



# Hamilton County Reporter

*Kenley says cooling off period is ahead...*

## Pence signs Senate 1

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

Even though Governor Mike Pence today signed tax reform bill Senate 1 and even with both sides trying to decide what will be the next step, State Senator Luke Kenley from Noblesville today told The Reporter that a “cooling off period is ahead” before anything will be done.

Senate Bill 1 provides Indiana counties with new tools to attract job creators by reforming the business personal property tax at the

local level. Counties will have the option of eliminating the tax on new investment, offering specific companies an extended abatement of the tax, or exempting small businesses with less than 20,000 in business persona property from the tax entirely.

That might be good for businesses, but counties, cities, towns, schools, libraries and other governmental agencies are greatly concerned about losing the tax dollars.

One person locally who is concerned is Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear, who after the Governor signed the bill, tonight told The Reporter, “A current tool that Indiana communities can use to attract new businesses is to abate the business personal property tax when it makes fiscal sense in the long term. Eliminating this tool will affect economic development in Indiana.

“I believe the passing of this bill will have two primary effects,” Ditslear continued. “One is

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that it is more likely to pit Indiana communities against each other for the business attraction. The second effect concerns the fact that Indiana’s cities and towns use this revenue to help repair and construct roads, maintain parks, and much more.

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### Bill targeting regional development is signed into law

Legislation authored by State Representative Steve Braun (R-Zionsville) regarding regional economic development was signed into law today by Governor Pence.

House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1035 requires the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to conduct an assessment of Indiana's regional metropolitan areas and provide the assessment results before October 1, 2014.

“This legislation ensures that our state is taking the necessary steps to build a strong economic future,” said Rep. Braun. “By requiring an in-depth study of Indiana’s regional economies, we are strengthening those places which are expected to experience the highest population growth over the

next 30 years. Each corner of our state is very diverse, and if we want to be successful, a one-size-fits-all economic development policy will not work.” This assessment would analyze the economic potential of each of Indiana’s regional cities, provide a report on the needs of each regional city and also provide recommendations on initiatives and improvements that will lead to economic growth in each individual region.

Each of these requirements is within the IEDC’s routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented without any added state expenditure.

HEA 1035 is effective upon passage. See a picture of Gov. Pence signing the bill on Page 2.

### McMahon joins Reporter...

## Pursuing a passion of fitness and nutrition

By SHARON MCMAHON

“The Times They Are A Changin’” – Bob Dylan...

Oh yes, the times are indeed changing! Until my decision several months ago to retire from a long professional career of non-profit organization executive management, the word “retirement” was not in my vocabulary! After 30+ years in the aforementioned profession, I decided to spend more time focusing on my *avocation* – fitness and nutrition. Most people who know me also know that I have taught fitness classes as a certified instructor for over 20

years, weaving that passion in and around my career responsibilities. My personal interest in nutrition has also led me into serving a client base as a Certified Nutrition and Wellness Consultant by the American Fitness Professionals Association. I consider it a privilege and a blessing to assist others in meeting their health and fitness goals. By pursuing this path, in addition to my ongoing consulting practice to the non-profit organization profession, I find that I have been both renewed and refreshed through these activities. Retirement – hmm, maybe not so much!

Additionally, I wish to thank the Hamilton County Reporter for the opportunity to share my expertise and passion for healthy living with my friends in Hamilton County.

In the coming monthly articles I will be sharing important and timely information with my



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## Taste of Noblesville gives out awards

Four business received award on Tuesday as part of the Taste of Noblesville, which took place at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. Many hungry attendees got the chance to sample delicious food at the event.

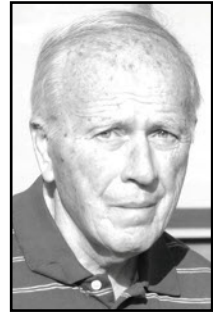


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Four business received awards at Tuesday's Taste of Noblesville. Clockwise from top left: Cambria Hotel and Suites (Spotlight winner), Toucan's Brazilian Grill (Bistro award), The Ville Restaurant (People's Choice award), Adriene's Flowers and Gifts (Best in Show).



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# Bradley Keith Messamore

May 1, 1972 - March 21, 2014



Bradley Keith Messamore, 41, of Carmel, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2014 at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. He was born on May 1, 1972 to Gary and Helen (Hollenbeck) Messamore in Normal, Illinois.

Brad worked for Frontier Communication for 15 years, and also worked part-time at the Westfield Public Library. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his sister, Cindy (Shane) Young; nieces and nephews, Blake & Ethan Olivo, and Shianne & Caitlin Young; aunts and uncles, Beulah (Steve) Riggen, Dorothy Kirkman, Veryl (Linda) Hollenbeck, and Doris Sourdiffé; and several cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Vernon & Earline Hollenbeck and Elva & Lester Messamore; aunt, Carolyn Moews; and uncle, Kenneth Messamore.

Services will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 North Meridian Street, in Indianapolis, with Father John Denson officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 26, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Wiley Cemetery in Colfax, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle Chicago, IL 60674.

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# Donald James Haverstick

March 19, 1930 - March 22, 2014



Donald James Haverstick, 84, of Fishers, passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at IU Health Saxony Fishers Hospital. He was born on March 19, 1930 to Claud and Neoma (Steele) Haverstick in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Don had worked in the printing industry and was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. He proudly served his country with the U.S. Navy and was a member of the American Legion Brookside Lodge #720 for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Arnone-Haverstick; daughters, Jamie (Mark) Fields and Lori (Roy) Vaughn; step-daughters, Cynthia (Steve) Arnone-Ghera, Lisa (Jim) DeYoung and Debbie (Robert) Michalski; step-son, Steve (Kristin) Arnone; grandchildren, Jill, Leigh & Quint Fields, Sarah & Hannah Vaughn, Matthew & Zachary Ghera, Alec & Megan Arnone, Brittany, Courtney, Ally & Karly Petro and Robbie & Justin Michalski; and great-grandson, Mason Smith.

Services will be held at 12:00 pm on Friday, March 28, 2014, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 West 86th Street, in Indianapolis, with visitation beginning at 10:00 am immediately prior to the service. Rev. Kim King will officiate. Burial will be at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

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Rep. Braun authored important economic development bill...

# Pence signs HEA 1035 into law



Photo courtesy Fishers Fire Department

Gov Mike Pence (center) signs HEA 1035 into law. He is joined by Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma (right) and Rep. Steve Braun (far right); he represents House District 24 which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton County.

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“Each municipality will have to determine how to address services in light of reduced revenue. The state’s school system and public library systems will also be faced with this challenge since they, too, receive this revenue,” Ditslear added.

“It’s a big concern, losing that tax money,” Kenley agreed. “That’s why nothing can be done until July 1, 2015. It’s a time period when people will have an opportunity to stop and think. Time to consider where, if the business tax is taken away, governments, schools and others will have an opportunity to come up with replacement income.”

Kenley said he planned to lead a study committee this summer during which, “serious discussions will be held to find replacement money.”

When the decision is finally made by counties, here in Hamilton County it will be decided by the County Option Income Tax Commission (COIT).

COIT is made up, by population, of all the municipality in Hamilton County.

The county once controlled COIT with voting power of over 50 percent. Now, that number has dropped and the more populated cities in the county (Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville) control the votes.

# FITNESS

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readers which relate to my nutrition consulting practice, Be Well, LLC. “Get well, live well, BE WELL” refers to the opportunity for us all to be as well as we can, regardless of age, circumstances, or stages of life – taking good care of our bodies and our lives at every opportunity and to the best of our ability.

In this column I will address fitness and health objectives from many angles, including societal issues, which often promote physical decline. Our bodies (and our minds!) require movement to Be Well, from children to the elderly. The rates of obesity are skyrocketing while a multi-billion dollar fitness industry flourishes. Although I certainly do not have all the answers (i.e., I do not prescribe a specific dietary plan as only a licensed physician or dietician can do so legally) in this column going forward I will endeavor to share with

my readers my tips as a professional fitness instructor and nutrition consultant. Look for information on becoming stronger, more flexible, more aerobically fit, with suggestions on healthy nutrition and recipes. Let’s “Get well, Live well, and BE WELL” together – see you next month!

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(McMahon was formerly President of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce and a lifelong resident of Noblesville. She resides with her husband Bruce “and a few pets” and can be reached at [FlexAbility4u@aol.com](mailto:FlexAbility4u@aol.com).

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A group of 47 people got the chance to learn about CPR during the Fishers Department of Fire and Emergency “Friends and Family CPR” class that took place Monday at the Billerica Park Community Room. The class was hosted by S.P.O.R.T.S. of Fishers.

# CPR class help “Protect the Heart of Fishers”

“Protecting the Heart of Fishers” is a bandwagon that’s big enough for everyone to get on board. S.P.O.R.T.S. of Fishers hosted the Fishers Department of Fire and Emergency Services “Friends and Family CPR” for its coaches and volunteers. 47 people learned the mechanics of doing CPR, assisting a choking person, and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This hands on course gave participants the opportunity to diminish their fears about doing CPR, grow confident in their ability to help someone, and make new friends.

Teaching the community how to properly perform CPR is an important link in the Survival Chain of cardiac arrest. In the past 12 months, the survivability trend is increasing where bystander CPR has been initiated.

*“Lights out” from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m...*

## City of Carmel to participate in Earth Hour this Saturday

The City of Carmel is encouraging residents and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights, computers, cars and other electronic items as part of the worldwide Earth Hour event taking place on this Saturday, March 29, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. The City itself will also be participating by turning out all of the lights in and around City Hall as it has for the past four years. By taking part in this global “lights out” event, Carmel will be acknowledging our commitment to personal and operational actions that benefit the planet in the year ahead.

New this year, the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana will be partnering with the City and will be hosting several badge activities for girls of all ages to complete while the lights are out at City Hall. One such activity will involve star gazing through telescopes. This is an exciting partnership which will raise more awareness around this event and will involve the youth; who will be inheriting the world we leave behind.

Earth Hour began as a single-city initiative – in Sydney, Australia – in 2007 and has since grown into a global movement. Hundreds of millions of people from more than 7,000 cities and towns in 152 countries/territories across every continent switch off their lights for an hour as a massive show of concern for the environment; creating the largest, symbolic mass participation event in the world. Earth Hour’s mission is three-fold: To bring people together through a symbolic hour-long event; To galvanize people into taking action beyond the hour; And to create an interconnected global community sharing the mutual goal of creating a sustainable future for the planet.

To get a better sense of the magnitude and inspiring nature of the event, please take a moment to watch the Earth Hour 2014 video at <http://ehour.me/2014ViD>.

"The City is pleased to support Earth Hour this year to emphasize the importance of conserving our energy resources. This is a symbolic event in which every single person can participate. Our city prides itself on being environmentally friendly, and this is one more way we can encourage our residents and businesses to care for our planet," said Mayor Jim Brainard.

For more information on Earth Hour, or to sign up as an individual for the event, visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org). For more information on the City of Carmel's environmental initiatives, visit the city's Web site at [www.carmel.in.gov](http://www.carmel.in.gov).

## NOBLESVILLE BRIEFS

### Some Noblesville department phone systems down

Please note that the phone systems for the following City of Noblesville departments are not working at this time:

Parks Department; Street Department; Wastewater Utilities Department; City Court; the Police Department's non-emergency office numbers; and the Fire Department's non-emergency office numbers.

The city apologizes for any inconvenience and will post on the city's website, Facebook page, and Twitter when these phone systems are operational again.

### Commissioners cancel highway meeting

The Hamilton County Commissioners have cancelled the highway meeting scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2014.



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# Smith's Jewelers Presents Prevail's 3rd Annual Spring Fashion Show

Smith's Jewelers will present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Spring into Fashion" Fashion Show benefiting Prevail, Inc. Thursday, May 8 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Woodland Country Club in Carmel (100 Woodland Lane, Carmel). WISH TV 8 anchor and investigative reporter, Karen Hensel will serve as the emcee for the event and Prevail will also welcome an inspirational speaker.

Come and enjoy shopping, a Vera Bradley coin purse raffle, lunch, a spectacular runway fashion show and each guest will receive a special charm and gift from Smith's Jewelers. You will have the opportunity show support for a great cause among friends while browsing unique fashions and accessories provided by The Secret Ingredient. Tickets are \$50 per person and a sponsored table of eight is \$500. Seating is limited and

reservations are required by April 28. Log on to [www.prevailinc.com](http://www.prevailinc.com) to purchase tickets or contact Natasha Robinson at 317-773-6942 or [natasha@prevailinc.com](mailto:natasha@prevailinc.com).

#### About Prevail, Inc.

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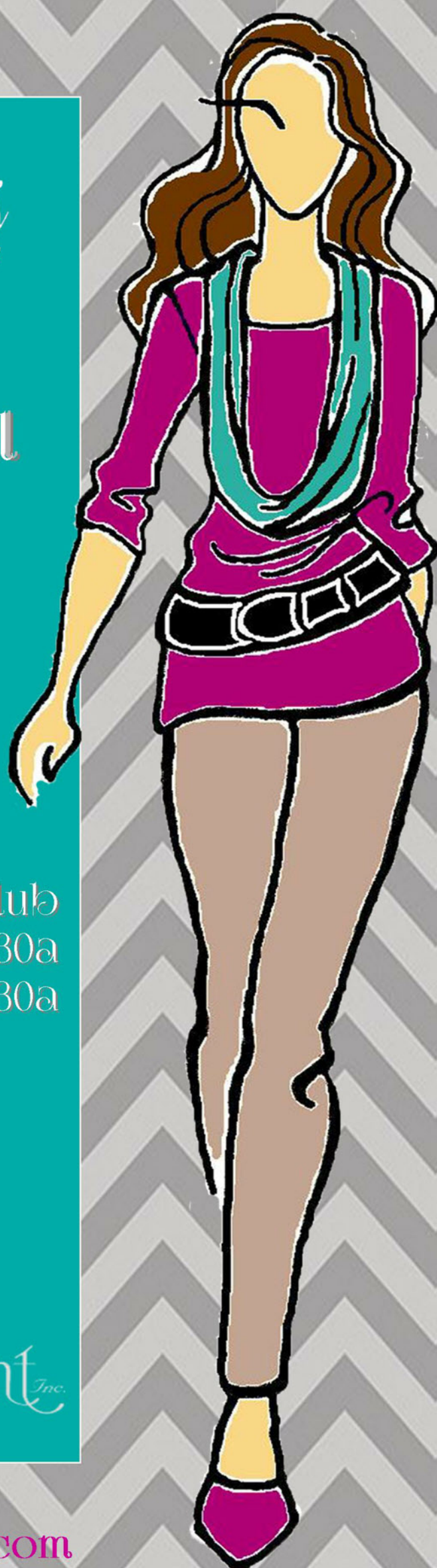
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Softball begins...

# Westfield drops opener

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

Westfield's softball team had a decent season opener on Monday. It would have been even better if the Shamrocks could take away a seven-run fifth inning by visiting Monrovia.

Monrovia put seven big runs on the board in the fifth to snap a 3-3 tie and then went on to knock off Westfield, 13-3.

The fifth inning dashed an outstanding day for Westfield pitcher Kristin London. In three trips to the plate London bashed out two hits, including a two-run homer in the third, which at that time tied the game at 3-3.

Westfield had scored a run in the first when Alexis Hartman reached base on an error and then came home on a double by Savannah Young.

Along with Young's double and London's two hits, Westfield also collected hits from Hartman and Robbie Harris.

"Kristin London did her best to will Westfield a win," said coach Kim Kercheval.

Westfield's scheduled Tuesday game with Crawfordsville was called off because of bad weather. The Lady Shamrocks are scheduled to host Taylor on Thursday and then travel to Pike on Friday.

### Monrovia 13, Westfield 3

Westfield	AB	R	H	RBI
Alexis Hartman, rf	4	1	1	0
Kaytee Murphy, lf	3	0	0	0
Savannah Young, 2b	3	1	1	1
Kristin London, p	3	1	2	2
Lexey Falls, 1b	3	0	0	0
Robbie Harris, dh	3	0	1	0
Noel Partlow, c	0	0	0	0
Grace Beam, pr	0	0	0	0
Cassidy Ferrer, cf-p	2	0	0	0
Taylor Mattox, ph	1	0	0	0
Shelby Jellison, ss	2	0	0	0
Avery Higgins, 3b	2	0	0	0
Lauren Caulk, ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	27	3	5	3

Score by Innings:  
Monrovia 201 072 0 – 12 13 3  
Westfield 102 000 0 – 3 5 4  
HR: London 1. 2B: Young 1.  
Westfield Pitching IP R ER H  
London (L) 5 10 9 11  
Ferrer 2 3 3 1  
Strikeouts: London 2, Ferrer 2.  
Walks: London 2, Ferrer 2.

Photos by Brian Reddick/RDK PhotoGraphic

RIGHT: Westfield's Kristin London is greeted at the plate after smashing a homer over the center field fence during the Shamrocks' softball opener with Monrovia Monday.

BELOW: Shelby Jellison fields an infield ground ball.





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GCHS has young team, but experienced players as well

# Golden Eagles focus on fundamentals

By **RICHIE HALL**  
Reporter Sports Editor

With almost half of the Guerin Catholic softball roster being freshmen, new Golden Eagles coach Ed Collins acknowledges that "on paper this would look like a transition year."

But as everyone knows, games are played on the field and not on paper. While Guerin's roster does title young, there are enough experienced players coming back for GC to lead the way and help it navigate a tough schedule. Collins said that the coaching staff is "are very optimistic on our young talent blended with senior leadership."

The Golden Eagles will be led by senior shortstop Addie Gray, who has committed to continue her softball career at Anderson University. Another senior, Rachel Louthan, will be back behind the plate as catcher. Sam Louthan is the third of the three Guerin Catholic seniors, and Collins said she will be "a key utility player."

The GCHS pitching staff will have experience, as junior Annie Skarbeck returns. One of the freshmen on this year's team,



Gray



Skarbeck



R. Louthan



Miller

Sarah Miller, will also be in the pitching circle this year. Skarbeck will also have infield duties, with Miller heading to the outfield.

Other infielders include junior Shelby Martino and freshmen Kelby Sullivan and Megan Collins. Juniors Ellen Cech and Sam O'Dell will join Miller in the outfield.

The Golden Eagles begin their season Thursday by hosting Lutheran, then welcome Hamilton Heights next Monday, with a trip to Noblesville scheduled for the very next day.

"We have added several highly competitive schools this year to our schedule," said Collins. "We feel up to this challenge and that will prepare us for post season play."

Collins isn't making any predictions for the season, but instead focusing on making sure the team improves.

"Our objective and goals are to establish a culture of fundamentals and get better every week," he said.

### Guerin roster

Seniors: Addie Gray, Rachel Louthan, Sam Louthan.

Juniors: Ellen Cech, Sophia Huster, Shelby Martino, Sam O'Dell, Annie Skarbeck.  
Sophomores: Katherine Lindsay, Molly Murphy.  
Freshmen: Megan Collins, Julie Gallina, Sarah Miller, Karley Minch, Oksana Oleshchuk, Kyra Schultz, Kelby Sullivan, Kate Swift.

### Guerin schedule

March  
27: Lutheran, 5 p.m.  
31: Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.  
April  
1: at Noblesville, 5 p.m.  
5: at Zionsville, 10 a.m.  
8: Brebeuf Jesuit, 5:30 p.m.  
10: at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.  
12: Bishop Chatard (DH) 10 a.m. and noon  
21: Cardinal Ritter, 5 p.m.  
24: Heritage Christian, 5 p.m.  
May  
1: at Sheridan, 5 p.m.  
3: at Park Tudor, 10 a.m.  
5: Bethesda Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
7: at Pike, 5:30 p.m.  
8: at Covenant Christian, 5:15 p.m.  
13: at Bishop Chatard, 5 p.m.  
15: Lafayette Central Catholic, 5:30 p.m.  
17: at Bishop Chatard Invite, 10 a.m.  
20: at Lapel, 5:30 p.m.  
21: Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.



## Brooklyn Nets win league championship

Photo submitted

The Hamilton Heights 4 & 5 grade Brooklyn Nets basketball team won the league championship. Pictured – Back row: Gavin Bramel, Gus Etchison, Gabe Phifer, Nate Hulen, Vinnie Rowland. Front row: Dominic Hubbard, Colin Weber and coach Tony Etchison.



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# Franchitti to Drive Indy Pace Car

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced Tuesday that the pace car driver for 98<sup>th</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500 will be three-time winner Dario Franchitti. Franchitti won the Indy 500 in 2007, 2010 and 2012 and has four Indy Car series championships. Franchitti's appearance in the Camaro Z/28 pace car signals a new start in his career as he embarks on a driver development role with Chip Ganassi Racing, which will use Chevrolet power in the 2014 Indy Car season.

This year's pace car is the 2014 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28. The Chevy Camaro sports the hand built 7.0L LS7 engine rated at 505 horsepower built at GM's Bowling Green, KY plant.

"We are excited to have Dario Franchitti lead this year's Indianapolis 500 starting field to the green flag," said J. Douglas Boles, president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "Dario's appearance in the Camaro Z/28 Pace Car will be special for race fans and it underscores Chevrolet's important place in the past, present and future of the Indianapolis 500."

The Reporter will have full coverage during the month of May of the Indianapolis 500 and events leading up to the race.

# Jim Nabors to sing "Back Home Again in Indiana" for final time at 2014 Indy 500

Beloved actor-entertainer and legendary Indianapolis 500 icon Jim Nabors will sing "(Back Home Again in) Indiana" at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway " for the final time prior to the start of the 98th running of the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 25.

Nabors' rendition of the song became a beloved tradition of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" since he first performed it in 1972. Always accompanied by the Purdue "All American" Marching Band and thousands of fans singing in unison throughout the massive facility, Nabors has performed the song 34 times in person at IMS.

"The first time that I ever sang at the Indy 500 in 1972, the warmth I got from the crowd immediately made me become a lifetime Hoosier; and I've always cherished it," Nabors said. "I'll see you all in May; but I've come to the conclusion that my health doesn't permit me to travel very much anymore. So I'll be retiring from singing 'Back Home Again' at the Indy 500 after this year.

"I want to give a special thanks to everyone; and particularly the Hulman George family, who have a special place in my heart and are my wonderful friends. I've loved every minute of it."

Nabors, 83, has performed at the Indianapolis 500 every year since 1987 with the exception of 2007 and 2012 races that he missed due to illness. A rendition of the song he performed at his home in Hawaii was played on the video screens at IMS prior to the 2012 race to the delight of his countless fans in attendance and millions watching on worldwide television.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway will honor and thank Nabors for his years of performance in several ways during Indianapolis 500 race weekend that will be announced at a later date. Fans are encouraged to tell their Nabors stories at [IMS.com/WeAllHaveAStory](http://IMS.com/WeAllHaveAStory).

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway will not announce a future plan for the "(Back Home Again in) Indiana" performance until after this year's Indianapolis 500.

"We want the focus for this year to be on celebrating Jim's final performance at Indianapolis," said Boles.

The 98th running of the Indianapolis 500 will take place on Sunday, May 25.



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