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Dillinger delivers state of the county address

Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger Wednesday delivered the State of the County address at Oak Hill Mansion in Carmel, the event sponsored by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. The theme was "Government Working Together To Accomplish Great Things." Dillinger (shown at right, speaking with Community Bank Chairman and CEO Chuck Crow) spoke on how that is being done in Hamilton County, as opposed to what is not being accomplishment in federal or state government, pointing out that current approval rating of Congress is at an all-time low. It was Dillinger's 27th State of the County address.

Breaking it down

Starting Wednesday in The Reporter's daily email editions, Editor Don Jellison will break down the State of the County, following an exclusive interview with Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger.



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Reporter to deliver free news to county's military members

Are you a family member or friend of a Hamilton County resident serving in the military? If so, the Hamilton County Reporter is providing you with an opportunity to assist us in bringing local hometown news to members of the military serving anywhere in world. Hamilton County Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison announced today the Reporter will provide our online/email edition free of charge to Hamilton County residents serving in the military. Jellison said, "It doesn't matter where they are deployed. They can be stationed in the United States or in a foreign country. As long as they have an email address we will deliver hometown news to them." "There are many Hamilton County residents serving in the military world-wide. These people grew up in Hamilton County and many are a long way from home, so we, at the Hamilton County Reporter, wanted to deliver

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er each day a piece of Hamilton County to them. Our online/email edition has opened so many doors of opportunity for our company and members of the community. This is just one step further in bringing hometown news to Hamilton County residents," said Jellison. "Can you imagine a Sheridan resident serving on a ship in the Mediterranean, a Hamilton Heights graduate deployed in Afghanistan or a Noblesville resident serving our country in Europe being able to read same day local hometown news." Jellison also stated the Reporter will publish programming information for local event coverage such as sports and community events broadcast-

ed by Hamilton County Television. "HCTV's presence on the web provides not only our readers at home the ability to watch a local basketball game or community event, but it also provides members of the military the same opportunity." Family members or friends of Hamilton County residents serving in the military may contact the Hamilton County Reporter at Hamiltonconorthreporter@hotmail.com and provide the email address of any Hamilton County resident serving in the military and the Reporter will provide them with a free subscription to the Reporter's daily online/email edition.

Husky 4-H'ers conduct year's 1st meeting



Photos courtesy Husky 4-H'ers

The Husky 4-H'ers recently met at the Arcadia Town Hall for officer elections followed by an Ice Cream Social celebration.



Photos courtesy Husky 4-H'ers

The 2014 Husky 4-H leaders also participated in the ice cream social. Pictured are Lisa Rose, Cicero; Myrna Thompson, Atlanta and Kris Ashpaugh, Noblesville.

Hamilton Heights teacher Julie Oelschlager Named IBEA Emerging Professional

Julie Oelschlager, Business Education Teacher and BPA Advisor for Hamilton Heights High School, has been named as the Indiana Business Education Association's 2013 Emerging Professional for 2013. Oelschlager, who is in her second year at Hamilton Heights High School, left the field of sales and marketing to pursue a career in education. After successfully completing the Transition to Teaching program in 2010, she landed her first teaching job at Blue River Valley Junior-Senior High School.



Oelschlager

As temperature goes down... Propane prices go up

By JEFF JELLISON

Hamilton County residents who heat their homes with propane have experienced dramatic rate increases during the recent cold weather. Some of the area's propane and natural gas suppliers have indicated the rate increase is due to a propane and natural gas shortage. Charlie Hutchins of Sagamore Gas and Appliance said, "There is plenty of natural gas and propane out there in storage. It isn't a supply problem. It is a logistics problem." Hutchins continued, "This isn't a normal winter and the demand has increased. Pipelines can only transport so many gallons per hour. The demand is greater than ability to get the product to the customer." Sagamore, based out of Colfax, Indiana operates a large storage facility in the Sheridan area,

and is the company that recently purchased Westfield Gas and LP. "We are limiting the amount of propane our customers can purchase. If it is not an essential need we are asking our customers to hold off," said Hutchens. Hutchens gave the example of a homeowner that has a workshop that is heated by propane. "It isn't necessary a customer heat his workshop, but it is necessary that his neighbors have heat for their houses. So to protect the supply, we are asking, in a case like this, for the customer to hold off." Propane and natural gas prices in some areas have almost doubled recently. Hutchins indicated his price per gallon today was \$3.79. "I've heard of some suppliers charging as much as \$5.00 per gallon," said Hutchins. "There are a lot of factors that go into pricing. It is costing us more to purchase the gas we are delivering to our customers. "I am hearing of local suppliers having to pay a shipping bill of \$3,000 to \$4,000 for a tanker trailer of gas from South Dakota." The National Propane Gas Association said on Thursday most households are not connected directly to propane pipelines, and the system relies on truck

fleets now running at full capacity to get emergency supplies to states across the Midwest, Northeast and Southeast. In an effort to help get propane to local suppliers the U.S. Department of Transportation has issued emergency orders suspending the limits on the amount of time truck drivers can spend on the road for 10 Midwestern states. Steve Schwartz, of Schwartz Bait and Tackle, indicated his business has been placed on rationing. Schwartz fills smaller propane tanks typically used for grills or smaller heaters. "During the winter we receive a propane delivery every Friday. We didn't get our Friday delivery this week. I am hoping we have a large enough supply that we can make it until our delivery comes next week." "I've been selling propane for 35 years and have never experienced this type of shortage," said Schwartz. "Our prices have for the most part remained the same so that we can stay competitive with the retail outlets that do propane exchanges." Schwartz indicated he charges a flat rate of \$17.99 to fill a 20 pound tank and \$24.95 to fill a 30 pound tank.

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Obituaries

Nadah Marie Jacobs

August 16, 1930 - January 18, 2014

Nadah Marie Jacobs, 83, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Harbour Manor Care Center. She was born on August 16, 1930 to Cleve and Maude Jeffries in Oolitic, Indiana.

Nadah worked as a sales secretary for Alcoa and was a member of Oolitic Baptist Church. She also worked part time for Dearborn Chemical, a division of WR Grace.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Jacobs; son, John (Joyce) Maddox; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, and two sisters.

No services will be held. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes are assisting with the arrangements.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Harbour Manor Care Center, and Dr. Tom Miller for the loving care they provided to Nadah.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harbour Manor Care Center, 1667 Sheridan Road, Noblesville, IN 46062 or the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Lisa Callis England

July 2, 1958 - January 11, 2014

Lisa Callis England, age 55, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away at her home in Sheridan on January 11, 2014.

Born July 2, 1958 in Columbus, Indiana, Lisa was the daughter of the late Glen Callis and Lois Mann.

She was a 1976 graduate of Columbus H.S. and a graduate of I.U.P.U.I., where she received her Bachelors Degree in Design. She was currently working toward her Masters Degree in Fine Arts at the Herron School of Art. Lisa was a very talented artist, winning numerous awards, and was also a member of many different art societies throughout her career. She loved sharing her talents with young students as a teacher at the J. Everett Light Center in Indianapolis. She had a very adventurous spirit and a kind, gentle soul. She was a loving wife and mother.

Lisa is survived by her husband, Steven R. England; 5 sons, Joshua Waltz of Indianapolis, Ross England and Job England, both of Columbus, Indiana, Dillon Hounshell of Brooklyn, Indiana and Jeremy Nichols of Paoli; 16 grandchildren with one more on the way; 1 brother; Ed Callis of Florida; and 1 sister: Denise Kasper of Indianapolis.

A memorial service is being planned for the spring. Arrangements are being handled by Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Molly Lyttle

June 8, 1930 - January 22, 2014

Molly Lyttle, 83, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at Riverview Hospital. She was born on June 8, 1930 to A.J. and Addie (Harris) Napier in Pennington Gap, Virginia.

Molly, together with her late husband, Ray, lived the American dream when they moved to Indiana from Virginia, and started and maintained Lyttle Rentals, a company that is still going strong today. She was extremely hard working, and even more generous, and loved her family dearly. She enjoyed gardening, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Trecia (Monte) Mathews; son, Ray (Patrice) Lyttle Jr.; grandchildren, Rick (Tammy) Shell, Melissa (Tom) Brenneman, Rob (Abbey) Ward, Jill (Michael) Haenning, Jeffrey (Janae) Lyttle; great-grandchildren, Mara & Mandy Shell, Sarah & Jack Brenneman, and Danielle & Nora Haenning; and great-great-granddaughter, Annabelle Heliotis.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Lyttle Sr., brother, Olin Farmer; sister, May Ricker; and brother, Steve Napier.

There will be a private service held at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Sheriff announces Employees of the Year

Hamilton County Sheriff Mark Bowen announced the Sheriff's Office Employees of the Year for 2013. Those receiving the awards were nominated by their coworkers and recommended for demonstrating the best work and service the division has to offer.

Bowen said, "These individuals consistently demonstrated excellent performance and attitudes that positively benefited both the Sheriff's Office and the county as a whole."

The Employees of the Year are:
Civil Division – Tamoura Thomas

Corrections Division – Sgt. Sean Bauer
Juvenile Division – Lt. Angela Houston
Patrol Division – Lt. Eddie Moore

Reserve Division – Deputy Kevin Neal

Bowen stated, "All of these employees are to be commended for their outstanding work and the continuing examples of leadership they exhibit. While the agency has many potential employees of the year, these five rose to the top in 2013 and deserve recognition for their superior work. Congratulations and well done."



Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

Don Vita (far left) presents the Sheridan Town Council with a \$500 donation from proceeds earned from the Harvest Moon 5K race. The donation will be applied to Sheridan's Monon Trail fund. The 5k race was conducted during the Harvest Moon Festival, which was held at Sheridan's Biddle Park in September.

Pictured: Harvest Moon Chairman Don Vita, Sheridan Town Council members Brenda Bush, Glen Bougher and David Kinkead.

Make-up days extend Noblesville School year

Noblesville Schools has extended the 2013-14 school year in order to make up days lost to inclement weather.

As of January 22, the last day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4. The date will change if additional days are lost.

Here is how severe winter weather has impacted the school year calendar to date:

School canceled Tuesday, January 7; awaiting approval of waiver from state

School canceled Wednesday, January 8; make-up day, Monday, June 2

School canceled Thursday, January 9; make-up day, Tuesday, June 3

School canceled Friday, January 10; make-up day, Wednesday, June 4

If additional days of school are canceled, the make-up days will be added after June 4.

The revised calendar is available on the school district's website, www.noblesvilleschools.org.

It was widely reported during the early January winter storm that the Indiana Department of Education would allow school districts to apply for a waiver from the 180-day school year rule and not have to make up two days of missed school. It is

important to note that the state department stipulated that the only days that would be considered for a waiver were Monday, January 6, and Tuesday, January 7. Because Monday, January 6, was a teacher workday for Noblesville Schools and students did not miss a scheduled day of school on Monday, Noblesville Schools could apply only for a one-day waiver to cover the student time lost on Tuesday, January 7.

Graduation 2014

The Noblesville High School graduation program still is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, in the high school gymnasium.

Seniors will take their last final exams on Tuesday, June 3. They still need to attend school on Wednesday, June 4, but they will be practicing for commencement and participating in other senior activities.

The last day for final exams for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors is Wednesday, June 4.

Noblesville Schools will communicate with families and the community if further school cancellations make a change in the school calendar or graduation date necessary.

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Hutchins said, "Our budget or prepay customers are really benefiting from the price they locked in last summer. Our prepay customers are currently paying \$2.14 per gallon." Hutchins continued to state, "The free agent customers are really scrambling just to find a company that will fill their tank." He described a free agent customer as someone that owns their own tank and typically shops around for the cheapest price and does not have specific relationship with a local supplier.

Hopefully the weather will break in the next couple of weeks and the demand will slow down and everyone can get caught up with deliveries and supply," concluded Hutchins.

Hamilton North Library offers Olympic-sized garage sale on Feb. 1

Hamilton North Public Library is kicking-off its winter reading program with an Olympic-sized indoor garage sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

Those interested in being a vendor should contact Sarah Bourg at Hamilton North Public Library, sbourg@hnpl.lib.in.us (317) 984-5623.

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Sampling Noblesville's new restaurants

By MIKE CORBETT

There are few new restaurants coming to town. Here's a look.



V's Pizza and Pasta

Vito Rugierri is back! I met Vito a few years ago at his restaurant in Westfield. He and his then-wife ran Italia Mia in the shopping center north of 32 just west of Carey Road. I loved the food and the atmosphere but I thought the restaurant was out of place in a strip mall. Vito is an ethnic guy straight out of the movies. Although he's a native Italian, he spent much of his life in the old New York Italian neighborhood, with the name, mannerisms, looks and accent to prove it. His restaurant needs to be in an old brick building in an established neighborhood somewhere oozing with character and the smells of garlic and basil.

My favorite memory of Vito's hospitality is the time my wife and I celebrated our anniversary at Italia Mia. Vito promised a special occasion and he delivered. The food was exceptional but what I really remember is the dessert wine. Joni loved it and we wanted to buy a bottle to take home. Liquor laws prevented Vito from selling it to us so he gave us a bottle as an anniversary gift. That's the kind of guy he is.

He called me the other day to let me know he's back in business, this time in Noblesville. His ex-wife took over Italia Mia (since out of business) and he headed back to New York but he loves Indiana and couldn't stay away. He opened a restaurant in Greenfield for awhile but really wanted to be in Hamilton County. Now, he's back with V's Pizza and Pasta in the shopping center at the entrance to South Harbor on SR38 and S. Harbor Drive, where Marco's Pizza used to be.

As the name makes clear, the staples at V's are pizza and pasta. As you might expect, it's New York style pizza. That is, the crust is crispy and meant to be folded. It goes without saying that the dough and toppings are made fresh daily. You find ingredients like mozzarella, Pecorino Romano, Marinara and Vodka Sauce; and dishes like Ziti, Manicotti and Fettucini Alfredo.

That shopping center has always seemed to me like a gold mine for a food establishment, situated as it is at the entrance to a development with hundreds of homes and thousands of working people. How

convenient for hungry moms and dads on their way home from work! I hope he does well there.

The Ville

You may have heard that a restaurant is going into the Logan St. space that Eddie's vacated last year. Keith Brooks was a regular at Main Street's Thursday market last year and my waistline can attest that he makes delicious pulled pork and barbeque, along with a uniquely flavored jerk chicken. We stopped in often last year to pick up sandwiches for dinner, perfect for a summer night meal.

Keith is currently remodeling Eddie's old space and will be opening The Ville in late spring. The connection with the store next door has been closed off and he's opening a mezzanine that will be used as a banquet facility for 70-80 people.

The Ville will offer what Keith calls American Cuisine: the barbeque and ribs he's well-known for but also healthier fare: grilled or baked entrees with fresh produce, flavored with vinaigrettes and low sodium. There will also be gluten free options. He expects to be open Tuesday through Saturday for lunch and dinner with a Sunday Brunch from 10:30 to late afternoon.

Not to worry; despite the demands of running a restaurant daily he will still have a spot in the Thursday market, and the signature barbeque will still be available.

Wings, Etc.

The signs are already up for Wings, Etc in the strip center behind Starbucks on 32. Set to open in mid March, Wings, Etc. is a franchise restaurant owned by John Dompier, an Indianapolis-area businessman. There are 25 other locations around the Midwest, with eight, including this one, scheduled to open this year.

The original Wings, Etc. opened twenty years ago in Mishawaka. The business is owned by Jim Weaver, a former accountant and banker who wanted to realize his dream of owning a sports bar. He opened several more in northern Indiana and started franchising in 2005. They're now mostly in Indiana, southern Michigan and suburban Chicago, with a few scattered elsewhere around the country.

The company's marketing director tells me Wings Etc. has been voted "Best Wings" by the readers of the South Bend Tribune for 19 straight years. They started offering premium burgers a couple of years ago and they're starting to show up best burger lists as well. He says the atmosphere is laid back and less programmed than a typical chain sports bar and they will offer a family-friendly environment.

Looking forward to trying out this latest challenger in the ever popular wings category.

Noblesville Building Permits

A total of 30 building permits were issued by the Noblesville Department of Planning last week, with a total value of \$1,512,715.

Single Family

RH of Indiana, Chapel Woods, 15686 Chapel Park Drive East, \$167,000. Beazer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West, 15087 Carrick Road, \$281,000. Beazer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West, 6249 Roxburgh Place, \$307,700.

Pulte Homes, Meadows of Shelborne, 15241 Tiki Trail, \$143,990. Adams & Marshal Homes, Willow Lake, 7069 Willow Pond Drive, \$171,225.

Arbor Homes, LLC, Waterman Farms, 11298 Lucky Dan Drive, \$165,000.

RH of Indiana, Twin Oaks, 15917 Plains Road, \$176,000.

Commercial Alteration

Smith Development, Pleasant Street Commercial, 10330 Pleasant Street, \$41,800.

Riverview Hospital, Noblesville Square, 627 Westfield Road, \$40,000.

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Fisher Single Family (3), Slater Ridge, Bluestone Drive.

Beazer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West, Edenshall Lane.

Residential Remodel

Home Work & Renovation, Stoney Creek Estates, 11473 Full Moon Court, \$19,000.

Sign

Sign Craft Industries, Noble West Shoppes, 14753 Hazel Dell Crossing.

Temporary Usse

New Life Auto Sales, 1750 S. 10th Street.

Others

Indiana-American Water, Prairie Crossing Lakes, 7854 Busby Bend. Indiana-American Water, Prairie Crossing Fairways, 18871 Big Circle Drive.

Indiana-American Water, Prairie Crossing The Ridge, 18902 Elder Ridge Drive.

Indiana-American Water, Prairie Crossing The Ridge, 7632 Nestucca Trail.

Indiana-American Water, Prairie Crossing The Ridge, 7597 Pacific Summit.

Indiana-American Water, Prairie Crossing The Ridge, 18841 Elder Ridge Drive.

Indiana-American Water, Sagamore, 16421 Shore Oaks Court.

Indiana-American Water, Prairie Crossing The Ridge, 18779 Tillamook Run East.

Indiana-American Water, Prairie Crossing Lakes, 19454 Chipshot Road. Telecom Placement Inc., Wellington Bluffs, 108 Wellington Bluffs Court.

Vectren Energy Deliver, Chapel Woods, 11050 Chapel Park Drive South. Summers Plumbing, 110690 Greenfield Ave.

BAM Outdoor Tree Service, J. Evans 2nd Addition, 1167 Grant St.

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Ladies of the Presbyterian Church –Year 1895

By MARY SUE ROWLAND



A special Edition of the Noblesville Tribune published Nov, 1895 by the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church is fascinating. Many of the same names that appeared in the “Noblesville through a Camera” are featured on the front page of the special addition. Names such as William Houston Craig, R.R. Stephenson, John L. Griffiths and the Reverend John Sawyer Craig, D.D. Reverend Craig was pastor of the Presbyterian Church for 17 years. It is noted in the paper that the “Reverend was a man of good judgment in the church and other matters”.

A notation about the weather also was featured in the 1895 edition: “Noblesville was visited last Monday night by one of the severest wind and rain storms in its history. The wind blew a perfect gale, the principal current coming from the southwest. The wind was so strong and the rain fell in such torrents that it was impossible for anyone to be upon the streets safely. There was considerable damage done in the destruction of awnings, breaking windows etc. Mrs. Becker’s hotel was damaged considerably, but the loss was fully covered by cyclone insurance. The court house tower was badly damaged; the new pumping station of the Indianapolis Gas company at the Shepherd farm was badly damaged; the Lay Pail factory, in Johnstown (Noblesville south side in old town) seems to catch it every time and sustained about \$800 loss; the boiler at the Strawboard Mills was totally destroyed, the tire man was in the building at the time and was severely injured. The loss at the mill is not known, but is greater than any other reported.

W. Hare & Son cordially invite all to call and examine their complete line of buggies, surries, phaetons and sleighs. No trouble to show goods. Your inspection solicited. Mrs. Alexander and Miss Miles can be found at the old stand, ready to show you a complete line of millinery. They have the most stylish hats, the nobbiest bonnets and everything in their line up to date. Mrs. Elizabeth George at 20 east Logan street can save you money by making your worn out cane-seated chairs as good as new. Emanuel Heiny who has been trying a farmer’s life, returned Noblesville last week. They are costly domiciled on east Conner Street.

The president of the water works co., is very timid and non-communicative but he desires us to whisper in audible tones through the columns, that if the excessive use of city water in and about the court house for scrubbin and cleaning in general is not stopped immediately the commissioners will have a “high tide” water bill present to them. Move over when the mercury hovers about zero too lovingly, it is unsafe to have the floors and stairways wet from scrubbing.”

There is a nice advertisement for H.H. Stephenson & Company. His picture appears on the front pace of the Noblesville Tribune. The company was at No. 21 South Ninth St., Noblesville. The business of Steam and Gas Fitting, Gas fixtures, Plumbers’ Supplies, Wood and Iron Pumps and Well Supplies is noted in the block ad showing a tub and sink for the bathroom. He gave “Estimates Cheerfully” and could be reached at Telephone number 66.

There are many more pages of Local Happenings from the year of 1895. It is a fascinating look at life in Noblesville some 119 years ago. Things have come a long way to say the least.

Views

Back off, Mommy Police

By AIMEE GEBHART



It seems like no matter where you are or what you’re doing, there’s always a self-proclaimed expert waiting to give you some unsolicited advice. I have found that this is particularly true in regards to babies and parenting. Although it has been a while since I’ve had a baby, I do have a lot of younger friends with babies, and they have assured me that those know-it-all types are still lurking around spewing their parenting wisdom. I like to refer to these people as the “Mommy Police”. You know them. They are the mommies who pretend like they have their act together 24/7 and judge other mommies who don’t follow their prescribed techniques and regimens.

I used to be intimidated by these nosy nags, but now that I’m older, wiser, and surer of myself, I feel compelled to offer my own series of “rules” and advice. However, instead of offering mothering advice to all my friends with little ones, I have composed a list of rules for the people who *really* need it: the Mommy Police. Please feel free to copy this list and share it with any Mommy Police members that you know.

Rule #1: Body parts are private. Whether or not a woman decides to breast feed is none of your business. We all know that breast milk is best, and we also know how it helps the immune system and brain development. However, I’m pretty sure that those of us who were bottle fed are not all sickly idiots like you might think. You really have no way of knowing a woman’s personal reasons for choosing to breast or bottle feed, and she doesn’t have to justify her choice to you. Please remember that just because a woman is pregnant or has just had a baby that does not mean that her breasts and what she does with them are suddenly open for public scrutiny. Bottom line: her bosoms = her business.

Rule #2: Your doctor and the books that you’ve read do not make you an expert on timelines. There are no hard and fast rules about when to “break” children from certain behaviors like bottles, pacifiers, blankies, etc. Some of my friends were adamant that bottles were the devil past a child’s first birthday and gave them a self-righteous

heave-ho right at that 1 year mark. For one of them, it worked just fine. For others, it was torture for them and for their babies. To say that I was a lot less rigid than my friends at the time would be quite an understatement, so you can imagine the grief I suffered when I was caught heating a bottle to give to my TWO year old before bed one night. At the time I was mortified by their harassing remarks. Now I wonder why I didn’t just tell them to stick a sock in it. And guess what? Faith eventually stopped taking the bottle when she was ready. She simply pushed it away one night and never wanted it again. No fuss, no World War III, and no horrible overbite requiring years of dental appliances like some suggested. So before you raise an eyebrow at another mommy’s timeline, open yourself up to the possibility that there may be more than one way to skin a cat.

Rule #3: Nobody cares how you delivered your baby. You are not more of a woman because you did it without an epidural while swimming in a stream on a nature hike with your husband. Let’s face it; the ultimate goal is to get that kid out of there before his first birthday. In order to do that, some people require a C-section. Some people require soothing music and a doula. And some people, like me, require drugs, a cute doctor, and for their husband to shut up about those Lamaze techniques. We all managed to evict our babies one way or another and the method really doesn’t matter.

Rule #4: New mommies don’t want all of your old crud. Just because you loved it doesn’t mean that everyone else will. No one wants to hurt your feelings, but they also don’t want to have to figure out what to do with a box full of old onesies, ugly maternity dresses, and creepy, clown bedding from 1975.*

*There are a few exceptions to Rule #4. Someone may want nice pieces of quality furniture, unworn baby clothes, or even some stylish maternity outfits that you may have. I will warn you, though. If you try to hand off one of those denim maternity jumpers to a pregnant mommy, I will help her hide your body after she strangles you with it.

Aimee Gebhart graduated from Noblesville High School in 1993 and Indiana University in 1997. She is a second grade teacher for Carmel Clay Schools. Aimee resides in Noblesville with her husband, Ed, and their daughter, Faith.

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The County Line

Noblesville's Courthouse Square is one of Midwest's best

By FRED SWIFT



Often our daily surroundings become so familiar to us that we take them for granted, and sometimes fail to appreciate that they are something special.

The Courthouse Square and immediate downtown area of Noblesville is such an example. The square not only looks better today than at anytime in the past, but it is one of the best in the Midwest.

Not only are buildings generally well-maintained, but there is life in the downtown which is something not all small city centers can claim. It doesn't just happen on its own. Several organizations along with local government and property owners have made it happen because they all know it is to the community's overall advantage.

The explosion of commercial business along Ind. 37 in the past 20 years or so could have "killed" downtown as it has in some cities and towns. But such groups as Noblesville Main Street, the Chamber of Commerce, the Cultural Arts Commission, Preservation Alliance, city government and county government have stepped up to rejuvenate and maintain the character of the place.

Some can recall what the square looked like in the 1960s and 70s. It had some problems. It is true that since then downtown lost its corner drugstore, its movie

theatre and even the post office. But, it has gained a better overall look. The county courthouse, obviously the centerpiece of the square, looked drab in the 60s. Many of the business buildings looked tired and in need of improvement.

Now the courthouse looks like it did when it was built 135 years ago. Most of the downtown buildings which were built in the last quarter of the 19th century, have been improved to one degree or another, and the west side of the square which always looked like the poor stepsister was cleared and is now the location of the Government and Judicial Center.

City government over the years has rebuilt sidewalks, modernized street lighting, offered a façade initiative and is now in the process of fostering the 8th Street Cultural Trail, the Riverwalk and general streetscape improvements. County government is keeping faith with downtown by planning an expansion of the Judicial Center complex.

And, to compliment the appearance, Cultural Arts, Main Street and others have provided for activities such as Jazz on the Square, the Santa House, Shakespeare in the Park, Upstairs Downtown, the Street Dance, the Home Tour, the Chili Cookoff and the Duck Race.

If one looks at other downtowns, say New Castle, Shelbyville, Crawfordsville or Anderson, it should be easy to appreciate what we have here. Some of those communities are trying to update, but Noblesville is leading the way. And, too often we are too close to the subject to see it for what it's worth.

	1	Luke 10:1-12:21
	2	Luke 12:22-15:10
	3	Luke 15:11-18:30
	4	Luke 18:31-21:24
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Letter to the Editor

Retired business owner cheers passage of SB1

Just a short note of support for the passage of SB-1. As a retired small business owner I always hated paying this business tax! Need I say more that our Mayor and apparently current council has never seen a tax and/or fee they didn't like. As a small sample and example of priorities in Hamilton County, I am certain the town of Westfield could have provided great fire service with two \$500,000 fire trucks rather than one fire truck with a 100 foot boom costing a million that will be obsolete within six months.

I also know and believe that Noblesville or other towns in Hamilton and other counties in addition to schools and local governmental units could use any number of approved budgeting techniques including "zero based budgeting" and find adequate savings to offset the tax revenue lost as a result of SB-1's implementation...More likely than not in the public safety areas of the budgeting process.

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Tamar Knochel's "Not The Perfect Mom" column will be published in Wednesday's email edition of the Reporter.

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Yes, Millers playing well...on defense

Another under-50 game for NHS

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor
Noblesville basketball coach Dave McCollough pretty much hit the nail on the head when late this week, in comments for a preview story on the upcoming Millers' game with Westfield, said, "We're playing good defense."

That, in a nutshell, is what Noblesville did last evening at The Rock in Westfield as the Millers defeated the host club, 54-38.

Noblesville held an opponent under 50 points for the seventh time in the last eight games.

It was a defense which allowed Westfield just 16 points in the first half. It was a defense which limited Westfield to a 9-of-24 shooting night. Nearly half of the Shamrocks' points (16 of 38) came from the charity line.

The Noblesville offense? A little different story. It was up and down, hot and cold. Very inconsistent

But, arguably, you can credit some of Westfield's defense to some of Noblesville offensive woes.

Still, the inconsistently stood out huge for the Millers.

Junior guard Jake Mills provided most of the offensive punch. He came out hotter than a firecracker, notching a dozen points in the first half. He was the Millers' only double digit scorer, finishing with 18 points.

Justin Pegues notched eight points. John Kiser and Jack Trittipio each contributed seven points.

Noblesville was just 17-of-41 from the floor. The Millers took advantage by canning 16-of-23 free throws, including hitting 10-of-15 charity shots as Westfield fought to get the ball down the stretch.

Ty Osswald scored a third of Westfield's points. He got 13. Osswald had scored 30 earlier in the week in a Westfield loss at Kokomo.

"We wanted to keep someone in Osswald's face," said McCollough

"We tried to keep players on the court with different strengths."

McCollough used a bunch of Millers, 12 in all. Nine scored.

Westfield coach Eric Rauch also used 12 players, including some Shamrocks from what appears to be a very good sophomore class.



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville's Austin Ginther gets between Westfield's Nick Ferrer (left) and Ty Osswald during the Millers-Shamrocks boys basketball game Friday at The Rock. Noblesville won 54-38, the seventh time in eight games that the Millers have held an opponent under 50 points.

With Kiser leading with seven boards, Noblesville outrebounded Westfield 22-14. Westfield did not collect an offensive rebound in the game.

The game never really had an opportunity to catch the crowd's attention, mainly because of 40 fouls being called. The Millers shot 23 free throws and Westfield 20.

The victory was a big one for Noblesville because it was a Hoosier Crossroads Conference win. The Millers remained in the chase, now with a 3-1

conference record. Overall, Noblesville is 8-4, and the Millers have won four straight and six of eight. They will get a shot at Brownsburg, another HCC contender, next Friday at The Mill. On Saturday, Noblesville will host Muncie Central in a makeup game.

Meanwhile, Westfield's struggles continue. The Shamrocks fell to 2-10 and now have lost eight straight. They, too, have a back-to-back weekend challenge coming up, hosting Harrison on Friday and playing at Lebanon on Saturday.

McCollough, following the game, wouldn't answer the question that many of the Noblesville fans who attended the game were asking. Why was 6-8 Tyler Scott seated on Noblesville's bench? Scott is the 6-8 center who played last season and hasn't suited up this year. He has been practicing.

"It's a long story, which will play itself out," said McCollough. For now, no comment from the coach. Turn to Page 7 for more on that story.

Guenther, Blackhawks are fun to follow

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

I've always thought, at least for the last seven years as



I've watched him coach, that Sheridan's Jeff Guenther is one of the best-kept secrets in the world of high school girls basketball mentors.

I'm always fearful to write something like that about a local coach in concern that a larger school might come in and steal him away. In Guenther, that would be a no-brainer for a school looking to improve its basketball program.

Guenther and his Lady Blackhawks this week will begin the next-to-last week of the regular season. They'll enter the week with a 12-5 record; a two-game win streak and three victories in their last four games.

This is Guenther's seventh season at Sheridan. His record is 78-65, which is even more respectable considering the Blackhawks had gone 5-18 the season before Guenther arrived and 0-21 the season before that.

Before coming to Sheridan, Guenther spent a couple of years at Benton Central. His overall nine-year coaching record is 118-74.

Yes, I agree, it's kind of hard to hide those numbers.

This will be Guenther's third winning season at Sheridan. He has never won fewer than nine games in any year as the Blackhawks' coach. His best record at the school, 15-6, came in his fifth season.

Sheridan, in its last four games, could better those 15 wins. The Blackhawks before sectional time will play at Rossville (1-13), host Clinton Prairie (10-4), play at Muncie Burris (2-11) and end the season at Frankfort (7-10). Frankfort, despite its losing record, could be the toughest hurdle for Sheridan because Frankfort is a 3A team. Sheridan is 2A.

Despite Sheridan's overall success, the Lady Blackhawks aren't doing so well in the Hoosier Heartland Conference, a loop SHS joined just last season. Sheridan is only 1-2, with a win over Clinton Central and losses to Carroll and Tri-Central (overtime). Currently, Prairie leads the conference at 3-0, followed by Carroll 2-1, Tri-Central 2-1, Sheridan 1-2, Clinton Central 1-3 and Rossville 0-2. The Lady Blackhawks can do something about this when they play at Rossville on Jan. 28 and when they host Prairie on Jan. 30.

Sheridan can reach the next level in its program by having more success in the post-season tourney. Sheridan has never won a sectional.

After finishing the regular season last year with three consecutive wins, Sheridan lost to Seeger (by three points) in the opening round of the sectional. In fact, Seeger has

eliminated Sheridan from the sectional each of the last two years.

Guenther's sectional record at Sheridan is 2-6. You know, the way this guy competes, that the coach would like to do something about that.

The sectional again will be a big challenge for Sheridan this season, although not facing Seeger. Seeger isn't in this year's field at Elwood. But, Tipton is. Tipton, as always, has one of the better 2A programs in Central Indiana. The Lady Blue Devils are 9-3 overall and against sectional foes they are 5-0. Tipton has played and defeated every team in the Elwood Sectional, except for not playing Alexandria. The Devils have defeated Madison-Grant 69-41, Eastern 70-39, Taylor 66-44, Elwood 81-69 and, oh, yes, Sheridan 67-54. Tipton and Sheridan played back on Jan. 11 at Sheridan.

Good teams and good coaches, of course, always have good players. Sheridan has a solid team and two special players in senior Amanda Summe and freshman Brittany Welch. Summe, who along with Hannah Roaten are the only seniors on this team, can drill 3-pointers or take defender inside. Welch is fun to watch. You've got to see this freshman play. She's good.

Sheridan, for sure, will have another winning record. Just how much these Lady Blackhawks can carve into the Sheridan girls basketball records will be decided in the next couple of weeks, plus, of course, the sectional.



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An intriguing story could be ahead for the Millers

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

There is an intriguing story coming up in the Noblesville High boys basketball program.

Maybe.

D a v e McCollough, a coach who will reveal anything except the next zone defense he plans to play, wasn't talking

following the Westfield game Friday evening when asked about the 6-8 figure who stood at the end of the court when the Millers warmed up and then sat on the second row of the Millers' bench during the game.

"No comment," said the coach. "Maybe later, but not now."

I had to ask the question. Every Miller fan in the house, except those who may already have known, wanted to know what Tyler Scott was doing back in a Miller uniform.

I'm sure you Miller fans will remember Scott. Once a student at Tech (his senior class at Tech now is No. 1 in the state), Scott moved to Noblesville as a sophomore and played as a junior, but wasn't on the team at sectional time. There were times last season, on those monster-type dunks, that Miller fans were thinking (finally thinking) that Noblesville finally had a big, talented post player.

Noblesville, you Miller fans also might remember, went on into the sectional and nearly pulled off the upset of the year, perhaps the upset of the century. Maybe a couple of centuries. Carmel escaped that evening in its Eric Clark Activity Center with a three-point victory on a last-second shot. No other team in the post-season tourney came as close as three points of the state champion Greyhounds.

"Is Scott on the roster?," I asked McCollough.

No comment.

But, if he is, would not that be an intriguing (there's that word again) story?

Wouldn't it be intriguing (sorry) if Noblesville suddenly puts on the court a new

6-8 player to join 6-8 Jack Trittipio and 6-5 John Kiser in its frontline, along with the driving skills of Justin Pegues and the outside popping of Jake Mills and Sean Wilson? Along with a very solid bench

That certainly would send opposing coaches off to the drawing board for new defensive plays.

Take the Westfield game, for example. Westfield sandwiched Trittipio most of the evening. He seldom got the basketball, but when he did, Jack took advantage. Fortunately, for the Millers, Mills was hotter than a firecracker from the outside.

Might be (would be) a different situation if Trittipio had a 6-8 sidekick at his side.

Intriguing.

Like I wrote, McCollough committed to nothing and finally had to walk me off, which, of course, isn't the first time in my life I've been walked off.

Remember, gang, it's nearly February. With just a little over a month left in the regular season, would McConnell take such a gamble. Actually, Mac has never appeared to be a gambler. He has to think every move he makes is a good one, or this guy doesn't make it.

But, would he dare change the offense, and I would think it would have to be changed, so late in the season?

I'll answer my own question with my own stat. That offense is averaging just 53.1 points a game. Noblesville is winning with a typically McConnell good defense.

Noblesville's defensive average is 45.67, the 10th best in Class 4A basketball. Two teams with better defenses also play in the local sectional, Carmel at 43.8 and Zionsville at 44.17. Just thought you might like to know.

Actually, even though January almost is history, there still is plenty of basketball ahead before the post-season. Eight of Noblesville's 20 games still remain.

The Millers currently are in a dog fight for one of the top spots in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. Southeastern is the leader at 6-0, followed by Noblesville and Brownsburg each at 4-1. Then comes Zionsville at 4-2.

Noblesville will have Brownsburg at The Mill on Friday and Zionsville will be here on Feb. 15

Isn't high school basketball fun, and intriguing?

Wrestling sectionals

Millers go for fifth straight title, ranked 'Hounds and 'Rocks lead at Zionsville

A wide-open dog fight at Zionsville and a Noblesville cakewalk at Hamilton Heights.

With the IHSAA's post-season sectionals scheduled for this Saturday, nothing really has changed from last year here in Hamilton County.

The 11-team field at Hamilton Heights will include Alexandria, Anderson, Elwood, Frankton, Guerin Catholic, Heights, Lapel, Noblesville, Pendleton Heights, Tipton and Tri-Central.

Last year Noblesville crowned eight champions and won the Heights Sectional with 252 points. Pendleton Heights was second with 194 and Hamilton Heights third with 158.

Already this season Noblesville has defeated Pendleton Heights 56-22 and Hamilton Heights 56-24.

Hamilton County's five other teams will compete in the loaded Zionsville Sectional. The 11-team field there will include Carmel, Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Fishers, Frankfort, Hamilton Southeastern, Lebanon, Sheridan, Western Boone, Westfield and Zionsville.

Southeastern has won that sectional the last four years, last season scoring 206.5 points, while Zionsville was second with 160.5, followed by Westfield 153.5, Fishers 143.5, Lebanon 131 and Carmel 116.5

It could be a different outcome this year at Zionsville, headed, one would think, by two state-ranked teams, No. 17 Carmel and No. 18 Westfield. Those two powerhouses recently met and Carmel won a 31-28 thriller.

Southeastern does own an early season 37-23 victory over Carmel, but the Greyhounds won the Hamilton County Meet crown and recently finished second to Warren Central in the MIC Tourney. Westfield recently was second to Avon in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference Meet, while Southeastern finished fourth.

Noblesville is within a title win of matching Carmel as Hamilton County's leader in sectional team championship victories. The Greyhounds have won 20, but none since 2009. Noblesville, a four-time defending champion, has won 19 sectionals. Hamilton Heights has 11 titles, Hamilton Southeastern eight and Westfield three.

This will be the IHSAA's 76 Annual State Tourney.

Sectionals, all scheduled for Feb. 1, will be held at 32 sites. A total of 313 schools will compete in the tourney, with the top four finishers in each of the 14 weight classes advancing to one of 16 regionals, scheduled for Feb. 8.

'Hawks fall to Elwood, Gary Lighthouse

Trailing by 16 points after the first quarter and by as many as 20 points in the first half, Sheridan made a run at Elwood Wednesday evening, but it was a matter of too little, too late for the Blackhawks as they fell to the host Panthers 62-55.

"We did not show up to play in the first half, not at all," said Sheridan coach Cory Dunn. "We were bad on both ends of the floor."

"We came back from down 20 to lead by one late in the fourth quarter, but give Elwood credit for making the tough plays down the stretch to pull out the win."

The loss was Sheridan's fourth straight, dropping the Blackhawks to 3-7 on the year. They play twice at home this weekend, hosting Lighthouse on Friday and long-time rival Hamilton Heights on Saturday.

At Elwood, Sheridan was 19-of-52 from the field and just 5-of-19 from 3-point range. The Blackhawks stuck in 12-of-15 free throws.

Elwood's defense held high-scoring Cort Christy to just nine points. In double figures for the Blackhawks were Brock Kitchel with 11 points and Chris Roberts with 10.

Christy pulled eight rebounds and Roberts and Kitchel each collected seven. Jake Chesney led Sheridan in assists with four.

Sheridan held Elwood to six points in the third quarter and outscored the winners 36-26 in the second half.

On Friday, Gary Lighthouse rolled into Larry Hobbs Memorial Hall Friday evening and took a poke at the host Blackhawks, beating Sheridan 90-54.

"We were not sharp enough tonight to play against their superior strength, speed and quickness," said Sheridan coach Cory Dunn.

Sheridan discovered that early in the evening as Lighthouse rolled to a 25-15 first quarter advantage. It was a 44-26 game at

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NHS girls wins two more...

Lady Millers roll on

Noblesville outscored (Class 3A) No. 3 ranked Western Boone 25-19 in the fourth quarter to pull out a 53-48 girls basketball thriller Tuesday evening on the road. It was Noblesville’s fourth straight win and fifth in Coach Donna Keck’s club last six games.

The Lady Millers will be home in The Mill Saturday evening for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game with Harrison. Noblesville now stands 12-3 on the year.

Noblesville had a strong rebounding game, led by Katelyn O’Reilly with 15 boards, Alexis Shannon seven and Jessica Kiser six.

The Millers hit 23-of-37 free throws. Noblesville led 8-4 after one and 17-16 at halftime in the closely contested game. Boone carried a 28-27 lead into the fourth quarter.

Cori Cain, Jessica Kiser and Erin Wood each poured in 10 points to lead Noblesville’s scoring.

On Saturday, Noblesville demonstrated its depth with a 58-42 Senior Night victory over Zionsville Saturday in The Mill.

Coach Donna Keck used 12 Lady Millers, and they all but two scored. Only two scored in double figures.

“We have lots of kids who can contribute at both ends of the court,” Keck said.

The one who brought the most to the table on this night was sophomore Katelyn O’Reilly. She was one of the double digit scorers, finishing with 14 points and she added a double-double with 14 rebounds. Another sophomore, Alexis Shannon, had quite a night, too. She hit 5-of-5 shots and scored 11 points. O’Reilly, who maybe played a little more than half the game, was 6-of-7 from the floor.

“I like the way we’re playing,” said Keck after watching her team move to 13-3 on the year and win its fifth straight game.

The win opened up all kinds of conference finishes for Noblesville, although probably not first place. Southeastern now leads the HCC with a 6-1 record, following Westfield’s 46-44 loss to Brownsburg last evening. Westfield and Brownsburg are 6-2 and Noblesville is 5-2. Noblesville’s final two conference games will be against Harrison (4 wins) and Lafayette Jeff (1 win). Southeastern appears to be in an uncatchable position. The Lady Royals will close loop action against Avon (1 win) and Lafayette Jeff (1 win).

Noblesville’s non-conference ending to the year will be tough, with road games at Pendleton Heights and Lawrence North, the latter being ranked No. 1 in the state.

Last night in The Mill, Zionsville stayed with Noblesville for only a quarter. The Millers led 18-16 after one. O’Reilly came off the bench and scored five in the second period to propel her team to a 33-20 halftime edge. O’Reilly, Jessica Kiser (the only senior on Senior Night), Shannon and Audrey DeFoe each scored four points in the third frame as Noblesville went to the final quarter with a 46-30 lead.

The Millers twice led by 20 points.

Noblesville’s shooting wasn’t all that hot. The Millers did finish 22-of-41 overall, but were just 3-of-15 from 3-point range and 11-of-23 from the foul line. Noblesville missed seven free throws in the fourth quarter.

Noblesville will play three games this coming week, hosting Harrison on Monday, playing at Pendleton on Wednesday and then playing at Lafayette Jeff on Friday.

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halftime and things got worse for Sheridan in the third quarter, being outscored 28-12 in the period.

Cort Christy scored 21 points to lead Sheridan’s offense, while Brock Kitchel tossed in 12 and Chris Roberts added 11.

Roberts, the young sophomore, had a great night with a double-double, collecting 11 rebounds. Christy had seven boards.

Sheridan hit 19-of-40 shots; canned 5-of-13 shots from 3-point range and connected on 11-of-17 free throws.

Kitchel was 3-of-6 from long range.

Sheridan was to play Hamilton Heights on Saturday, but that game was canceled due to the weather.

Sports

Sheridan girls win on Senior Night

Sheridan seniors Amanda Summe and Hannah Roaten were honored at the Black-hawks' girls basketball game as part of Senior Night Thursday.

Then, the two honored the crowd with great performances in Sheridan's 55-37 win over Delphi. Summe scored 21 points, including three 3-pointers, while Roaten grabbed nine rebounds and had five steals.

The 'Hawks took care of business early, leading 14-5 after the first quarter and 28-11 at halftime, and that lead carried Sheridan through the second half. Payton Fleener scored 12 points and had four steals, while Brittany Welch added 10 points.

"We got off to a pretty good start," said Sheridan coach Jeff Guenther. "First half, Fleener really sparked us. I talked to the kids before we went out, and the only thing I said was 'Just make baskets. When you make baskets, everything is easier.'"

Welch and Summe each grabbed four rebounds.

Sheridan improved to 12-5 after the victory, which is its second in a row. The Blackhawks are scheduled to travel to Rossville Tuesday for a Hoosier Heartland Conference game, the first of three games for Sheridan next week. The ‘Hawks host Clinton Prairie on Jan. 30 and travel to Muncie Burris on Feb. 1.



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Sheridan's Hannah Roaten pulled down nine rebounds for the Blackhawks in their 55-37 victory over Delphi Thursday. Roaten is one of two seniors that played for Sheridan this season.

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