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# Hamilton County Reporter

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*Councilmen vote 5-2...*

## Noblesville moves to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

By **DON JELLISON**  
**Reporter Editor**  
By a 5-2 vote, the Noblesville Common Council has passed an ordinance changing Noblesville from a third class city to a second class city.  
Voting in favor of the ordinance were Councilmen Brian Ayer, Greg O'Connor, Jeff Zeckel, Mark Boice and Roy Johnson. Voting no were Rick Taylor and Steve Wood.  
Classifications of cities are based on population. Any city with a population between 35,000 and 600,000 can be second class. With its rapid growth the past 10

years, Noblesville has reached that population level.  
Basically, moving from third class to second class will mean two things for Noblesville city government.  
\*A controller, appointed by the mayor, will replace the clerk treasurer, an elected position. The controller will handle the duties formerly handled by the clerk-treasurer, who now will handle only the clerk's duties.  
\*Two additional members will be added to the Common Council, both by an election. Currently, the seven-person Council consists of five members representing districts and two members at-large. The new Common

Council will be made up of six members representing districts and three members at large.  
The second city status will begin on Jan. 1, 2016, following the November 2015 election. All terms for current Council members end on Jan. 1, 2016, as does the current term of Mayor John Ditslear.  
With everyone up for re-election and with the addition of two new Council members, the 2015 election could be one of the hottest in recent city politics. Major Ditslear has not as yet announced whether or not he will run for another term, and neither have any of the Council members.

Before the vote was taken, three Councilmen spoke concerning the subject.  
O'Connor, who represents the city's largest district, said his district has become so large it is hard to govern, and that he feels there is a need for two additional council members.  
"This is something I haven't lightly," O'Connor said. "In the past 10 years Noblesville has grown to over 75,000 residents. Long term this (second class status) is something we should do. There will be an additional cost involved, but it's the right thing to do."  
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## Sheridan nears "super" decision

The Sheridan School System is nearing making its decision for a new superintendent.  
The final candidates (two or three) will interview this week before the full Board of School Trustees.  
On Dec. 10, a candidate will be selected; a contract agreement finalized, and the selection will be

announced to the public on January 1, 2014 or July 1, 2014.  
The new superintendent will replace Dereck Arrowood, who has accepted the position of Superintendent of Hamilton Heights Schools.

## Jaros unhappy with Mayor

*E-mail to Councilmen*

To say I am disappointed doesn't even cover my feelings. I am angry and hurt by the Mayor's actions. I will address all that with him when I am able to. I heard some of the most lame reasons for taking this action and in the most important decision this Council will ever make, it was done in less than 5 minutes.  
The fact that we are the county seat! That all boils down to the fact that this is something Carmel Mayor hasn't been able to accom-

plish. The is one of the main reasons the Mayor wanted this. That and having control of the money. It is a status thing with him.  
Another excuse was that there are no requirements in place for a person to run for this office. Well, there are none for the Mayor, the Council or the Judge. The Judge doesn't even have to be a lawyer. There have been some really

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*E-mail to department heads*

As most of you know this was a Mayor initiative to become a 2<sup>nd</sup> class city. At the beginning of this term, I stated I wasn't going to run again. That was all the Mayor needed to start the process. As I found out during one of the meetings he has had a folder on this since 2005. As we started into the second year, I started reconsidering that decision. I will still need

to work once this term was up and why not continue to do this instead of becoming an employee someplace else. The Mayor never once came and asked me if I had made a decision. You see, he didn't want to know. That way he can say, he didn't know. He wants the status of be able to get something done that Mayor Brainard hasn't

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Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

Construction work is continuing on the Cicero sewer system, one of many projects going on in the city during the Christmas season. The sewer rehabilitation project is expected to be complete in the spring.

## Cicero getting growth for Christmas

Cicero is booming. Just in time for Christmas. In fact, Santa may want to wear a hard hat when guiding his reindeers through the community.

The newest things Santa, and others, might notice are:  
\*Construction of a causeway over Morse Reservoir from the west side of Cicero into the city.  
\*Construction work going on with the sewer system, trying to solve a long-time problem.  
\*A new CVS pharmacy on the south side of town.  
\*Replacing the old CVS pharmacy soon will be a Dollar General Store.  
\*A new restaurant, 10 West, in the downtown area.

"Things are happening," said Jerry Cook, President of the Cicero Town Board.  
"The causeway is really needed," Cook said. "It's a safety thing. It hasn't been safe with runners and bikes and walkers trying to get from one side of the lake to the other."  
On the east side of the lake is the town. On the west side is popular Red Bride Park and the town's swimming pool.

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## Mayor Ditslear responds

I could go on regarding the untruths/misperceptions in both letters. However, I will keep this short and just leave it at the following:  
I have said repeatedly that Janet is one of the best Clerk-Treasurers in Indiana. If you ask any of the Council members, I think each one would completely agree. This is not a personal attack on Janet from me or anyone else.

At a Council work session on this topic, she was asked by Council members if she planned on running again. She did not give a direct answer to that question.  
My understanding all along has been that she was not going to run for re-election. She never called or indicated to me or any of the Council members that she had changed her mind.

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## Obituary

### Mildred Van Meter

February 1, 1917 - November 26, 2013

Mildred Van Meter, age 96, of Noblesville (formerly of Sheridan), passed away Tuesday morning, November 26, 2013, at Riverwalk Commons in Noblesville. Born February 1, 1917 in Adams County, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Grover & Effie (Pickard) Merrill. Mildred attended Sugar Creek High School and was a member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. On February 16, 1935, she was married to Clayton Lavon Van Meter, he preceded her in death on January 12, 2001. Mildred was a homemaker and assisted her late husband with farming. She is survived by 1 son: Dale L Van Meter and wife Judy of Sheridan ; 1 daughter: Janet S. Butcher and husband Neil of Sheridan ; 2 sisters: Betty Vawter of Sheridan and Norma Dean Hall and husband Donald of Carmel ; 6 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Thomas and Lloyd Merrill, and 2 sisters: Ruth Wallace and Helen Forbush.

Services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 30, 2013, at Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, with visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Carol Fritz officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church.

## Tammy Baitz announces candidacy for County Clerk of the Circuit Court

Tammy (Clark) Baitz announces her candidacy for the Republican nomination for Hamilton County Clerk of the Circuit Court in the May, 2014, Primary Election. Baitz has served over 25 years in the Hamilton County Clerk's Office, working her way up through several supervisory positions to eventually becoming Chief Deputy Clerk, second in charge to the Clerk. She then ran for the office and was elected Clerk of the Courts from 2000 through 2007. She currently holds the position of Chief Deputy under the present Clerk.

In 2004, while serving as Hamilton County Clerk, Baitz had the honor of receiving the Clerk of the Year Award presented by the statewide Association of Clerks of the Circuit Court. She also served on several statewide committees including the Indiana Supreme Court Records Management Committee.

Baitz is a lifelong resident of Hamilton



Baitz

County. She and her husband, David, reside near Arcadia. They have two grown children and three grandchildren. She is a member of the Cicero United Methodist Church, Hamilton County Federated Republican Women's Club, the American Legion Auxiliary (Noblesville), Association of Clerks of the Circuit Court, Indiana Voter Registration Association, and the Indiana Sheriffs' Association and is a graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy.

## COUNCILMEN

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dumb people serving on the council since I have been working for the City. I will not state if I feel any of you meet that status in my mind. There are no requirements in place for the person who will be hired as controller either. None are required. Even if a person is a CPA, that doesn't give them the knowledge that is needed. But then during the discussion it was stated that we don't need a CPA.

The fact that you review the claims and will be the checks and balances. Let me give you an example of something that happened with this Mayor. There had been some rumblings that a prior Mayor had misused the Mayor Ball funds. The current Mayor felt it was best to bring that event into the city so there couldn't be that kind of talk. I told him that was fine except they would have to follow all the rules. One of the committee members came to me and said she wanted to see if some of the funds could be used to buy a mink jacket for the auction. I told her NO. That information was taken back to the committee. The Mayor's wife showed up at my door and stated she didn't care how it was done but that it would be done. I told her it would not be bought and ran through the city. I found out later that the Mayor's assistant and the Mayor's wife even went to one of my vendors and asked them how it could be done. What an embarrassment to me. Needless to say, the mayor's ball money was pulled out of the city from that year on. But what I am getting at is, if there was a controller, that would have been done be-

cause they work at the pleasure of the Mayor. You say you will be checking the claims, what do you do when it says J P Morgan Chase on the claims. That gives you no information. That is the credit card. It could be paying for anything and you won't know unless you come in an actually pull every claim to review it. So in order to cover up things they don't want known, they will use the credit card. We had a person go downtown Indy to a meeting, just a few weeks ago. They parked in a cash only garage. They didn't have any cash. They went to a bank machine and got the cash. They wanted the City of pay for the bank fee when they came to get reimbursed for the parking. We said NO. Those are the things you will never see when a claim comes through.

I wanted you to base your decision on what was best for the City of Noblesville. I know you feel you did that. I also knew from the second meeting the Mayor had the votes or he wouldn't be pressing it forward. That doesn't stop the hurt I am feeling. I was going to run again but none of you came to me and asked. Again, like the Mayor, you really didn't want to know that. He has worked hard to get a Council that will serve at his pleasure and bow to his wishes.

I still have two years left and I plan to continue doing my job to the best of my ability. I will also be job hunting, because like most people I am not financially able to retire at the end of my term.

## CICERO

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The causeway is the result of a grant provided to Cicero by INDOT. Jan Unger, Clerk Treasurer, said the total project is \$3.6 million.

With construction going on, stop lights are located on each side of the lake and it is one-lane traffic for drivers crossing the lake, sometimes resulting in long waits at both sides of the lake.

The sewer construction is going on in what Unger calls "Old Town Cicero," also with a little work being done in Cicero Shores. The problem, solving early spring rains, has been around for a while, with at

least three attempts having been made by the city.

The sewer rehabilitation project is expected to be completed in early spring.

Also, in the near future is another planned restaurant on the east side of the lake.

"They are beginning to apply for building permits," said Cook. "I think they're shooting for a February opening. They will try to attract the lake traffic.

"The focus for us is to dress up that area of town," Cook added.

## NOBLESVILLE

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Ayers also spoke in favor of going second class, calling it a "tough decision. We have an award winning clerk-treasurer (Janet Jaros), but we need to think of the future. Clerk-treasurer is an elected position which requires no qualifications. Yes, this will give the mayor more power (with an appointed controller), but the Council has final approval on any budget decisions. This is something to have to do for the future."

Taylor opposed the ordinance. "It will come at a cost," he said. "I'm opposed to bigger government. There will be additional costs with no additional revenue to the city."

Ditslear, who in the meeting did not address the Council on the matter, later said, "I think the vote was a good decision."

Ditslear told The Reporter following an earlier Council meeting that he thought more study and discussion was needed before taking the vote.

"In the 10 days (between meetings) the Council had time to, one on one, hold discussions and learn more," the Mayor said.

Ditslear told The Reporter that the new controller would earn in the range of \$70,000 to \$90,000 and that the reporter (minus the treasurer job) would be paid approximately \$40,000, about half of what the clerk-treasurer earns today.

## DEPARTMENT

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been able to do. One up on the Carmel Mayor. He also wants control. He stated that there are no requirements in order to run for Clerk-Treasurer and he is afraid of who might get the job. My concern is there are not requirements for who runs for Mayor and who might get the job. You should be afraid of that too.

When the Mayor realized that I was reconsidering my decision, the pursuit of becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> class picked up speed. I realized after the second meeting with the Council concerning this that the Mayor had been working very hard behind the scenes to get the votes needed. It passed with a 5 aye-2 nay vote last night.

In order to be as good as we have been it take a team effort. That is what is lacking

in many places between the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer. The Mayor wants control and makes things very difficult. That happened with Mary Sue and Marilyn Conner, prior to me. Good teams are like the spokes on a wheel. When they are all working together it is a smooth ride. Well, the spoke, with my name on it was broken by the Mayor when he started this process. I am no longer a part of the team. In order to be a part, you have to respect the person that is at the hub. I no longer have any respect for the Mayor.

I plan to still be here for the next two years. That is my commitment to my staff and the citizens of Noblesville. My door is always open and I am here to help you if you need it.

## MAYOR

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This is not a "power play" by me or however it was phrased in the letter. Throughout this process, I have stated the benefits I see for Noblesville by becoming a second class city such as having additional representation for our rapidly growing city as well as having a controller with strong experience and background in financial management to act as our city's Chief Financial Officer.

I want to make clear that as a second class city, there will be no changes in the

budget process or claims process. Council will continue to approve the budget and all expenditures.

I'm sorry that the letters were full of untruths/misperceptions that will mislead people. I am also sorry she felt hurt by this process even though it was neither personal against her nor a "power play" by me. At the end of the day, I believe—and the majority of Council believes—that becoming a second class city is the best for the future of Noblesville.



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## Financial Advice...

# Has your deductible changed without your knowledge?

By BRIAN BRAGG

For the past several years homeowner's insurance companies in Indiana have been losing money, primarily because of wind and hail claims. Storm patterns in recent years have pelted the Midwest with wind and hail related claims that reach into the billions of dollars. In fact many insurance companies are paying out two dollars in claims, for every dollar they receive in premium.

This has been the primary reason the industry has seen such an increase in homeowners insurance premiums over the past few years. While this trend is not likely to end any time soon, some insurance companies are also changing the way they pay out claims.

Traditionally a homeowner's policy has a dollar amount named as the deductible. That amount is subtracted from the amount of the claim. For example, if the policy has a \$1,000 deductible and there is a \$5,000 claim, the insurance company would pay out \$4,000.

However there is a trend in the industry that has some companies changing their deductibles from a dollar amount to a percentage, especially if the claim has been caused by wind or hail.

I recently spoke to a married couple who had damage to their roof caused by the outbreak of tornadoes we experienced in the month of November. They called their insurance company to file a claim, and discovered that their deductible for a wind claim is 10 percent of their dwelling value. *Their dwelling value is \$360,000 which made their deductible \$36,000.* Needless to say they ended up having to pay for the repairs to their roof out of their own pocket.

**Did you catch that? Their deductible was \$36,000 for wind and hail damages!**

Unfortunately many other companies are following suit. Some very large and well-known insurance companies are changing their wind and hail deductibles to a percentage and most of their clients are unaware of the change. Often times clients are only notified of this change within the mountain of paperwork they receive in the mail from the company at the policies renewal.

Let's face it; most people do not have the time to sift through that much paperwork. They file it away and assume that the coverages have remained the same.

The example given above of a 10 percent deductible is the most extreme case I have seen. More frequently I am seeing wind and hail damage deductibles changing from a dollar amount to one or two percent of the dwelling coverage. One or two percent of the dwelling is still a significant amount of money to pay out of pocket at the stressful time of a claim.

Protect yourself.

1. **Review your documents.** Take the time to review the documents when you receive information in the mail from your insurance company. If you do not understand the language or have questions, take the policy to your agent and have them explain the coverages.

2. **Insist on an annual review.** Your agent should be sitting down with you on an annual basis to review your coverages and to answer your questions. There are too many changes taking place in the homeowner's insurance arena right now to ignore the paperwork and hope for the best.

3. **Educate yourself.** Too often times I hear people say that they paid their premium so the assumed everything was OK. Don't turn a blind eye to your insurance coverages. Insurance is expensive so you should do your best to make sure that you coverages fit your needs.

## Westfield and Citizens Energy Applaud Approval of Utility Transfer

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook and Carey Lykins, President & CEO of Citizens Energy Group, praised today's approval by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) of the transfer of Westfield's water and wastewater utilities to Citizens.

The acquisition, expected to close by mid-January, will create Citizens Westfield, an integrated water, wastewater and gas utility providing excellent service for the fast growing Hamilton County community. Citizens acquired Westfield Gas in 2004. In addition, the transfer will:

Provide Westfield about \$40 million for much needed infrastructure including new streets, sidewalks and walking trail expansions.

Eliminate Westfield's \$45 million in utility debt.

Retain the current five-year schedule of modest utility rate increases previously approved by the Westfield City Council.

Retain the experience and knowledge of existing Westfield utility employees.

"The approval of the utility transfer by the IURC is an unprecedented step forward in our *Westfield Where You Want to Be* initiative to build much-needed infrastructure without raising taxes. At the same time, we are securing our vital water and wastewater utilities with a trusted company committed to predictable rates, outstanding customer service and future community growth," said Mayor Cook.

On Sept. 24, 2012, Mayor Cook and Citizens announced the plan to transfer the community's water and wastewater utilities to Citizens for a purchase price of \$91 million. After a public input process that included four town hall meetings, the Westfield City Council approved the utility transfer by a 6-1 vote on Nov. 5, 2012.

Over the next six weeks, Westfield and Citizens will finalize the financial transaction to complete the transfer. Meanwhile, plans will be completed for an efficient transition for Westfield Utilities' 10,000 customers.

When the transfer is complete, customers will notice few changes to their utility service. The only significant changes are Citizens will not bill customers for trash and stormwater service, and a new utility phone number will be established. Starting in February, Westfield residents will receive a quarterly trash and stormwater bill from the City.

In about a year, Citizens will reformat the current water and wastewater bill to include comparative usage data to help customers track their usage. At the same time, Citizens will also offer new payment options including automatic bank transfer, new payment locations and budget billing, which allows customers to pay the same amount each month based on annual usage.

## Building Permits

# Construction is near on The Hamptons

A huge multi-family project is nearing construction on the east side of Noblesville. Building permits, totaling \$5.48 million, have been issued for the "The Hamptons," a 130-unit complex on 20.45 acres, located immediately east of the movie theatre on Town & Country Blvd.

The units are targeted to, but not limited to, seniors.

A pre-construction meeting was scheduled between the Noblesville Department of Planning and the developer on Monday and it is likely that ground breaking will begin early next week, said Andrew Wert, Assistant Director of Planning.

Building permits for last week totaled valuation of \$7,665,348

### Multi Family New Structure

Redwood Management, The Hamptons Apartments, Southside of Town & Country Blvd, \$5.48 million.

### Commercial Alternation

Ken Wolf Heating, Riveredge, 17901 River Ave.

### Electrical Upgrade

Pritt Electric, 17901 Presley Blvd.

### Fence Addition

Katherine M. Jones, Brighton Knott, 15457 Blair Lane.

### Residential Remodel

Jennifer Sell, G.H. Voss, 240 Clinton Central, \$100,000.

Grande & Grande Inc., Lochaven at Noble West, 6238 Burleigh Place, \$27,500.

### Signs

Phoenix Sign Works, 2610 Conner St., \$2,300.

Phoenix Sign Works, 2610 Conner St., \$2,300.

### Single Family New Structure

RH of Indiana, Brighton Knoll, 5156 Roedean Drive, \$124,378.

Arbor Homes, Waterman Farms, 11318 Funny Cide Drive, \$134,000.

Ryan Homes, Slater Woods, 16854 Rosetree Court, \$350,000.

Beazer Homes, Prairie Crossing The Ridge, 7704 Pacific Summit, \$199,500.

Beazer Homes, Prairie Crossing, The Ridge, 18760 Tillamook Run East, \$190,000.

Beazer Homes, Prairie Crossing, The Ridge, 7655 Nestucca Trail, \$211,000.

Fischer Single Family, Slater Ridge, 4891 Sweetwater Drive, \$215,000.

Fischer Single Family, Slater Ridge, 5103 Sweetwater Drive, \$235,000.

Beazer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West, 6321 Ruthven Drive, \$394,400.

### Temporary Use

CPM Construction, 3001 Conner Street.

### Variance

RJ Pile, LLC, W.A. Emmons, 499 S. 9th Street.

### Temporary Sign

Legends Signs, 250 Conner Street.

### Others

Central Paving of Indiana, 391 Lakeview Drive.

Indianapolis Concrete, South Harbour, 620 Heatherwood Ct.

Logan Street Signs, Noblesville Original Plate, 98 N. 9th Street.

Daystar Directional Drive, Waterman Farms, 11547 Seabiscuit Drive.

Citizens Energy, South Harbour, 762 South Harbour Drive.

ARSEE Engineers, Noblesville Original Plate, 2 North 9th Street.

## Grand Park selected to Receive 90 trees through NASCAR Green Clean Air program

Grand Park Sports Campus has been selected to receive 90 trees on behalf of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as part of the NASCAR Green Clean Air Tree Planting Program Delivered by UPS, a collaborative initiative with the Arbor Day Foundation. The NASCAR Green Clean Air Tree Planting Program was created by NASCAR in 2008. Its original goal was to plant 10 trees for every green flag dropped during a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race, offsetting the carbon emissions of on-track racing occurring at those events. During that time more than 6,000 trees were planted. The program joined with UPS in 2013 and has grown to involve more than 20 local tree planting events, with more than 8,000 trees

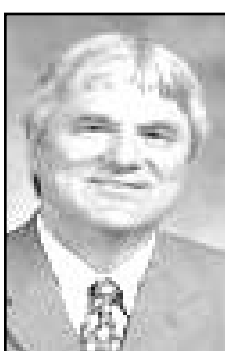
planted throughout the year.

NASCAR Green works closely with its affiliated motor speedways to select a local recipient for the program's trees. Grand Park Sports Campus was chosen by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway due to its focus on youth sports, which aligned well with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's youth initiatives.

"We're happy to align with Grand Park in order to further our mission of moving youth forward," said Mike Kirks, manager of marketing promotions at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "It's very satisfying to see this program continue to grow and help our community."

## Heights to Host Retirement Open House for Tony Cook

The public is invited to attend a special retirement open house for Hamilton



Cook

Heights School Corporation Superintendent Anthony J. "Tony" Cook from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19. The celebration will take place at Hamilton Heights High School Cafeteria, Entrance C, 25802 State Road 19 in Arcadia.

Refreshments will be served.

Cook will be retiring after 41 years of service in education and 25½ years of service to Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

## Cicero Blood Drive Thursday

The Cicero Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the Cicero Kiwanis Club, will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Red Bridge Park Community Building.

## Sheridan HS Speech Team hosts Chicken Noodle Dinner Friday

The Sheridan High School Speech Team will host a Chicken Noodle Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, prior to the Sheridan High School basketball game.

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Education and Transportation, circa 1896

By MARY SUE ROWLAND



In 1896, the Commercial Club of Noblesville printed a booklet called “Noblesville through a Camera”.

Because very few of these booklets exist today, it seemed appropriate to share life in the county seat in 1896 as pictured in the rare publication and compare the progress of 117 years. In those days, the city was giving away land to industry and all the natural gas an industry could use in making the product. It seemed as if the natural gas would never end. A similar economic development effort was going on in 20 counties though out the state. It was called the “Gas Boom” and nowhere else in the entire United States did such a strike happen. It is considered as important as the “Gold Rush” in historic terms.

Today, an important effort is being made to connect those 20 counties of the “Gas Boom Era” into a historic trail. More to come, concerning the trail development going on currently and what it could mean for Cultural Tourism in Noblesville. For now, let’s look into the pages of “Noblesville through a Camera”, year 1896.

Earlier pages from the book included the general story of how the town grew from 2,000 to 5,000 in a very short time. It talks about, “growth of the city, which really dates from the discovery of natural gas in this immediate vicinity in February, 1887 has been slow and study.” An earlier article in the Report, the discussion was about “The Commercial Club”, made up of all men, who gave away land and natural gas to attract new business. This week the subject is Educational and Transportation Advantages in 1896 in Noblesville and why folks should come here to start their business and raise a family.

The following paragraphs are taken from “Noblesville through a Camera”, 1986.

“The opportunities afforded for the acquisition of an education in Noblesville are not surpassed by any city of its size in the state. The system which now exists has been in progress of development since the town was originally settled and is now as complete as years of experience can make it. The course of study embraces twelve years’ work – four years each in the elementary, intermediate, and high school de-

partments. In the latter the course is arranged with a view to the wants of students who complete their education there, with additional studies calculated to qualify those who desire to enter any of the state universities. The course in the intermediate department includes arithmetic, geography and grammar, while the primary studies are of preparatory character.

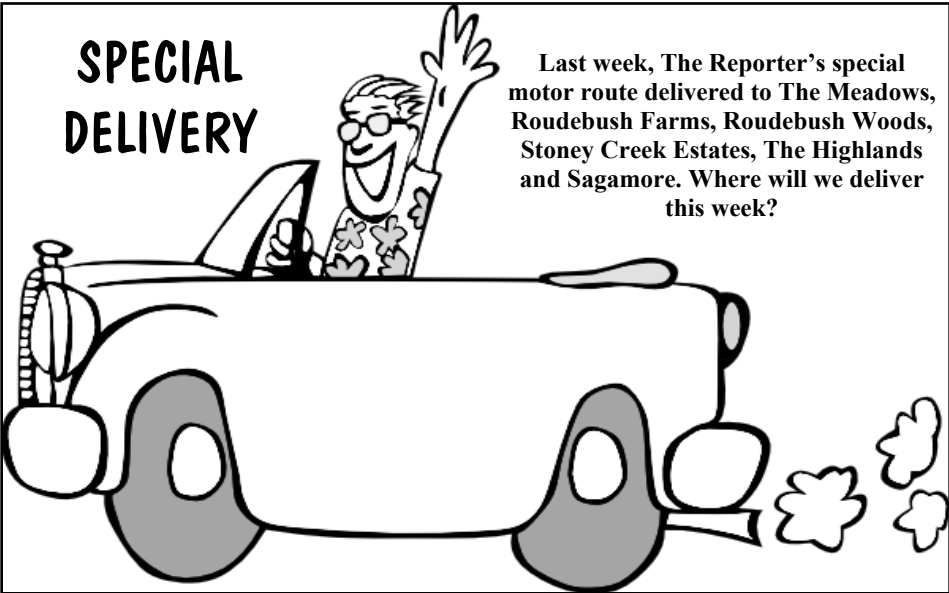
The city has three public school building located respectively in the First, Second and Third Wards, the high school department being in the Second Ward building. They are all substantially built of brick, commodious and well-equipped, thoroughly lighted and ventilated and provided with every auxiliary and facility to add to the comfort and convenience of both teachers and pupils. Twenty-seven teachers are employed, including one substitute, one music teacher, and the superintendent, while 1,150 pupils have their names enrolled upon the record. J.F. Haines is the superintendent and under his efficient management the standard of education is being rapidly elevated to the top.”

Transportation Facilities

“As one of many inducements for the location of manufacturing industries Noblesville, can offer shipping and transportation facilities that are exceptionally good for a city of its size. The Michigan City & Indianapolis division of Lake Erie & Western railway system passes through, north and south, making direct connections with all the great east and west trunk lines. The Indianapolis division of the ‘Pan-Handle’ road uses the Lake Erie’s right-of-way from Kokomo to Indianapolis, thus giving direct communication with Chicago and the north-west and with Louisville and the south. The Chicago & South-Eastern railway, generally termed the ‘Midland’ with terminals in Anderson and Brazil, also passes through Noblesville forming an outlet east and west; it makes connection with several north and south roads, thereby giving manufacturers, merchants and others, the advantages of the greatest railroad systems that transverse the state of Indiana, with guaranteed switching charges to transfer points.”

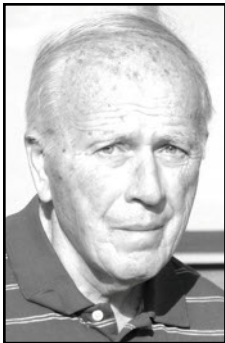
Next week the Commercial Club declares “the local supply of natural gas is practically unlimited!”

For years, discussion and some acquisition have been going on to connect Noblesville to Westfield on the “Midland”. The proposed new trail system using the old railroad corridor is called the “Midland Trace.”



If not now, then when?

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor



I understand those who say the move will be an expensive one for the taxpayers of Noblesville. I understand the concern from some who feel the move will place too much power in the Mayor’s office.

Good concerns following the Noblesville Common Council’s vote to move Noblesville from its current status of a third class city to second class status. The addition of a City Controller and the addition of two Council members will come at a price tag which could reach (annually) \$200,000. The City Controller, selected by the Mayor, will give the Mayor more control. That was a concern when just a couple of years ago a move to make Carmel a second class city was voted down.

Even so, as several members of the Council said when making their decisions, “The time is right. The time is now.”

Noblesville, with its population growth, needs to make the move. Gaining two additional Council members will give the City more representation. A City Controller, trained to handle financial decisions, will give Noblesville more knowledge of how to handle a budget which 10 years ago wasn’t near what it is today.

With a City Controller (who will be appointed by the Mayor) answering to the taxpayers more than a Clerk-Treasurer (who was elected by the voters), then more responsibility will fall on the Common Council. They are the ones (currently all seven are men) who decide how the money will be spent.

Mayor John Ditslear, when approached about Noblesville going second class, made a point to me which I had never considered. Ditslear pointed out that there are no written qualification to becoming Clerk-Treasurer.

Nor, he added, are there any written qualifications to becoming Mayor. Anyone can run for those offices.

That’s no knock against Mayor Ditslear, who has seen Noblesville grow during his terms in office. Nor, is it a knock against Janet Jaros, who has been an excellent Clerk-Treasurer.

Going second class isn’t about the now; it’s about the future. It’s about 10 years, 20 years, 50 years from now. It’s about many folks holding the office of Mayor or holding the office of Clerk-Treasurer during years and years to come.

A City Controller, I believe, will enable Noblesville to better move into the future. Same goes for adding two Council people.

Ditslear hasn’t announced if he will seek re-election in 2015. Many think he will. Clerk-Treasurer Janet Jaros hasn’t announced whether or not she will run for another term. Many now believe she will not run for what now will be a clerk-type only office at a pay of less than half of what the Clerk-Treasurer makes today.

The point being, going second class isn’t just about today, it’s about the future.

All of which will make the November election of 2015 one of the most interesting elections we’ve had in Noblesville for years. The Mayor elected in 2015 will select the City Controller when the city becomes second class in 2016. The two additional Council members will increase the power of those who make certain all is as it should be in the Mayor’s office.

I think it was a good decision made by the Common Council. I hope that in no way this decision came as the result of a personal thing between the Mayor and the Clerk Treasurer.

And, if there was any power taken from the voters in not electing a Clerk-Treasurer and instead bringing in a City Controller, I hope that the Common Council of 2016 can be strong and make good decisions for the residents of Noblesville.

I agree, now as the time. If not now, then when?

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Auditor’s office tracking down false homestead exemptions

By FRED SWIFT



Here's some good news for county taxpayers. The county auditor's office, under terms of a three-year old state law, has collected \$1 million or more from property owners who falsely claimed more than one homestead exemption.

The homestead exemption is a great help for homeowners when their property taxes are calculated, but the law says only one to a customer. The assessment on a home that is owner-occupied is entitled to receive a standard \$45,000 reduction in the assessed value.

Additional exemptions come in some cases.

But, hundreds, possibly a few thousand property owners have claimed homestead exemptions on a second property - perhaps a rental property or a second home. That's not allowed.

It's a lot of work for the Hamilton County auditor's staff to find and bill property owners who have improperly claimed more than one homestead exemption. Two women in the office are working daily on the back tax charges. They sent out letters to about 1,500 such taxpayers for the most recently tax cycle in which taxes were due Nov. 12.

In letters from the auditor, improperly exempted owners were offered 20 days to verify (if

they could) their right to a flagged exemption. If no justification is forthcoming, a higher, corrected property tax is forwarded to the county treasurer. Failure to pay can ultimately result in a property being sold for delinquent taxes.

It sounds fairly simple, but there are various complicating circumstances that result in some very upset property owners. For example, someone purchases a home and the auditor finds that the previous owner had claimed an ineligible homestead exemption.

The new owner becomes liable for the tax differential for as much as three years plus a 10 percent late penalty. This can amount to several thousand dollars in unexpected cost. The new owner finds to his dismay that taxes follow the property, not the former owner who improperly got the exemption.

Eventually the county hopes to see illegal exemptions eliminated through information in a data base that will deny anyone more than one of the prized exemptions. In the meantime, collections are ongoing either through voluntary payments or enforced payments of taxes due.

The back tax collections are going into the county general fund and can be used for anything from tax reduction to additional appropriation for the various departments of county government.

The deductions department of the auditor's office headed by Melissa Dashiell has the task of tracking down the taxes that result from ineligible exemptions. It's a real headache, but one that can result in more fairness for county taxpayers.

By AIMEE GEBHART



Like many people I know, I have spent much of my life comparing myself to others and feeling inadequate. Whether it's the way I look, the state of my home, the food I fix, or the way I teach or parent, I always feel like someone else is doing it better. If my own paranoid suspicions aren't bad enough, something has come along to confirm all of my worst fears. It's called Pinterest. I'm pretty sure that if you are a living, breathing human being you've heard of Pinterest. It's an online community where you can browse any topic imaginable and "pin" pictures and tips that you like to your own virtual bulletin board. The problem is that I can't decide if it's my best friend or my biggest nemesis. One thing I do know is that Pinterest stresses me out.

I usually log on to Pinterest with the purest of intentions - to browse cute ideas for my hair or to find a new recipe for the holidays - but inevitably I will come away feeling like the world's laziest loser. There are simply too many pins from too many seemingly "perfect" people for my brain to process. Apparently, not only should I be a gourmet cook, but I should be one in a beautiful kitchen

that I remodeled myself with reclaimed wood from an old abandoned church, all while sporting rock hard abs, supermodel fashion, and the perfect smoky eye makeup. I can't deal with that kind of pressure. I'm more of a "make a cheese ball in my kitchen with Formica counters while wearing stretched out yoga pants, an oversized t-shirt, and no makeup" kind of girl.

Even worse than seeing pins from thousands of complete strangers is seeing pins from friends and coworkers that I "follow" on this site. Pinterest evokes that human fear that everyone else around you is speeding along with their act together while you're just holding on to the bumper for dear life. I mean, it's one thing if Suzy from Colorado has pinned the perfect lesson plan to teach the phases of the moon, but it's quite another if one of my fellow teachers pins it. Suddenly panic kicks in and I start to think irrational, competitive thoughts... "If she pinned that, then I need to pin it! No way am I going to let her have a better lesson than me! What if the principal sees this then comes into my room and wonders why the heck my students aren't crafting the moon out of organic salt dough like hers?"

I do the same thing with recipes. Guaranteed if we have been invited to a party, I am searching Pinterest to find the perfect food item that will "wow" everyone with my creativity and culinary skills. Somehow I worry

that if I show up with my same old cheese ball, everyone will sit in judgment. "Can you believe Aimee brought that cheese ball again?" "I know! How uninspired! Here - try one of my prosciutto wrapped figs!"

Guys are not immune to Pinterest either. Even if they aren't on it, certainly their wives or girlfriends are. You know this because the minute the woman says those dreaded words, "I saw the cutest thing on Pinterest!" his eyes glaze over and he starts to drool. You can't blame him. He knows that this simple statement is the precursor to a weekend filled with some home remodeling project that will cost him time, money, and his precious sanity.

For the sake of my own self-worth, I'm going to attempt to curb my nasty Pinterest habit this season. I will try to limit my pins to cute baby animals, photos of my favorite rock stars, and other lovely things that make me happy. So if I show up to your Christmas party wearing the same boring outfit as last year, carrying the same old cheese ball, you will understand why. And if you are kind and cut me some slack, I may even share my Adam Levine photos with you.

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# Not the Perfect Mom

By TAMAR KNOCHEL

“Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers.



And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. *Not one* of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands.

*Not one* word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.” Joshua 21:43-45

I don’t know if you’ve ever received a promise from the LORD, but I have and I can tell you that God’s promises aren’t small. He’s not a small God with small dreams for us. He’s not a God that thinks small things towards us, He has BIG dreams, BIG thoughts and BIG hopes for us... which makes them all the harder for us to believe Him for them because to us they’re impossible. They are totally and completely unattainable on our own, which is exactly why God dreams them for us, because He wants us to accomplish them WITH Him.

In our reading today I was overwhelmed by how many times the word pastureland was used. I couldn’t help but think of the twenty-third Psalm while I was reading it.

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green *pas-tures*. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they

comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

This week’s reading has been so wonderful in that it is all about entering into a new place. Entering into a new land, the land that God had promised them generations earlier. The reading this week has been about promises being fulfilled and God showing His people, not just His provision and protection but also His amazing grace and faithfulness. These Israelites that were fighting these battles throughout the promised land had never tasted the food of Egypt, they had never felt the taskmaster’s whip flicking their skin and tearing through it, they had only ever known the provision of God in the wilderness. They had only ever heard of what a life of slavery was like, never having experienced it themselves. Neither had they experienced the amazing abundance and goodness of the Promised Land and everything that it held within its bosom. Then one fateful day, they up and move out of the wilderness and across the Jordan. When they get to the other side they undergo a bit of surgery; they shed some blood in preparation of entering their new forever home. And then the battles start, and one by one by one each and EVERY enemy is defeated; they all go home and REST from the war. **It has been won.** And as they each settle into their lounge chairs at the end of the day they sigh at the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living because not ONE word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed. Not... one.

*This has been an excerpt from Tamar’s book Waiting... If you would like to read more it is available on her website, [www.TamarKnochel.com](http://www.TamarKnochel.com) in both print and Kindle e-book.*

	1	John 14:15-18:18
	2	John 18:19-21:25
	3	1 John 1:1-5:21
	4	2&3 John & Jonah
	5	Joshua 1:1-4:24
	6	Joshua 5:1-8:17
	7	No Reading

## Agriculture Report

This issue of the Indiana Agriculture Report will be the last weekly issue for the 2013 season. Weekly reports will resume in April 2014.

### AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Fall harvest is mostly complete, with small patches of corn and soybeans remaining according to the Indiana Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fall tillage, lime and fertilizer application, and machinery clean up continued during the week, while farmers in some counties were occupied with repairing storm damage from the previous week. Temperatures dipped into the teens across the state, prompting many to begin winter preparations for their livestock.

### FIELD CROPS REPORT

There were 3.8 **days suitable for field work** during the week. Ninety-six percent

of the **corn** acreage has been **harvested** compared with 100 percent last year and 93 percent for the 5-year average. By area 98 percent of the corn crop is harvested in the north, 96 percent in the central region, and 96 percent in the south. **Moisture** content of harvested corn is averaging about 18 percent.

Ninety-six percent of the **winter wheat** acreage has **emerged** compared to 96 percent last year and 90 percent for the 5-year average. Seventy-seven percent of the winter wheat acreage is in good to excellent **condition**.

### LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

**Pasture condition** was rated 43 percent good to excellent. **Livestock** remained in good condition.

## Rotary Club of Noblesville to Host 5th Annual Ice Cream with Santa

The Rotary Club of Noblesville is inviting the community to have an ice cream dessert with Santa Claus from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Culver’s in Noblesville, 557 Westfield Road.

As has been true at Rotary’s “Ice Cream with Santa” parties over the last four years, the ice cream will be free to children under age 13, as well as to those kids over age 70.

Santa Claus will arrive promptly at 5:00, and he will be available to talk to and have his picture taken with those children who want to talk to him. The Rotary Club will have a photographer on hand to record for posterity the child’s meeting with Santa Claus, and all pictures will be sent to the e-mail addresses given by the parents of the children. If no address is given, the parents will be able to acquire the pictures at Box,

Pack & Ship, 1592 Conner Street. Those who have their child or children pictured with Santa are asked to give \$1.00 for each photo.

Because some kids love to have their faces painted, there will be a painter available to indulge the whims of those children, and the face painting will be done free of charge.

A coloring contest for kids aged two to twelve will take place that evening, and eight winners will be selected from those artistic pieces submitted. Each of the eight winners will receive a cash prize of \$25.

Many of the members of Noblesville Rotary Club will be on hand to greet their guests and fellow celebrants of a great evening.

## Library News

# Noblesville Library announces January teen programs

The Noblesville Public Library is offering the following programs for teens (ages 12-19) in January:

### Metal Pit, Jan. 7, 7-8 p.m., Teen Programming Room

Join us in the Metal Pit while we discuss our love of metal music. Find out about new artists to check out and more. Snacks are provided. No registration required.

### High School E-Learning Day, all day Jan. 29, Computer Training Lab

Need a computer or free Wi-Fi for e-learning day? Stop by the Noblesville Library’s Computer Lab for assistance, advice or just a spot to work. This event is for current Noblesville High School students only.

### Splash Panel Teen Manga/Comic Club, 7-8 p.m. Jan. 16, Teen Programming Room

Join us for a teen book club focusing on manga/comics. Come ready to discuss some of your favorite series. Free snacks. No registration required.

### Teen Bingo, 4-5 p.m., Jan. 14 and 28, Teen Programming Room

Want to try to win fun prizes (including candy for Teen Movie night)? Join us for a

fun afternoon of bingo in the TeenZone every second and fourth Tuesday right before the movie. Ages 12-19 only.

### Teen Book Cafe, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 8, TeenZone

Join us for snacks, hot chocolate, coffee and tea while we discuss great teen books. Stop by the TeenZone desk to pick up a copy of this month’s title and be ready for a lively discussion! Registration is requested; call 770-3242 or visit [www.hepl.lib.in.us](http://www.hepl.lib.in.us)

### Teen Advisory Board, 7-8 p.m., Jan. 9, TeenZone

Interested in helping with teen programming, book selection, meeting new friends? Come to a TAB meeting. New members are always welcome.

### Tuesday Night at the Movies for Teens, 6-8 p.m., Jan. 14 and 28, Teen Programming Room

Join us for movies on the big screen and free munchies. No registration is required, but you must be between the ages of 12 and 19.

For more information on all these events, stop by or call the TeenZone at 770-3242.

## New materials at Noblesville East Public Library

November 23, 2013

### New Fiction

Whiskey Beach, Nora Roberts  
Sweet Salt Air, Barbara Delinsky  
Light in the Ruins, Chris Bohjalian  
Bomb Shell, Catherine Coulter  
The Highway, C. J Box  
The Hotshot, Julie Garwood  
Silencing Eve, Iris Johansen  
Odds against Tomorrow, Nathaniel Rich  
Dark , F. Wilson  
Man from Berlin, Luke McCallin

### New Nonfiction

Carrie and Me: a mother-daughter love story, Carol Burnett  
The Autobiography of Jack the Ripper: in his own words, the confession of the world’s most infamous killer, James Carnac  
Acrylic solutions : exploring mixed media layer by layer, Chris Cozen  
Provence, 1970 : M.F.K. Fisher, Julia Child, James Beard, and the reinvention of American taste, Luke Barr  
CompTIA A+ certification exam guide : exams 220-801 & 220-802, Michael Meyers  
Killing Lincoln: the shocking assassination that changed America forever, Bill O’Reilly  
Secret Daughter: a mixed-race daughter and the mother who gave her away, June Cross  
Boundaries: when to say yes, how to say no to take control of your life, Henry Cloud

Masterminds & wingmen: helping our boys cope with schoolyard power, Roselind Wiseman

The 12-week Year: get more done in 12 weeks than others do in 12 months, Brian Morin

### New DVDs

Falcon  
Jack Taylor. Set 1  
The Reluctant Fundamentalist  
The Bletchley Circle: cracking a killer’s code  
Hitting the Cycle  
Arcadia  
Warehouse 13. Season 4  
Pacific Rim  
Disconnect  
Drift

### New CDs

Overgrown, James Blake  
Pictures, Alice Sarah Ott  
Better, Michele Chrisette  
Tate Stevens, Tate Stevens  
Super Collider, Megadeth  
14, David Garrett  
No Matter How Far, David Archuleta  
AM, Arctic Monkeys  
Innocents, Moby  
Nothing Was the Same, Drake

## Fast action by NPD on local robbery

Fast action by Noblesville police produced two persons of interest and one arrest in a robbery at Rancho Alegre Mexican Grocery, located at 723 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Noblesville.

Within one minute of the call being dispatched, officers arrived on the scene and located two male subject s in the alley next to the grocery. Responding officers reported that one of the subjects fled on foot while the other subject remained. Officers established a perimeter in the area and along with the K-9 unit from the Westfield Police Department conducted an extensive search but were unable to locate the subject. The subject that remained at the scene was transported to the Noblesville Police Department for questioning.

At approximately 9:46 p.m., officers were able to locate the second subject and

he, too, was transported to the Noblesville Police Department for questioning.

Based on preliminary information, it is alleged that a subject came into the grocery and displayed an object believed to be a handgun. An undisclosed amount of cash was reported to have been taken. No injuries were reported.

Both subjects were questioned by investigators regarding their possible involvement or knowledge of the robbery. Both remain persons of interest in this case.

Grant Boles, age 20, Noblesville, was arrested and booked at Hamilton County Jail on an outstanding warrant out of Hamilton County for probation violation.

As of press time, the case remained an ongoing investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact NPD Criminal Investigation Division at 317-776-6340 or [tips@noblesville.in.us](mailto:tips@noblesville.in.us)

### This week in Hamilton County history

**75 Years Ago**  
Noblesville merchants announced they were hiring 100 new workers for the upcoming Christmas season.

**50 Years Ago**  
The Noblesville Jaycees launched a \$12,000 fund raising drive to purchase city street signs.

**25 Years Ago**  
Riverview Hospital announced it was building a new surgery suite and medical building on the east side of the hospital. The estimated cost was \$3.3 million, with another \$1.7 million to come for new medical offices.

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Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear helps tally coins with Joy Petty of the Youth Assistance Program and Noblesville Fire Department's Rick Russell during Noblesville's second annual Coin Harvest, which took place in the first week of November at the city's seven elementary schools. The coin harvest raised over \$6,500 for local charities.

## Coin Harvest over raises \$6,500

Noblesville's second annual Coin Harvest at the seven elementary schools brought in a total of \$6,514.41, all of which will go to three local organizations. The coin harvest took place in classrooms during the first week in November.

The money will be combined with funds raised at the next Noblesville Charity Ball and then given to the Noblesville Youth Assistance Program, the Noblesville Firefighters Christmas Food & Toy Drive, and Friends of Central Pool. The Noblesville Youth Assistance Program works directly with Noblesville's school counselors to assist students.

Mayor John Ditslear joined Joy Petty of the Youth Assistance Program and Rick Russell of the Noblesville Fire Department (all pictured) and others from the Noblesville Charity Ball Committee to count the thousands of coins at BMO -Harris Bank on SR 37.

Mrs. Fisk's kindergarten class at Stony Creek Elementary School raised \$215.45, the most of any class in the school district. That class, as well as the class at each of the other elementary schools that raised the most in their school, earned a pizza lunch with Mayor Ditslear.

The winning classes are as follows:

- Hazel Dell – Mr. Rausch's fourth-grade class
- Hinkle Creek – Miss Schalburg's first-grade
- Noble Crossing – Mrs. Stultz's fifth-grade
- North - Mrs. Husted's first-grade class
- Promise Road – Mrs. Barthuly's third-grade class
- Stony Creek – Mrs. Fisk's kindergarten class
- White River - Miss Miller's fifth-grade class



Members of the Hamilton Heights Middle School eighth-grade boys basketball team traveled to Kokomo to help with the tornado relief efforts in that city. Pictured: Stewart Hulen, Ian Dissett, Hawkins Hochstedler, Michael Cross, and Grant Lepoidevan. Not pictured: Brandon McQuinn.

## Heights athletes help out in Kokomo

This past Saturday a group of athletes from Hamilton Heights Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team traveled to Kokomo to lend a helping hand as a part of the tornado relief efforts in that community. Along with Coach Scott Sears, Coach Cameron Scott, and several parents, these boys worked to help clean up an area of the city that was the most damaged.

This group from Heights was among more than 1,000 Hoosiers who answered a call for help and spent the day helping clean up debris after two tornadoes ripped through the city on Sunday, Nov. 17. For more information on how you can help contact the United Way of Howard County at [www.unitedwayhoco.org](http://www.unitedwayhoco.org).

## Hamilton Heights band members earn honors



Five Hamilton Heights High School students were selected to the Indiana Bandmasters Association's 2013 All-District Honor Band Concert which took place November 16 & 17 at Rossville High School. Standing (left to right): Cory Wuerch, Conner McKinney, Rebecca Sterner, Rachel Wolfe and Stephanie Strong.



Hamilton Heights Middle School 8th grade students' Leigh Anne Reuter, Madison Byer, Madelyn Merrell and Emily Wright performed in the Indiana Bandmasters Association's 2013 All-Region Honor Band in November 23 & 24 at the Elwood High School Auditorium.

Breakfast with Santa scheduled for Dec. 14

Teaching Our Preschoolers of Noblesville will host a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 14 at First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd.

Seatings for the breakfast will be at 9 and 10:30 a.m. The event includes a pancake breakfast, pictures with Santa, story time with Mrs. Claus and cookie decorating.

Reservations strongly recommended. Advance tickets are \$5 per person and \$25 for an immediate family, while tickets at the door are \$7 per person and \$30 for an immediate family.

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**By DON JELLISON**  
**Reporter Editor**

A couple of things came across loud and clear as Noblesville opened its boys basketball season by spanking two IPS teams, Northwest 74-57 on Wednesday and Howe 70-50 on Saturday.

What Miller fans witnessed in The Mill was a Noblesville squad without lots of super stars, but a Noblesville squad which is capable of producing super star performances and a Noblesville squad filled with the potential of lots of heroes.

This appears to be a well-balanced offensive crew and a team which is capable of playing very good defense. While a mixture of seniors and young players, it appears to be a team with good chemistry.

In other words, a typical Dave McCollough coached team.

In the opening two games, Noblesville averaged 72.0 points and allowed just 53.5 points a game. The Millers hit 55-of-106 shots. That's 52 percent shooting. The Millers were 19-of-43 from 3-point range. That's 44 percent firing.

"Everything looks good when the ball goes through the basket," McCollough said. "We were a little above average on defense. We competed on the boards. We handled their quickness."

The defense first.

In the opener, through the first half Northwest kept in striking distance of Noblesville, mainly on the shooting of 5-9 sophomore guard Brian Warren. In the second half, 6-4 sophomore John Kiser drew the defensive assignment and the NHS sophomore slammed the door on Warren. It was Kiser's first varsity start. He scored 22 points, hitting

8-of-12 shots, including going 2-3 from long range.

In the Saturday game against Howe, the Millers faced two Hornets who last year played for Northwest in a tightly-contested battle, won by Noblesville. When Coach Mosi Barnes during the summer moved from Northwest to Howe, along went Harris Brown and Dieon Lewis, after scoring 29 points and 18 points against NHS a year earlier. Saturday, Brown settled for 16 points and Lewis for 7.

Kiser was one of three Millers who scored in double figures against Northwest. The two hot-shooting guards, Sean Wilson (15) and Jake Mills (12) combined for six 3-pointers on a night the Millers were 12-of-25 from long range. In that game, Joey Brewer (9) and Jordan Saal (7) came off the bench to give Noblesville a huge lift.

Mills put on a second half show against Howe. He drilled four consecutive 3-pointers in the third quarter to take the Millers from a 29-24 halftime advantage to a 53-39 edge at the end of the period. Mills hit five 3-pointers; connected on 7-of-10 shots and finished with 20 points.

Again, Noblesville had three Millers in double figures. Jack Trittippo was 8-of-9 while dominating the post and he finished with 16 points. Wilson added 10 points and Brewer again did a number off the bench with seven points.

Trittippo, the 6-8 center, collected 13 rebounds against Northwest and added seven against Howe.

The Millers moved the ball well. They had 26 assists against Northwest and 23 against Howe, while committing just 10 offensive turnovers in each game.

"We're a work in progress," said McCollough. "But, this group wants to learn. They know how to listen."



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville's John Kiser scored 22 points and played a superb defensive game in his first varsity start for the Millers. Noblesville defeated two Indianapolis teams, Northwest and Howe to win their first two games of the year. The Millers travel to Carmel on Friday for a big rivalry game.

Huskies win with...

# Defense, then offense

Hamilton Heights used terrific defense to open its 2013-14 boys basketball season at home by beating Lebanon, 60-37, and then the Huskies came back later in the week to outscore Mt. Vernon in a 71-65 victory.

Coach Chad Ballenger host club held Lebanon to 15 first half points as the Huskies opened a 28-15 halftime advantage.

The Huskies polished off Lebanon with a 19-11 fourth quarter spurt.

On offense, Heights hit 25-of-58 shots from the field and connected on 9-of-12 free throws.

Three Huskies scored in double figures, led by Grant Weatherford with 14 points, Kurry Miller 13 and Bo O'Laughlin with 11 points. Miller also led Heights on the boards with eight rebounds. Weatherford and Conley Hoover each dished out three assists and Weatherford and O'Laughlin each collected four steals.

The Mt. Vernon game was more of an offensive game, and Hunter Crist was ready for the challenge. The Hamilton Heights sophomore connected on 10-of-18 shots, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range, while leading his team with 31 points. Weatherford again was in double figures with 16 points. Miller led with seven rebounds and O'Laughlin and Weatherford each grabbed five.

The Huskies will return to action on Friday, playing at Hamilton County rival Guerin Catholic, the state's 20<sup>th</sup> ranked team.

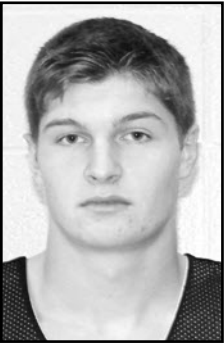
Photo by Brian Reddick/RDK Photography

Hamilton Heights' Hunter Crist hit five 3-pointers on his way to 31 points in the Huskies' win over Mount Vernon on Saturday. Heights' opened its season with a Wednesday win over Lebanon, and plays No. 20 Guerin Catholic this Friday.



# Hornets zip by Blackhawks in opener

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



Christy



Roberts

The Sheridan boys basketball team got a tough opening-game assignment on Wednesday, Nov. 26, facing Rossville at Larry Hobbs gym.

The Hornets came out fast, taking a 15-5 lead halfway through the first quarter, and eventually won the game 82-61. It was the only game of the week for the Blackhawks.

Cort Christy helped out Sheridan as best he could, single-handedly giving his team a 5-4 lead after making a layin (the first basket of the game) and then converting a three-point play. But the Hornets scored 11 unanswered points, and wound up with a 27-15 first quarter advantage.

The pace wasn't nearly as fast in the other three periods, but the Blackhawks still labored to keep up with Rossville. Sheridan got as close as 27-20 early in the second period, after Chris Roberts made a layin and Christy knocked in a '3.'

The Hornets scored the next eight points, and held that to a 45-32 halftime lead. The 'Hawks never gave up, but a final fourth-quarter 8-2 run sealed the win for Rossville.

Christy wound up with 27 points, including four 3-pointers. He was also 5-of-5 from the foul line. Roberts and Jake Chesney each scored 13.

The game gave Rossville an early start to the Hooiser Heartland Conference season, as the Hornets and Carroll are tied at 1-0. The Comets beat Clinton Prairie 51-50 on Saturday, Nov. 30, so the Gophers and Sheridan are 0-1 in the league. Clinton Central and Tri-Central will open conference play later.

The Blackhawks have one game this week, hosting Anderson Prep Academy on Friday night. Sheridan beat the Jets 76-45 to open last season.

## Basketball polls

The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association's one class boys poll:  
1. Carmel, 2. Evansville Harrison, 3. Indianapolis Tech, 4. Greensburg, 5. Columbus North, 6. Pike, 7. Marion, 8. Munster, 9. Bowman Academy, 10. North Central, 11. Lawrence North, 12. Lake Central, 13. Hamilton Southeastern, 14. Cathedral, 15. Jeffersonville, 16. Kokomo, 17. Ben Davis, 18. Park Tudor, 19. New Albany, **20. Guerin Catholic.**

**Other teams receiving votes:** Andrean, Barr-Reeve, Batesville, Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Borden, Brownsburg, Brownstown Central, Chesterton, Covington, East Chicago Central, Evansville Bosse, Evansville F. J. Reitz, Evansville Memorial, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne North Side, Fort Wayne Northrop, Fort Wayne Snider, Fort Wayne Wayne, Fountain Central, Frankfort, Franklin Central, Frankton, Hammond Bishop Noll, Homestead, Jay County, Lawrence Central, McCutcheon, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Muncie Central, New Haven, Noblesville, Penn, Peru, Plymouth, Richmond, South Bend Adams, South Bend Riley, South Bend Washington, Twin Lakes, Valparaiso, Wapahani, Warren Central, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association's one class girls poll:  
1. Bedford North Lawrence, 2. Lawrence North, 3. Roncalli, 4. Evansville Mater Dei, 5. Homestead, 6. Columbus North, 7. Heritage Christian, 8. Penn, 9. Logansport, 10. Rushville, 11. Westfield, 12. Pike, 13. Center Grove, 14. FW Canterbury, 15. Merrillville, 16. La Porte, 17. Franklin Central, 18. Norwell, 19. Mount Vernon, 20. Lake Central.

**Other teams receiving votes:** Austin, Benton Central, Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne South Side, Franklin Community, Lebanon, Madison Consolidated, Mishawaka, Mooresville, Noblesville, Oregon-Davis, Plymouth, Princeton Community, Scottsburg, Triton Central, Warsaw Community, Washington, Western. □

## Wrestling

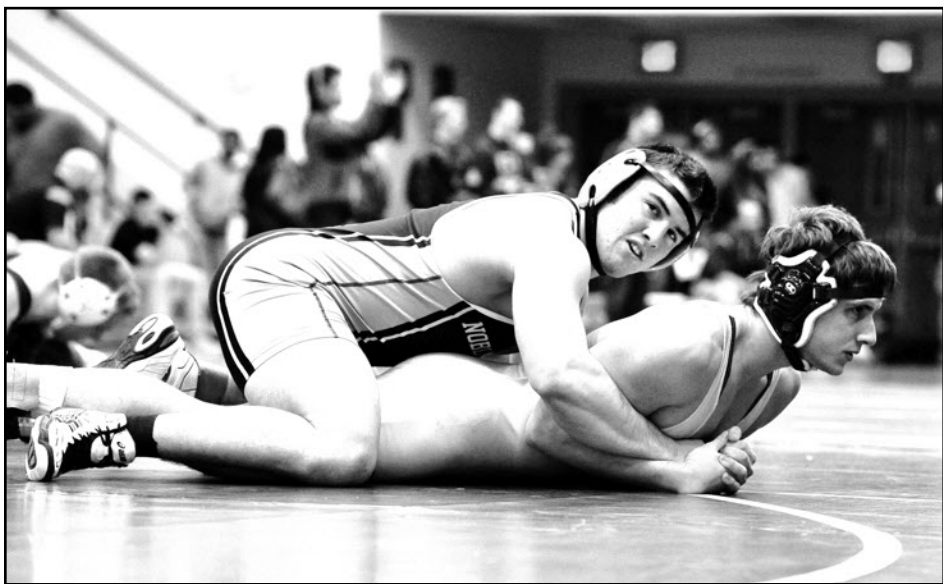
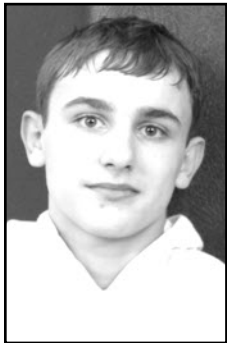


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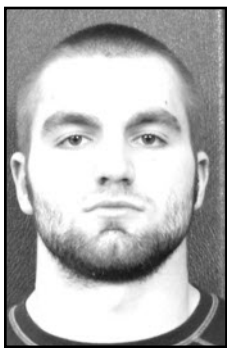
Noblesville's Ben Elliott went 3-1 at the Hamilton Heights Super 8 wrestling tournament last week. The Millers are back in action this week with two dual meets and a weekend trip to the Valparaiso Super Duals.

## Millers are on triple duty this week

Noblesville's wrestling team, idle last week after opening the season by winning the Hamilton Heights Super 8, will be back in action this week with triple-duty competition. Coach Tom Knotts' Millers will host Fishers tonight (Tuesday), entertain Plainfield on Thursday and Saturday will travel to the Valparaiso Super Duals.



Barrantes



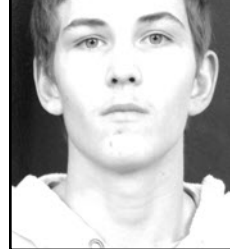
Mackesey

and so is Westfield."

Knotts said he is pleased with the Millers' first performance of the year.

"We're a little thin at two or three weights and we're young. We had three freshmen who won weight divisions at Hamilton Heights," Knotts added.

Freshmen winning with 4-1 records were Mateo Barrantes at 113, David Kitko at 132 and Luke Elliott at 145.



Ellis

Three seniors were undefeated in the opener. Posting 5-0 records were Vance Ellis at 120, Niko Barrantes at 126 and Mitch Mackesey at 170. Other seniors with division titles were Jacob Wormuth, 4-1 at 160, and Ben Elliott, 3-1 at 181.

## Golden Eagles start at Lafayette

Guerin Catholic opened its wrestling season by competing at the Lafayette Jeff Duals on Saturday, Nov. 30.

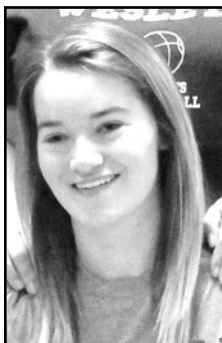
The Golden Eagles dropped all five of their meets; they had to forfeit five weight classes. Guerin's losses were to Benton Central 58-11, Anderson 66-12, Delphi 54-12, Lafayette Jeff 78-6 and Richmond 62-12. Sam Vondersaar had a winning record at 195 pounds, going 3-2 on the day. Dawson McMahon picked up two wins at 126, with Nick Smith also getting a pair of 120-pound victories. J.T. Lazzara (126) and Dwayne Southworth (145) each had one win.

Guerin Catholic travels to Clinton Prairie Wednesday, Dec. 4 for a dual meet.

## Free shots can't help Lady Huskies

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

It was nearly a year removed from Mt. Vernon's 61-47 victory over Hamilton Heights at last year's Class 3A state girls basketball finals, but when the two rivals met again Saturday evening at Heights, the results were nearly the same. Mt. Vernon, now up a notch and playing Class 4A, gunned down the Lady Huskies, 72-55.



Cook

And like a year ago, now sophomore Sydney Shelton was sensational for the winners. With 6-1 Erica Moore sidelined with an injury, the 5-8 Shelton poured in 20 points in the first half and finished the night with 27 points.

Heights, against the now 3-1 Marauders, never gave itself an opportunity to win while missing 18-of-32 free throws.

"We came into the game hitting 70 percent of our free throws," said Heights coach Scott Fernung. "The kids played hard, but missing free throws and lay-ins and not rebounding cost us the game."



Hays

With the loss, Heights dropped its fourth straight game (all against 4A teams) and fell to 1-4 on the year. "It was another game against a big school," Fernung said, "and we've got another one this week (Wednesday) when we host (4A) Pendleton Heights."

Haley Cook led Heights' scoring with 21 points, 10 of which came in the fourth period and 12 of which came on 3-pointers. Caitlyn Hays hit four 3-pointers and scored 13 points.

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Noblesville at Carmel...

What else is there to say?

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor



There are lots of good backyard boys basketball rivalries in Hamilton County. Take your pick. Southeastern-Fishers. Noblesville-Fishers. Southeastern-Carmel. Southeastern-Noblesville. Westfield-Noblesville

But, arguably, the best of the best is Noblesville-Carmel.

In what is a light, but interesting, week of basketball in Reporterland, Noblesville vs. Carmel is the No. 1 post-Thanksgiving treat. The Greyhounds will host the Millers Friday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The two-time defending state champion Greyhounds, you know!

In Carmel's dance for a second straight title last year, no team gave Coach Scott Heady's club any more of a scare than did Noblesville. How can anybody forget that sectional game, that 43-40 Carmel victory. Noblesville fans certainly will never forget.

You might recall, with the score tied at 40-40, Noblesville turned over the basketball and then the Magic Man of the Golden Dome, Michael Volovic, launched that game-winning 3-pointer.

Michael is gone. So is brother James and so is high scoring James Crowley. They won't be around to welcome the Millers this Friday. Zach McRoberts and Ryan Cline will. Only two-fifth of what is expected to be a talented Carmel lineup this season, McRoberts is a senior and is said to be one of the best in the state. Cline, just a junior, can shoot the basketball as well, if not better, than anyone in Hamilton County.

Noblesville has talent, too, led by red-hot shooting guards Jake Mills and Sean Wilson, a strong 6-8 senior center in Jack Trittipio and one of the better sophomores around in John Kiser.

The Millers had defeated Carmel in four consecutive regular season games before the Greyhounds made a visit to The Mill and

won 65-55 last season. The sectional game was played at Carmel.

Both teams already have played this season. Carmel opened with a 54-41 win over Brownsburg. Noblesville last week zipped past Northwest 74-57 and Howe 70-50.

The game Friday will be Noblesville's only trip to Carmel this season. The sectional will be played at Noblesville.

The Carmel game will be the start of a four-game December run by the Millers. After meeting the Greyhounds, Noblesville will play Dec. 13 at Southeastern and on Dec. 20 will host Lafayette Jeff in the Millers' starters to the Hoosier Crossroads Conference season. Noblesville will play at Hamilton Heights on Dec. 21 before on Dec. 27-28 hosting what many consider to be the best holiday tourney in the state.

In other local action this week, Guerin Catholic has a pair of games, while Heights and Sheridan will play just once. Opening their season, Guerin will host Herron on Tuesday and then entertain Hamilton Heights on Friday.

Herron, believe me, will be no match for the 19<sup>th</sup>-ranked Golden Eagles, even though Herron did begin the year with an 83-19 victory over Lighthouse.

Coach Pet Smith's has one of the better big men in the state in Aaron Brennan; one of the best point guards in Whit Rapp and one of the most talked-about transfers in 6-6 junior Matt Holba.

Sheridan coach Cory Dunn has work to do this week before his Blackhawks host Anderson Prep Academy on Friday. Sheridan lost to Rossville, 82-61, in its opener, despite a 27-point night from Cort Christy.

Anderson Prep likely will be a good recovery game for Sheridan. The Blackhawks have bombed the Anderson school, 76-45 and 78-59, the last two years.

Hamilton Heights was impressive in its first two wins over Lebanon and Mt. Vernon. Guerin, you can bet, will spend time this week thinking about the 31-pointer sophomore Hunter Crist put on Mt. Vernon.

Guerin and Heights last met in the 2010-11 Hamilton County Tourney, with the Eagles winning big, 66-40.



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# Reporter Scoreboard

Heights girls

Mt. Vernon 72, Heights 55					
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Haley Cook	6-12	5-8	21	3	
Caitlyn Hays	4-11	1-2	13	2	
Kiley Walters	3-7	1-8	8	3	
Brianna Henson	1-6	3-5	5	3	
Ashton Runner	0-6	2-2	2	0	
Amy Griffey	0-1	0-0	0	5	
Taylor Boyd	2-3	2-7	6	4	
Alanee Dick	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Logan Wiley	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	16-45	14-32	55	20	
Score by Quarters:					
Heights	12	15	6	22	55
Mt. Vernon	17	23	14	18	72
Heights' 3-Pointers (9-21): Cook 4-7, Hays 4-10, Walters 1-3, Runner 0-1.					
Heights Rebounds (17), Cook 6, Hays 1, Walters 1, Henson 4, Runner 1, Griffey 1, Boyd 3.					

Heights boys

Heights 71, Mt. Vernon 65					
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Garrett Paull	2-7	1-2	6	2	
Hunter Crist	10-18	6-7	31	2	
Travis Vonfeldt	1-1	0-0	3	9	
Kurry Miller	3-8	1-1	7	5	
Bo O'Laughlin	3-6	2-3	8	5	
Grant Weatherford	4-11	7-9	16	4	
Ian Nicholson	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Lukas Sipe	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Conley Hoover	0-6	0-0	0	2	
Totals	23-47	17-22	71	20	
Score by Quarters:					
Heights	11	17	21	22	71
Mt. Vernon	11	16	19	19	65
Heights 3-Pointers (8-19): Paull 1-2, Crist 5-8, Vonfeldt 1-1, Miller 0-3, Weatherford 1-2, Hoover 0-3.					
Heights Rebounds (27), Paull 1, Crist 5, Miller 7, O'Laughlin 5, Weatherford 5, Nicholson 3, Sipe 1.					

Heights 60, Lebanon 37

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Garrett Paull	1-7	0-0	2	3	
Hunter Crist	2-7	2-2	6	3	
Noah Whyde	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Travis Vonfeldt	1-3	1-1	3	1	
Kurry Miller	6-11	1-1	13	2	
Bo O'Laughlin	4-9	3-4	11	2	
Grant Weatherford	6-11	2-4	14	1	
Ian Nicholson	1-1	0-0	2	1	
Zac Moffatt	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Lukas Sipe	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Conley Hoover	4-9	0-0	9	0	
Totals	25-58	9-12	60	12	
Heights 3-Pointers (1-8), Crist 0-2, Vonfeldt 0-2, Miller 0-1, Hoover 1-3.					
Heights Rebounds (25), Paull 6, Crist 2, Miller 8, O'Laughlin 3, Weatherford 4, Moffatt 1, Hoover 1.					

Sheridan boys

Rossville 82, Sheridan 61					
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Loc Diass	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Cort Christy	9-15	5-5	27	3	
Jake Chesney	4-8	3-8	13	2	
Patrick Wietzel	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Garrett Chesney	0-1	0-0	0	0	
Chris Roberts	4-7	2-2	13	2	
Michael Burnell	0-0	1-2	1	0	
Brock Kitchel	1-8	0-0	3	4	
Taylor Ly	0-2	0-2	0	0	
Elliot Barker	1-1	0-2	2	1	
Michael Boyer	1-2	0-0	2	3	
Totals	20-44	11-21	61	14	
Score by Quarters:					
Sheridan	15	17	16	13	61
Rossville	27	18	16	21	82
Sheridan 3-Pointers (10-27), Christy 4-6, Ja. Chesney 2-5, G. Chesney 0-1, Roberts 3-5, Kitchel 1-7, Ly 0-2, Boyer 0-1.					
Sheridan Rebounds (16), Christy 4, Ja. Chesney 1 Roberts 5, Burnell 1, Kitchel 1, Ly 1, Barker 2, Boyer 1.					

Noblesville boys

Noblesville 74, Northwest 57					
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	
John Kiser	8-12	4-6	22	2	
Jordan Saal	3-8	0-0	7	2	
Jack Trittippo	3-7	0-0	6	2	
Jake Mills	4-9	1-1	12	3	
Sean Wilson	4-7	4-4	15	1	
Justin Pegues	0-3	1-2	1	2	
Austin Ginther	0-1	0-0	0	1	
Max Meehan	0-1	0-0	0	1	
Zach Parker	0-2	0-0	0	0	
Joey Brewer	3-5	0-0	9	2	

Joey Herron	1-1	0-0	2	0	
Josh Gentry	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	26-56	10-13	74	16	
Score by Quarters:					
Noblesville	19	17	19	19	74
Northwest	17	7	16	17	57
Noblesville 3-Pointers (12-25), Kiser 2-3, Saal 1-3, Mills 3-7, Wilson 3-6, Pegues 0-1, Parke r0-1, Brewer 3-4.					
Noblesville Rebounds: (24), Kiser 2, Saal 1, Trittippo 13, Mills 1, Wilson 3, Parker 1, Brewer 3.					
Junior Varsity					
Noblesville 46, Northwest 25					
Noblesville: Gentry 7, Brewer 11, Herron 7, Neterer 3, Flinchum 10, Resch 2, Plumer 0, Ogden 0, Johnson 2, Dabanovic 2, Simac 0, Horton 2, Magnusson 0.					

Noblesville 70, Howe 50

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	
John Kiser	3-8	0-0	6	2	
Justin Pegues	3-9	1-2	7	1	
Jack Trittippo	8-9	0-0	16	2	
Jake Mills	7-10	1-2	20	3	
Sean Wilson	4-7	0-1	10	1	
Jordan Saal	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Joey Brewer	2-4	3-3	7	4	
Max Meehan	1-1	0-0	2	4	
Zach Parker	1-2	0-0	2	0	
Joey Herron	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Josh Gentry	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	29-50	5-8	70	18	
Score by Quarters:					
Noblesville	15	14	24	17	70
Howe	10	14	15	11	50
Noblesville 3-Pointers (7-18) Kiser 0-1, Pegues 0-1, Mills 5-8, Wilson 2-5, Brewer 0-2, Parker 0-1.					
Noblesville Rebounds (30), Kiser 3, Pegues 5, Trittippo 7, Mills 4, Wilson 4, Brewer 5, Parker 1, Herron 1.					
Junior Varsity					
Noblesville 48, Howe 40					
Noblesville: Gentry 10, Herron 17, Flinchum 5, Resch 6, Plume 0, Ogden 2, Barthel 4, Horton 4.					

Noblesville girls

Noblesville 64, Carmel 56					
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Cori Cain	2-6	0-0	5	4	
Kayleigh Herron	2-6	1-2	6	1	
Rachel Shipman	2-3	0-0	6	0	
Alexis Shannon	8-19	3-4	19	2	
Brooke Herron	4-12	5-6	14	1	
Jessica Kiser	2-9	2-4	7	4	
Katelyn O'Reilly	2-3	2-4	6	0	
Erin Wood	0-4	1-3	1	4	
Totals	22-62	14-23	64	16	
Score by Quarters					
Carmel	16	11	17	12	56
Noblesville	22	16	6	20	64
Noblesville 3-Pointers (6-17): Shipman 2-3, B. Herron 1-6, K. Herron 1-4, Cain 1-2, Kiser 1-2).					
Noblesville Rebounds (43): Shannon 10, B. Herron 8, Wood 8, Kiser 5, Cain 2, O'Reilly 2, K. Herron 1, team 7.					

Noblesville 88, Munster 30

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Cori Cain	3-4	2-2	10	0	
Kayleigh Herron	4-8	2-2	13	0	
Haley Conway	0-0	0-0	0	2	
Rachel Shipman	1-4	0-0	2	2	
Alexis Shannon	4-8	0-0	8	1	
Brooke Herron	6-7	1-2	18	2	
Jessica Kiser	1-7	0-0	2	0	
Audrey Defoe	1-4	0-0	2	0	
Katelyn O'Reilly	4-6	3-4	11	1	
Erin Wood	3-7	2-3	8	3	
Sam Salmon	1-2	0-0	2	1	
Erin Flynn	5-7	2-4	12	0	
Totals	33-64	12-17	88	12	
Score by Quarters					
Noblesville	28	13	26	21	88
Munster	8	6	7	9	30
Noblesville 3-Pointers (10-24): B. Herron 5-6, K. Herron 3-6, Cain 2-3, Shipman 0-3, Defoe 0-3, Kiser 0-2, Salmon 0-1.					
Noblesville Rebounds (41): O'Reilly 7, Wood 7, Shannon 6, Flynn 5, Kiser 3, Cain 2, K. Herron 2, Shipman 2, B. Herron 2, Conway 1, Defoe 1, team 3.					

Noblesville 70, Tippecanoe Valley 63

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Cori Cain	3-6	0-0	6	3	
Kayleigh Herron	1-2	2-2	4	4	
Rachel Shipman	1-3	0-1	3	0	
Alexis Shannon	7-9	3-3	17	0	
Brooke Herron	4-10	0-1	11	0	
Jessica Kiser	2-7	7-8	11	4	
Katelyn O'Reilly	0-7	0-0	0	2	
Erin Wood	4-7	8-9	16	3	
Erin Flynn	0-0	2-2	2	1	
Totals	22-51	22-26	70	17	

Tippy Valley	16	17	14	16	63
Noblesville	18	16	18	18	70
Noblesville 3-Pointers (4-13): B. Herron 3-5, Shipman 1-3, Kiser 0-2, Cain 0-1, K. Herron 0-1, O'Reilly 0-1.					
Noblesville Rebounds (31): Wood 7, Shannon 5, Kiser 5, O'Reilly 5, B. Herron 4, Cain 3, Flynn 2.					

Guerin Catholic girls

Guerin Catholic began its season at the Robinson (Ill.) Thanksgiving Tournament. The Golden Eagles beat Charleston and Casey-Western on Friday, then lost to Marshall and Mount Carmel on Saturday.

Sarah Yount was Guerin's leader in three games, scoring 20 points against Casey-Western, 18 versus Charleston and 12 against Marshall. Carly Osinski scored 13 against Mount Carmel.

Guerin Catholic 64, Charleston (Ill.) 48

Guerin	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Carly Osinski	3-7	2-2	9	4	
Sarah Yount	7-10	0-0	18	2	
Kristy Thiem	1-2	0-0	2	4	
Julie Nelson	4-4	0-0	8	0	
Tori Sullivan	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Abbigail Wampler	5-9	2-3	12	1	
Kristen Schneider	2-4	1-2	5	3	
Kate Fox	5-10	0-0	10	4	
Emily Schneider	0-1	0-0	0	1	
Totals	27-47	5-7	64	20	

Score by Quarters

Guerin Catholic 24 10 16 14 - 64

Charleston 14 12 11 11 - 48

Guerin 3-Pointers (5-13): Yount 4-6, Osinski 1-4, Wampler 0-1, K. Schneider 0-1, Fox 0-1.

Guerin Rebounds (33): Thiem 7, Wampler 5, K. Schneider 4, Fox 4, Osinski 3, E. Schneider 3, Yount 2, Nelson 1, team 4.

Guerin Catholic 52, Casey-Western (Ill.) 38

Guerin	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Carly Osinski	2-7	0-0	5	1	
Sarah Yount	6-15	3-6	20	3	
Danielle Schultz	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Kristy Thiem	0-3	3-4	3	3	
Julie Nelson	1-2	0-0	2	1	
Tori Sullivan	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Abbigail Wampler	1-4	4-6	6	1	
Annemarie Augustinovicz	2-3	2-2	6	1	
Kristen Schneider	0-4	1-2	1	5	
Kate Fox	2-7	5-6	9	2	
Totals	14-45	18-26	52	17	

Score by Quarters

Casey-Western 13 6 8 11 - 38

Guerin Catholic 13 15 7 17 - 52

Guerin 3-Pointers (6-19): Yount 5-12, Osinski 1-1, Wampler 0-2, Schneider 0-2, Thiem 0-1, Fox 0-1.

Guerin Rebounds (31): Fox 7, Thiem 4, Yount 3, Osinski 2, Augustinovicz 2, Schneider 2, Schultz 1, Wampler 1, team 7.

Marshall 45, Guerin 36

Guerin Scoring: Carly Osinski 4, Sarah Yount 12, Danielle Schultz 0, Kristy Thiem 2, Abbigail Wampler 4, Annemarie Augustinovicz 4, Kristen Schneider 6, Kate Fox 4.

Mt. Carmel 66, Guerin 61

Guerin Scoring: Carly Osinski 13, Sarah Yount 8, Kristy Thiem 2, Abbigail Wampler 5, Annemarie Augustinovicz 5, Kristen Schneider 23, Kate Fox 5.

Swimming update

Noblesville opened its girls swim season on Nov. 19, dropping a dual meet to Zionsville 107-79.

The sixth-ranked Eagles won 10 of the 12 events. The Millers' first win came in diving, courtesy of Meme Sharp. The senior is the No. 2-rated diver in Indiana and was state runner-up in the event two years in a row. She scored 274.70 points, with freshman Dayana Popa placing second with 220.55.

Junior Taylor Parrish won the 500 freestyle, clocking in at 5:22.39. Parrish is ranked 14th in the state in that event.

Noblesville has a busy swim week, which marks the first week where the boys and girls will compete together. The Millers host Greenfield-Central at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, then traveling to Hamilton Southeastern Thursday for a 6 p.m. meet. On Saturday, Noblesville will conduct its own Diving Invitational.

Hamilton Heights started its girls swim season with three dual meets over the past two weeks. The Lady Huskies fell to Oak Hill 130-52 Nov. 18, Lebanon 136-43 Nov. 21 and Anderson 115-59 Nov. 26.

Hannah Reecer earned Heights' first win of the season against Anderson, taking the 100 freestyle in a time of 1:02.69. Reecer also finished second in the 50 free (28.71), missing first place by just .04 seconds. Jade Crouch had an outstanding night, cutting her 100 backstrome time from 1:39.81 to 1:33.20 Mady (31.70) Rednour and Sarah Mangas (33.68) both had season-best times in the 50 free.

The Huskies boys team started its season at Anderson, falling 112-57. Lane Wiley was Heights' swimmer of the meet.

Heights' teams will travel to Eastern on Tuesday for a 6 p.m. meet, host Tipton at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, then compete in the Noblesville Diving Invitational on Saturday.

## Lady Millers stop 10 year losing streak over ‘Hounds, pick up two wins at Tippy Valley</

New faces are on southern county rosters

By MARK MORROW



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There's not an abundance of experience in their respective camps as Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers high schools began the 2013-14 boys basketball season.

Though the three high-profile schools are each facing their most inexperience in the past two seasons, the cupboards aren't exactly bare.

Each school returns two starters. Two-time defending Class 4A state champion Carmel (25-2) returns 6-7 senior Zach McRoberts, who plans to take his skills to the University of Vermont next season, and 6-4 junior shooting guard Ryan Cline.

Coach Scott Heady calls McRoberts an Indiana All-Star and says that Cline should be one in 2015.

McRoberts, an Indiana Junior All-Star this past summer, will be counted on to scorer more this season. He averaged 10.0 points 6.8 rebounds and usually guarded the opposition's best player. Cline, who may see some duty at point guard, too, this season, averaged 9.2 points, but his capable of putting up some big numbers.

Carmel actually has two other players who saw varsity action last season, and Heady will be looking to seniors Michael Bruns (6-2) and Parker Bernhold (6-1).

Keegan Culp, a 6-5 junior transfer from Hamilton SE who's a good outside shooter, is expected to vie for a starting position along with Sam Oliphant (6-2 sophomore), Neil Lampe (6-4 junior) and Preston Flaminio (6-3 senior).

"The good thing is that they are all sophomores and juniors. We only have 3 seniors on the roster," Heady said.

Junior Liam Duncan is the tallest Greyhound. He's 6-9 and he could help a lot, though it remains to be seen if he's ready to play a major role.

"We will have more size than the past two seasons," said Heady. "But we graduated 40 percent of our points per game."

Carmel opened its season on Wednesday, Nov. 27 with a 54-41 victory over Brownsburg. The 'Hounds host Noblesville on Friday, Dec. 6 and open Metropolitan Conference play with a Saturday, Dec. 7 trip to Lawrence Central.

After producing back-to-back Indiana Mr. Basketballs, don't look for any such honors to come out of the Southeastern camp this season, though returning starters - senior guards Eric Davidson and Tyler Jenkins - are talented. They averaged 11.0 and 9.8 points, respectively, last season. They both promise to be explosive this season. Jenkins has committed to play for Lehigh.

Meanwhile, SE will unveil a talented 6-7 freshman in Zach Gunn, a southpaw who can really shoot it. Satterfield says the Southpaw youngster has a great opportuni-

ty to even possibly start at some point this season.

Junior Tyler Janney (5-11), the football team's quarterback, received a lot of playing time in a backup role last season and likely will end up playing the point in a 3-guard offense.

The Royals will have more size than they had last season, and coach Brian Satterfield will be looking for help from seniors **Grant Leach** (6-5) and **Brendan Burns** 6-6 and Jack Kramer (6-8). Leach is a solid outside shooter; Burns, a Ball State baseball recruit, is a tough kid who has talent, though he didn't play much last season because of a back injury; and Kramer gives the Royals a big body up front.

Mason Hankins, a 5-11 senior guard, could see a lot of playing time, while 6-foot junior Chris Ford brings much athleticism to the table for the Royals, who were 17-4 last season.

Southeastern played Fishers on Tuesday, Nov. 26, and won the Mudsock trophy with an 80-71 victory. Next up is a Friday trip to Mount Vernon, followed by a Saturday homestand against Pendleton Heights.

Devin Chaudion, a talented 6-3 senior shooting guard, is the main man back for Fishers, which produced the school's best record last season at 15-7. He averaged 11.2 points and 4.4 rebounds and will be counted on to increase those numbers this season. Chaudion has committed to Maryville University in St. Louis.

Kortland Townsend, a 5-11 senior, came on strong last season and averaged 7.2 points at guard. He's quick and penetrates inside the paint well, and he is a very good athlete.

Coach Joe Leonard had a nice freshman class, and many of this players could help this season.

One in particular is 6-7 Cameron Wolter, who has grown 2 inches over last season. He also has a nice touch on the ball from around 15 feet.

Sophomore guard Zach Eaton (6-0) gained some experience last season and should be in the mix in backcourt at point guard.

Andre Small (5-10), yet another sophomore, is extremely athletic.

Sophomore Lance Dollison (6-4) also will be trying to earn playing time.

Transfer Luke Wehner, a 6-4 junior from Pendleton Heights, could play a prominent role and should be one of the better players for the Tigers, while senior Emil Belmontes (6-3) should help up front.

Another transfer, 6-2 junior Keegan Kollmeyer, could be in the mix for playing time.

"We graduated seven seniors from our most successful team in our school's brief history, so people assume that we will be in a rebuilding year," coach Joe Leonard said.

"With two really good scorers returning in seniors Devin Chaudion and Kortland Townsend, we hope to surprise some teams that might be looking past us. The addition of some athletic juniors, plus an outstanding sophomore class that includes 6-7 Cameron Wolter, has us excited for the upcoming season."

The Tigers dropped an overtime game to Pike Saturday, Nov. 30, 83-76. Fishers travels to Brownsburg on Friday and hosts Kokomo on Saturday.

You better watch out...



Photo by Brian Reddick/RDK Photography

Santa Claus came to Noblesville on Sunday, Dec. 1 for the annual Christmas parade, which took place that afternoon.

Golden Eagles prepare for Howe, Huskies

Indianapolis Herron, in only its third season of IHSA basketball, may find things a little different from last week when it travels to Guerin Catholic tonight (Tuesday) for the Golden Eagles' season opener.

Herron is coming off an 83-19 season-opening win over Indianapolis Lighthouse and now will face a Guerin team which will enter the season ranked No. 19 in the state.

Coach Pete Smith's Eagles are loaded, as proven last week in a 61-47 victory over Cathedral in what was a pre-season scrimmage for both teams.

"We came out, made some quick turnovers and missed some pretty good shots in the first quarter," Smith talked about the scrimmage. "After that we seemed to calm down some."

"Cathedral was not at full strength, with several of its key players still playing football. However, it was great for our guys to learn how much more quicker games are

than the pace we play in practice, and how much more physical we have to play," Smith added.

Guerin's real first test of the season will be another home game on Friday when the Eagles entertain Hamilton Heights.

In the scrimmage with Cathedral, Guerin trailed 29-27 at halftime but turned things around in the second half, including an 18-7 romp in the fourth period.

Aaron Brennan led Guerin's scoring with 16 points, followed by Matt Holba 12, Nick Sahn 8, Whit Rapp 5, Matt Labus 5, Brian Matthews 5, Christian Munson 4, Matthew Godfrey 2, Cris Burrough 2, Nick Schneider 2, Calen Cunningham 2.

"Burrough has been nursing an ankle sprain," Smith said. "As planned, he played the first six minutes only and iced the rest of the evening. Alex Mazanowski was held out with an injured hip. His status for the opener against Herron is doubtful."

This week in Hamilton County sports history

75 Years Ago

The Modern Woodmen Lodge announced it was flooring a team for the upcoming amateur basketball season. Team members were Ralph Wise, Richard Crickmore, Dick Roberts, Tom Williams, Dal Vernon, Fred DeHart, DelMar Galbreath, Charlie Gunn, Orval Crask and Red Shaffer.

50 Years Ago

In a Hamilton County rival game, Sheridan outblasted Westfield, 90-73. The Blackhawks hit 59 percent from the field

and were led in scoring by Phil Kercheval with 24 points and Vernon McDonald with 23. Cosden Foland led Westfield with 22 points.

25 Years Ago

Coach Terry Busby's Noblesville High swim team defeated Hamilton Southeastern, 124-41. The Millers were led by their medley relay foursome of Tim Stewart, Pete Wilhelm, David Thorne and Lance Busby.

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Tues	Nov 19	Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Nov 22	@ Lebanon H.S.	7:30 pm
Tues	Nov 26	Carmel H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Nov 30	@ Thanksgiving Classic	10:30 am
Sat	Dec 7	McCutcheon H.S.	1:30 pm
Fri	Dec 13	@ Hamilton Southeastern	6:00 pm
Sat	Dec 21	@ Brownsburg H.S.	1:30 pm
Thu	Jan 2	Anderson H.S.	7:30 pm
Thu	Jan 9	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 11	Mt Vernon (Fortville)	1:30 pm
Wed	Jan 15	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 18	Avon H.S.	12:30 pm
Tues	Jan 21	@ Western Boone Jr/Sr H.S	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 25	Zionsville H.S.	7:30 pm
Wed	Jan 29	@ Pendleton Heights H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 31	@ Jefferson H.S.	7:30 pm
Thu	Feb 6	@ Lawrence North H.S.	7:30 pm

NHSBOYS Schedule

Wed	Nov 27	Northwest H.S.	7:30pm
Sat	Nov 30	Thomas Carr Howe H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 6	@ Carmel	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 13	@ Hamilton Southeastern H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 20	Jefferson H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Dec 21	@ Hamilton Heights H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 27	Holiday Tournament	8:00 pm
Sat	Dec 28	Holiday Tournament	3:00 pm
Fri	Jan 3	@ Merrillville H.S.	8:00 pm
Fri	Jan 10	McCutcheon H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 17	@ Avon H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 18	Muncie Central H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 24	@ Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 31	Brownsburg H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 7	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 8	@ Mt Venon H.S. (Fortville)	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 15	Zionsville H.S.	3:30 pm
Tues	Feb 18	Lawrence Central H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 21	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 28	Lebanon H.S.	7:30 pm

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