings. Could traffic flow better through Noblesville if police officers were stationed to direct the flow? Just asking.

Each morning for the last four years I’ve traveled from Noblesville to Carmel on Gray Road. Until this year, traffic was jammed up at Guerin Catholic High School. This year an off-duty policeman is on hand to direct traffic, which now easily flows through the area.

I know, one little jam at Guerin isn’t like trying to get into Noblesville from the east or west during rush hours, but could the city situation improve with police officers on hand? Golly, we’re only talking about a two or three hour period of the day.

Thinking back to my early days, I always laugh when I hear folks talk about congested traffic in downtown Noblesville. How it’s nearly impossible to park around the courthouse square.

These people should have lived here in the 1950s and 1960s when the downtown was much different than downtown Noblesville today.

As I recall, we had four major grocery stores in the downtown area. Back in those days, not only did Noblesville folks come downtown to buy their groceries, so did many of the county folks from Sheridan, Cicero, Arcadia, Westfield, Fishers, and, yes, even Carmel. Noblesville’s population wasn’t nearly as large as today, but when the farmers came to town to shop you couldn’t buy a space on the courthouse square. And, each day as owners and employees of downtown businesses would park around the square, folks trying to find parking spaces to do their shopping would shout their complaints all the way to City Hall.

Also located in downtown Noblesville at that time were the clothing stores, the drug stores, the shoe stores and even two movie houses. If you wanted to watch a movie in those days you either went to Sheridan, which had one, or to Noblesville.

The only businesses I can think of which today draw more people to Noblesville compared to the 1950s and 1960s are restaurants. Best count, there were three, maybe four, restaurants back in those days.

Trucks? Noblesville, you think you have problems with trucks today?

Back in the day, big semis would lumber into the downtown to deliver supplies to local businesses. Furniture stores. Trucks delivering to the local grocery stores. Trucks, huge trucks with rolls of newsprint for the

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The County Line

‘Massacre at Fall Creek’ tells of an important part of history

By FRED SWIFT



The Massacre at Fall Creek' was a popular historical novel in 1986, written by Hoosier native Jessamyn West. It told the story of a "first" in American history when five men were convicted of killing Indians. And, the story is based on a factual event. Actually seven white men were accused of murdering a group of nine Indians camped on the banks of Fall Creek on March 22, 1824. The attack actually took place in Madison County near Pendleton. But, the plot was hatched by two Hamilton County residents in their cabin located at the junction of Thorpe Creek and Fall Creek in this county. The event was big news in Indiana at the time, even attracting the governor, J.B. Ray to the scene of the trial a few months after the massacre. And, 162 years later the tragic event received national attention when Miss West published her account of the killings. Historians agree that in early 1824 the nine Indian victims including four children were peacefully living on Fall Creek, and apparently getting along well with white settlers in the area. For some unknown reason local residents Andrew Sawyer, James Hudson and John Bridges

determined they would attack and rob the unsuspecting Indians, and with the help of four others stormed the camp and killed all nine Indians. The incident was reported to authorities who gathered a posse and hunted down most of the attackers. Five were charged in the deaths. Hudson who allegedly led the attack, escaped and was never located. The other four were tried, convicted and sentenced to hang. The massacre frightened settlers and Indians alike in the area with everyone involved fearing more violence. William Conner was called upon to speak with Indians in the area to assure them that justice would be served. And, within a few weeks the guilty men were hanged one by one until the fourth, 17-year old John Bridges, Jr., was led to the gallows. Despite pleas from dozens of residents who said young Bridges did not know what he was doing, the hangman had the noose around the teenager's neck when dramatically the governor himself rode up on horseback with a pardon for the young man. Bridges eventually settled near Delphi, Indiana. A law-abiding citizen, he raised a family, and lived another 52 years. Today, few people know about the historic event that occurred in our own backyard. The site of the Bridges' cabin where the evil deed was planned is now under the water of Geist Reservoir. At Pendleton a historic marker briefly tells the story of this chapter of history when justice for Indians was first established.

By AIMEE GEBHART



Do you remember that scene at the end of Dirty Dancing when Baby's father approaches Johnny after the big dance number and says, "When I'm wrong, I say I'm wrong"? Well folks, the part of Dr. Houseman will be played by me: I WAS WRONG. As you may recall from last week's story, I had all kinds of preconceived notions about Brody the personal trainer. Surprisingly, he was not quite the jerk that I thought he would be. When I met with him for my complimentary training session, I learned some valuable truths about him. For starters, he is not a low talker after all. He was loud and clear while bossing me around the gym, and I liked it. (Insert cougar roar here.) I also discovered that he is actually pretty humble. No cocky attitude, no bragging, no "Which way to the weight room?" while flexing his biceps. And, most importantly, I found out that he must have aced his Cougar 101 course at personal trainer school. When I first arrived at the gym, he and I had a sit down to discuss my "diet and fitness plan". He made me fill out a questionnaire, and as soon as he saw my age, he said, "Wow. You do NOT look your age!" Yeah right. I can just hear his Cougar Instructor now....."No matter how old and haggard she looks, tell her she looks 10 years younger! These cougars are vulnerable and need all the affirmation they can get! Their eggs are drying up in record numbers, and the only thing that alleviates the pain is being complimented by hot younger guys!" Being a teacher myself, I'm actually quite proud of Brody for applying what he learned. But my daddy didn't raise a fool - I knew Brody was trying to make a sale.

After our little talk, I took a detour to the women's locker room before our workout began. Imagine my surprise when I walked in and was greeted with the biggest pair of naked bosoms I've ever seen in my life! (Did you know that women actually walk around naked in these places? I thought only guys did that!) Now I'm no prude; nudity in art or science does not offend me. But in public? I have to admit, the way those things were jiggling around, I wanted to throw her a towel and say, "Cover those puppies up! There are kids in here!" Next time I will come prepared for such displays. I finally made it to the treadmill, and after a 10 minute jog in which I could never establish my target heart rate, I met Brody on the weight room floor. It was about 10 minutes into a heavy leg lift on a weight machine that I started to regret wearing full makeup to the gym. It was hot, and I was SWEATING. For those who don't know, sweat + makeup = muddy face. As I was lying face down, I made the mistake of resting my muddy face on the bench. When I lifted back up, I realized I had left a huge face print on it. Brody was only inches away from my face coaching me when this happened. Thank goodness he was a gentleman and never made a single remark. My apologies to whoever used that machine after me. After the weights, we headed to the mat. He taught me how to do "planks", and then we played a fun little game where I had to sit up while holding an eight-pound ball. Painful, but effective. All of that embarrassment and concern that I had before was starting to fade. Then he told me to stretch out flat on the floor. Being blindly obedient, I did as I was told. Next thing I knew, he was standing over me, straddling my head, and telling me to grab his ankles. He also wanted me to throw my feet up in the air so he could grab them. Umm - what? I was convinced that this must be some hazing ritual he and his trainer friends do to girls

on their first visit to see if anyone will actually fall for it. Well, I did, and it ended up being a great exercise. We had a good laugh, and I was eternally grateful that the guy was wearing pants and not shorts. I don't think I would have survived if the mouse had been out of the house, if you know what I mean. When it was over, we went back to his cubicle to wrap things up. I knew what was coming. It was like the end of a date when you know you aren't going to go out with the person again, but you don't know how to break the news. As soon as he started his sales pitch, I started stuttering and stammering trying to figure out how to let him down easily. It came out something like, "Uh, yeah, nooooo, I don't think soooooo." (Uncomfortable silence.) I'm not sure, but I think I saw a look of betrayal in his big brown eyes. I went on to explain that we just didn't have that kind of money right now, and that I really appreciated his help in the gym. But...he knew. It wasn't meant to be. He shook my hand politely, thanked me for coming in, and showed me to the door. As I left, I realized that even though I felt bad for Brody, I was glad for me for several reasons. 1. He never calculated my body fat. 2. I didn't have any urge to fart, not even once. 3. Not a single booger was found on my face. I know that the next time I go, I will feel awkward if I see Brody. But, as with all guys that I dumped in the past, I will do what I do best - avoid him. And with any luck, I'll be able to avoid Miss Jiggly Jugs as well. Aimee Gebhart graduated from Noblesville High School in 1993 and Indiana University in 1997. She is a second grade teacher for Carmel Clay Schools. Aimee resides in Noblesville with her husband, Ed, and their daughter, Faith..

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Noblesville Ledger and Hudler Press, somehow got into an alley connecting Logan and Conner streets, and then would block that alley for hours while unloading. You should have been here in the 1950s and 1960s, and then today driving behind a gravel truck on Conner Street might not seem to be such a problem.

I understand, with this column, I haven't solved the traffic problem of getting through Noblesville. But, then neither have our city, county and state leaders who for years have been working to find an answer. It will be years and years more before they come up with a plan. Getting everyone to agree is the problem. Wouldn't it be great if that would happen sometime soon?

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In Sectional 4, pick a team, any team

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Arguably, Class 6 A, Sectional 4 is the toughest high school football sectional in Indiana.

Arguably!

But, there is no debate, at least in the minds of Hamilton County football fans, about Sectional 4 being the most competitive sectional in the state. How could it not be, with Hamilton County’s four largest high schools slugging it out for the championship?

Noblesville and Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern and Carmel going head to head for all the marbles. This Friday, the Millers will host the Tigers at Hare Chevrolet Stadium and the Royals will host the Greyhounds at Reynolds Royals Stadium.

Could it get any better that this?

“I am very excited,” said Carmel coach Kevin Wright. “Growing up in Hamilton County, this is like the old single class basketball sectional, except there is a lot more parity with the growth of Hamilton Southeastern, Fishers and Noblesville. Every game should not only be a rivalry game, but very intense and should draw a lot of excitement from all four schools. That means good crowds and a tremendous atmosphere.”

Wright, who has coached at Carmel four years, also has coached at Noblesville and he grew up in Hamilton County playing high school football for his Hall of Fame father, Bud Wright, at Sheridan.

All four schools, at one time this season, have been ranked in the state’s Class 6A Top 10.

A favorite? Pick one, if you can.

Fishers? The Tigers have the best record with an 8-1 mark. Noblesville? The Millers are on the other side of the coin with a 5-4 record, but they dished out Fishers’ only loss of the season when Noblesville opened the year with a 27-24 victory over the Tigers.

Carmel? The Greyhounds are 6-3 and have lost only to Kentucky powerhouse Louisville Trinity, 42-35, and to MIC Conference neighbors Center Grove, 35-26, and Ben Davis, 28-24. The loss to Ben Davis deprived Carmel of winning the conference crown. Hamilton Southeastern? The Royals are 7-2. They were stunned, 51-31, by backyard rival Fishers in the second game of the season, and HSE also lost to Westfield, 38-18, the No. 1 ranked team in Class 5A.

“Our goal versus Fishers is to finish,” said Noblesville mentor

Lance Scheib. “In three of our four losses this season, we had a chance to win on the final possession. We need to learn from the regular season and use this to our advantage as we play in the tournament.”

Scheib said Noblesville’s biggest improvement since the win over Fishers has been in the area of gaining confidence.

“When the season started we didn’t know we could win,” said the coach. “Now we have Noblesville’s first regular season winning season since 2006 (5-4). The great thing is that we’re 9-for-9 in giving ourselves a chance to win. The confidence has grown all year. We’re a different team entering Week 10.

“The biggest negative to the season,” Scheib said, “was having lost (senior linebacker) Luke Kseniak to injury. He was the heart and soul of our defense. The good thing is linebackers Ben Elliott, Zack Niezer, Mitch Mackesey and Mike Neely have really stepped up.”

Fishers coach Rick Wimmer knows first hand just how good Noblesville can be.

“Noblesville is a very good football team, as we found out in the opening week of the season,” Wimmer said. “They are extremely well-coached and they play very hard. They outperformed us in every phase of the game, offense, defense and special teams. They deserved to win probably by a larger margin than was shown at the end of the game.”

“We are facing the Hoosier Crossroads Conference champion,” Scheib pointed out. “They were conference champs for a reason. They are No. 1 in the conference in scoring. They are good; really good. Our defense will have to do a good job on their three-headed monster, their tailback (Harvey Allen), quarterback (Connor Christiansen) and receiver (J-Shun Harris).”

Christiansen had a big game as Fishers finished the regular season with a 41-17 win over Brownsburg. He threw for 210 yards (12-of-15), bringing his season total to 1,738 yards. Allen carried only four times in the game, but Maurice Campbell carried 20 times for 110 yards. Harvey has 675 yards rushing the pigskin and Campbell is just a step behind with 616.

“We will need to control their Big 3 on offense. They cause you issues with the way they throw the ball and run the ball. It will take a



Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville's Josh Podzielinski (72) has been tough in the guard position for the Millers this season. Noblesville will host Fishers in the first round of sectionals this Friday, Oct. 25. Pictured at left is the Millers’ Cody Smith.

great team effort on defense to contain their play-makers.

“On defense,” Scheib continued, “Fishers causes us concerns with how aggressive their front is and how their linebackers flow to the ball. The secondary is outstanding and limits the passing lanes.”

“We are an improved football team,” Wimmer said about his Tigers. “But, they have certainly made improvements as well as they worked through their season. The biggest difference between their 5-4 record and our 8-1 record has been some very close games that we have been fortunate enough to win and they have fallen just a play or two short. Often times the line between winning and losing is very thin. We have been fortunate to find ways to win some close games.”

Noblesville and Fishers have never met in a post-season game. In the regular season, the Millers won their first two meetings with the Tigers and then lost to Fishers five consecutive times before breaking the string this season.

Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern have not played a regular season games since HSE and the Hoosier Crossroads

Conference went to a nine game schedule in 2005. Since that time, the Greyhounds and Royals have split a pair of post-season tilts, Southeastern winning 17-7 in 2005 and Carmel winning 17-9 in 2009. With the HCC going to a seven-team conference next year, Southeastern and Carmel will resume their once fierce competition against each other.

“HSE is probably the most talented team in their conference on paper,” Wright talked about the Royals. “They have a big time receiver in (Cameron) Polk who is going to Louisville and the (Jamitreus) Crockham kid is one of the best athletes in the state. Their quarterback (Tyler Janney) is very underrated and a guy who can beat you with his arm, but also is a very good runner.

“Southeastern has similar athletes to the teams we have played in the MIC, and they are very good up front, especially on the defensive line.

“It would be a tremendous challenge,” Wright said, “to go to their place and beat them, especially after playing Warren Central, Pike and Ben Davis in consecutive weeks.”

Carmel is coming off a stunning loss to Ben Davis, a game in which the Greyhounds led 24-0 late in the first half. In that game, Wright got a solid 1-2 running punch from Chris Perkins (12 carries for 84 yards) and Isaac James (12 carries for 83 yards), but Carmel was held to just 57 yards passing, while Ben Davis threw for 251 yards.

“When you look at Sectional 4,” said Southeastern coach Scott May, “I am not sure there is a good draw. For us, we have played both Fishers and Noblesville, so to get Carmel in round one at our place isn’t a bad thing. Carmel is always a good team that plays in the MIC, but I do think the HCC is a good conference and maybe one of the toughest years for teams in the conference. Week in and week out, we have seen good football.

“I believe,” May added, “that we have the talent to beat anyone if we come out and execute, play through the highs and lows, and control the football on offense.”

Southeastern closed its season with a 42-21 victory over McCutcheon. Janney threw for 146 yards and Hunter Hardee carried 11 times for 73 yards.

Probable starting line-ups

Fishers at Noblesville

Offense	
Fishers	Noblesville
QB: Connor Christiansen, Sr. 182	QB: TC McKiernan, Sr., 200
WR: J-Shun Harris, Sr., 164	WR: Joey Herron, Jr., 165
WR: John Williams, Sr. 170	WR: Cody Sullivan, Sr., 190
FB: Alex Butterfield, So., 190	FB: Avery Baumgardner, Sr., 190
TB: Harvey Allen, Sr., 186	TB: Hayden Stinnett, Jr., 160
TE: Dave Leep, Sr., 195	TE: Mitch Krum, Sr., 190
LT: Kalen Halstead, Sr. 290	T: Brandon Knight, Jr., 255
LG: Titus Martin, So., 236	G: Josh Podzielinski, Sr., 300
C: Charlie Chang, Sr., 212	C: Dustin Aitken, Sr., 210
RG: Matt Hafley, Jr., 221	G:Parker Jones, Sr., 300
RT: Drew Broughton, Sr., 276	T: Jacob Reks, Jr., 240
Defense	
Fishers	Noblesville
E: Joel Wilcox, Jr. 195	E: Nick Carter, Sr., 190
N: Drew Broughton, Sr., 276	T: Floyd Fannin, Fr., 225
T: Trey Henderson, Sr., 222	E: Nick Santos, Jr., 210
E: Shawn Taylor, So., 196	LB: Ben Elliott, Sr., 190
LB: Griffin Hulecki, Sr., 206	LB: Austin Ginther, Jr., 190
LB: Josh Schenkel, Sr., 196	LB: Donavan Lynch, Jr., 195
LB: Luke Harbison, Jr., 160	LB: Mitch Mackesey, Jr., 165
C: Jeremy Chinn, So., 132	LB: David Cory, Jr. 165
C: Michael Ryan, Sr., 160	DB: Hayden Camp, Sr., 155
FS: R.J. Potts, Fr., 158	DB: Jake Owens, Jr., 150
SS: John Graves, Sr. 186	DB: Zack Niezer, Jr., 170

Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern

Offense	
Carmel	Southeastern
QB: Isaac James, Jr. 180	QB: Tyler Janney, Jr., 190
FB: Shakir Paschall, Jr., 220	TB: Jamitreus Crockham, Sr., 200
TB: Chris Perkins, Jr., 195	FB: Ryan Ford, Sr., 205
WR: Austin Roberts, Sr., 215	WR: Cameron Polk, Sr., 190
WR: Jason Baldridge, Sr., 165	WR: Kyle Schrank, Jr., 210
TE: Nate Becker, Sr., 220	TE: Austin Hogan, Sr., 210
C: Nate Thompson, Jr., 215	LT: Peter Gorga, Sr., 265
RG: DeShawn Williams, So., 255	LG: Tyler Klink, Sr., 230
RT: Jacob Viktrup, Sr., 240	C: Ty Scholl, Jr., 225
LG: Matt Kesner, Sr., 250	RG: Chase Wilson, Jr., 315
LT: Matt Anton, Sr., 242	RT: Jeremy Woelfler, Jr., 260
Defense	
Carmel	Southeastern
E: Andrew Thyen, Sr., 215	E: Bryan Roberts, Sr., 190
E: Sean Stetson, Sr., 170	E: Collin Miller, So., 215
N: Vic Roe, Sr., 265	N: Chet Maxey, Sr., 265
OLB: Anthony Mazza, Sr., 205	ILB: Charlie Clements, Sr., 230
MLB: Sam Storey, Sr., 200	ILB: Jamitreus Crockham, Sr., 200
MLB: Wade Murdock, Sr., 170	C: Lloyd Turner, Sr., 175
OLB: William Sondles, Sr., 210	C: Christian Pena, Sr. 160
C: Zach Woods, Sr., 160	T: Jimmy McCarthy, Sr., 270
C: Alex Akins, So., 160	T: Jordan May, Sr., 245
FS: Jack Conway, Sr., 175	FS: David Hermann, Jr., 160
FS: Mitch Davis, Sr., 165	SS: Ben Hogenkamp, Sr., 170

Millers beat Harrison, adjust to Fall Break practices

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Preparing for the last week of the regular season and the first week of the post-season has been different this year for Coach Lance Scheib and his Noblesville football coaching staff.

The Millers have been focused on football, only. No classes. No homework. It’s fall break at NHS.

“The kids are loving it,” Scheib said following Noblesville closing its regular season with a 35-0 smashing of Hoosier Crossroad Conference foe Harrison in a game played at Hare Chevrolet Field. “We had as good of a week in practice as we’ve had this season. Although”, he added, “we didn’t play with as much emotion in the game as we had in practice.”

With fall break, the attendance (students and adult) was low.

“There wasn’t a lot of excitement in the stands,” said Scheib.

The low attendance and low excitement in the crowd is something Scheib has been concerned with ever since the IHSAA announced that the bye week in the post-season 6A tourney will be before the state championship game, not following the regular season finale. Coaches throughout the state had voted on having the bye the week before the sectional.

“It would have given 6A teams a chance to mend physically and a bye week now would have come during the first round of the sectional, when the crowds could be down because of fall break,” Scheib continued. “Fishers will be on fall break this Thursday and Friday. It’s a four-day break at Fishers.

“We’ve had great crowds at our home games this season, except for the Harrison game,” Scheib said. “We’ve played our best football at home.”

The Millers now will host Fishers at Hare Chevrolet Field, the spot in which Noblesville opened its season by defeating the Tigers.

With fall break, Scheib changed the practice routine last week and will do the

same this week. Practices are being held at 7 p.m.

The new schedule must have worked, the way the Millers played against Harrison. Noblesville totally dominated the game.

Noblesville got all the points it needed when with still 10:54 showing on the first quarter scoreboard Cody Smith broke a 70-yard touchdown run. Smith had an outstanding game, carrying nine times for 143 yards. He scored a second touchdown on a 10-yard run in the third period.

“Cody has been outstanding the second half of the season,” said Scheib. “He’s a track guy and he has learned to use his speed in football.”

Noblesville, leading 14-0 on Smith’s big run and a 13-yard TD pass from TC McKiernan to Joey Herron, broke the game wide-open late in the third quarter and early in the fourth period. With 1:09 left in the third frame, Smith got his second touchdown. Then, Josh Gentry, Hayden Camp and Jake Owens combined to block a Harrison punt. On the next play, with three-tenths of a second left in the fourth quarter, Avery Baumgardner pounded over from the five. Then, following a pass interception by David Cory, Trent Gibbs scored from the two.

Ben Rice booted all five NHS extra points and also spent the night booming kick-offs into Harrison’s end zone.

“Our defense played well,” Scheib said. “Austin Ginther, David Cory and Donavan Lynch played real well at linebacker, and our secondary played well. Jake Owens, another guy who is using his track speed, has gained a lot of confidence.”

Noblesville held Harrison to 106 yards rushing and 117 yards passing. The shutout was the Millers’ first since blanking Harrison, 36-0, in the final regular season game last year.

“We ran the ball well,” Scheib talked about his offense which rushed for 243 yards. “When we run the ball well, we’re a better football team. Harrison was using 6-7-8 guys to stop the run. We ran right at them.”

Breaking Down The Big 32

Class 6 A Pairings

Sectional 1
Lafayette Jeff (1-8) at Merrillville (8-1).
Crown Point (6-3) at Lake Central (7-2).
Tip: Merrillville has beaten Lake Central, 20-17, and Crown Point, 14-13.

Sectional 2
Penn (9-0) at Portage (6-3).
Valparaiso (3-6) at Chesterton (3-6).
Tip: No contest here. Penn has smashed Valparaiso 49-7 and Portage, 32-0.

Sectional 3
Warsaw (6-3) at Ft. Wayne Northrop (2-7).
Carroll (7-2) at Homestead (5-4).
Tip: Carroll has not played Warsaw, but has outscored Homestead, 51-34.

Sectional 4
Fishers (8-1) at Noblesville (5-4).
Carmel (6-3) at Southeastern (7-2).
Tip: What's to know?

Sectional 5
Brownsburg (3-6) at Pike (5-4).
Avon (6-3) at Ben Davis (7-2).

Tip: MIC champ Ben Davis has faced only Pike, winning 49-48 in overtime.

Sectional 6
Lawrence Central (3-6) at Warren Central (6-3).
North Central (2-7) at Lawrence North (0-9).
Tip: Warren Central has bombed LC and LN, but won only 28-26 over North Central.

Sectional 7
Franklin Central (4-5) at Tech (4-5).
Perry Meridian (5-4) at Southport (9-0).
Tip: Unbeaten Southport has gunned down Perry and Franklin Central, but hasn't played Tech, which plays a tough schedule.

Sectional 8
New Albany (6-3) at Center Grove (8-1).
Columbus North (3-6) at Jeffersonville (5-4).
Tip: Center Grove, from the MIC, too much for this group to handle.

Should all IHSAA sports be put into classes?

By MARK MORROW



Note: *Mark Morrow owns and operates Hamilton County Sports Daily, an all-sports website that provides readership 7 days a week.*

While talking sports and sipping on a latte at Starbucks recently, I had an interesting conversation with a coaching friend of mine.
"Why aren't all IHSAA sports regarded as team sports and be put in classes based on their size?" he asked.

My friend, by the way, is a tennis coach and he doesn't work or reside in Hamilton County, in case you're wondering.

But his main interest, of course, is tennis. "We can't compete with the big schools in tennis. We can't compete with the Carmels or the Southeasterns. They have the numbers.

"We're a 4A school, but we should be playing in 3A. ...At least 3A, and certainly not in a format where everyone is competing for the same state title.

"And then there's the private school factor. We lose several kids to parochial and Catholic schools each year. So our numbers go down in many of the sports, yet we remain lumped in with the bigger schools.

"Why shouldn't sports such as tennis, track & field and wrestling and swimming, for example, be classified as team sports like football and basketball and baseball?"

Point well made, coach.

It actually comes down to how team sports and individual sports are defined within the IHSAA By-Laws. The IHSAA sponsors classified tournaments in team sports (baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball) while individual sports (cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, track, wrestling) are administered in single-class tournaments, where an individual participant may advance regardless of how the team finishes.

Here's something I recently discovered:

A school principal or other administrator could make a proposal to re-write the rule and have the IHSAA Board of Directors study it and vote on it.

To my knowledge, no one has — to this point.

OK, maybe someone should.

You see, I'm in total agreement with my

coaching friend. Tennis along with track and field....especially. To me, they should be restructured and assigned classes instead of being in an all-inclusive tournament format.

I think it should be the same for wrestling. I mean, it used to be considered a team sport that produced an IHSAA team champion....Between 1996 and 2012, the state team championship was determined via a separate team tournament under the IHSAA umbrella. You could, however, make a good argument that wrestling is still a sport about individuals. Performances against other individuals is determined by decisions and pins, just like golf is by individual strokes, and swimming and track are measured by times and distances and heights, and cross country by times, and tennis is scored by individual matches. All by individuals.

You could make an argument for cross country, I guess....But running is about training, endurance and extensive running (technique, I'm sure, is a big part of the sport; I'm not well versed in running). And you don't need a lot of numbers to be good in golf, right? Well, the IHSAA still crowns a state Team Champion.

Should gymnastics be a Class Sport? Probably not relevant. Numbers are going down, and a demise of the sport at the high school level is likely just a matter of time.

Look at sports-rich Hamilton County, for example. Of the nine schools in the daily coverage provided by Hamilton County Sports Daily, only Noblesville competes in gymnastics. Shouldn't that provide a pretty clear picture as to where that sport is likely headed.

Swimming?

Yeah, that could and should be reclassified as a Class Sport. Regardless, Carmel is still going to win and win and win, something the program has been doing for 27 straight years. Still, smaller schools have no chance of winning a state swimming championship in the current format.

But, facts are facts. Wouldn't student-athletes at smaller schools benefit more from the sport if they could compete in a class with others their size?

The bottom line is this, in my opinion:

The movement for going to Class Sports after the 1996-97 season was because the State Championship Basketball Trophy usually had a big school's name on it each year. Right? Small schools had little, if any, chance of beating the BIG schools,

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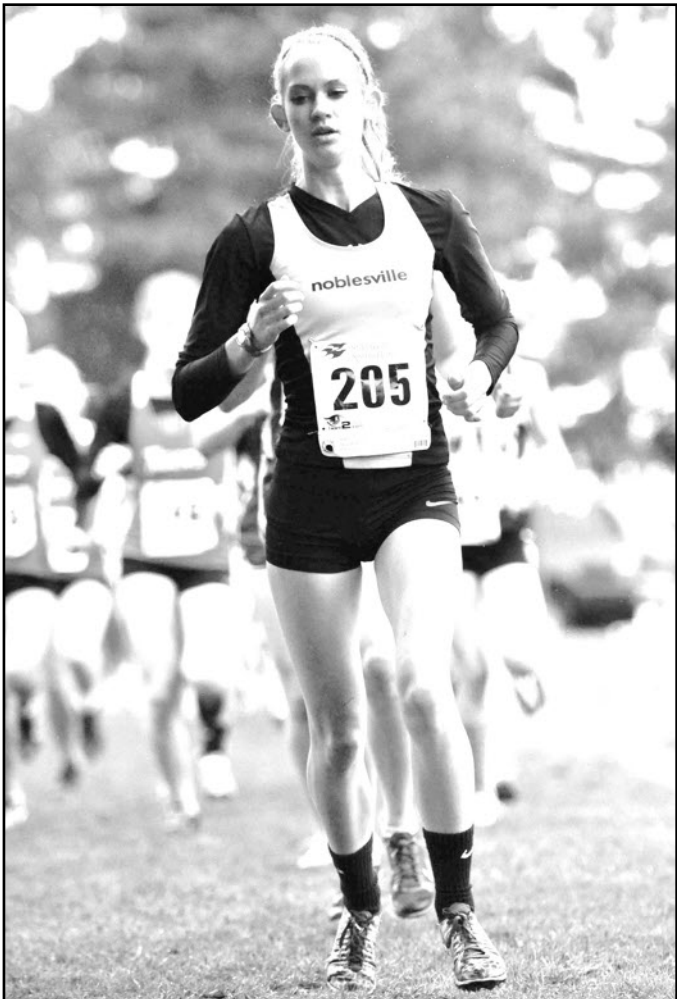
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Noblesville's Abby Crouch had the fastest time for the Lady Millers' cross country team in sectionals and regionals. Crouch finished in the top 20 in both events, helping Noblesville to fifth-place finishes as a team. The Millers will compete in the Carmel semi-state Saturday, Oct. 26 at Northview Church.



Miller girls qualify for semi-state

If there's any doubt that Hamilton County is the best place for girls cross country in the state, just take a look at the results of the Noblesville sectional and the Brebeuf Jesuit regional.

Five county teams advanced from sectionals to regionals on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Then those same teams qualified for semi-state at the Saturday, Oct. 19 Brebeuf regional. Noblesville's Lady Millers were one of them, finishing fifth in both the sectional and the regional.

Carmel won the regional with 27 points, followed by Hamilton Southeastern 58, Westfield 75, Fishers 115 and Noblesville 148.

Junior Abby Crouch led the way for Noblesville at the chilly and muddy regional, placing 17th with a time of 19:41.28. Crouch's time earned her an individual ribbon. Next up was junior Megan Line (29th, 20:11.19) and freshman Katherine Dombroski (31st, 20:14.48). The Millers' other runners were senior Sarah Schuster (36th, 20:25.45), senior Sara Latini (50th, 21:01.80), junior Jaden Fleming (51st, 21:04.51) and junior Peyton Ali (61st, 21:30.93).

"It wasn't easy but our girls displayed character...pulled together as a team and will participate in Saturday's Semi-State at Carmel's Northview Church," said NHS coach Dennis Scheele.

Crouch again led the way for the Millers at sectionals, taking 15th with a time of 19:22.86. Dombroski joined her on the ribbon stand with a 19th-place finish, clocking in at 19:35.56. Also running were Line (28th, 20:03.03), Ali (32nd, 20:29.28), Schuster (34th, 20:36.94), junior Corinne Chatterton (39th, 21:37.34) and Fleming (42nd, 21:37.34).

At the sectional, the top five team scores were Carmel 26, HSE 57, Westfield 74, Fishers 98 and Noblesville 128.

Noblesville's boys finished sixth at sectionals, just missing a team spot at regionals. However, the Millers advanced five of their runners on as individuals - the IHSAA changed the advancement rule so that the top 10 runners not on a qualifying team can go on to the next level.

Seniors Jacob Overton and Joe Lemna both got sectional ribbons, placing 16th (16:20.94) and 19th (16:29.96) respectively. Junior Jordan Warne (23rd, 16:37.05) also

advanced, along with seniors Zach Phillips (39th, 17:17.30) and Kyle Marowski (40th, 17:23.94). Sophomore Max Runningen (44th, 17:36.22) and freshman Eric Hoffman (46th, 17:54.59) rounded out Noblesville's line-up.

At the regional, both Overton and Lemna qualified for semi-state. Overton placed 21st, running in 16:26.16, while Lemna took 24th place with a time of 16:31.36. As for the other runners, Phillips was 55th (17:11.24), Warne was 65th (17:35.95) and Marowski was 83rd (18:40.17).

Guerin Catholic's boys advanced to regionals as a team after placing fifth at sectionals. The top five teams were Carmel 39, Fishers 72, Southeastern 85, Westfield 86 and the Golden Eagles 112.

Senior Joseph Taylor placed 11th in a time of 16:13.00), with classmate Jack Anderson also getting a ribbon for 17th place (16:27.31). Other Guerin runners were senior Andrew Bentivoglio (25th, 16:39.21), junior Nicholas Young (26th, 16:42.45), sophomore Kent Linton (33rd, 16:53.03), sophomore David Jones (17:42.26) and senior Cole Thompson (48th, 18:03.05).

The Golden Eagles placed ninth in the regional, but Taylor did advance to semi-state as an individual. He placed 10th at Brebeuf with a time of 16:08.91. Guerin's other runners were Bentivoglio (33rd, 16:46.50), Young (41st, 16:55.88), Anderson (44th, 16:59.83), Linton (60th, 17:24.80), Thompson (75th, 18:00.79) and Jones (77th, 18:13.01).

Guerin's girls were sixth at sectionals, but qualified five individuals for regionals. Making it were freshman Isabella Bucklew (21st, 19:40.25), freshman Megan Slamkowski (22nd, 10:40.55), junior Veronica Rancourt (31st, 20:26.16), senior Elizabeth Erickson (43rd, 21:47.40) and freshman Kate Anderson (45th, 22:09.48). Also running for GCHS were sophomore Elizabeth Barrett (46th, 22:25.52) and sophomore Hannah Sullivan (50th, 23:18.19).

Slamkowski qualified for semi-state after placing 20th at the regional, earning a ribbon with her time of 19:51.49. As for the other runners, Rancourt was 44th (20:42.23), Bucklew placed 48th (20:52.47), Anderson finished 72nd (22:07.58) and Erickson was 79th (22:27.02).

NEMS girls win county meet, Little dominates

The Noblesville East girls won the Hamilton County cross country championship the weekend of Oct. 12.

The Millers upset the favored Carmel Middle School team, which had won state just a week ago. The East Millers won by one point.

"The meet could have gone either way but I'm thankful that when it was all said and done, we had finished first," said NEMS coach J.T. Crook. "I couldn't be more proud of the girls. They picked a perfect day to run their best."

Abi Little (10:52) continued her dominance as she took first place by more than 20 seconds. She capped off a spectacular season by taking first in state and county. Ciera Baldwin took fourth overall with a time of 11:36. Taylor Gregory

was 16th with a time of 12:04. Grace Smith followed in 17th at 12:07. Savannah Congrove finished 22nd in a time of 12:15. Katherine Sandys (37th-12:35) and Jenna Waterman (46th-12:47) rounded out the top seven for the Miller girls.

The Noblesville East boys ran a very competitive race as well and finished third overall in the boys race. The Millers were led by Zach Freeman and Paxton Benson, who finished in fifth and sixth respectively. Freeman finished in 10:20 and Benson in 10:25. Andrew Noel finished 10th overall in a time of 10:35. Jack Commeville finished 28th in 11:05. Gabe Imes finished 35th in 11:15. Rounding out the top seven were Blake Montarsi (44th-11:28) and Garrett Wiles (55-11:46).

Sports

Miller boys soccer falls in regional final

The Noblesville boys soccer team advanced to the championship game of last week's Class 2A Kokomo regional, falling in penalty kicks to Marion on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The Millers got up first in the championship, with Keaton Reynolds scoring in the 47th minute. The Giants - who won their only other regional title in 1997 - came back to tie in the 65th minute.

With the score tied at 1-1 after regulation, the teams went to overtime, but there was no score after that. The game went to penalty kicks, where Marion won 4-3.

"They played a tough game," said NHS coach Brian Prange. "We left a lot of goals on the floor. We turned around and we let down for just a few seconds and they capitalized on a good shot. Tough way to lose."

The Millers advanced to the final with a 3-0 semi-final victory over McCutcheon on Thursday, Oct. 17. Noblesville scored twice in the first half, with Max Lang assisting each goal. Joe Lemna scored the first one during the 22nd minute, with Micah Smith finding the back of the net a couple minutes later. Matt Imel scored the third goal early in the second half on a penalty kick.

Noblesville finished its season 10-6-5, and got back the sectional championship after seeing a six-year winning streak end last season.

"We really transformed two or three times throughout the whole year," said Prange. "I enjoyed watching these guys grow up as young men and play as a team and stick together through all the little things that kept happening to us all season. I'm proud of them."

GUERIN WINS REGIONAL

Guerin Catholic's boys soccer team defended its Class 1A regional title at Tipton last week. The No. 1-ranked Golden Eagles beat Hamilton Heights 9-1 in the Thursday semi-finals, then defeated Northwestern 2-0 in the Saturday championship.

Luke Bestard scored three of Guerin's goals against the Huskies, with George Poppas netting two. Jacob Cloran, Sean Mannion, Peter St. Amand and Adam Hacherl all scored one.

The Golden Eagles got both their goals against the Panthers in the second half. Poppas scored the first one - assisted by Cloran - then assisted the second goal, which was scored by Bestard.

Guerin Catholic will play No. 6 Andrean in the second semi-final of the LaVille semi-state, which takes place at noon Saturday, Oct. 26. No. 9 Argos and No. 2 Bishop Luers will play the first semi-final at 10 a.m., with the championship at 7 p.m.

Miller volleyball gets re-match with Fishers in sectional

One of the Noblesville volleyball team's first opponents of the year was Fishers. The Tigers beat the Millers in five screaming sets.

Now it's time for sectionals, and Noblesville will get to take on Fishers again. The two teams will play in first-round action at the North Central sectional at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

"I'm sure they've gotten better, but we've got a bunch better," said NHS coach Steve Ward. "We're expecting to go in and have a good match and hopefully at the end have a chance to win it."

The sectional begins Tuesday, Oct. 22 with a 6 p.m. match between Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield. North Central and Carmel will face off at 6 p.m. Thursday, right before the Millers and the Tigers. Zionsville got the bye and will play the HSE-Westfield winner at 11 a.m. Saturday,

Oct. 26 in the first semi-final, followed by a match between the two Thursday winners. The championship is set for 7 p.m.

The Millers are 20-9, and took on some tough teams last week. Noblesville fell to Lawrence North 25-12, 25-19, 25-21 on Tuesday, Oct. 15 and lost to Harrison on Thursday, Oct. 17 in five sets, 20-25, 25-23, 20-25, 25-22, 15-9.

Against the Wildcats, Channing Thompson had six kills and Josie Sanders hit five. Sanders also had three blocks, with Sydney Durham making four. Austyn Everingham picked up 13 digs, with Sam Newcomb handing out 20 assists.

Thompson smacked 13 kills against the Raiders, and Durham hit nine. Durham was strong at the net with nine blocks, and Christa Karns made seven blocks. Everingham had 29 digs and Newcomb 44 assists.

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But times change, and I'd have to say that overall, well, Class Basketball has turned out to be a good thing, certainly for many of the smaller schools....Because more student-athletes benefit.

And aren't high school athletics supposed to be about student-athletes?

Hmm, Last I heard, they were.

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