



Hamilton County Reporter

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Weaver’s move tied to House Bill 1001, space needs

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

The recently announced plans for Weaver Popcorn Co. to move its headquarters from Noblesville to a building located in Whitestown (Boone County) has a strong tie to House Bill 1001 which passed the Indiana House by a 63-33 vote.

The House bill offered local counties an option to discontinue taxing small businesses in Indiana, providing a tool to compete with other states which offer incentives to the business world.

The House bill allows local government to decide whether or not to do away with the business tax.

Gov. Mike Pence has urged support of the House bill, believing that doing away with the business tax will help economic development and create jobs.

But, locally the idea of dropping the business tax did not save Noblesville from Weaver Popcorn leaving for Boone County. Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear told The Reporter that Weaver had not approached the city concerning receiving a tax abatement.

“No, they didn’t receive an abatement from us and they did not contact us regarding a search for a new location,” an email from the Mayor’s office came in response to a question from The Reporter.

Mayor Ditslear said Weaver is moving to a 200,000 square foot building which meets the needs of the company.

The Reporter has attempted to contact Weaver Popcorn, but the company hasn’t responded.

“While we are sorry to see Weaver and the approximately 50 jobs relocate, the Mayor under stands the company’s desire to want to move into a building where they can immediately proceed with their expansion as opposed to them having to purchase land and construct a building here that would be large enough for them,” Mayor Ditslear told The Reporter.

Judi Johnsson, Director of Economic Development for the City of Noblesville, told The Reporter that she “isn’t surprised” that Weaver Popcorn hasn’t returned calls from this newspaper.

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2013 Incentivized Approvals			
Personal Property Phase In Approved			
	Capital Investment Made by the Business	Jobs	Wage
SMC Corporation- 10 year Pneumatics Manufacturer	\$6,198,231.00	Retained - 681	Average Wage \$48,000
NEXXT Spine- 3 year Medical Device Manufacturer	\$1,960,000.00	Promised – 55 New	Average Wage \$75,000
Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals- 4 year Life Sciences/ Distribution & Warehousing	\$1,250,000.00	Relocated - 65 Promised – 70 New	Average Wage \$79,000 Average Wage \$ 45,000
Real Property Phase In Approved			
	Capital Investment Made by the Business	Jobs	Wage
RZ Automation- 7 years Robotics	\$1,175,000.00	Retained - 9 Promised - 4-6 New	Average Wage \$60,000
Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals- 5 year Life Sciences	\$2,339,700.00	See chart above	See chart above
Total 2013 Capital Investment Made by the Businesses		Total Jobs promised	
\$ 12,922,931.00		131 New 690 Retained 65 Relocated	

Voters will have choices in several primary races

By FRED SWIFT

The stage is now set for the 2014 primary election. The deadline for candidates to file for public office in this year's election cycle passed at noon Friday.

Voters will have choices in several of the May 6 Republican primary races. Both Republicans and Democrats will have a choice in the race for their party's nomination for U.S. Congress.

For Congress in the GOP primary, incumbent Rep. Susan Brooks is challenged by David Stockdale for the 5th District seat. The district includes a half-dozen counties in north central Indiana.

Democratic voters will choose between Allen Davidson, Shawn Denney and David Ford.

In purely Hamilton County contests there will be competition for the Superior Court 3 bench now held by William Hughes. He is opposed by Brian Poindexter.

Incumbent judges in three other courts will be nominated unopposed. The are: Paul Felix of Circuit Court, Richard Campbell in Superior Court 4 and Wayne Sturtevant in Superior 5.

For County Clerk, former clerk and a current deputy clerk, Tammy Baitz is challenged by another clerk's office employee, Rhonda Gary. They seek to succeed retiring Clerk Peggy Beaver.

Former County Recorder Jennifer Hayden is running to re-take the position and faces Ray Ade. A third candidate, Robert Bragg, withdrew Friday.

Incumbent Mary Clark is not running for re-election.

And in a rather unusual contest for County Coroner where there is rarely competition, Roger Conn and John Chalfin are seeking to succeed retiring Coroner Thurl Cecil.

There is one County Council race shaping up in District 1 where Andrew Dollard and Fred Glynn face off for the GOP nod.

Home free in their search for new four-year terms are Prosecutor Lee Buckingham, Sheriff Mark Bowen, County Commissioner Christine Altman and County Assessor Robin Ward.

In purely local, in-county state legislative races, Rep. Kathy Richardson is unopposed in District 29 (Noblesville) while

Rep. Jerry Torr faces opposition for the first time in many years from newcomer Don Meier in District 39 (Carmel).

Both do have Democratic opponents in November, Joe Marcum in District 29, and David Russ in District 39.

There will be races for the GOP nomination for township trustee in Noblesville, Wayne, Fall Creek and White River townships while candidates are unopposed in the other five townships.

On the last day of filing a half dozen Republicans filed for township board seats: Richard Leirer in Clay, Jeanette Winkler in Fall Creek, Terry Busby in Noblesville, Scott McNamara in Wayne and David Gill and Jennifer Smith in Washington.

SHS closed Thursday by broken water line

By JEFF JELLISON

With eight school days canceled and several two hour delays already in the books for this year the last thing Sheridan’s new Superintendent, David Mundy, wanted to hear on Thursday was, a broken water line in the high school would force the cancellation of another school day.

“Although the water line break was not weather related it has just been one of those winters,” said Mundy.

Sheridan school officials discovered the broken water line at 6:15 on Thursday morning and believe the three inch line poured water into the school for approximately five hours. Mundy indicated parts of Sheridan High School had as much as 5-6 inches of water standing. “It was running out the doors into the parking lot when I got there,” said Mundy.

“Basically the entire west end of the high school including the gym had standing water,” stated Mundy. The water damage will force the closure of the varsity gym. Sheridan has two home games remaining on its schedule. Mundy continued, “We won’t know for a couple of days the complete extent of the damage to the gym. We are already working

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Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

The Bobby A. Mills Foundation presented the proceeds of its Bobby Mills Memorial Golf Tournament to Noblesville’s basketball and girls golf teams during the Millers’ girl/boy basketball doubleheader with Harrison Friday night at The Mill. Pictured are members of the girls golf team with their check.

Wide-open sectionals await county girls teams

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Now that the post-season is here, looking ahead it’s a strange situation for the nine Hamilton County teams competing in sectional competition.

Any of the nine teams could still be playing at regional time. On the other hand, none of the nine may advance.

*Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville and Westfield will play in Class 4A action at North Central, along with the host team and Zionsville.

*Hamilton Heights will play in a 3A tournament at Blackford and Guerin Catholic will compete in 3A competition at Brebeuf.

*Sheridan, the county’s only 2A team, will take on the field at Elwood.

*University, the county’s only 1A squad, will play at Bethesda Christian.

Although sectional play will open tonight (Tuesday), not all Hamilton County teams will be playing. Four of the nine won’t play until Friday. That’s when Guerin Catholic will take on Indy Marshall; Heights will meet the winner of the Delta-Muncie South game; Sheridan will wait to play either Tipton or Eastern, and Noblesville will take on either Zionsville or Fishers.

At North Central, there will be just one game tonight, Zionsville vs. Fishers. That tourney will start rocking on Wednesday with Hamilton Southeastern and Carmel battling and North Central and Westfield going to war.

At Bethesda Christian, University will play tonight against International.

Let’s break down each of the five sectionals:

At North Central

In a loaded field, Westfield (15-3) has been the most talked about team this season. The Lady Shamrocks opened the season winning 11 straight games before Fishers pulled the strings with a 53-36 victory. Westfield then lost to New Castle and Brownsburg before bouncing by winning four straight. The Shamrocks will be playing a host North Central (11-7) team which during the regular season went 2-1 against possible sectional foes, beating Hamilton Southeastern 52-43 and Carmel 58-46 and losing to Fishers 55-49. Westfield’s only loss in the sectional area was to Fishers. The

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Burton

August 7, 1927 - January 27, 2014

Elizabeth Burton, nee Arthur, 86, of Sheridan, died Monday, January 27, 2014. She was born in Hamilton County, August 7, 1927, the daughter of the late Arley and Ruby Fesmire Arthur. She graduated from Sheridan High School Class of 1946. She married Phil Clayton Burton on July 27, 1947. He preceded her in death.



She was a wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of The First United Methodist Church, Sheridan, a 54-year member of Order of Eastern Star #226 and served as Worthy Matron 1972-1973, Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), North Adams Home Economics Club - president and secretary, Hamilton County Extension Homemakers - recorder, Hamilton County Handicraft Club - vice-president and committee member, Sheridan High School OK CLUB and Sunshine Society.

Elizabeth worked for United Feed and Biddle's for 6 years preparing and serving meals. She volunteered as a den mother, Girl Scout leader, 4-H Sponsor, Sunday school and Bible school teacher, and served as Guardian for Job's Daughter Bethel #34. She enjoyed cooking, baking, crafting, sewing, gardening, flower arranging and participating in the County and State Fairs, where she received numerous honors.

During her life, Elizabeth cherished the time she spent traveling with her family. She especially enjoyed her trips to Costa Rica, Connecticut, Florida, Colorado, the New York World's Fair, Grand Ole Opry, Great Smokey Mountains, and sharing her granddaughter's wedding cruise with her late husband.

She is survived by siblings, Marietta Pesel and Joan Perkins of Indianapolis, Carol Henderson and James Arthur of Westfield, and Carl Arthur of San Jose, Costa Rica; sons, Mike, Carl and Tim (Rosey) of Sheridan; daughters, Mary Carney (Blain) of North Vernon, In., and JoEtta Heck (John) of Windsor, Colorado; grandchildren, Stephen Gay of Atlanta, Georgia, Deborah Gay Godfrey (John) of Lewis Center, Ohio, Amanda Burton of Nashville, Tennessee, Andy Burton of Noblesville, Indiana, Rachel Heck Mowrer (Mitch) of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Lauren Heck of Fort Collins, Colorado; and two great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by daughter, Nancy Ann Gay (Daniel) of Tolland, Ct.

A life celebration will be held on March 1, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Sheridan, IN at 11:00 am, where friends and family may gather from 10:00 am till time of services. Inurnment will take place at 2:00 pm at Summit Lawn Cemetery, Westfield, IN. Fisher Family Funeral Services has been entrusted will the arrangements. Online condolences made be made by visiting fisherfunerals.com

Westfield could extend school days to make up for snow-outs

Westfield Schools are working on a plan to make up four days (24 hours) of missed classroom time, caused by bad weather. The plan may call for making up the time by extending the school day.

"On Jan. 28, I requested permission from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to extend school days in order to make up non-waivered school cancellations," wrote Superintendent Mark Keen to parents and staff members.

On Feb. 6, local news outlets reported that permission to extend days will be granted by IDOE

"We are working on a strategy to make up the time and will release the plan no later than Feb. 14," Keen said.

"While this may cause some adjustments to non-school schedules, the instructional benefit for students is enormous," Keen continued. "Making up hours instead of days will allow us to cover more material prior to ISTEP+ and end of course assessments. Plus, we will be able to better prepare students who are taking Advanced Placement exams for college credit.

"Currently, we have four days (24 hours) to make up," said the Superintendent. "We would like to make this time up so that the last day for students will still be May 29. This will allow the high school administrators to check all senior grades and verify eligibility for graduation."

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"They are a very private company which hasn't searched for publicity," Anderson said. "When they first came to Noblesville in 2012 it took a long period of time for the Mayor and I to get a meeting with them."

Did the City know of Weaver's plan to leave?

"No, and neither did many others," Johnson said. "Even the people who own the building which Weaver leases didn't know until they saw it in the media."

Johnson doesn't appear to favor House Bill 1001.

"If we take away the business tax, where is the money going to come for funding schools, roads, lights, etc.?", she asked. "We'll need to replace the lost tax money."

Johnson also said that attracting businesses to Noblesville is more of a battle with nearby communities than it is from other states.

"Hamilton County is very attractive to businesses," Johnson said. "We have to

compete with nearby areas such as Fishers, Carmel and Westfield. And, Indianapolis."

Issuing tax abatements is one huge way of competing.

Johnson issued a chart (see elsewhere on this page) of five abatements approved by the City in 2013. In summary, the five companies involved would make a total capital investment of \$1,292,293,100 to the City and offering 131 new jobs, retaining 690 jobs and relocating 65 jobs.

In losing Weaver Popcorn, Noblesville will lose 50 corporate employees to Whitestown and the company also said it is adding 40 fulltime manufacturing jobs paying an average of \$22 an hour.

Weaver is planning to move into an 180,000 square foot of space in Whitestown.

The Reporter's search of vacant space in Noblesville has found no building here with that much space.

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on possible scheduling solutions for the remaining home basketball games."

"The school cancellations are beginning to get frustrating," said Mundy. "The biggest hindrance is the loss of continuity; however, our students and teachers understand the situation we are now in. They realize when they walk through the doors in the morning it is time to go to work."

Mundy praised the Sheridan community by stating, "The community has been very supportive through all of this. They realize we can't control weather, and within an hour of the announcement that a broken water line would force another cancelation members of the community, law enforcement and teachers showed up at school to offer their help."

Joseph S. Waple

September 1, 1949 - January 28, 2014

Joseph S. Waple, 64, of Westfield, passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at home. He was born on September 1, 1949 to John and Ollie (Smith) Waple in Evansville, Indiana. His parents preceded him in death.



Joseph was a construction superintendent with Signature & Trademark Construction. He had been very involved with Boy Scouts from 1982 - 1995, and had been a Scout Leader for Westfield Troop 107 & 170.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; daughter, Dessi Waple; sons, Joe (Jennifer) Waple and John (fiancé Cindy Jones) Waple; daughter, Deanna Waple; sister, Judy (Mike) True; grandchildren, Logan Waple, Tylan Jackson, Maddi Waple, John Waple, Dylan Cutsinger, Gavin Cutsinger, Jamie Simpson, Michael Simpson, and great-grandchildren, Adrianna

Simpson and Becca Simpson; 11 nieces and nephews, 16 great nieces and nephews and 3 great-great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held on Sunday, February 9, 2014, at the Westfield Lions Club, 120 Jersey Street, in Westfield.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Center on Westfield Road in Noblesville is handling the arrangements.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Beverly K. Coverdale

June 17, 1941 - February 8, 2014

Beverly K. Coverdale, 72, of Kokomo, passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on June 17, 1941 to William Russell and Beryl (Harrison) Coverdale in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Beverly loved listening to music and watching TV. She enjoyed painting by numbers, dressing up and wearing jewelry. She also loved spending time with family and especially enjoyed family reunions at Forest Park in Noblesville.

She is survived by her brother, Russell (Beverly Carol) Coverdale; sister, Melissa (John) Dashiell; nephews, Abraham Dashiell, Phil (Kathy) Coverdale, & Chris (Lori) Coverdale; nieces Karen (Brant) Seymoure, Leslie Slack & Sara (Mark) Pechin; and nine great-nieces & nephews.

Graveside Services will be private, but there will be a public memorial service at a later date.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Westfield Fire Department battles Union Street house fire

By JEFF JELLISON

Westfield Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire in the 300 block of North Union Street on Thursday.

Fire officials reported upon their arrival flames and heavy smoke were coming from the rear of the residence.

A Westfield fireman received a minor hand injury while attempting to extinguish the blaze. The firefighter was transported to Riverview Hospital and has been released.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and Westfield Fire Department estimated the damage at \$60,000.

Westfield was assisted on the scene by Noblesville, Fishers and Carmel Fire Departments.

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Noblesville

Commercial

JK Property Solutions, 12880 E. 146th Street, \$50,000.

Electrical Upgrade

Raintree Electric, Lakecrest, 1475 Rolling Ridge Drive, \$1,950.

Fence

Guillermo Alvarez, Prairie Crossing Lakes, 19387 Fox Chase Drive.

Model Home

RH of Indiana, Twin Oaks, 15850 Barnard Drive.

Planned Development

Alt Construction LLC, Pleasant Street Commercial, 17290 Kraft Court.

Sign

RJ Pile, LLC, W.A. Emmons, 499 S. 9th Street, \$1,200.

The Sign Group, Inc., 16902 Clover Road.

Single Family

Arbor Homes, LLC, Waterman Farms, 11345 Funny Cide Drive, \$116,000.

Beaer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West, 15289 Slateford Road, \$331, 500.

Temporary Use

Mo's Irish Pub, Hamilton Town Center, 13193 Levinson Lane.

Other

Lew's Plumbing, 397 Chestnut Street.

Citizens Energy, South Harbour, 916 Laurel Lane.

Telecom Placement, Inc., Carrigan Cover, 21142 Carrigan Crossing.

Indiana-American Water, 335 Park Street.

Indiana-American Water, 11st & Marilyn Road.

Duke Energy, Various Locatiolns.
Champions for Charity, Hamilton Town Center.

Atlanta, Arcadia, Cicero

Accessory Structure

Truster Building, LLC, 4150 E. 231st St., Cicero, \$15,900

Fence

Lowe's, 73 Cove Ct., Cicero, \$1,993.
Lowe's/To Choice Fence and Oak, 1255 Coral Springs Dr., Cicero, \$4,500.

Demolition

Elisabeth Amick, 7911 E. 249th St., Arcadia.

Electrical

Mitchell & Sons, 139 W. Neal Street, Cicero.
Ashpaugh Electric, 2020 E. 256 Street, Arcadia, \$3,230.

Single Family

TK Constructors, 5497, E. 266th Street, Cicero, \$21,900.

Accessory Structure

Schmidt Builders, 1720 E. 256th Street, Arcadia.

Dwelling Remodel

ServPro of Hamilton County, 1380 Sherman Circle, Cicero.

Riverview Hospital offers special heart screenings in February

Riverview Hospital is helping to celebrate American Heart Month this February by providing a variety of special screenings and events designed to help you identify risk factors for heart disease and how to prevent it.

CT Heart Scan \$49 - This quick, non-invasive procedure can help you identify "hidden" cardiovascular risks due to the formation of calcium deposits in the coronary arteries. Call 317.776.7247 to register.

Heart Health Profile \$55 - This comprehensive profile provides an overview of your risk of coronary heart disease by measuring the lipid, high-sensitivity c-reactive protein and homocysteine levels in your blood. Register at riverview.org.

Heart Healthy Cooking Event, February 25, 2014, 6-8 pm - Join our cardiologists and staff for an evening of heart healthy cooking. We'll serve each item prepared and attendees will receive a coupon for a complimentary Blood Chemistry Profile. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Registration and payment is required by February 18. Register at riverview.org.



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The Grand Essentials

By MARY SUE ROWLAND



“The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love and something to hope for.” George Washington Burnapp, 1802-1859

This phase is something to ponder and as you consider “something to hope for”. That something must be spring. With a winter that has been too cold and had too much snow, spring is predicted to arrive just as soon as the jet stream lows move on the warmer weather will follow. February is never a warm and fuzzy month in Indiana but some say March will bring much better temperature wise and the snow will melt. History does support that assumption even if it appears hopeless.

Just note that a few days ago in Minneapolis the temperature was 3 degrees, felt like minus 14 degrees with a 13 MPH wind. Same day in central Indiana it was 27 degrees with a 14 mph wind. Not much comfort for our cold feet and frozen cars. Anchorage was 17 degrees with no wind and high humidity. Still you do not feel better? This winter in Alaska the average temperature is running 40 degrees warmer than usual. The 2014 Yukon Quest Sled Dog Race in Fairbanks the start was moved to downtown from the river because the ice was to thin. This year Alaska is having an avalanche problem closing off many important highways...this is very rare in Indiana!

In contrast, how about Kona, Hawaii at 83 degrees and Honolulu at 71 degrees plus the surf is up on the north and west shores. That information brings no comfort unless you are sitting on the Kona beach. So what is, America’s top coldest major cities? Using a 30 year average temperatures, Kansas City all time record low was -23 actual degrees on Dec. 22, 1989, Denver -29 degrees on Jan. 1875 and Pittsburgh -22 degrees on Jan. 1994. Sub freezing temperatures occur in Pittsburgh 117 days a year. Moving onto the snowiest major cities, Madison Wisconsin leads the way. Fargo, N. D. is second in line with an overall 30 year average of 52 inches. Indianapolis ranks at number 15 for the coldest average temperatures with 108 days of sub-freezing temperatures. Minneapolis/St. Paul is the coldest average temperatures with 151 days of subfreezing temps. No surprise here but the warmest cities in winter defined as December, January and February is Florida, California’s Pacific Coast, Southern Arizona and Texas. The season hottest temps are in Miami nearly every winter day. With at least 60 degrees most everyday and 40% winter days at 80 degrees, Miami is a strong consideration for winter visits. No city in the United States has a daily high above 80 degrees in the winter.

Looking into the coldest places in the world where people actually live and the cold is “insanely cold” tops out on July 21, 1983, Vostok, Antarctica with a minus 128.6 degrees at the Russian Research Station. Another town in Russia with 1,434 hardy residents, in the Siberian wilderness, that averages minus 50.4 degrees is Verkhoyansk, Russia. If you are a traveler hungry for the extremes try Oymyakon, Russia at minus 90 degrees in February, 1933. In International Falls, Minn, 6,703 folks live on the border between US and Canada, where the temps hit zero more than 60 nights a year. Fraser, Colo calls itself the “Icebox of the Nation” sitting in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, all 910 residents enjoy the view. “Hell freezing over”, is the big joke in Hell, Norway. Hell does freeze over a third of the year from Dec. to March. Notice the population of the coldest places in the world are few compared to Miami. Seems a lot of people have gotten the message loud and clear.

Do note that many of the coldest destinations have gone indoors to create warm places to enjoy during the winter months. Minneapolis/ St. Paul has the largest indoor mall in the world, Mall of America, with everything possible to do including an amusement park, skating rinks, restaurants and more shops than you can count. Calgary, Alberta, Canada along with Harbin, China is a nonstop party with traditional holidays all winter long. Montreal has an underground city that 500,000 people visit each day and don’t forget the northern lights and geothermal pools of Reykjavik, Iceland.

Maybe we should just not fight the weather and enjoy it. Long underwear anyone? Pop some corn, go sledding, take a winter wonderland cross country ski trip (that cost big bucks in Colorado) and its free here. You can give up and try to get a flight to Miami and fight the traffic? Just be hopeful that spring will come, winter will end, global warming is fiction and there are many cities much worse.

One more thought, today the temperature is zero. The normal high for central Indiana is 37 degrees on this same day. Central Indiana had the most snow in the year 1981–82 of 51 inches. This year is the 4th snowiest at 44.4 and we just might break our all time record. Now that is something to be hopeful about. A competitive spirit does live on in Indiana but the snowiest record breaking year?

Just remember each day is one day closer to spring where you can break free to the yard for the annual spring clean up ritual. It should be said that the teams of snow removal equipment drivers and those long nights of pushing has keep the cities moving and for that we are thankful. So, keep the faith, be hopeful, visit a neighbor and make someone happy with some warm homemade cookies. Doing little things does mean a lot and it makes the cold winter snow days better.

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Week 35

1	Matthew 1:1-4:25
2	Matthew 5:1-7:20
3	Matthew 7:21-10:42
4	Matthew 11:1-13:30
5	Matthew 13:31-16:20
6	Matthew 16:21-20:16
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Not The Perfect Mom

By TAMAR KNOCHEL



of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. (Matthew 7:3-5)

“It’s like the pot calling the kettle black”. It’s so much easier to see the speck in someone else’s eye isn’t it? But for shame if they point out the log in ours! In marriage we have to be especially careful of this I mean, you *are* living with the person after all.

In Philippians 2:3-5, Paul says to “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have the attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.”

It’s so easy to get focused on what we’re doing that we forget all about our husband’s needs and interests. And **that** is what was happening in my marriage. I was so fo-

cused on me and how mad I was at him that it was all I could see. I was so focused on the speck in his eye and trying to “help” him take it out that I never noticed the **log** in my own eye! Then one night God held up a mirror for me to see myself.

“Hey look! There’s a log in my eye! When did that get there?”

I have an activity that I’d like for you to do. This was a complete turning point for me and I’m praying that it will do the same thing for you as well. Make a list of everything your dream husband would be. What would he look like? How would he dress? What personality traits would he have? Be detailed in your descriptions. Don’t just say, he’s funny, say why he’s funny.

Now look at your list, how many of those qualities does your husband already possess? If you’re like me, he has the majority of them. By the time I got down to the end of my list I realized I already HAD my perfect husband. No he wasn’t actively doing all the things on my list but he had, at least in the past, done all of them! No, **he** wasn’t perfect, but he was the perfect husband **for me**, and I found that I still loved him. And after this activity, I decided to start liking him again too.

This is an excerpt from True Intimacy by Tamar & S. Christian Knochel & is available in print and ebook at TamarKnochel.com where you can find all kinds of resources from devotionals & books to journals & daily planners.

Elections office looking for poll sites

As the filing for offices for the May 6 primary election closed on Friday, the Hamilton County Elections Office's attention now turns to the preparations for primary day.

One of the areas the office is working on in Hamilton County is the need to find polling places.

This year, there are several previous locations that are no longer able to host elections, and there are new locations needed for new precincts that have been created due to the county's continued growth.

The Elections Office is looking for locations in Carmel, Fishers, Westfield and Noblesville.

Things the office is looking for in a location include:

The building, parking lot and voting area need to be handicapped accessible.

The area needs to be able to be secured for the day of the election from 5:00 a.m. until after the polls are closed at 6:00 pm and the Precinct workers have concluded their certification of the election results.

There needs to parking available for the voters.

Space to set up the voting machines, along with a few tables and chairs for the precinct workers.

The Precinct workers need to get into the location and set up on the Monday before the election.

Places that work well are churches, businesses with meeting rooms, large entry ways or banquet type rooms.

Those that are interested should either call the election office at 312-776-8476 or you can email the office at elections@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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Foreclosures still high even as housing market improves

By FRED SWIFT

Various reports from realty companies and financial institutions tell us of improvement in the housing market in Hamilton County and throughout the region. Obviously, the sale of housing is big business in this county, probably the biggest single business we have. So this seems to be good



news. But, the number of residential foreclosures continues at a high level as witnessed by the notices of Sheriff's sales. Over the past few years there have been hundreds of foreclosures on homes in Hamilton County. Usually each foreclosure and resulting sheriff's sale means a family is losing its home, and often means that family must move into a rented home, mobile home or perhaps into a relative's home. Each case likely has a sad story behind it.

You don't hear a lot about it, probably because in individual cases folks are often ashamed to lose their home and know it doesn't do much good to cry about it in public.

So, what's the deal here? Why so many foreclosures when more people are supposedly getting jobs, interest rates are low, and there are even programs sponsored by the federal government that presumably save homes from foreclosure?

A banker I know says there are still weaknesses in the economy including ongoing effects from the big real estate bubble

burst several years ago.. It's a very mixed market where certain segments of the real estate industry are concerned.

Homes in the price range of \$150,000 to \$250,000 are probably selling better. More modest cookie-cutter homes and older homes built before the bubble burst, are sometimes not doing so well. These homes may be the ones where foreclosures are more prevalent.

Realtors say the reason is usually the homeowner's loss of his or her job and inability to find a new one that pays enough to meet mortgage payments and all the other living costs.

But, with the current low interest rates, why don't people refinance to lower their monthly mortgage payments or use programs that claim to reduce their payments?

While rates are low, loan companies are now much more careful about offering loans. And, of course, if there is a bad credit rating or unemployment in the household, loans are nearly impossible to get. So, foreclosure often follows, and a home is left empty.

This creates a secondary problem for a neighborhood as a house begins to deteriorate. Unfortunately, many large loan companies don't make timely efforts to re-sell the property. Eventually they place the house in the hands of a realtor, usually not a local firm, and end up selling the property for a relatively low price.

All this doesn't get a lot of attention, but it's becoming one of our new social problems with families still losing their homes in the midst of an economic recovery and some neighborhoods suffering because of it.

Looking for love in all the wrong places

By AIMEE GEBHART



(kind of boring) or our wedding (perfectly lovely), we cringe at explaining how we met. Beyond the fact that the answer is complex, it is also embarrassing and highly inadvisable. I mean, who wants to admit to her daughter that she met the love of her life in a country bar called Horny's? No one – that's who! But that's exactly where our story started.

It was 1997. I was a senior at IU, but I was living and student teaching in a Navajo boarding school on a reservation in New Mexico. I had a friend doing the same thing at a nearby school, and she called to invite me on a weekend road trip to a famous country line dancing establishment in Durango, Colorado called Horny's. It's important to note that the bar was named after their mascot, a longhorn steer, appropriately named "Horny". He lived in a pen right out in front of the bar. It was nothing if not classy. Being that it was the 90's and I was all about the line dancing, I agreed to go.

I had no intention of meeting my future husband that night, and according to Ed, he was only there to play wingman for his friend. But we all know that God works in mysterious ways, even at an inappropriately named country bar in Colorado. That night was a testament to this fact because it was like a perfectly scripted scene from a movie. I was having fun dancing with my friends, Ed showed up, we locked eyes, and it was pretty much love at first sight. We spent the evening dancing and laughing, and I remember thinking, "Why can't I meet a guy

like this back home?" Then the answer became clear. I *wasn't* going to meet a guy like this in Indiana. This *was* my guy. I left with my friends that night feeling sad because I knew I would never see him again.

God's hands must have been controlling us, though, because as fate would have it, we ended up running into each other at a local park the very next day. We talked for a while and exchanged numbers before I headed back to the reservation. Over the next few weeks, we spent hours on the phone. He traveled 2 hours to pick me up for a date, an hour to get into a town with a movie theater, an hour back to my school, and then 2 hours back to his home. We saw each other only two more times before I headed home to Indiana to graduate. Ed flew to Indy two months later and proposed. I went against every practical, "safe" bit of advice I had ever received and said yes to a man I hardly knew. (I thought my poor father was going to have a heart attack!) We married the following April. As unlikely as it sounds, we were only together 8 times before we were married, and that includes the night we met. Much to everyone's surprise, we will celebrate our 16th wedding anniversary this April.

All of our friends love this story, and I can understand why. It's one of those unbelievable, "meant-to-be" kinds of stories. The only problem is that I would never recommend our path to anyone, *especially* our own daughter. Knowing that we set the example for her, she's going to think that it's okay to meet a stranger at a crudely named bar and marry him without any regard for his past or her future. And while it may have worked out splendidly for us, we would prefer a more traditional path for our girl. (I know that my parents are snorting and laughing at me right now.) So when she is a little older and is able to understand the double entendre that is "Horny's", we will try to use our story as a humorous, cautionary tale. And someday, in the far, far future, we will try to be understanding if she comes home and tells us that she has met the love of her life at Hooters.

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ABOVE: Hamilton Heights’ Brianna Henson prepares to shoot a free throw. The Huskies finished second in the Mid-Indiana Conference this season.

ABOVE RIGHT: Kayleigh Herron passes the ball during a Millers’ girls basketball game. Noblesville enters sectionals with a 16-4 record.

RIGHT: Sheridan’s Brittany Welch made a big impact as a freshman for the Blackhawks, which finished their regular season 14-6.

Sectionals Day By Day

Tuesday	Friday
At North Central Zionsville vs. Fishers, 7 p.m.	At North Central Noblesville vs. Zionsville-Fishers, 6 p.m.
At Brebeuf Brebeuf vs. Chatard, 7 p.m.	Carmel-Southeastern vs. North Central-Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
At Blackford Delta vs. Muncie South, 6 p.m.	At Brebeuf Guerin vs. Marshall, 6 p.m.
Muncie Central vs. Blackford, 7:30 p.m.	Herron vs. Brebeuf-Chatard, 7:30 p.m.
At Elwood Tipton vs. Eastern, 7 p.m.	At Blackford Heights vs. Delta-Muncie South, 6 p.m.
At Bethesda Christian Tindley vs. Indiana Deaf, 6 p.m.	Yorktown vs. Blackford-Muncie South, 7:30 p.m.
International vs. University 7:30 p.m.	At Elwood Sheridan vs. Tipton-Eastern, 6 p.m.
	Madison Grant-Alexandria vs. Elwood-Taylor, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	At Bethesda Christian Tindley-Indiana Deaf vs. International-University, 6 p.m.
At North Central Southeastern vs. Carmel, 6 p.m.	Metropolitan-Bethesda vs. Fall Creek-Science, 7: 30 p.m.
North Central vs. Westfield, 7:30 p.m.	
At Elwood Madison Grant vs. Alexandria, 6 p.m.	
Elwood vs. Taylor, 7:30 p.m.	
At Bethesda Christian Metropolitan vs. Bethesda Christian, 6 p.m.	
Fall Creek vs. Math & Science, 7:30 p.m.	

Sectionals Records

At North Central	Herron 9-11	0-2
Team Overall Sectional	Brebeuf 5-14	0-2
Fishers 17-4 4-2		
Westfield 15-3 3-1		
Noblesville 16-4 3-2		
North Central 11-7 2-1		
Southeastern 11-9 3-3		
Carmel 8-11 1-3		
Zionsville 7-13 0-4		
At Blackford		
Team Overall Sectional		
Muncie Central 14-5 3-0		
Yorktown 11-6 3-1		
Blackford 10-9 1-3		
Heights 8-11 0-1		
Delta 6-11 3-2		
Muncie South 4-12 0-3		
At Brebeuf		
Team Overall Sectional		
Chatard 16-5 3-0		
Marshall 13-8 1-2		
Guerin 12-10 3-1		
At Elwood		
Team Overall Sectional		
Tipton 13-4 5-0		
Elwood 15-5 2-2		
Sheridan 14-6 2-1		
Alexandria 5-15 3-1		
Taylor 5-15 1-3		
Eastern 5-15 1-4		
Madison-Grant 2-16 1-4		
At Bethesda Christian		
Team Overall Sectional		
Indiana Deaf 15-5 5-0		
Bethesda Christian 12-6 3-3		
International 8-11 4-2		
Tindley 10-8 3-1		
University 4-12 2-2		
Metropolitan 3-11 1-4		
Math & Science 1-12 0-3		
Fall Creek 0-15 0-3		

SECTIONALS

Shamrocks have beaten Noblesville 58-41, Southeastern 52-43 and Zionsville 62-46.

The top bracket of this sectional will produce lots of fireworks in the second round if Fishers (17-4) knocks off Zionsville in the opening game. Noblesville sits waiting for the winner. Noblesville defeated Fishers, 48-46, late in the season. Noblesville and Fishers have been red-hot. Noblesville (16-4) has lost only to No. 1 ranked Lawrence North in its last nine games. Fishers have fallen only to Noblesville in its last 14 games. Then there is the Southeastern-Carmel game. Southeastern lost to Carmel 48-40 early in the season, but since then The Lady Royals have gone to win the Hoosier Crossroads and to finish 11-9, while Carmel has lost its last three games and has finished only 8-11.

At Brebeuf
Guerin Catholic can win this sectional by winning two games. The Golden Eagles (12-10) will begin against

Marshall (13-8) on Friday. Guerin defeated Marshall 50-38 late in the season. Guerin is 3-1 against sectional foes. Along with the win over Marshall, the Eagles have defeated Heron 47-20 and Brebeuf 45-37. But, Guerin lone loss against the field was a big one, losing 76-43 to Chatard. The favorite in this tourney, Chatard, is 16-5 and 3-0 against the field. Chatard will begin against Brebeuf (5-14. Chatard has beaten Brebeuf 63-54.

At Blackford
Hamilton Heights (8-11) has the bye and will play the winner of Delta (6-11) and Muncie South (4-12). Heights’ threat likely will come against bottom bracket toughies, Muncie Central (14-5) and Yorktown (11-6). The only sectional foe the Lady Huskies have faced is Yorktown. That was Heights’ next to last game of the regular season. Yorktown won, 63-47. A likely championship game would be Hamilton Heights against a Yorktown-Muncie Central semi-final tilt.

At Elwood
Sheridan, which got a first-round draw, has come through a good 14-6 season. The Lady Blackhawks likely will face Tipton (13-4), the tourney favorite, in the semi-final round. Sheridan lost to Tipton, 67-54, late in the season. The favorite to come out of the bottom bracket is Elwood (15-5). Sheridan holds an early season 55-48 victory over Elwood.

At Bethesda Christian
University enters the sectional with just a 4-12 record, but one of those victories was a 24-22 win over first-round foe International. If the Trailblazers win that one they will meet the winner of Tindley (10-8) vs. Deaf School (15-5) game. Deaf School edged Tindley, 54-50, late in the season. Deaf School also has defeated University, 63-31.

County teams advance 13
NHS wrestling 2nd at regionals

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

Noblesville finished second at the Pendleton Heights wrestling regional on Saturday, and once again will send a nice number of people on to semi-state.

The Millers got two champions, and qualified eight wrestlers to the New Castle semi-state, which takes place next Saturday. As for other Hamilton County schools, Hamilton Heights took sixth and got four people on to New Castle, while Guerin Catholic qualified one of its young wrestlers for the semi-state.

Noblesville's two champions were both seniors. Niko Barrantes won at 126 pounds, while Derek Noon was the 152-pound champion. Noon beat Cathedral senior Brant Larson 5-3 to win.

"It feels great, it really does," said Noon. "I knew that in the second (period), when he chose down, I had to keep battling for anything I could get, and the third, choosing neutral, that was the only choice I had."

Miller finalists were junior Stephen Kitko at 138, senior Vance Ellis at 120 (by

injury default) and senior Ben Elliott at 182. Also moving on for Noblesville were third-place finisher, freshman David Kitko at 132, and two fourth-placers: freshman Matteo Barrantes at 106 and senior Mitch Mackesey at 170.

"We're looking forward to giving it a go, try to get somebody to state at New Castle," said NHS coach Tom Knotts. "We wrestled pretty well."

The Huskies had one finalist: Senior Andre Porter took second at 285. Heights' other three semi-state qualifiers came in fourth: Senior Sam Staebler (138), junior Isaac Ray (145) and senior Cole Leininger (220).

"Wrestled pretty good," said HHHS coach Gary Myers. "I could hope for better, because we had three fourths and a second. I'd hoped to set us up better at semi-state by getting three thirds, just wasn't to be today."

Sophomore Dawson McMahon placed third at 126 pounds, giving him a first-ever trip to semi-state.

"I wrestled fine today," said McMahon. "Could've done better, could've done worse."

Jake's 31 helps Millers to win

After watching junior guard Jake Mills come off the bench and lead the team in scoring with 17 points in a Friday win over Harrison, Noblesville coach Dave McCollough talked about how nice it is to have a gun slinger come into the game and have that kind of night.

Coach, you ain't seen nothing, yet.

Saturday in a 71-51 road win at Mt. Vernon, Mills came off the bench and this time popped a career high 31 points as the Millers won for the seventh time in eight games, having lost only to No. 5 ranked Brownsburg during the hot streak.

"He (Mills) came off the bench and hit a variety of shots," McCollough said. "He did a great job with his shot selection."

The victory wasn't as easy as the score might indicate. The host Marauders were within six points of Noblesville (29-23) at halftime before losing its star player, AJ Coleman, with an injury in the third period.

"That really hurt them," McCollough said. "Coleman scored 18 of their 23 points in the first hit and he hit a 3 and a 2 early in the third quarter before going to the bench with the injury."

It's the first time this season the now 11-5 Millers collected back-to-back wins and the second time in a row for Noblesville to put 70-point plus on the board. The

Millers, who struggled with their offense early in the season, three games ago hit the 69-point mark.

"We gave up a little more points tonight than I had hoped," McCollough said. "I was hoping we could hold them in the 40s."

Sophomore John Kiser also was in double figures for Noblesville with 11 points, while McCollough's two big men, starter Jack Trittipio and Max Meehan coming off the bench, each put eight points on the board.

Justin Pegues led Noblesville in rebounding with six boards, while Kiser pulled five and Trittipio collected four.

"Kiser had a solid game," McCollough said, "and Meehan had a good stretch in the fourth quarter."

"We did a good job on the boards," the coach added.

Noblesville took charge of the battle in the third quarter, outscoring the Marauders by a 19-9 margin.

The Milers drilled 23-of-49 shots and were 8-of-17 from 3-point range. Mills nailed 6-of-8 boomers and Kiser and Sean Wilson each hit one.

The Millers will return home next Saturday to face a very good Zionsville team in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest.

Christy scores 21...
Blackhawks fall to
North Miami

The Sheridan boys basketball team lost for the 10th straight time on Saturday, falling at North Miami 63-54.

The Blackhawks trailed only 28-25 at halftime, with North Miami outscoring Sheridan by three points in each of the next two quarters.

"When you turn the ball over twice as many times as you make shots you are not going to win," said 'Hawks coach Cory Dunn. Sheridan had 27 turnovers on the night, while making 14-of-36 field goals.

Cort Christy led Sheridan with 21 points. Chris Roberts earned a double-double of 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Brock Kitchel added 12 points. Micheal Boyer had four assists.

The Blackhawks are now 3-13, and are scheduled to host Carroll Thursday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

North Miami 63, Sheridan 54					
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Jacob Chesney	1-1	4-4	6	4	
Brock Kitchel	3-6	4-6	12	4	
Taylor Ly	0-0	0-0	0	3	
Micheal Boyer	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Nate Pflugh	0-0	0-0	0	3	
Cort Christy	6-17	8-13	21	5	
Chris Roberts	4-10	6-6	15	4	
Michael Burnell	0-0	0-0	0	3	
Elliot Barker	0-2	0-0	0	3	
Totals	14-36	16-23	54	30	
Score by Quarters					
Sheridan	14	11	6	23 - 54	
North Miami	17	11	9	26 - 63	
Sheridan 3-point shooting (4-11) Kitchel 2-4, Roberts 1-5, Christy 1-2.					
Sheridan rebounds (25) Roberts 12, Barker 5, Christy 4, Chesney 1, Ly 1, Boyer 1, team 1.					
Sheridan turnovers: 27.					

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Huskies hold off scrappy Shamrocks

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Hamilton Heights' red-hot Huskies brought a four-game win streak to Westfield Saturday evening, expecting, perhaps, to find a host squad playing like a team which had lost 11 straight game.

Didn't happen. Instead, what Heights found, was a young and scrappy Westfield group looking to, again, defeat the Huskies.

Coach Chad Ballenger's Heights group escaped with a 54-47 victory.

Westfield had defeated Hamilton Heights four consecutive time until the Huskies broke the string last evening.

"Funny thing," said Ballenger following the game, "in my seven years at Heights we've defeated Westfield just two times and both wins came at Westfield."

With an injury-riddled lineup consisting of three freshmen and a sophomore, Westfield nearly pulled off the big upset. Westfield trailed only 46-43 with 1:14 left in the battle.

But, Heights never trailed after the first couple of minutes. The Huskies led 14-9 after one quarter; 26-21 at halftime and 34-28 following the third period.

Asked if his Huskies played well, Ballenger responded, "We played well enough to win. We got the stops when we

needed them. Westfield hurt us on the boards."

Westfield coach Eric Rauch, his team playing without injured veterans Ty Osswald, Aaron Bennett, Charlie Warner and Andy Riemersma, opened the game with a lineup consisting of freshmen Ian Kristensen, Sawyer Olsen and Jonah Welch, sophomore Kyle Nicole and senior Nick Ferrer.

Olsen, the 6-3 freshman, poured n 13 points and collected five rebounds. Welch, the 5-11 freshman, also scored in double figures with 10 points.

"Olsen is going to be a good one," said Rauch.

"We're getting better. This was only our second game with this lineup," the Westfield coach added.

Hunter Crist, the Huskies' double-digit scorer, was held to just a 3-pointer through three quarters, but then the sophomore exploded for 11 points in the fourth period to lead the Huskies to the victory. Also in double figures for Heights was senior Conley Hoover and Garrett Paull with 11 points each. Nine of Hoover's 11 came from a trio of 3-pointers in the first half.

Westfield's next game is a Hoosier Crossroads Conference tilt on Thursday at home against Avon. Hamilton Heights will play at Muncie Burris on Wednesday.

Up-and-down regular season finishes "up" for Huskies

Hamilton Heights' Lady Huskies Saturday finished an up-down regular season by blasting visiting Taylor 79-59.

The Lady Huskies will take an 8-11 record into next week's sectional at Blackford, playing on Friday the winner of the Delta-Muncie South first round game.

The win over Taylor enabled Hamilton Heights to finish play in the Mid-Indiana Conference with a 6-1 record and second place behind 7-0 Western.

The victory by Coach Scott Fernung's Huskies was led again by another outstanding performance from senior Haley Cook. She scored 32 points, pulled down eight rebounds and dished out five assists.

Also scoring in double figures were Caitlyn Hays with 17 points and Taylor Boyd with 14. Kiley Walters dished out eight assists; Ashton Runner collected eight rebounds and Boyd pulled down seven stray shots.

The Huskies were 10-of-20 from 3-point range, with Cook nailing 5-of-10 and Hays hitting 5-of-8.

"We played great team ball today," said Fernung.

Heights unloaded early, taking a 30-16 lead in the opening quarter.

The Huskies finished the regular season by winning three of their last four games.

Sheridan girls win, finish regular season 14-6

Sheridan finished its regular season with a nice road win, beating Rossville 61-39 in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

The Blackhawks finished fourth in the conference at 2-3, and hold an overall record of 14-6. After a close first quarter, Sheridan blasted through the second period, outscoring the Hornets 21-2 to take a 34-14 lead into halftime.

Payton Fleener scored 17 points, while Amanda Summe hit two 3-pointers on her way to 15 points. Brittany Welch added 13. Fleener also grabbed nine rebounds, and also had four steals and four assists. Welch made five steals.

The Blackhawks are off until the next Friday (Feb. 14), when they play in the Elwood sectional semi-finals. Sheridan will take on the winner of Tuesday's first-round game between Tipton and Eastern.

Swimming sectionals

Noblesville's Sharp wins diving; Millers qualify several for state

While Carmel was the dominant team at its own girls swimming sectional Saturday, Noblesville was had some success of its own.

The Millers were led by a 1-2 diving finish from champion Meme Sharp and runner-up Dayana Popa, both of whom qualified for tonight's diving regionals at Hamilton Southeastern. In addition, Noblesville will send several swimmers to the state meet, which begins Friday evening at the IUPUI Natatorium.

Sharp, a senior, is no stranger to the state meet: She is a two-time state runner-up in diving. Sharp easily won the sectional, scoring 490.10 points.

Sharp is the successor to Noblesville state champion divers Katie Bittner and Meghan Potee, and that line will continue with the freshman Popa, who scored 414.15 points for runner-up honors. Sophomore Megan Hays was fifth for the Millers with 354.75 points. The top four placers at sectionals advance to the regionals.

Swimming-wise, Noblesville will have one individual and three relays participating in Friday's preliminary round. Junior Emily Christophersen qualified for state in the butterfly after finishing fourth. Christophersen's time of 58.19 was below the state cut time of 58.53; anyone who equals or betters a state cut in an event will qualify for state.

All three of the Millers' relay teams earned a place at the Natatorium by getting

a callback time, meaning that they were fast enough to fill a field of 32 swims. The medley relay team of sophomores Leigh Roberts and Amy Hayes, Christophersen and freshman Julianne Kaess swam in 1:50.89 (finishing third), as did the 200 freestyle relay team of freshman Samantha Cripe, sophomore Lydia Conner, Kaess and sophomore Kate Holtkamp, which finished in 1:40.08. The 400 free relay team of Cripe, Roberts, junior Taylor Parrish and Christophersen was second, swimming in a time of 3:37.64.

Carmel won the swimming sectional, qualifying all 27 of its swimmers for the state meet. The Greyhounds will be going for a 28th consecutive state championship this weekend at the Natatorium.

Westfield had four swims qualify for state, starting with medley relay team of Carin Ingram, Emily Verbrugge, Carly Ruggles and Emily O'Connor. Verbrugge also earned state cut times in the IM and breaststroke, with Ingram making it in the backstroke.

Fishers won its own swim sectional, edging Hamilton Southeastern 540-514 in a very close meet. The Tigers had 16 swim qualify for state, while the Royals had 13. Southeastern had two callbacks - junior Allison Barnes in the 100 free and freshman Audrey Rose Lo in the 100 backstroke.

Tonight's diving preliminaries start at 6 p.m. at HSE. The top eight finishers qualify for state.



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