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Holiday Fun in Reporterland...

Small town Sheridan has big plans

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Sheridan may be the smallest community in Hamilton County, but on Saturday, Dec. 7 the town will host a big Christmas event. It's Christmas on Main Street, presented by Sheridan Main Street.

The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa will be at the Sheridan Public Library from 10 a.m. until noon.

Sheridan merchants will sponsor the following events: Keever's Hardware, Coke & Peanuts; Sheridan Office Solutions, a grand reopening of the store and the home for Letters to Santa; Spear Studio & Gallery, Wassail & Christmas coloring pages to be displayed in merchant's windows; Salon 306, Candy Guessing Game; Creekside Chiropractic, Christmas Bingo; Grapevine, Hot Chocolate & Cookies; First Christian Church, Santa's Workshop with ornaments, Christmas cards and treat bags.

Other sponsors are R&T Auto, Price Heating, and Wallace Grain.

All merchants have been asked to decorate their windows with the Christmas spirit.

Churches and Sheridan Schools are offering Thanksgiving events.

Students and their families are invited to the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium, featuring the Sheridan High School choir.

Good Samaritan Network and MAMA are sponsoring a community wide free Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sheridan Elementary school.

Issachar Church is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Heron's Hideaway, 23015 Six Points Road in Sheridan. Those needing

transporation can call 473-5981 before 2 p.m.

City offers free parking

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear has announced that the December free parking initiative for City Hall metered parking lot will return again year. The initiative's purpose is to encourage downtown holiday shopping, since the lot is located just one block from the courthouse square. The parking lot is immediately east of City Hall between Conner and Maple streets.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, the Noblesville Street Department will be placing covers over all of the meters, which will remain until the end of December.

Christmas fun in Cicero

There will be a "holiday open house" at the Edward Jones location on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., during which John Corey Sylvester and Angela Lawson will serve refreshments and light snacks to say "thank you"

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Tips and Confessions from...

A retiring Santa

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

After 12 years in the little red house on the courthouse square in Noblesville, Don Roberts is retiring his Santa Clause outfit

In those dozen years, Santa has seen it all.

"The crowds continue to grow," Roberts said. "Kids come from everyone. There isn't a Santa in Elwood or Pendleton or New Castle or Frankton. The word has spread that there is a Santa here in Noblesville. Economically, all those people coming here help Noblesville businesses. While Dad stands in line waiting to get his kids in to see Santa, Mom is shopping. While Mom is standing, Dad is shopping."

On a Saturday last Christmas season Santa greeted 240 kids in a three-hour period.



Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**

Diane Nevitt of the Hamilton County Historical Society adjusts a bow on the Santa House, which will open on Dec. 6 on the Courthouse Square. Santa will be available to greet children each weekend this December, all the way up through Christmas Eve.

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Santa, Larry will lead Christmas parade in Noblesville

The big event of the holiday season in Noblesville will be the annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m.

This year the city will honor Larry Stork as the Grand Marshall.



Stork

The parade will mark the debut of Santa Claus to Noblesville for the season. Boys and girls are invited to stop by Santa's house on the courthouse square after the parade or during other hours throughout the season (see elsewhere). There is no charge to visit with Santa, and parents are welcome to bring their own camera.

The fun then will continue on Friday, Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Friday event, sponsored by Main Street and the City of Noblesville. The downtown shops and restaurants will be featuring

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Tony Cook...

Who knows? From quarterback to governor

Heights superintendent reflects on 40 years of education and service

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor



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Recently, I had an opportunity to sit down and talk with Tony Cook, the retiring (Dec. 31) Superintendent at Hamilton Heights.

I've got to tell you, it was a tough interview for me. As I fired off questions to Cook, my memories dashed back to the days of his athletic career. One of Hamilton County's all-time great athletes, Tony played football, baseball and basketball for the Huskies. I remember the days when Cook threw fastballs past batters and uncorked touchdown passes like few have done.

But, my interview with Cook on this day wasn't about athletics. I wanted to learn more about the man who for the past 40 years has made a huge difference in the lives of so many young people. What came across loud and clear is his love of children and his love of Hamilton County. Especially his love of Hamilton Heights. And, his love of family.

And, I asked, what is in the future for Tony Cook?

"Family is a big reason why I'm here," he said.

Cook, a Hamilton Heights area native, was in the first class to

attend on four years at Hamilton Heights.

"I really care about kids," Cook said. "I've been blessed working with great kids, great teachers and great parents."

With the exception of an eight-year beginning as a teacher and coach at Clinton Prairie, Cook has spent all of his professional career in Hamilton County.

"I wanted to make a difference in the lives of young people," Cook said. "I wanted to do that here at home."

Cook has done it all. He returned home in 1981, after

attending Anderson College and spending his first eight years of teaching at Clinton Prairie, to become principal at Hamilton Heights Junior High. Still in that position, he also filled a two-year interim period as principal at the high school.

His full-time attention went to becoming principal at the high school in 1984. Cook left that role in 1998 to become principal at Noblesville High School. He returned to Hamilton Heights as assistant superintendent in 2005

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special sales. Santa Claus will be in his house. This will be the last First Friday until spring.

The Christmas parade will begin at 16th and Harrison and will run from 16th to Logan, Logan to 9th, 9th to Monument and Monument back to 16th.

Businesses, churches, non-profit organization, Scout troops, etc. are invited to enter the parade, but must pre-register by Friday, Nov. 29. For more information about how to pre-register, call 317-776-6367.

The parade has been held on Thanksgiving weekend for many years and is one of the fun annual traditions in Noblesville. The grand finale of the parade will be Santa Claus as he makes his arrival in Noblesville. Santa will be in his house on the courthouse square after the parade from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will also be in his house on various days and times throughout the month.

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Larry Stork will be Grand Marshal of the parade.

Stork has been a member of the Noblesville Board of Public Works & Safety for over 30 years and has been re-appointed to the board by four different mayors. He also was elected to the Noblesville Common Council and served from 1980-1984. As a resident of Noblesville since 1962, he spent his entire career as an employee of Firestone Industrial Products. Since retirement, he has served as vice-president, president and now treasurer of the local Firestone Alumni Association. In addition, he has served as a volunteer at various city events, such as the July 4 festival and the Christmas parade.

“Larry’s service to the city as a member of the Board of Works has been invaluable,” said Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear. “He diligently reviews contracts and agreements to make sure the city’s interests are protected. I am pleased we are honoring him this year.”



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Santa’s tips to parents

- *Know what times the Santa House is open
- *Prepare your children for the visit; talk with them about what to expect
- *Bring your own camera
- *Make certain the kids want to visit Santa

Santa’s tips to new Santa

- *Be on time
- *Be nice to everyone
- *Don’t just sit there; talk to the kids
- Ask the kids questions; helps calm them down

Santa will be home

Santa will be home at his house on the Noblesville Courthouse Square at the following times.

- Friday, Dec. 6, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 8, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 19, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 20, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 21, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 22, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24, 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Hot Chocolate on the Square will be offered on Dec. 1 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., courtesy of Noblesville Main Street.

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“There are times when we have more than 100 kids in line,” Santa said. “There has to be a cutoff point, a time when Santa goes home for the evening. We tried handing out a sign ‘last person,’ but we found parents passing the sign back to others in line behind them. We then hired a high school girl to oversee the operation, but parents were giving her a bad time. Finally, we put an adult in charge.”

Santa, down through the years, has received numerous unusual requests.

“A young lady with two kids came to visit and after the kids told Santa what they wanted for Christmas, the woman, with tears in her eyes, asked if I could help with a man standing outside. She wanted me to ask the man, who wasn’t the father of the kids, to marry her. I told the guy that a diamond would make a good Christmas gift, but he didn’t seem interested.

“A girl who was 15 or 16 years old once asked me if I could send someone to love her”.

There have been occasions when Santa had to disappoint kids, and parents, waiting in line. He often stayed in his chair past the 5 p.m. closing time.

Getting from Santa’s house to his car, with people still waiting in line, could be difficult.

“Once I made it to the car,” said Santa, “and then a Dad pecked on my window. I rolled down the window and he stuffed a baby into my hands.”

Perhaps the most unusual story Santa will carry into retirement involved an injury to a mother.

“She brought a daughter to see Santa, and the daughter wasn’t buying into it,” Santa said. “She bit her mother on the chest and there was blood all over the place.”

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to their clients, friends and community. RSVP at 984-4845.

Santa Saturday at Sugar Bean Cupcakes is set on Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (or sell out) with Santa and a choir, holiday cupcakes, seasonal breeds, fudge and more, with complimentary cookies, hot chocolate and popcorn.

The Cicero Kiwanis Christmas Parade and 2nd annual Holiday Marketplace will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7. The parade will begin at 1 p.m. and will end at the Cicero Library with the arrival o Santa. Those wishing to register for the parade should call Chris Miller at 984-6730. The Holiday Marketplace will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, with gift shopping, face painting, bake sale and family portraits, etc.

Portraits with Santa by RDK Photography will be hosting Santa Claus at their studio on Saturday, Dec. 14. The cost is \$15 for a portrait CD. Proceeds will be donated to the Cicero Fire Department toy drive.

The Light the Night Cicero Luminary Night & Walk Through the Park will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m., presented by Lights Over Morse Lake.

Black Friday in Noblesville

Many of the big department stories in Noblesville will open their doors early and often for Black Friday type sales. Santa has been able to zero in on the following locations.

Kohl’s. Black Friday sale from 8 p.m. on Thursday until midnight on Friday. Basic shopping hours over the holidays are 6 a.m. to midnight.

Meijer. Sales will start at 6 a.m. and continue to midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Office Depot. Black Friday sales will be on Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m. Regular shopping holiday during the holidays are set from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Lowe’s. Black Friday special will be from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday. Store is running specials throughout the week.

Wal-Mart. Special Black Friday sales will take place on Thanksgiving Day at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and then again on Friday at 8 a.m.

Best Buy: Open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday. Then will close and reopen at midnight until 10 p.m. on Friday.

Chamber’s annual Tree lighting party

The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce will once again present its Tree Lighting Ceremony, and everyone is invited. It will be held on Friday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Hamilton County Judicial Center. The event is free and open to the public.

“I can’t think of a better way for the holiday season in Noblesville to begin,” said Chamber President Sharon McMahon. “We have been presenting this very special program for many years. On behalf of the Chamber’s board of directors and staff, this is our gift to the community.”

The event will feature area choirs and soloists and Mayor John Ditslear will read to the children “T’was the Night Before Christmas.”

“We wish to acknowledge the talent of musical director Mary Resler and, of course, the assistance of the Hamilton County Judicial Center staff,” said McMahon.

Hamilton Heights superintendent Tony Cook chats with associate superintendent Peggy Jackson during a weekday morning. Cook is retiring on Dec. 31 after more than 40 years of service as an educator. He has been the superintendent at Heights since 2006, starting his career as a teacher at Clinton Prairie before becoming principal at Hamilton Heights Junior High, Hamilton Heights High and Noblesville High schools.

COOK

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with the agreement to become superintendent in 2006.

One would need to write a book to even touch on Cook’s achievements. While principal at Hamilton Heights, Tony helped in important curriculum changes. He did the same at Noblesville and he brought to the school its first Probation Officer to be housed in the school.

His greatest feat was welcoming Ryan White, an AIDS victim, to Hamilton Heights in 1987. White had been a student in the Western School System. At that time not much was known about AIDS. Cook educated the student body and the community. And, the state and the nation.

“We were upfront with everyone,” he said. “The school and the community responded. We had only three families transfer from the system and since that time two have returned.”

Cook tried to keep things low-key.

“It caught me by surprise the first day Ryan arrived when the TV trucks and the press from throughout the state and the

nation filled our freshman parking lot. There was no space for our students to park.

“That was more than 20 years ago and still today I’m asked to make speeches on that time period,” Cook added. “On some of those occasions I look out in the audience and see parents who were students at Hamilton Heights and now they’re bringing their kids to listen.”

White passed away in 1990.

If you think come Dec. 31 Cook will ride off into the sunset, forget it. That’s not how the man operates.

“I’ll take a couple of months off and then decide what I’ll do,” he said. “I’ve had some offers to teach (at universities). In college I had a double major and one was government. I might put that to use.”

Does that mean running for a government office?

“I’ve thought about that,” he answered, “but at this point I would just like to get involved in some way. I’m going to talk with (State Senator) Luke Kenley and to Kathy (State Representative Kathy Kream Richardson) to learn how to get started.

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Basic minimum eligibility requirements include: 1, must be a U.S. citizen; 2, must have successfully received a high school diploma or GED equivalent; 3, must be at least 21 years of age and have not reached 36 by date of hire; 4, must possess a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle.

The process is scheduled to take approximately five months to complete and will include the following components: 1, pre-application screening; 2, physical fitness assessment; 3, written examination; 4, oral interview and writing exercise; 5, complete

personnel history statement; 6, polygraph examination; 7, background investigation; 8, psychological examination; 9, complete physical examination/drug test; 10, approval of Police Merit Commission.

Military members (currently stationed outside of Indiana) and out-of-state residents may be eligible for special scheduling that would allow for consolidation of several components of the process over a two-day period.

The NFD offers an excellent benefit package which includes the following: 1, competitive salary starting at \$48,817.60 after one-year probationary period; 2, 80-90 percent medical, dental and vision premiums paid; 3, \$800 annual clothing allowance; 4, take-home vehicle; 5, pay and vacation incentives for experienced law enforcement officers; 6, lifetime pension after 20 years of service.

Building Permits

Terry Lee Hyundai construction begins

Leading the list of Noblesville building permits of the week was a \$5,000,000 foundation request for the Terry Lee Hyundai dealership on the southeast corner of State Roads 32 & 37.

Requests for the week totaled \$5,691,975.

Accessory Structure

Grace Community Church, 5504 E. 146th Street, \$18,000.

Architectural Review

Beazer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West.

Commercial

CPM Construction, 3001 Conner St, \$5,000,000.

Commercial New Structure

Hare Chevrolet, 1372 S. 10th Street, \$6,000.

Commercial Demolition

ID Casting LLC, 1600 S. 8th Street, \$100,000.

Electrical Upgrade

James W. Hallmark, 2622 Sheridan Road. Pritt Electric, 1267 Christian Drive. Kinder Electric, South Harbour, 811 Hickory Way.

Residential Addition

Great Day Improvements, Arbor Grove, 15910 Arbor Grove Blvd.

Raymond Adler, 825 N. 190th Street, \$40,000.

Mary Shirley, Prairie Crossing Greens, 18904 Course View Road.

Signs

Start to Finish Landscape, Slater Farms, 169 Street & Rosetree Court, \$9,875.

Graycraft Signs, Western Plaza, 135 Sheridan Road, \$11,500.

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Single Family Structure

Paul Shoopman Home, Horizons at Cumberland, 15511 Harmon Place, \$170,000.

Beazer Homes, Prairie Crossing the Ridge, 18993 Salish Vista Way.

Beazer Homes, Prairie Crossing Lakes, 19507 Kailey Way, 101,200.

M/I Homes of Indiana, Settlers Mill, 18612 Wychwood Place, \$235,400.

Pulte Homes, Meadows of Shelborne, 12609 Antigua Drive.

Others

Telcom Placement, Essex of Noblesville, Silver End Circle & Anderson.

Selective Clearing, 16307 Stony Ridge Drive.

Indiana-American Water, 1453 Central.

Indiana-American Water, Highlands Prairie, 9962 Peppertree Lane.

Indiana-American Water, Stoney Creek Estates, 11700 Harvest Moon Drive.

Indiana-American Water, Chapel Woods, 15709 Millwood Dr.

Indiana-American Water, Highlands Prairie, 99289 Peppertree Lane.

Telecom Placement, Greenfield Ave. & Drycreek Road.

Aspen Outdoor Design, Slater Ridge, 17039 Bluestone Drive.

Indiana-American Water, Lincoln Park, 750 N. 14th Street.

Indiana-American Water, Chapel Woods, 15802 Millwood Drive.

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Harbour Trees Golf, North Harbour, 663 Clarendon Drive.

Rod's Quality Concrete, North Harbour, 202 Berkshire Lane.

Noblesville loses two unique businesses

By MIKE CORBETT



Seems like the word always gets out when there's a new business in town. Yet, when businesses close you seldom hear about it; they just quietly close their doors and leave. That's too bad, because there's usually something to be learned when a business fails. Here are the stories of two unique businesses we are losing downtown.

The Faux Flower

Michael Delk, owner of The Faux Flower on 9th St in the Richwine Building, is closing shop after seven years. He says there just isn't enough business to keep the doors open. People don't seem to have time to shop, he says, and he's tired of competing with the chain stores.

Michael opened the Faux Flower in 2006, and actually thought about closing the next year because business was so bad. But he decided to stick it out, and he survived the Great Recession. But he says the recession never really ended for his business. Sales never took off, and as much as he loves it, he can't afford to keep it open.

It's not like Michael was new at this game. He designed window displays for LS Ayers for 13 years before taking the leap into business for himself. He's a talented designer and that talent was on display in the windows on the corner of 9th and Maple, especially around the holidays. But it takes more than design talent to compete in the brutal retail business, and I'm afraid we've lost a wonderful little shop downtown.

I can't help thinking a little more marketing might have helped. That may sound self-serving because I publish marketing products and I'm sure Michael is rolling his eyes as he reads this because I could never get him to spend a dime. And, I know it's hard to justify money on marketing when you are barely making the rent. But I really think marketing can work wonders if you have the right business and you are careful how and where you spend your money. Michael had a great little retail shop. He needed to tell his story a little better.

The Ruby Pear

Two blocks east, the Lucas family is also hanging it up. Steve, Connie and daughter Mary Ann opened the Ruby Pear on Oct. 1, 2005 and closed it exactly eight years later, last Oct. 1. The Ruby Pear was a tea room and gift shop, occupying the first floor of the historic Craycraft House.

Their story is similar but with a few interesting and different details. Steve is a retired engineer, having enjoyed a career as a construction manager for Eli Lilly. The Ruby Pear was daughter Mary Ann's dream, and Steve and Connie were happy spending their retirement years helping Mary Ann realize the dream. The tea room was the "bread and butter" of the business, but the gift shop was where Mary Ann could display her creations.

Like the Faux Flower, business never took off for the Ruby Pear, even though they made it through the worst of the recession. Mary Ann, who works a full time job in Fishers as a designer, was never able to quit that job and spend her time building the Ruby Pear because the business didn't generate enough income for her to live on. So Steve and Connie ran the business day to day.

She worked part time in the kitchen until recently, when she developed a severe food allergy and couldn't be around many of the ingredients any longer. She suspects the stress of working two jobs may have triggered the outbreak. Although that was the immediate cause of the closure, she says they would have worked something out if business had been better and food costs hadn't risen. But the allergy combined with lackluster sales and rising expenses made it very difficult to continue.

Like Michael, Mary Ann also wonders why the local community never embraced her idea. She envisioned the Tea Room as a destination for local business lunches. She was proud of the fact that you could get a complete lunch for \$13.50 and linger as long as you liked in their dining room. Perhaps, she says, \$13.50 is too much for lunch. Ironically, many local people showed up for the going out of business sale, and said they wished she were staying open. But they didn't shop the previous eight years.

Still, Mary Ann has no regrets and she's not soured on business. She loves the many interesting people she met while her family ran the Ruby Pear and is even working on a combination cookbook/memoir about the experience. She suspects she will try again, perhaps a different idea but something where she can offer the fruits of her creativity.

However, we, as a community, have lost two unique businesses that contributed to the local economy and added to the character of downtown. Michael and Mary Ann belong to a subset of that "creative class" that is so coveted within growing communities. We need to find ways to help them thrive so we can attract more, keep our local economy strong and our local shops interesting.

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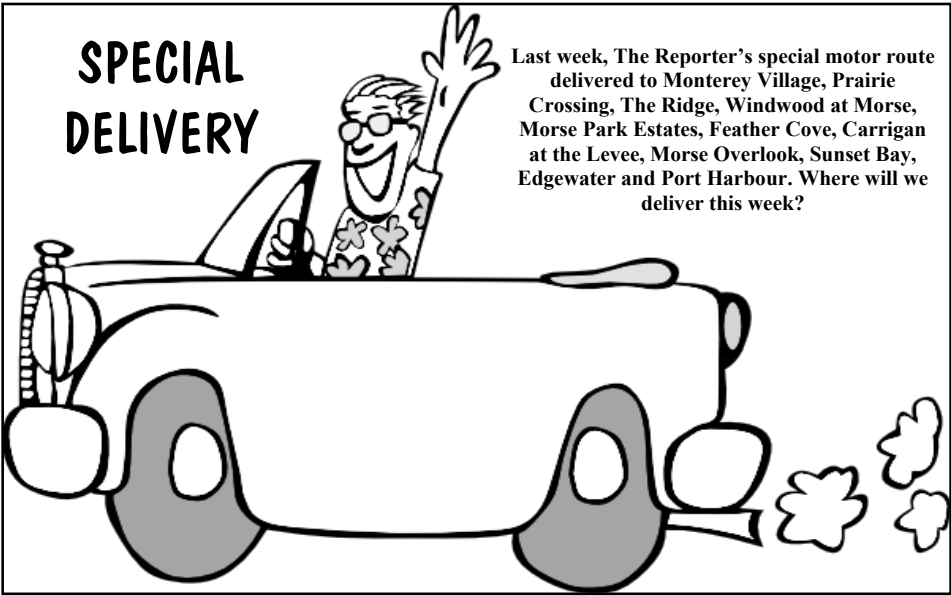
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City Gives Free Land and Free Gas

By MARY SUE ROWLAND



Note: “Noblesville through a Camera” was devoted to the city’s best interests and contains half-tone engravings of Prominent Factories, Business Blocks, Residences and a selection of representative Commercial and Professional men. No women are noted although there were many having progressive ideas for the County Seat community. The year was 1896 and the publication in its original production format is considered rare and perhaps only a few exist. For that reason, over a series of weekly articles, the book will be republished word for word including those rare half-tone pictures. Enjoy a glimpse of life 117 years ago in Noblesville, Indiana.

The City of Noblesville, taken from the pages of “Noblesville through a Camera”, published 1896.

The Commercial Club

“Noblesville, as elsewhere mentioned, is peopled by an enterprising and progressive class of commercial and professional men who have the interests of the city at heart, and they early recognized the influence exerted by organized effort in the attempted promotion of facilities for commerce and the expansion of trade of the city. This recognition was fully evidenced in February, 1895, by the organization of what is known as the Commercial Club, its object being the furtherance of the mercantile and manufacturing interests of Noblesville.

The membership of the club, which is limited to just one hundred persons, is made up of leading men of all the professional, commercial and manufacturing pursuits of the city, and much good has already been accomplished within the lines that are laid down in the articles of organization. In

addition to the attempt to increase the local mercantile and manufacturing business it is the desire of the club and its members to act as promoters for various enterprises that have for their end the betterment of the condition of the city; to agitate for and to assist in making municipal improvements of diversified characters, and to attract attention towards Noblesville in a direct manner.

In its attempt to secure the location of additional manufacturing industries the club seeks only the kind that are financially strong and backed by responsible parties; to that class inducements are offered in the way of free sites for their location, free gas for their use, and railway switches to add to their transportation facilities. All inquiries in reference to the advantages of the city as a place for the location of factories, business institutions, residences, etc., etc., addressed to the officers or directors of the Commercial Club will receive prompt attention.

In its endeavors to promote the various interests of the city the club has pursued measures of the utmost importance and approved methods. Many improvements of a local nature have been made and more are now under way. It has in the past given cordial support to all attempts to locate important industries of any kind, and will follow out the same policy in the future.

The home of the club is in the new opera house block, the entire third floor being handsomely furnished for business and social purposes. The offices are: W. E. Longley, president; Chas. R. Johnson, vice president; W.N. Evans, treasurer; W. A. DuBois, secretary. The directors are: Geo. Shirts, F. E. Heylmann, Chas R. Johnson, R. R. Stephenson and W. E. Longley.”

Note: This is a series of pages taken directly from “Noblesville through a Camera” published in 1896. Next week will discuss Educational Advantages in Noblesville in the year 1896 along with engravings of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Ward schools.

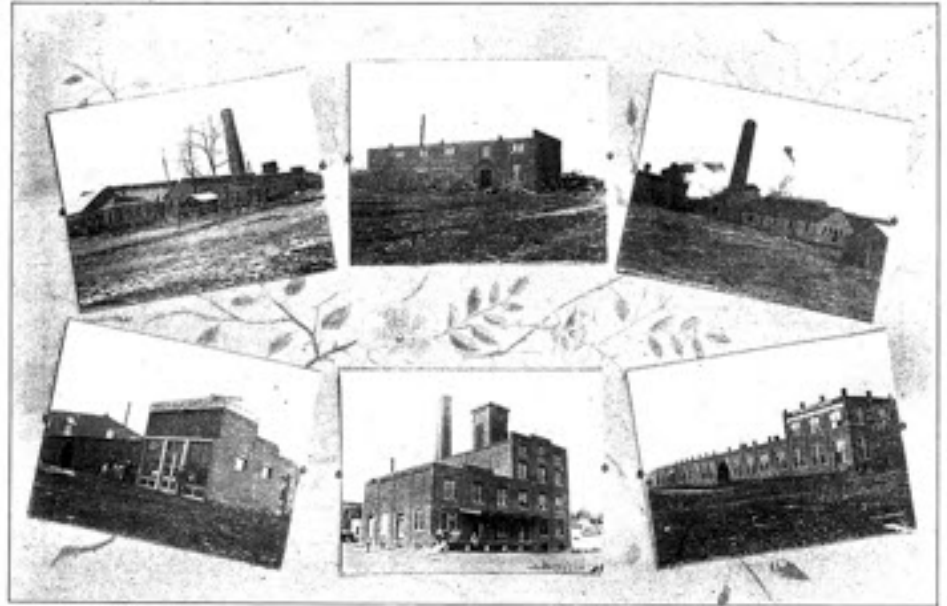


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Engravings of major manufacturing in the year 1896 in Noblesville. Things have changed since the early days of free land and free gas for major manufacturing companies. Only one building, the Model Mill still remains nearly as it was in those days.

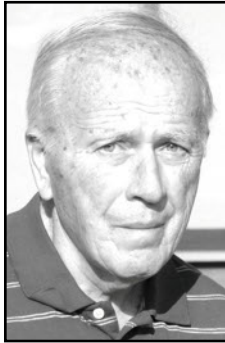
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Happy Birthday to Us!

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor



This edition marks the 1st birthday of The Reporter. I'm very happy about that. At my age, I usually don't get excited about birthdays.

But, this birthday is special. It's special to us who week after week pound out opinions, stories,

photos and ads that we think all of you like to read. I also believe it is special to the communities we cover. As a weekly, we're not able to beat other folks with deadline stories. But, we are able to present news, columns, and features in a different way.

I like to think our way is the Neal's Way. I've written many times about how we all here at The Reporter want this newspaper to be like the old Ledger, which was published for years by the Neal family.

Like the old Ledger, this is a locally-owned and operated newspaper. Everyone here lives in Hamilton County.

As a parent and as an employee who jumped on the ship after it was sailing away, I'm darn proud of Jeff. Fifty-two issues ago he started what just doesn't happen in the newspaper business anymore. He started a new newspaper. He started it in the smallest town in Hamilton County. Sheridan always will be special to The Reporter.

Then, the Reporter grew into Hamilton Heights and later into Noblesville. Today, The Reporter is an extremely strong northern Hamilton County newspaper.

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Finally, concerning distribution, we have our famed motor route where each Tuesday we personally sample nearly 1,000 homes in various subdivisions.

A handful of loyal advertisers who began with us have made all of this possible. And now, we're growing our advertising base. The issue you are reading today is 12 pages. That's very good, I believe. New advertisers have come on board this week. Plus, just today we were informed of two new big advertisers coming with us next week.

I've got the best job in the world, working FOR my son (maybe I should rethink that) and working with folks like outstanding sports editor Richie; our columnists Mary Sue, Fred, Mark and Aimee, our photographers Kent and RDK Photography, and our ad people Mike, Tom, and Corey. And, working with all those of you who each week send us stories and photos.

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The County Line

Good decision to keep county offices on Square

By FRED SWIFT



There were good news for downtown Noblesville last week as county officials revealed their intent to keep their county offices on the Courthouse Square. Earlier there had been a proposal to move non-judicial offices to the edge of town near the County Health building.

There is hope the present Judicial Center can be expanded with a new wing to the west at a cost that is not prohibitive. If the expansion can be done for \$12 million or less, the county will not have to submit the project to a voter referendum. The Judicial Center, opened in 1992, was built so that it could be expanded into open space to the west.

Earlier thoughts of building an annex east of Ind. 37 near the Health Department did not appear popular with the public. The new addition is needed, officials say, for additional courts, offices space and storage. (The state legislature which must approve additional courts is not, however, apparently considering new courts for Hamilton County in the immediate future.)

The idea of taking non-judicial offices out of downtown could not only hurt business on the square, but could have been inconvenient for the public. This writer had editorialized against the idea from the beginning. So, naturally I for one was pleased to hear the plan is to expand as was the plan 21 years ago when the Judicial Center was built.

A lot of citizens visit the offices of the surveyor, assessor, auditor, treasurer and the others located in the old Courthouse and Judicial Center. These folks often patronize restaurants and other businesses while in town. In addition, many county office employees regularly eat or shop downtown. To lose that business would be damaging to the merchants.

The city administration has never flatly opposed losing the county offices, but has expressed concern about talk of a bypass of downtown. A bypass with a new river crossing would not be nearly as much of an issue as losing the county offices.

So, all in all, I say it's a good decision to expand county facilities where they are when they are needed. Even if the cost exceeds the \$12 million referendum threshold, it's worth it. But, it would be a good idea to be sure we are going to get a new court or courts before doing more construction than we're going to need.

The Balls Are Always in My Court

By AIMEE GEBHART



From the time that I was a little girl, my head has been a ball magnet. Footballs, basketballs, volleyballs ...it really doesn't matter; they all love me. Perhaps that's why I hate sports so much. I always doubt those people who list sports as a favorite pastime. Really? You want to get whacked by flying objects that badly? Not me. I prefer the safety of my home, a book store, or perhaps a movie theater where the only thing I can get pummeled with is popcorn or the occasional Milk Dud.

My fear of balls started at the ripe old age of 7 when my gym teacher made us play dodge ball for the first time. It seemed like a simple enough game. Just dodge the incoming balls, right? Yeah, well I don't know if it was my slow reaction time or just pure bad luck, but I was always the kid who left gym crying because I had taken a stinger right to the face. Then there was kickball, another elementary school favorite. I didn't even have to play that game at recess and the ball *still* managed to find my melon like a heat seeking missile!

This ugly relationship with balls wasn't just part of my elementary years, though. It managed to follow me to college. I went to IU but did my student teaching out in New Mexico on a Navajo Indian reservation. You'd think that being so far away from my typical life that perhaps my bad luck wouldn't find me. Fat chance. I went to the gym to pick up my class one day, and it happened. They were playing a heated game of kickball. I no sooner breached the doors when a rogue (or perhaps carefully aimed) ball nailed me right in the face. Being in my early twenties I no longer felt like I could fall to the ground crying, but I sure as heck wanted to. Instead, I stood there in painful, embarrassed silence while the kids just murmured, "Oooooohhhh, dude." I can't swear to it, but I think the kid that hit me received a few high fives and a wad of cash.

Knowing my history, it shouldn't be any surprise that I had another "incident" a few years ago on the playground at the school where I teach. That was the year our school had the brilliant idea to install tetherballs, or as I like to call them, "medieval torture devices for children". I was working recess duty one day and had just spied some mischief on the curly slide. I had my teacher tunnel vision going in full force as I made my way over to the offenders. In my altered state, I failed to realize that I was walking right through

the war zone. That's when it hit me. Literally. A tetherball right smack to the back of the head. The funny thing is, I didn't even flinch or stop moving. I just shouted, "OF COURSE!" I think the poor kid who hit the ball was scared to death that he was going to be in trouble. Everyone around him stopped and stared, waiting for me to yell at him. But I didn't. What none of them realized was that this was bigger than the both of us. Even now, years since my last encounter, I walk around during recess flinching at the very sound of rubber on pavement screeching, "Watch out! Balls!" to my fellow playground wardens.

Sometimes I wonder if my bad luck with balls will follow me the rest of my life. I just pray that I don't have one of those weird, random accidents and end up being killed by a stray football at a Colts game. That would really chap my hide. In the meantime, if you happen to be around me during any sporting events, it would be wise to keep your distance and save yourself from harm and embarrassment. After all, no one wants to be associated with pain, injury, or a girl who cries, "Balls!"

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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Turkey necks, impaired drivers are in danger

Turkey’s necks won’t be the only thing on the chopping block this Thanksgiving season. So will be the necks of motorists in Noblesville and throughout Hamilton County who don’t follow the rules of the road.

During one of the busiest travel periods in Indiana, local, county and state police are adding extra patrols to increase safety on the streets and highways.

“Until Dec. 1,” announced Noblesville Police Chief Kevin Jowitt, “we will have saturation patrols and DUI checkpoints as part of a comprehensive effort to curb impaired driving. Anyone found to be driving impaired will be arrested. Also, occupants not using seat belts or who are not properly restrained will be cited and given a ticket.

In fact, Noblesville officers already have been working. Since the crackdown began on Nov. 8, four drivers have been arrested for impaired driving and 67 citations have been issued for not wearing seat belts, Jowitt said.

“More than 50 percent of fatalities in auto accidents are due to passengers who did not buckle up,” added Jowitt.

According to Hamilton County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Andre Miksha, law enforcement agencies from across the state, including Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers, Westfield and Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department, and troopers from the Indiana State Police are jointly participating in a statewide effort to crack down on impaired driving and seatbelt enforcement during the Thanksgiving holiday period.

Chamber announces Enterprise winners

The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce and the City of Noblesville awarded the 10th Annual Enterprise Awards to five local recipients in Noblesville. Since 2003 the Enterprise Awards have honored many businesses and business owners with nominations open to the Noblesville Chamber members and the public. This year the winners are:

- Business of the Year – Composites International
- Small Business of the Year – T&T Promotions
- Business Person of the Year – Darren Peterson, Peterson Architecture

- Best Construction/Renovation – Noblesville Schools Administration Building
- Young Professional of the Year – Alaina Shonkwiler

“We are very pleased to honor these businesses and individuals for their achievements and contribution to the Noblesville business community,” stated Chamber President Sharon McMahon. “The strength of our community comes from a strong and vibrant business core and the people who commit themselves to the betterment of Noblesville.”



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Week 24

1	Joel 1:1-3:21
2	John 1:1-3:36
3	John 4:1-6:21
4	John 6:22-8:30
5	John 8:31-11:37
6	John 11:38-14:14
7	No Reading

Library News

Noblesville Library’s New Materials

Adult Fiction
The Lowland, Jhumpa Lahiri
Police, Jo Nesbo
Sight Reading: a novel, Daphne Kalotay
Pinot Envy, Edward Finstein
Rosie Project, Graeme C. Simsion
Siege: a thriller, Simon Kernick
Accidents Happen, Louise Millar
The Lavender Garden, Lucinda Riley
Spider Woman’s Daughter, Anne Hillerman
One Good Thing, Kevin Alan Milne

Adult Nonfiction
Wild Tales: a rock and roll life, Graham Nash
The Kennedy Years: from the pages of the New York Times, Richard Reeves
The Case for Psalms: why they are essential, N. T. Wright
Hoops: the American dream, Robin Layton
Nothin’ to Lose: the making of Kiss (1972-1975), Paul Stanley
Reign of Error: the hoax of the privatization movement and the danger to America’s public schools, Diane Ravitch
Miss Anne in Harlem: the white women of the Black Renaissance, Carla Kaplan
Living the Quaker Way: timeless wisdom for a better life today, Phillip Gulley

Dallas 1963, Bill Minutaglio
Chaser: unlocking the genius of a dog who knows a thousand words, John W. Pilley

DVD
La Cage aux Folles
The Reluctant Fundamentalist
Psych. The complete seventh season
The Sweeney
White Collar. The complete fourth season
Bless me, Ultima
Da Vinci’s Demons: the complete first season
Spartacus, the war of the damned. The complete third season
Unfinished Song
Season of Miracles

CD
Smoke and Mirrors, Brett Dennen
From Here to Now to You, Jack Johnson
Bitter Rivals, Sleigh Bells
Prisoner of Conscious, Talib Kweli
My Shame is True, Trio Alkaline
Lightning Bolt, Pearl Jam
Vessel, Twenty One Pilots
2nd Law, Muse
The Return of Mr. Zone 6, Gucci Mane
Finally Famous, Big Sean

Hamilton East to host Open House for Shaw, Patterson

On December 4, the Hamilton East Public Library will host an open house celebrating the retirement of two of its longtime and highly respected management team members. Combined, Noblesville Library Adult Services Manager Linda Shaw and Noblesville Library Circulation Manager Mary Kay Patterson have dedicated over 56 years to the library system. Both have served as integral parts of the management team, and

helped lead HEPL through great periods of growth and change over their tenure.

The retirement celebration will be held at the Noblesville Library from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4. For those who are unable to attend, congratulatory notes and cards may be sent in care of the Hamilton East Public Library, One Library Plaza, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Recipe of The Week

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By LaDonna Green of THE GRAPEVINE Restaurant, 304 S. Main Street Sheridan. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday evening, 5 to 8 p.m. Phone: (317) 413-9006

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Agriculture Report

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Wet conditions delayed the finish of the fall harvest according to the Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wind damage to standing corn was reported in many counties after severe storms. Though the wet weather kept some farmers out of their fields, the soil moisture helped planted winter wheat to remain in good condition and continued to aid pastures in recovering from dry conditions during the summer.

FIELD CROPS REPORT

There were 5.1 days suitable for field work during the week. Ninety-two percent of the corn acreage has been harvested compared with 98 percent last year and 89 percent for the 5-year average. By area 94 percent of the corn crop is harvested in the north, 91 percent in the central region, and 91 percent in the south. Moisture content of harvested corn is averaging about 18 percent.

Ninety-seven percent of the soybean acreage has been harvested compared to 99 percent last year and 98 percent for the 5-year average. By area 98 percent of the soybean acreage is harvested in the north, 98 percent in the central region, and 91 percent in the south. Moisture content of harvested soybeans is averaging about 13 percent.

Ninety-three percent of the winter wheat acreage has emerged compared to 92 percent last year and 84 percent for the 5-year average. Seventy-seven percent of the winter wheat acreage is in good to excellent condition compared to 70 percent last year at this time.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

Pasture condition was rated 50 percent good to excellent. Livestock remained in good condition.

Bricks arrive for Angel of Hope



Photo submitted

It was announced that bricks for the Angel of Hope Monument Garden in Forest Park have arrived. The Angel of Hope is a place of reflection and remembrance for those who have lost a child. The engraving of bricks will begin soon. Those who are considering having an engraved brick laid for the dedication should place their order. Go to <http://www.angelofhope.info/Brick/> or call (317) 695-3551 to have your order placed.



Photo submitted

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office received its second accreditation from the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Pictured is the team receiving the award: Allison Nicholson, Sheriff Mark Bowen, Major Tom Gehlhausen, and Tim Garner.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Earns CALEA Re-accreditation

On Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, Sheriff Bowen and members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office attended an awards banquet in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to receive their award from the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). CALEA is an international organization that recognizes outstanding achievement in law enforcement agencies. The CALEA accreditation award is for three years, and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is now required to maintain continuous compliance during the award period by submitting annual reports attesting to the compliance with the standards under which it was

accredited. This is the second accreditation award for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

To earn accreditation, agency employees had to comply with 188 standards. A team of assessors from CALEA visited the Sheriff's Office in August to examine policies and procedures, management, operation, and support services. Sheriff Bowen stated, "The accreditation process allows the members of the Agency, as well as the members of the community to be confident that the policies and procedures that guide the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office are based on current, effective, and equitable best practices in policing."

This week in Hamilton County history

75 Years Ago

American National Bank, at that time the only bank in Noblesville, issued 550 Christmas Club checks totaling \$25,000.

Burglars broke into the Armory on Logan Street and stole revolvers, an automatic rifle and a pair of field glasses.

50 Years Ago

Mayor-elect Joe Butler, who had defeated Earl Gagle in the election, filed campaign expenses of \$42.50.

A dozen vending machines were broken into and damaged at Stardust Bowl, stealing \$2,500.

Wayne Township Trustee Forest Wainscott announced he will not act on a petition signed by 60 voters to merge the school system with Noblesville.

25 Years Ago

With Montgomery Ward as the anchor store, a multi-million dollar plan for a shopping center on Logan Street Extension was approved.

Ground breaking plans for a \$1 million dollar expansion was announced by Noblesville Major Mary Sue Rowland to Fred's Frozen Foods on Conner Street in Noblesville.

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Sheridan fans shaking their heads...

Will the Blackhawks ever lose?

There was a time, a few years ago, when Sheridan girls basketball fans would leave the gym shaking their heads, wondering if the Lady Blackhawks would ever win a game.

Sheridan fans left Hobbs Memorial Hall Saturday evening, also shaking their heads. Different kind of shake. They're wondering if the 2013-14 Lady Blackhawks will ever lose a game.

After beating Tri-West (for the first time in 11 years) 56-53 earlier in the week, Saturday Coach Jeff Guenther's Blackhawks gunned down Elwood 55-48.

And, Sheridan isn't exactly beating a bunch of cupcakes. Tri-West is 3-1 and Elwood 2-2.

Sheridan now is 5-0, for the first time ever.

Even more remarkable, this is a young Sheridan team which

many thought would be a year away from playing this well.

Guenther said the key to the win over Elwood was Sheridan not hitting the panic button down the stretch. Leading most of the evening, Sheridan fell behind 43-42 with 3:50 left. The Blackhawks came right back to recapture the lead getting a bucket from Brittany Welch, a rebound bucket from Payton Fleener and then a steal and a bucket and a free throw by Welch.

"The kids had no fear in their eyes after losing the lead," Guenther said. "They came back making plays. Rebounding was a key."

Welch, a freshman, had just one shot and one rebound in the first half. She led the way in the third period by scoring three points and pulling six rebounds. For the game she had eight points and seven boards. That came after

Welch's double-double against Tri-West, 18 points and 12 rebounds.

For a second straight night senior Amanda Summe led Sheridan's scoring, each night with 20 points. She canned three 3-pointers against Elwood, after hitting three against Tri-West.

Of the six players Guenther used against Elwood, all scored four or more points. Rebounding, as the coach said, was a key. Fleener led with eight.

Sheridan also played great defense against Elwood.

"We were able to push out their 3-point shooters," said Guenther.

Sheridan now has a little time off, returning to action on Friday, Dec. 6 in a big Hoosier Heartland Conference game with Carroll. It will be the Blackhawks' first HHC game of the season.



Brian Reddick/RDK Photography

Sheridan's Amanda Summe scored 20 points in both of the Blackhawks' girls basketball wins last week.

Lady Millers (3-1) have second chance at... Grabbing a signature win

It is going to be a challenging week, this Thanksgiving week, for Noblesville's basketball Lady Millers.

*Noblesville will have an opportunity to defend a tourney championship the Millers won a year ago.

*And, and, and, Noblesville will have an opportunity to prove to the local basketball world that, indeed, the Lady Millers deserve to be in the talk when it comes to this year's Hoosier Crossroads Conference race and later on in the sectional.

First things first, proving Noblesville should be considered in the mix of the big guys, or, if you will, the big girls. The Millers flunked their first test last week when they were hammered by Westfield, 58-41. Westfield, of course, is both a conference and possible sectional foe.

The loss to Westfield is Noblesville's only loss of the season as the Millers have gotten off to a 3-1 beginning. They have beaten two Class 3A ranked teams, Hamilton Heights and Lebanon, and they have beaten Class 4A Tech.

Tonight (Tuesday) at The Mill Noblesville will entertain another possible sectional foe, Carmel. The Lady Greyhounds will come to town with a 2-1 record, with wins over Cathedral 59-46 and Hamilton Heights 67-43 and a stumble the last time out, falling to Terre Haute North 51-41. In comparing scores, Noblesville's win over Hamilton Heights was a 75-59 ripping.

This past week, Noblesville bounced back from the loss to Westfield early in the week by drilling (Class 3A) No. 9 ranked Lebanon, 66-46. The Millers did it with a huge third quarter when they outscored the host Tigers 21-9. In that period, Alexis Shannon scored seven points and pulled five boards and Cori Cain canned a pair of 3-pointers and scored eight points.

"We shot the ball much better against Lebanon than we did in the Westfield game," said Keck.

The Millers hit 16-of-51 shots and were 3-of-11 from 3-point territory against Westfield. That, along with a 25-point explosion from the Shamrocks' Kayla Brown, spelled NHS's first and only defeat of the year. Noblesville's high scorers in the game were Audrey Defoe with 13 points and Erin Wood with 11. Wood also pulled eight of Noblesville's 20 rebounds.

Against Lebanon, Noblesville was 27-of-63 from the field and 5-of-16 from 3-point range. Shannon led the way with 17 points and Wood added 12. Shannon also collected 10 rebounds; Wood had seven and Jessica Kiser collected six.

After hosting Carmel tonight, Noblesville on Saturday will attempt to defend its title at the Tippecanoe Valley Tourney where last year they gunned down Knox 69-35 and TV 78-42. This time they'll face Munster in the noon game after Portage and Valley open the show at 10:30 a.m. The consolation game is set for 6:15 and the title tilt at 8 p.m.

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BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON PREVIEW

There is lots to like at Noblesville

**By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor**

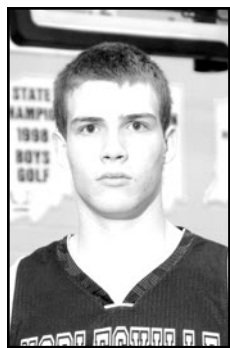
He likes the way his basketball team competes. He likes the way his Millers pass the basketball. He believes the potential for good shooting is there.

So what, if any, concerns, Coach Dave McCollough, do you have about your 2013-14 Noblesville High basketball team, a team which will open its season on Wednesday in The Mill playing Indianapolis Northwest?

“The concerns,” answered McCollough, “are rebounding; taking care of the basketball, and staying healthy.”

Not staying healthy has hurt Noblesville the last couple of years and it already is a concern this season. David Cory, a junior who would have played the point, recently underwent surgery from a football injury and is gone for the season. Another footballer, 6-8 senior Max Meehan, was injured the first basketball practice of the year and will miss a couple of weeks.

Meehan is a key in playing a backup role to another senior, 6-8 Jack Trittippo. Both Trittippo and Meehan are two-year lettermen.



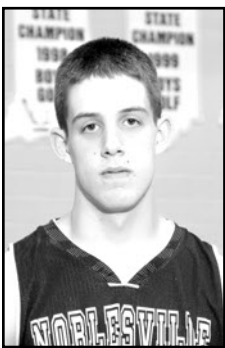
Trittippo

McCollough says Meehan, once healthy, will be a factor.

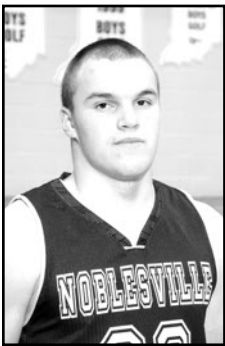
“Max worked over the summer and has improved,” said the coach. “Trittippo is someone who needs to stay out of foul trouble and be on the court.”

Trittippo didn’t score in a pre-season scrimmage with North Central last week, but the big guy did grab nine rebounds and nine different times during the evening he was fouled while taking the ball to the hoop. Free throws weren’t shot in the scrimmage session.

Along with productions from Trittippo and Meehan, McCollough expects to get rebounding from 6-4 sophomore John Kiser and from 6-3 junior Joey Brewer. Another potential board threat is Austin Ginther, the linebacker from the football team. He is just 5-11, but Ginther is a banger.



Kiser



Ginther

“He reminds me of a kid we had a couple of years ago, Jack Yeary, who was an under-sized forward who battled,” McCollough said.

“Our guards will need to get on the boards, too,” McCollough added.

Kiser, who played a little as a freshman last year, scored eight points and pulled seven rebounds in the scrimmage against North Central. Brewer hit a 3-pointer and scored five points and Ginther had a bucket and four boards.

Brewer, Ginther, 6-1 junior Josh Gentry, 6-0 senior Zach Parker and 6-1 junior Joey Herron all were junior varsity players last year.

“It’s an adjustment from freshman and junior varsity to the varsity,” McCollough said. “Varsity is faster and stronger.”

The loss of Cory was a big one, but Noblesville is deep in talent in the backcourt with the return of two-year varsity lettermen Jake Mills and Jordan Saal, along with 6-3 senior Justin Pegues, a letterman last season, and junior sharp-shooter Sean Wilson who is up from the junior varsity. Mills was a starter last season. Pegues improved as the



Mills

season grew. Saal battled an injury his junior year.

“Mills and Wilson are shooters,” said McCollough, “and Saal, Parker, Kiser and Brewer can shoot the ball. Pegues is a good defender and he can handle the ball. His jump shot has improved.”

Wilson canned four 3-pointers in the North Central scrimmage and Mills fired in two.

In that four-period (running clock) scrimmage, Noblesville outscored North Central 16-11 in the first period and then was outscored in each of the next three periods, 17-11, 15-8, 18-15. Wilson was the leading scorer with 12 points, while Kiser and Mills each finished with eight and Pegues with seven.

McCollough believes he has some depth.

“We can easily go eight or nine deep,” he said. “Wilson, Mills, Saal, Pegues, Trittippo and Kiser are in the mixed for starting positions in the opener,” McCollough added.

The Millers will open on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday) by taking on Northwest in The Mill. Noblesville will remain at home on Saturday to host Indianapolis Howe. After those games will be back-to-back contests on the road against sectional foes Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern. Howe is new on the Millers’ schedule. Noblesville

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Huskies have returning firepower from sectional winning team

**By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor**

A team doesn’t lose a player with the talents of Alex Etherington without concerns starting the next season. Etherington last season led Hamilton Heights in scoring and rebounding. He will be missed.

But, don’t start the 2013-14 season throwing out crying towels for Coach Chad Ballenger’s defending sectional champion Huskies. There is lots of firepower returning from a Heights team which last year went 15-9 and won the Muncie Central Sectional.

“We have a great returning cast,” Ballenger said while preparing the Huskies for what likely will be a tough season opener this Wednesday in the Husky Dome. “We had a really good summer, and we are very excited about the new year. We have great team chemistry.”

Hamilton Heights will enter the year with four seniors. All, Ballenger said, will be important to this team.

“Conley Hoover is a great 3-point shooter,” the coach began talking about his senior class. “We’re looking for big things out of him. He must stay consistent and be able to hit the shot in crunch time. He’s a great leader by example.

“Bo O’Laughlin, we call him the garbage player. He finds a way to get it done. He can rebound, score and he gets loose balls. He gets all the hustle plays, and he plays good defense. He must play without fouling.”



Hoover

Those are the two seniors returning with the most experience. The other two are Lukas Sipe, a great role player who does whatever is asked of him, and Zac Moffett, one of the best 3-point shooters Ballenger has.

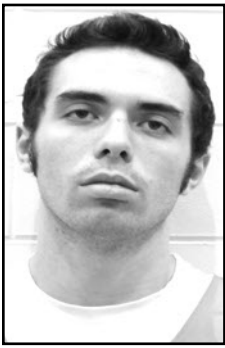
Heights’ talent doesn’t end with the senior class. Juniors Grant Weatherford, Garrett Paull, Jadon White, and Kurry Miller all will play key roles, as will sophomore Hunter Crist.

“We need Weatherford to score more,” Ballenger continued. “Grant is a great team player. He is never worried about stats; just worried about winning. I think he was too unselfish at times last year. He has some D1 offers and is being looked at by a lot of mid-major schools.”

Paull and Miller represent Heights’ size. Each is 6-6.

“Paull has multiple skills,” Ballenger said. “He can play inside or out. We can use him as a mismatch against lots of teams. He must be able to defend without fouling. Miller is a big inside player for us. He must be able to finish with contact. He is capable of stepping out and hitting the perimeter shot. He must rebound and play defense.”

White, said Ballenger, is one of the hardest workers on the team. A good shooter, he had a great sectional and regional as a sophomore. “He must play through adversity,” Ballenger added. “He will be a key to our success.”



O’Laughlin

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Millers will host “loaded” tourney

Noblesville will host one of the toughest high school boys basketball tournaments of the year when on Dec. 27-28 seven other teams will join the Millers at The Mill.

The schedule follows:

Dec. 27

Game 1, 10 a.m., Kokomo vs. Guerin Catholic

Game 2, 12 noon, Bloomington South vs. South Bend Adams

Game 3, 2 p.m., Louisville Moore vs. Noblesville

Game 4, 4 p.m., Lawrence North vs. New Haven

Game 5, 6 p.m., Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Game 6, 8 p.m., Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Dec. 28

Game 7, 9 a.m., Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2

Game 8, 11 a.m., Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4

Game 9, 1 p.m., Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 (3rd place)

Game 10, 3 p.m. Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8 (7th place)

Game 11, 5 p.m., Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (fifth place)

Game 12, 7 p.m., Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 (championship)

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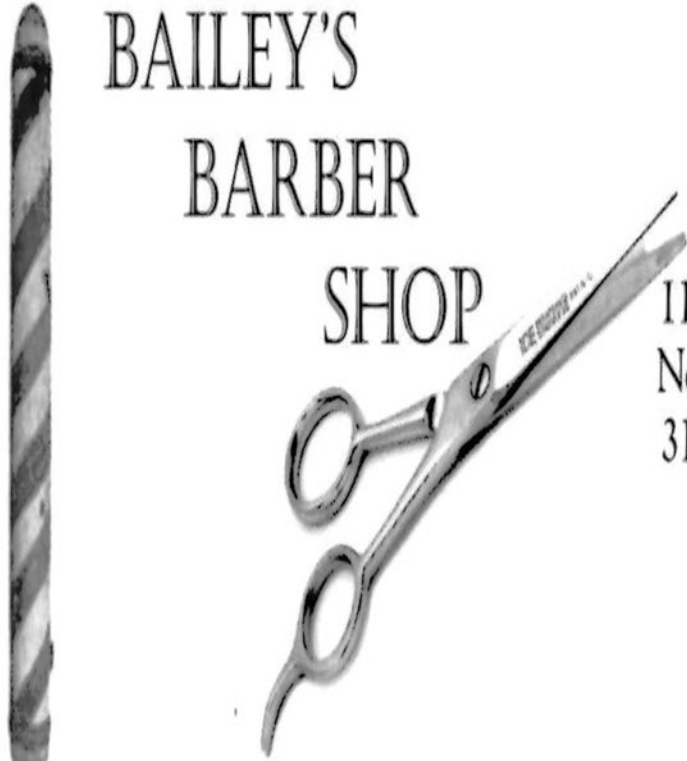


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Young Blackhawks will look to Boyer, Christy for leadership

**By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor**

Most high school coaches, starting any new season, will moan and groan a little with the lost talent from the previous year. In the high school ranks, players come and players go.

In Sheridan's situation this year, more players from gone than normal.

"This year's team returns two players and neither was a starter," said Coach Cory Dunn, who is beginning his 8th year as head mentor at the school. "This is the most inexperienced team I've had in my tenure."

The two Blackhawks returning, Michael Boyer and Cort Christy, are seniors, and that, said Dunn, is a plus.

"We're looking at them to be our leaders," said the coach. "Both are good at that. Christy is a slasher and a rebounder. Boyer will be called on to handle the basketball."

Unlike most teams, Sheridan isn't playing a pre-season scrimmage this season. The Blackhawks will open at home on Wednesday against Hoosier Heartland Conference foe Rossville.

This will be Sheridan's third season in the Heartland and likely the last season for the HHC to be a six-team conference. There have been rumors that two or three teams might leave, but Dunn said he believes that instead of folding the conference next season will grow by four teams, adding Eastern, Taylor, Frontier and Tri-County.

Dunn likes playing in the conference.

"It's a good conference for us," he said. "Everyone is about the same enrollment size and we're all competitive against each other. Sheridan is the largest school with an enrollment of 349, and the smallest school has an enrollment of 290."

Rossville, Sheridan's opening foe on Thanksgiving Eve, and Tri-Central are the pre-season conference favorites. Those two teams ended last season with Rossville losing to Tri-Central in the sectional, 69-66 in overtime. Rossville is coming off a 10-12 season and Sheridan was 13-8 last year.

Last season Sheridan and Rossville didn't play until early February. The Hornets won by four, 60-56.

"Rossville will be good," Dunn predicted. "They have their two leading scorers back. Tri-Central will be good, too, and Clinton Prairie had a real good junior varsity team last season."

After hosting Rossville, the following week (Dec. 6) Sheridan will entertain Anderson Prep Academy, and then the following week (Dec. 13) the Blackhawks' road opener will be another conference game, playing at Clinton Central. Last season Sheridan opened with a 76-45 smashing of Anderson Prep.

With all the young players and not having a pre-season scrimmage, Dunn will take the court Wednesday with lots of unknowns. One good thing, he said, is that this season his basketballers aren't coming in just a few practices following football.

Dunn's said his biggest concern entering the season is taking care of the basketball.

That's where, even with limited varsity experience, Boyer will help.

"I think our rebounding will be okay," said the coach. "We don't have any big horses in the middle, but we've got some solid 6-2, 6-3 players."

Rebounding will come from Christy (6-3), sophomore Chris Roberts (6-2), senior Michael Burnell (6-3) and senior Elliot Barker (6-2).

Dunn said defense is his second greatest concern.

"We've got lots of kids coming up from junior varsity," he said. "They're not use to the level of play they will see at the varsity level. But, we've got kids who are great at competing, and I think they will compete."

Shooting the basketball should come from 6-0 junior Brock Kitchel, Roberts and 5-9 sophomore Jake Chesney.

Scoring could come by committee. The Blackhawks will miss all-time school record holder Tyler Jones and two big men in Connor Stumm and Bryan Powell. There were the top three point producers on the team last season, and Stumm was a huge threat on the boards.

With this year's talent apparently equal, for the most part, Dunn has juggled things around during the preseason, but it appears he will open against Rossville with Christy, Jake Chesney, Boyer, Roberts and Kitchel in the starting five, with Burnell and Barker waiting in the wings.

There are a half-dozen seniors on this team, including Boyer, Nate Pflugh, Christy, Loc Daiss, Burnell and Barker. But, this, by far, is anything but an experienced group at the varsity level.

Blackhawks' Schedule	
November	
27, Rossville, 6 p.m.	
December	
6, Anderson Prep Academy, 6 p.m.	
13, at Clinton Central, 6 p.m.	
14, Manual, 6 p.m.	
20, at Tri-West, 6 p.m.	
21, Taylor, 6 p.m.	
January	
10, at Tri-Central, 6 p.m.	
11, at Fountain Central, 6 p.m.	
17, Tipton, 6 p.m.	
18, at Elwood, 6 p.m.	
24, Lighthouse, 6 p.m.	
25, Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.	
31, Lapel, 6 p.m.	
February	
1, at Northwestern, 6 p.m.	
7, at Clinton Prairie, 6 p.m.	
8, at North Miami, 6 p.m.	
13, Carroll, 6 p.m.	
18, at Covenant Christian, 6 p.m.	
22, Western Boone, 6 p.m.	
28, at Frankton, 6 p.m.	

Sheridan Roster		
Player	Class	Ht.
Michael Boyer	Sr.	5-10
Cort Christy	Sr.	6-3
Nate Pflugh	Sr.	6-0
Loc Diass	Sr.	5-11
Michael Burnell	Sr.	6-3
Elliot Barker	Sr.	6-2
Brock Kitchel	Jr.	6-0
Taylor Ly	Jr.	5-11
Garrett Chesney	Jr.	5-11
Chris Roberts	So.	6-2
Jake Chesney	So.	5-9
Patrick Wietzel	So.	6-0

Expect the Golden Eagles to fly

**By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor**

When the Indiana boys preseason high Class 3A polls were released a week ago, Guerin Catholic was No. 2, second only behind defending state champion (and loaded with returning talent) Greensburg.

Coach Pete Smith's Golden Eagles are ranked that high for good reasons. "This will be the tallest and most athletically-gifted team we've had in eight years of varsity play at Guerin,"

Smith that. "That certainly does not ensure success, but it's a great place to start."

Guerin Catholic fans will have no trouble identifying the Golden Eagles returning from last year's 17-6 squad, a team which lost to sectional host and No. 1 ranked Mt. Vernon.

Leading the way is 6-6 senior veteran Aaron Brennan, who has signed to play next season at IUPUI.



Rapp

Brennan as a junior averaged 17.5 points and 9.0 rebounds. He has 1,046 career points and 521 career rebounds (school record). He needs 108 points to break the school record of 1,153 points, set by 2009 grad Ryan Nowicki, who is now the freshman coach

after scoring 1,241 points at Hanover before graduation last spring.

Another veteran returning is senior point guard Whit Rapp, who has 389 career assists, just 20 assist shy of his brother Riley's career record of 409. Rapp, who averaged 8.3 points and 8.2 assists a game last year, has verbally committed to attend

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escaped against Northwest last year with a 69-64 win.

"I don't know much about either one of the two teams we open against," McCollough said. "I do know that the Howe coach (Mosi Barnes) coached at Northwest last year and he has taken a couple of players from Northwest to Howe, including a guard who hit us for 29 points last season."

Howe was 9-11 last season and Northwest was 16-7.

McCollough likes the schedule his Millers will play this season.

"We've picked up Merrillville as a new opponent, playing them on the road. Our (Dec. 27-28) tourney is as good of a tourney as you can find anywhere," said the coach.

Millers' Schedule	
November	
27, Northwest, 6 p.m.	
30, Howe, 6 p.m.	
December	
6, at Carmel, 6 p.m.	
13, at Southeastern, 8 p.m.	
20, Lafayette Jeff, 6 p.m.	
21, at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.	
27-28, Noblesville Tourney	
January	
3, at Merrillville, 6:30 p.m.	
10, McCutcheon, 6 p.m.	
17, at Avon, 6 p.m.	
18, Muncie Central, 6 p.m.	
24, at Westfield, 6 p.m.	


31, Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
February
7, Harrison, 6 p.m.
8, at Mt. Vernon, 6 p.m.
15, Zionsville, 2 p.m.
18, Lawrence Central, 6 p.m.
21, at Fishers, 6 p.m.
28, Lebanon, 6 p.m.

Noblesville Roster		
Player	Varsity Class	Height
Jordan Saal	Sr.	5-11
Justin Pegues	Sr.	6-3
Zach Parker	Sr.	6-0
Jack Tritipo	Sr.	6-8
Max Meehan	Sr.	6-8
Sean Wilson	Jr.	5-10
Jake Mills	Jr.	5-10
Joey Brewer	Jr.	6-3
Josh Gentry	Jr.	6-1
Austin Ginther	Jr.	5-11
Joey Herron	Jr.	6-1
John Kiser	So.	6-4
Junior Varsity		
Asmundur Magnusson	Sr.	6-4
Brady Resch	Jr.	5-8
Luka Dabanovic	Jr.	6-4
Patrick Horton	Jr.	6-2
Grant Neterer	So.	5-8
Ryan Ogden	So.	5-11
Christian Johnson	So.	6-0
Brandon Barthel	So.	6-2
Julian Simac	So.	5-9
Tristan Popa	So.	6-6
Max Flinchum	Fr.	5-10
McGwire Plumer	Fr.	5-10
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Ballenger also is high on three juniors up from the junior varsity, Travis Vonfeldt, Ian Nicholson and Noah Whyde.

“All three have strengths,” said the coach. “Vonfeldt can shoot the 3-pointer, Nicholson is a great role player, an extremely hard worker who will run through a brick wall for you. Whyde is a gym rate who is getting better each week.”

The sophomore on the squad, Crist, is one of the better young players in the area.

“He is very talented and can get the ball to the basket,” Ballenger said. “He needs to be a consistent scoring threat from the perimeter. He’s a great 1-2 punch with Weatherford. Crist had a great sectional. He is a very good defender. He is

getting D-1 looks.”

Like most coaches, Ballenger is stressing defense and rebounding.

“We have the capabilities to really shoot the ball and spread out teams,” Ballenger predicted.

“I think our lineup could change week to week based on who is playing well. Competition is a good thing. I don’t want players looking over their shoulder or worried about making mistakes, but with this team there will be another player waiting to get an opportunity. We can play some different lineups depending on who we are playing. We could go small or big, depending on how we want to play that week.”

The Huskies will begin against a trio of very tough teams, starting with Lebanon this

Wednesday and then hosting Mt. Vernon on Saturday. Lebanon is coming off a 17-6 year, which included a 60-52 mid-February win over the Huskies. Heights also lost to Mt. Vernon last season, 56-47, in an early-January game. That Mt. Vernon team went on to lose to eventual state champion Greensburg in the semi-state.

And, if Lebanon and Mt. Vernon aren’t enough of a season-beginning start, Heights third game and first road game on Dec. 6 will be at Guerin Catholic, where the Golden Eagles are ranked No. 2 in Class 3A basketball.

Huskies’ Schedule

November	
27, Lebanon, 6 p.m.	
30, Mt. Vernon, 7:30 p.m.	
December	
6, at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.	
13, at Lewis Cass, 6 p.m.	
14, at Tri-Central, 6 p.m.	
20, at Western, 6 p.m.	
21, Noblesville, 6 p.m.	
27, Heights Tourney.	
January	
10, Taylor, 6 p.m.	
17, Lapel, 6 p.m.	
18, at Western Boone, 6 p.m.	
24, at Eastern, 6 p.m.	
25, at Sheridan, 6 p.m.	
31, Tipton, 6 p.m.	
February	
7, Maconaquah, 6 p.m.	
8, at Westfield, 6 p.m.	
12, at Muncie Burris, 6 p.m.	
18, Northwestern, 6 p.m.	
28, Peru, 6:30 p.m.	

Heights Roster

Player	Varsity Class	Height
Bo O’Laughlin	Sr.	6-3
Zac Moffatt	Sr.	5-11
Lukas Sipe	Sr.	5-11
Conley Hoover	Sr.	6-0
Grant Weatherford	Jr.	6-2
Garrett Paul	Jr.	6-6
Noah Whyde	Jr.	5-11
Travis Vonfeldt	Jr.	6-0
Jadon White	Jr.	6-3
Kurry Miller	Jr.	6-6
Ian Nicholson	Jr.	6-1
Hunter Crist	So.	6-1
Junior Varsity		
Dustin Williams	So.	5-11
Quinn Collar	So.	6-5
Mitchell Howie	So.	6-1
Sam Beale	So.	5-11
Nate Roth	So.	5-6
Alex Trachtman	So.	6-2
Joe Woods	So.	6-0
Spencer Lybrook	So.	6-2
TJ Freeland	So.	6-3
Chuck Carter	Fr.	6-2

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and play at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Chris Burrough, a 6-6 senior, and Mattt Labus, a junior guard, are returning starters who averaged 7.5 points and 6.3 points, respectively. Burrough is being recruited by more than a dozen NCAA Division III and NAIA schools. Junior Nick Sahn started seven games last year.

Then there are Eagles who may not be as familiar to fans.

Like Matt Holba, a 6-6 junior transfer who last season averaged 11.4 points and 7.1 rebounds a game at Chesterton. This kid can play. He can play inside or outside and his athleticism is a big boost to the team, Smith said.

Christian Munson, a 6-3 sophomore, was the leading scorer on the junior varsity last year and has grown three inches since then. His versatility of playing all five positions is very valuable to this team.

Alex Mazanowski, a 6-4 junior, missed his entire sophomore season with two surgeries and he still is working himself back on the court. As a freshman he led the junior varsity in scoring and lettered on the state championship team.

Matthew Godfrey, a freshman, is the leading candidate to be the full-time back to Rapp at the point. He comes to Guerin after being the leading scorer on a strong Our Lady of Mt. Carmel eighth grade team.

“Last season’s team tied our 2007-08 squad for the second best record and second most wins,” said Smith. “However, the team set the school record for the least amount of

points in a season (1,249) and lowest scoring average (54.3). In our sectional loss to Mt. Vernon, the team set the school record for the lowest field goal percent, 27.3 (12-44).”

That team also was only the second Guerin squad in seven years not to have played in the sectional championship game. Guerin’s all-time post season record is 17-6. Guerin is undefeated in four games that have been played at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

“Our defense is a big worry as we get close to the start of the season,” Smith continued. “I expect us to shoot the ball much better than the 44 percent we shot last season. Improved our passing and playing hard for 32 minutes will be points of emphasis.

“However,” Smith concluded, if we stay healthy we should have a pretty deep squad, and we can rotate a lot of players around.”

Guerin was scheduled to play Cathedral in a scrimmage last night (Monday), and the Eagles will open their season hosting new-opponent Herron at home on Dec. 3.

Golden Eagles’ Schedule

December	
3, Herron, 6 p.m.	
6, Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.	
10, at Broad Ripple, 6 p.m.	
13, at Anderson, 6 p.m.	
14, Muncie Central, 6 p.m.	
20, Howe, 6 p.m.	
21, at Lawrence North, 6 p.m.	
27-28, at Noblesville Tourney	
January	
3, at New Castle, 6 p.m.	
4, Evansville Harrison at Tech, 4 p.m.	
10, at Chatard, 8 p.m.	
11, at Louisville Ballard (Ky.), 7 p.m. at Freedom Hall	
18, at Terre Haute South, 6 p.m.	
24, Brebeuf, 7:45 p.m.	
31: Lafayette Catholic, 8 p.m.	
February	
4, Scecina, 6 p.m.	
10, Heritage Christian, 6 p.m.	
21, Pendleton Hewights, 6 p.m.	
25, Ft. Wayne Luers, 6 p.m.	

Guerin Roster

Player	Class	Height
Cris Burrough	Sr.	6-6
Whit Rapp	Sr.	6-0
Aaron Brennan	Sr.	6-6
Stuart Schultz	Sr.	6-7
Nick Sahn	Jr.	6-1
Matt Holba	Jr.	6-6
Nick Schneider	Jr.	6-1
Matt Labus	Jr.	6-0
Alex Mazanowski	Jr.	6-4
Christian Munson	So.	6-3
Matthew Godfrey	Fr.	5-10

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The primary goal of this treatment is to strive for normal, beautiful, healthy skin inside and out. Deep pore cleansing and exfoliation with steam are used to gently open the pores and loosen congestion. This facial is specially focused on the detailed removal of any oil impurities, including blackheads, whiteheads, and milia while reducing the inflammation and bacteria within the skin.

Oxygen Lift Facial- \$65

This luxurious treatment infuses oxygen, plant-derived stem cells, peptides and a high concentration of enzymatic botanicals into the skin leaving it luminous, refreshed and rejuvenated.

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