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# How it was 50 years ago

**By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor**  
You think construction on Conner Street is something new in Noblesville? Think again. This week 50 years ago the Hamilton County Commissioners announced plans to build a walkway from the west end of the Conner Street Bridge to Riverview Hospital. At the same time, work was under way for rechanneling the “Y” intersection at Highways 32 and 38 at the top of Federal Hill. \*Noblesville school students, and most others throughout Hamilton County, were starting Spring Break Week. The first day of Spring Break the weather was sunny and warm. \*Judge Charles Ardery placed a “delay indefinitely” on a reorganization referendum for the

schools in White River and Jackson Townships. Ardery promised to “work day and night” to resolve the issue. \*Fifty-five cars, parked on eight local car lots, were damaged by Air Rifle pellets. \*The Noblesville Firestone plant received two big Army contracts for production of road wheels and track shoes for tanks. The contracts totaled \$3,200,000. \*One out of 10 people in Hamilton County was receiving Social Security. Monthly benefits totaled \$290,000. \*Two men went on a one-hour rampage at the Hamilton County Jail. Sheriff Mark Passwater announced \$300 in damages. No one was injured.

**Sports**  
\*Tom McConnell resigned as Sheridan basketball coach. \*Sheridan’s Bruce Robbins opened some eyes in the Hamilton County track and field world by running the 100 dash in 10.3 and the 220 in 23.7. \*Westfield came from behind in the final track and field event, the pole vault, to beat Jackson Central. Both Westfield’s Charlie Catron and Central’s Dan Shields cleared 10-3, but Catron won on misses. \*Charlie Core, a senior transfer from Jackson Central, set Noblesville and county school records by clearing 6-3 in the high jump. In the same meet, Ron Wilson upset Noblesville teammate Steve Mullin and

Sheridan ace Bruce Robbins in the 100 dash. \*Donnie Dunker hurled his second no-hitter of the baseball season as Noblesville, on a spring trip to southern Indiana, defeated Whiteland, 4-2. \*Noblesville, in Dale Snelling’s first big meet as Miller track and field coach, won the Marion Relays. Tom Allen was a big key in winning the mile and Dan Johnson ran on three winning relay teams. **Shopping** \*Blann Hardware, located on Logan Street in downtown Noblesville, began selling Hotpoint quality appliances. \*The Firestone Store was offering a free fourth tire with the purchase of three other tires, priced

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from \$17.95 to \$27.35, depending on the tire size. \*Arbuckle Appliances had a sale on black and white television, as low as \$3.51 per week. \*Zeckel’s was selling Arnold Palmer shirts. \*Penney’s had a sale on bedspreads, just \$5.88 for a twin or full bed.

**NHS accepting  
Hall of Fame  
nominations**  
Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Class of the Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Outstanding athletes from the 1980s are eligible for nomination this year. The Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes and honors athletes, coaches, and individuals for their significant contributions to NHS athletics and preserve the history, heritage, and tradition of the Miller athletic program. All nominations must be submitted to the NHS athletic office on or before Thursday, May 1. Nominees may be an athlete, a coach, or someone who contributed significantly to NHS athletics. Nomination forms are available on the NHS Athletics webpage, [www.noblesvilleschools.org/athletics](http://www.noblesvilleschools.org/athletics) or by calling the athletic office at 776-6266. Questions may be addressed to Tony Oilar, NHS assistant athletic director, at 773-4680, ext. 12182. A selection committee will review the nominations and select the next class of inductees. That committee will include four members of the Hall of Fame executive committee and 11 community representatives. The class of inductees will be announced on August 1 and later honored introduced at a home football game. Members of the Hall of Fame also are recognized in a permanent display outside the west doors of The Mill at NHS.

## Big baseball wins for county teams

Noblesville and Westfield won invitationals on Saturday. Read about them in sports on Page 8.



## Beck’s announces major expansions

Beck’s Hybrids, the largest family owned seed company in the nation, announced Wednesday that it will make another investment in its company and another investment in Hamilton County. Beck’s, led by company president Sonny Beck, is located in Atlanta in northern Hamilton County. The company was founded in 1937 by Lawrence Beck and his son, Francis. Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann joined executives from Beck’s to announce the company’s plans to expand its headquarters, production, research and distribution operations at the Atlanta facility, creating up to 100 new jobs by 2017. The homegrown Hoosier company will invest \$60 million to renovate and equip its current one million square foot headquarters. The expansion, Sonny Beck said, will ease the company’s continued growth, which has been advancing by nearly 20 percent annual for the last 40 years. The expansion, which will begin this summer, will take approximately three to four years to compete. The expansion will include research labs, greenhouses, seed processing facilities and equipment, as well as office space designed to better serve farmers. The company has grown tremendously since 1937 when the Becks planted hybrid parent seed corn developed by the botany department at Purdue University. Today, the business provides farmers with high-yielding corn, soybean, wheat and forage products. Serving farmers across the Midwest, Beck’s Hybrids operates additional Indiana facilities in Sharpsville, West Lafayette and Noblesville with operations also in Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and Iowa.



Reporter photo by Perry Williams

Indiana Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann watches as Beck’s Hybrids company president Sonny Beck speaks during a press conference announcing a major investment the company is making into Hamilton County. Beck’s will expand the company’s headquarters, among other things, creating up to 100 new jobs by 2017.

Beck’s Hybrids ranks as the sixth largest “company team” which has led to the success seed company in the United States and the only of the company. one in the top six that is family owned. “Over the last few years we’ve experienced When making the expansion significant growth across our marketing area announcement, Beck talked about the

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## No serious injuries after Noblesville balloon accident

Saturday night at approximately 8:28 p.m., police officers from the Noblesville Police Department responded to the 1500 block of Pleasant Street in reference to a report of an aircraft crash involving an air balloon. Officers, along with firefighters from the Noblesville Fire Department, arrived on the scene shortly after the dispatched call. The crash scene was located south of Pleasant Street just west of the Noblesville Street Department. A small fire was reported at the scene and was quickly extinguished. Preliminary information suggests that the air balloon was in the process of descending when it collided with power lines in the area. After the collision, the balloon subsequently fell to the ground in an open field. It was determined that the balloon was owned by Midwest Balloon Rides of Fishers, IN. The balloon departed from Harbour Shores Church located at 8011 E. 216th St., Noblesville, and was carrying six passengers and a pilot. It’s unknown at this time if the crash scene was the intended site of final destination or if another site was anticipated. The following individuals were on board: Anthony Sandlin (pilot), 46, Fishers Brandi Runyan (passenger), 31, Sheridan Stephen Richardson (passenger), 32, Sheridan Sarah Transue (passenger), 54, St. Jaques, New Brunswick, Canada Ashwini Pandit (passenger), 44, Carmel Juvenile (passenger), 16, Carmel Juvenile (passenger), 16, Carmel There were two reports of minor injuries and those individuals were treated at the scene. There were a number of households and businesses that sustained a loss of power as a result of the collision with the power lines. Representatives from Duke Energy responded quickly to the scene and were able to restore power within an hour.



Photo by Mike Corbett

This hot air balloon fell to the ground south of Pleasant Street after colliding with power lines Saturday evening. There were six passengers and a pilot on board, but there were no serious injuries. The investigation has been turned over to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and any further information regarding the crash will be disseminated through their office.



# Patty Swank: One of the Very Best

By MARY SUE ROWLAND



If you went to Noblesville High School during the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90s and up to Wednesday of last week, you know teacher Patty Swank. She taught for 56 years and was more than a teacher, she actually touched the lives of her students and their families. Patty was an innovator at the high school. Besides being the Home Economics Department Chairperson for decades and besides leading a host of extracurricular activities, Patty created the concept of a class focused on Family Living. Long before it was vogue, Patty designed a class to cover all aspects of a person's life from birth, childhood, marriage and death. Everyone remembers their egg babies! And yes, she was also an innovator in sex education, years before the schools. She taught her students the things they needed to know to go through life including how to open a bank account to how to write thank you letters. She touched the lives of her students through how they went about their daily living. A fellow teacher wrote this week, "She taught me so much about teaching and about life. I have so many stories about her that made me a much better teacher. She always defined herself as a teacher and that's the way so many of us at NHS will remember her – one of the very best."

In addition to the Family Living courses, Patty taught all of the foods classes at the high school, from the basic to

advanced cooking. Some of her students have gone on to be professional gourmet chefs, others competed in national competitions such as those sponsored by Betty Crocker. At the school, no one could compete with Patty regarding school spirit. Always on game day she was dressed in black and gold and usually decorated the school in the same colors. Sometimes she decorated the town during sectional times. She prepared Basketball and Football banquets with food and decorations for the teams and families. Future Homemakers of American and Miller Maids were her passion along with the greatest cheer block of all time in the 1960's, coaching the cheer leaders and promoting school spirit as a necessity. She made breakfast for all the teaching staff on a regular basis and everyone was there early to enjoy the treats.

The community as a whole benefited from Patty's spirit of giving to others. She taught people to read, helped and lead service organizations, gathered clothes for students to wear for a job interview, sponsored and worked with the kids to build many proms in the gym so everyone could attend, organized dances and cooked the food so everyone could have a great high school experience and on and on. She even hosted a local television cooking class that aired for several years.

Patty graduated from Noblesville High School in 1954 and returned 4 years later to begin a career in her hometown. Ball State prepared her to be that great teacher as she earned her Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in

education. The Department of Family and Consumer Services of Ball State honored her with an Alumni Award of Distinction for her years of dedication to her school, students and community. Many more community awards and recognitions were given to her through the years.

Noblesville as a community and Noblesville High School is a better place because of Patty Swank. Patty Swank passed away on April 1, 2014. Her husband Jack passed away on September 29, 2013. Her sons are A. E. Swank and Drew A. Swank and her sister is Mary Sue Rowland. Written instructions were left behind that she wanted no notice in the paper of her passing and a small gathering for her service. It would be just like Patty to make the end as simple as possible to make it easy on her family. So friends, know how much she cared about you and your friendship as she just slipped out of reach for awhile.

Saying she will be missed is not even close to compare to her contribution to the Noblesville community and the world. The thousands of students that learned life from this most extraordinary teacher, mentor and friend are scattered around the world and are using every day what Mrs. Swank taught them.

When someone did something really really well, Patty would write them a note and give them an A+ for their effort or achievement. "Patty, your card is filled with nothing but A + and we thank you for all you gave to all of us."

## Obituaries

### Jo Ann Nesbitt

May 7, 1929 - April 2, 2014

Jo Ann Nesbitt, age 84, of Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday morning, April 2, 2014, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born May 7, 1929 in Tipton, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Clarence M. & Elsie M. (Thomas) Hoover. She attended Sheridan H.S. and was wonderful homemaker. On January 22, 1948, Jo Ann married Harold M. "Shiner" Nesbitt. He preceded her in death on November 3, 2005. Jo Ann worked as a waitress for Beard's Restaurant and Joanne's Little Italy in Sheridan. Later she worked for Harry Cooper, Jr. as the office manager at Wills Insurance Agency. She was a member of the Sheridan American Legion Auxiliary. Jo Ann enjoyed crocheting and making blankets for all of the grandchildren. She loved spending time with her family, especially the joy of her life, her grandchildren. She also loved to shop.

Jo Ann is survived by her son: Michael (Mary) Nesbitt of Sheridan; 2 half brothers: James Sharp of Martinsville and James A Hoover of Peru; 2 half sisters: Connie Wilson of Westfield and Frankie Jean Sharp of Martinsville; 2 granddaughters: Melissa Wells of Westfield and Michele (Nick) Nault of Lafayette; 8 great grandchildren: Katie, Alysia and Heather Wells, and Merisa, Michael, Amie, Schroeter and Jared Nault; and 1 great-great grandchild: Hunter Wells.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Services were held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, with Pastor V.J. Stover officiating. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Visitation was Friday evening, April 4, 2014 at the Funeral Home.

### Mary McVey Palmer

March 4, 1921 - April 1, 2014

Mary McVey Palmer, 93, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Carmel Health & Living in Carmel. She was born on March 4, 1921 to Hershel and Dorcia (Simmerman) McVey in Kokomo, Indiana.

Mary was a school cook at Sheridan High School, and a manager at GC Murphy for 20+ years. She also served as an officer of the Moose Lodge. Mary loved holidays, especially Christmas when she enjoyed making Christmas candy.

She is survived by her sons, Ron (Miriam) Johnson, Steven (Sandra) Palmer, and Robert (Kay) Palmer; step-daughter, Lylith Lardon; brother, William (Francis) McVey; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Malcolm A Palmer; sister, Helen Hanner; brother-in-law, Guy Hanner; brother, James McVey; and sister-in-law, Doris McVey.

Services were held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, in Noblesville, with her grandson, Pastor Dan Johnson, officiating. Visitation was Friday, April 4, 2014 at the funeral home. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Carmel Health & Living, 118 Medical Drive, Carmel, IN 46032.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://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.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

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### Jeffrey Daniel Bannon

July 29, 1991 - March 28, 2014



Jeffrey Daniel Bannon, age 22, passed away unexpectedly on March 28, 2014. He was born on July 29, 1991 in Park Ridge, IL.

Jeff is survived by his parents, Diane (the late Jeffrey) Blevins of Naperville, IL and Robert Bannon of Montgomery, IL; his sisters, Meagan and Laura Bannon; his grandparents, Don and Jane Bannon of Noblesville, IN, and Elaine Dunifon of LaPorte, IN and step-grandparents, William and Mary Blevins; his great-grandmother, Berneice Holloway of Noblesville, IN; his aunts and uncles, Michael Bannon of Atlanta, IN, Steven (Debbie) Bannon of Noblesville, IN, Mary (Jeffrey) Poe of Noblesville, IN, Gary (Linda) Dunifon of Upper Arlington, OH; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. In addition to his step-father, Jeff was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Dunifon.

Jeff was a graduate of Neuqua Valley High School, class of 2009 and earned his Associates Degree in Automotive Science from College of DuPage in 2013. He spent his free time working on his car or helping a friend with theirs. He enjoyed the game of baseball from early on and was a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan. He was also an avid outdoorsman, took great pleasure in fishing and camping, and loved his cat.

For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Jeff's life, memorials to ....

Visitation was Friday, April 4 at the Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Naperville. A Celebration of Jeffrey's Life was held on Saturday, April 5 at the funeral home chapel. Interment followed at SS Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville.

## Shooting in Hamilton County

Shortly after midnight on April 6, 2014, Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies along with Arcadia Police Officers responded to the report of a shooting in the 500 block of East Marion Avenue in Arcadia. Upon arrival, officers found an unresponsive male who had suffered from a possibly self-inflicted gunshot wound. Matthew Butcher, age 29 of Arcadia, was pronounced dead at the scene. Butcher was employed as a Corrections Officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for eight years.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing and no other details are available at this time. An autopsy along with toxicology tests is scheduled but there are no results yet.

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## Pauline Bragg

October 5, 1950 - March 31, 2014

Pauline Bragg, 63, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2014 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. She was born on October 5, 1950 in Edmonton, KY. Pauline had worked for IDI in Noblesville for 12 1/2 years.

She is survived by two sisters, Sarah (Dave) Abston and Norma Perkins; and 10 nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Curt Bragg; mother, Artie Pearl (Compton) Knight; and brother, Shelby D. Knight.

Services were held on Friday, April 4, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville immediately prior to the service. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

## Luis Angel Carballo

July 12, 1934 - March 31, 2014

Luis Angel Carballo, 79, of Westfield, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2014 at St Anthony Medical Center of Crown Point. He was born on July 12, 1934 in Utado, Puerto Rico.



Luis retired in the early 1990's after more than 20 years as a data processor for the Department of Veterans Affairs. He proudly served his country with the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran.

He is survived by his children, Nemramy (Kenneth) D'Agostino, Maritsa Evans, José Julio Canales, Nestor Evans and Vivian (Thomas E.) Carballo-Brown; siblings, Addis Gomez, Julia Iris Hernandez, Maria Ismenea Hernandez and Maria Heralza Hernandez; and was lovingly remembered by many grandchildren, nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Paulina Carballo; father, Manuel Serafin Carballo Lopez; mother, Amelia (Hernandez) Trilla; brother, Tulio Anibal Carballo; and sister, Maria Josefa Hernandez.

Services were held on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation immediately prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prime Life Enrichment, Inc., 1078 Third Ave SW, Carmel, Indiana 46032.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

## Mary Ann Schilt

December 10, 1927 - April 3, 2014

Mary Ann Schilt, 86, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on December 10, 1927 to Fay and Nolene (Schmidt) Squire in Rochester, Minnesota.



Mary Ann was a homemaker and attended Grace Community Church. "Super Mom" Mary Ann loved to work in the yard, enjoyed cooking, and experienced a lot of adventures over the years. She was an avid out-doors person, delighting in canoeing, sailing, and traveling. Mary Ann loved being involved in the church, but most of all, she cherished time spent with her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Andrew Ayars Schilt and Dr. Bruce Franklin (Pamela Jane) Schilt; daughter, Nolene Adele Schilt; three grandchildren, Steven Bruce Schilt, Peter Nielsen Schilt, and Julie Christine Poole; and seven great-grandchildren, Matthew, Tyler, Micah, Colton, Anna, Abigail, and Owen Schilt.

In addition to her parents, Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Ayars Schilt in 2009; her son, Erich Squire Schilt; and her brother, William Squire.

Services will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, April 14, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 6:00pm prior to the service. Pastor David Rodriguez will officiate.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

## Dana Lee Urban

June 30, 1952 - April 5, 2014

Dana Lee Urban, age 61, of Sheridan, passed away Saturday evening, April 5, 2014, at the St. Vincent Heart Center, surrounded by his loving family. Born June 30, 1952 in Noblesville, Indiana, he was the son of Stanley E. and Martha J. (Faulkner) Urban. Dana attended Sheridan H.S. and was a 1970 graduate of Lawrence Central H.S. He worked for Delco Foods as the Transportation Coordinator for 23 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Sheridan and the Sheridan American Legion-KV Elliott Post 67. Dana loved doing yard work and was known around town for mowing his yard and taking care of his pool. He also loved playing golf and was an avid sports fan. He was an umpire and referee locally in Sheridan for many years. He had many passions in his life, but none greater than his family. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.



In 1971 Dana married Nancy L. (Baker) Urban, who survives him. In addition to his family, he is survived by his Mother Martha Urban; 2 sons, Shaun D. Urban of Hackettstown, New Jersey and Chad L. Urban and wife Alana of Fishers; his "Adopted Daughter" Lori Christy and husband Nick of Sheridan; 2 brothers, Noel David Urban of Sheridan and Stanley E. Urban, Jr. and wife Jeanne of Noblesville; and 2 grandchildren, Avery and Connor Urban.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Stanley E. Urban, Sr. and 1 brother, Monte Joe Urban.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at 2:00 PM, at the First Christian Church in Sheridan. Pastor V.J. Stover will be officiating. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Visitation will be from 4-8 PM on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the First Christian Church in Sheridan.

## Diana N. Duvall

October 30, 1945 - April 1, 2014

Diana N. Duvall, 68, of Noblesville, passed away at home on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 in Noblesville. She was born on October 30, 1945 to William and Alice (Clark) Muench in Sullivan County, Indiana.



Diana retired after 40 years as a waitress.

She was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church where she had been a Eucharistic Minister. She enjoyed camping and loved dancing.

She is survived by husband, Kenneth Duvall; daughters, Kelley (Chris) Dickover & Daniyel (Companion Mark) Duvall; son, David (Billie) Duvall; brother, Michael (Denise) Muench; sister-in-law, Linda Muench Murphy; eight grandchildren, Michael (Jessica) Muir, Dylan & Jagger Dickover, Tisha, Garrett, & Dakota Duvall, Dominick & Brayton Lynch; four great-grandchildren, Asher Coons, Mason, Coltin, & Jewel Muir; several nieces and nephews to include Taylor Coonce, Michaela

Muench, and Monica Brodnick.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Clark Muench; grandparents, Edward & Edith Clark.

Services were held on Friday, April 4, 2014, at White River Christian Church in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the service. Pastor Chris Renick and Pastor Keith Comp officiated. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

## Hazel Prewitt

September 2, 1929 - March 28, 2014

Hazel Prewitt, 84, of Indianapolis, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2014 at Community Hospital North. She was born on September 2, 1929 to Paul and Agnes (Garrett) Young in Burksville, Kentucky. Hazel worked as a hostess for Signature Inn.



She is survived by her son, Michael (Kathy) Prewitt; daughters, Cathy (Norm) Clark and Linda Robinson; sister, Dorothy Smith; brother, Cecil Young; grandchildren, Jeff Robinson, Cody & Hallee Scott, and Kyra Prewitt; great-grandchildren, Ariana, Scottlyn, Johnna, and Jagger Robinson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Howard Prewitt; brother, Clayton Young; son, Jimmy Prewitt; daughter, Brenda Prewitt; grandson, John Robinson Jr.

A memorial visitation was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 5635 W 96th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

## Kenneth Lee Lawson

March 22, 1960 - April 2, 2014

Kenneth Lee Lawson, 54, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on March 22, 1960 in Kingsport, TN.



Kenneth was owner and operator of Lawson's Carpet Cleaning in Noblesville and had also worked for Firestone Industrial Products. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Allen (Kilee) Powell, Kristy (Jeremy) Lawson and Melinda (Joe) Ridge; his long-life companion, Debbie Lawson; father, Harold (Judy) Lawson; siblings, David (Shirley) Lawson, Lonnie Lutz and Joyce (John) Bentley; and grandchildren, Allyson, Sidney, Linzy, Gavin, Rorey, Blake, Gage and Dylan.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Juanita (Hartsock) Cook; and sister, Patti Ann Myers.

Services were held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with visitation immediately prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Epilepsy Foundation, 3901 West 86th Street, Suite 380, Indianapolis, IN 46268; or any other seizure research foundation.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

## Hazel Louise Carlton

April 9, 1926 - April 3, 2014

Hazel Louise Carlton nee Adams, age 87 of Lizton, IN. was called home to the Lord on April 3, 2014.

She was born on April 9, 1926 to the late James David Colson Adams and Nancy Kathrene Bullock in Roachdale, IN. On January 19, 1947 she married Roy Emmel Carlton. He preceded her in death on June 6, 2003.

Hazel enjoyed cooking, collecting and selling antiques, and gardening. Most of all she loved her family who will greatly miss her, David Alan (Denise) Carlton, Karen Gail Colby, Gary Lynn Carlton, Cathy Esther Padgett and Kevin Roy (Carla) Carlton, eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her siblings Thelma Burdine, Audrey Newman, William Adams, Faye Whitaker, Ray Adams, Betty Long, Anthony Adams and many nieces and nephews.

Hazel's daughter Jeanine Carlton, siblings Orville Adams, Juanita Burdine, James Adams and her step-mother Ruth Adams preceded her in death.

Services will be held on Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 11:00 am at the Church of God of Prophecy located at 8 West Elm St., Jamestown, IN 46147. Calling will be held on Tuesday April 8, from 4-8 pm at the church. Burial will follow services at Lizton K of C cemetery.

Fisher Family Funeral Services has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [fisherfunerals.com](http://fisherfunerals.com)

## Beulah Ruth Johnson

June 4, 1920 - March 27, 2014

Beulah Ruth Johnson, 93, of Carmel (formerly of Benton, IL), passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Manor Care at Summer Trace in Carmel. She was born on June 4, 1920 to George and Elma S. (Grayson) Robinson in Granite City, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Walter C. Johnson.

Beulah was a resident of ManorCare Assisted Living of Summer Trace for the past 4 1/2 years where she enjoyed many activities, church services and being with her beloved family.

She is survived by daughters, Jane (Roger) Kuba and Ann (Jim) Moody; sons, Eric (Mitch) Johnson and Bill (Debbie) Johnson; brother, George (Judi) Robinson; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Christian services will be held at a later date this Spring in southern IL. Burial will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Benton, IL.

Arrangements entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes, Noblesville, IN.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)





Primaries are pretty much the real election in the county

By FRED SWIFT

Yes, it's another election season. The primary is May 6 and for all practical purposes that's the real election for local offices in Hamilton County.

There's not much excitement, and not likely to be much. Issues are scarce in off-year primary elections. But that doesn't lessen the importance of the choices to be made.

Two weeks before the balloting county Republicans will have their big annual pow wow, April 23. That's the Lincoln Day Dinner. It should be held on Abe's birthday, Feb. 12, but it's hard to get a speaker that day, so the party people often take the liberty of moving the event to a later date.

If the Democrats are having a similar gathering (they call it Jefferson-Jackson Day) they haven't made it public. Of course they don't have any local candidates to put in front of the voters, so that might make for a rather dull pow wow.

I'm toying with the idea of going to the Lincoln Dinner, but I can't get excited about the speaker, a congressman from Wisconsin, Peter Roskam. Last year the GOP had the big star, Gov. Mike Pence. That was pretty good although it was a bit ironic that

Abraham Lincoln was not mentioned from the podium. Don't look for any advance advertising on the event. It's not really needed. Most of the crowd is made up of "sponsoring" engineering firms, law firms and elected officials who can buy a table for eight for \$1,500. Individuals get in for \$50 and the party headquarters would be glad to sell anyone a ticket.

There will be around 400 folks there, pretty much the same group as last year.

It's the place to be for aspiring officeholders, political junkies and those hoping to do business with local government entities.

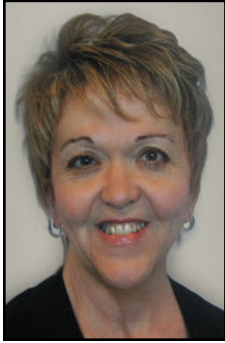
As mentioned earlier, the Democrats have no candidates and no big dinner party. But, amusingly some of their leaders got publicity recently in a Carmel publication saying they are "excited" about their prospects in the county. Excited is a word that might be slightly overused in this context. To be excited about political prospects, I'd think you'd have to have candidates.

In any event, the primary is coming up fast. New residents can get registered at the county elections office or at any auto license branch. It might be a good idea to put May 6 on one's calendar because you can pretty well be certain your next state legislator, county officials and township leaders will be elected at that time.

You can lead your wife to the golf course...

By JANET LEONARD

A bogey. An eagle. A birdie.



No, I have never been on a golf course. Seriously? He fell in love with me anyway.

I swear he has been on a golf course more times than I have been at a mall.

And yes, he has hit a hole in one. The man never ceases to amaze me. It was barely 40 degrees last month when he called me at work and said he was headed to the golf course.

He tells me that he will teach me how to golf. I don't know if 40 years in education has prepared him for this. Here is a man who is a 13 handicap willing to take his 58 year old novice golfer/wife out on the greens, teach her to address the ball (hello little ball) before the start of the take-away and love her as he repairs her ball and putter and driver marks.

I have a feeling that I will spend more time in the bunkers and sand traps. I hate sand in my shoes.

Chuck says that I will need to keep my eye on the ball and not giggle. He knows that I am easily distracted. Squirrel.

They say that it is a game of skill and luck and the whims of nature. I hope it is a good whim day when we go out for the first time because there will be no skill on my part. I just hope I connect with the ball and don't have more penalty strokes than Chuck has patience.

Not to be intimidated but he says that his son, Jeff, who lives in Florida, will be willing to advise me. Jeff played on the PGA circuit a few years back. He has been teaching golf for several years. No pressure there.

I keep saying that you are never too old to learn something new. But this is golf. This is sacred ground to Chuck. Lead me beside still waters, not in them. Please, no balls in pastures but on the greens. Deliver me from any embarrassment.

When the golf tournaments come on the TV, Chuck asks "Want to watch with me?" I say "Of course, Honey," and I grab my book. I love watching golf even though I rarely look up from what I am reading.

Before we go to the golf course I did ask Chuck if we could go to the mall and buy me one of those cute little outfits...with matching shoes. Look out Stony Creek here I come!

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# Comfort vs. Style: The Great Furniture Debate

By AIMEE GEBHART  
Furniture has a funny way of telling a story about your life. It can reveal that you're young, poor, and barely getting by, or it can boast that you have money and wealth and aren't afraid to show it. In our house, our furniture likes to blab that we have Pottery Barn taste on a Target budget.

Don't get me wrong, we do have some nice pieces of furniture in our house. It's just that most of our stuff is pieced together from here and there, so it doesn't necessarily scream, "We've got our act together!" Instead, it stammers, "We had good intentions, but..." Truth be told, I've always been a bit self-conscious about it.

I know it could be worse, though. Right after Ed and I were married, I moved to Colorado to live with him in his apartment, sight unseen. After driving across the country in a Ryder truck for 2 days, imagine my surprise when I walked into my new home to find an old, beat up couch that was referred to as "the love pen" (I don't even want to know why!), a plywood entertainment center held together with duct tape, and a huge blanket with an airbrushed tiger head *nailed* over the entire front window like a curtain. To add to the rustic charm, Ed had two wooden tequila barrels flanking the "love pen" acting as end tables. Now those were hard times, people!

Luckily, I schooled him in the error of his ways, and we slowly transitioned from bachelor pad furniture to married couple furniture. In other words, I had to convince him to give up comfort for style. Admittedly, our purchases have been more *my* choosing than his. For the past 15 years, it's been *my* mission to try to pretend we have style. Ed's mission has always been to bring me back around to his way of thinking.

This became clear several months ago when he brought up the idea of getting one of those big, poufy loveseats for our little TV room; you know, the kind with built-in cup holders and lever activated foot rests. His reasoning was that since that Faith and her friends always take over the family room, we needed a cozy spot to chill and watch movies. At first I was horrified at the thought of a poufy loveseat! Had I taught him nothing? But then I became curious. What if I just *tried* one in a store to see how it felt? It wouldn't be in the *main room* of the house, so that might be okay, right? The minute my bum hit that squishy fake suede, I was hooked. When I saw that it had a hidden USB port inside the arm rest, I yelled, "Sold!"

So here I am after nearly sixteen years of marriage with a big, brown, reclining loveseat in my house. I'm not sure what this says about me, except that maybe I'm realizing that you do have to sacrifice style for comfort. Maybe it's time I give up the pretenses of trying to be stylish and sophisticated and roll with Ed's way of thinking for a change. But there is one small matter on which I must stand firm. If he thinks that tequila barrel "end table" he managed to hold onto is going to come out of hiding, he's got another thing coming.

# Early voting starts today

Absentee and early voting will be available for Hamilton County voters at the Government and Judicial Center starting Tuesday.

Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from April 8 to May 2 (Monday through Friday). Anyone who lives in Hamilton County is eligible to use early voting at the Government and Judicial Center. People should use the east entrance to access the center; signs will be posted directing voters where to go. Remember that the intersection of Eighth and Conner streets is closed due to construction works, so plan accordingly.

Saturday voting is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 26 and May 3. On May 5, the day before Primary Day, voting will be available from 8 a.m. to noon. Those who use absentee voting have until April 28 to apply for a ballot to be mailed.

Confined voting is available for those who are homebound, in a hospital or living in a facility such as a nursing home or assisted-living center. The travel board, which oversees the confined voting, will visit each facility on May 1, 2 and 5. The board will deliver the ballots to the facilities, ensure each person will be able to vote, then return the ballots to the Government and Judicial Center. All voters will be able to cast their vote in private.

Inspector training will take place on three days. New inspector training is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. Training times for returning inspectors are 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties are in need of poll workers on election day. Those interested should contact the Republican headquarters at 849-9600 and the Democratic party at 317-674-3158.

You can also visit [www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov](http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov), go to "Voting & Elections," access the menu and click on "Current Election Information." Scroll down to the lower right hand corner, fill out the poll worker request form and mail or fax it to the election office.

Each precinct needs a Republican inspector, a Republican or Democratic judge, and a Republican and Democratic clerk.

Inspectors are required by state law to attend a training session before Election Day and to pick up Election Day supplies on the Saturday before the election. Inspectors, along with the Democratic judges, will also return the election results to the Judicial Center. Inspectors receive \$150 plus \$20 for meals.

In addition to their work on Election Day, the Democratic judge must accompany the inspector to set up the polling place on Monday night and return to the Judicial Center after the polls close on election night. They receive \$100 plus \$20 for meals.

The Republican judge and clerk and the Democratic clerk receive \$95 plus \$20 for meals.

**Offices up for election this year are:**  
U.S. Representative 5th District  
State Senate Districts 21, 29 and 31  
State Representative Districts 24, 29, 32, 37, 39 and 88.

## Not the Perfect Mom

# How great is His steadfast love

By TAMAR KNOCH

Psalms 103:10-12



sions from us."


It is "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever." (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Life is rough, BUT Romans 8:28 tells us that "for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." And that, "In all these [rough] things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:37-39)

You see, God doesn't see things the way we see them, "But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) "And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith." (Acts 15:8-9) "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." (Romans 5:1-11)

How great is His Steadfast Love toward you? As far as the east is from the west, from one nail-pierced hand to the other. From the point where the base of the cross meets the crown of the ground, to the point where the universe ends; that's how great His love towards YOU is.

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# Spring is finally here!

By BRIAN BRAGG

The 2013-2014 Winter season was one for the record books! We had record cold temperatures, record snowfall, and a little bit of ice. Thankfully it's finally over (I hope). It's great to feel the warm sun and to enjoy God's great outdoors. Unfortunately these conditions can also produce severe weather.

While it's possible to enjoy a nice warm rain, or a mild thunderstorm, the past few springs in Indiana have produced a lot of severe weather. Hail storms, tornados, severe lighting, and dangerous straight line winds have become somewhat common place in Central Indiana. Homeowners insurance companies report year over year losses on homeowners insurance in Central Indiana since 2007 because of severe weather.

While the homeowners insurance companies make adjustments to coverages and our premiums to prepare themselves for future upcoming storms, what have you done to prepare your family and your home for these storms? Preparing yourself and

your home for these inevitable storms could save your life, as well as thousands of dollars in home repairs.

- Exterior checklist
- Check your roof for leaks and missing or loose shingles as these may cause water or damage to your roof or attic.
  - Check Windows for leaks and caulk accordingly. Small leaks can cause major damage to walls and floors.
  - Clear gutters of leaves and obstructions.
  - Cut back trees from your home and remove dead or broken limbs.

- Interior Checklist
- Pick a centrally located room on the lowest floor of your home with the fewest number of windows to gather in case of severe weather.
  - Keep flashlights, extra batteries, drinking water and non-perishable food ready in case of a power outage.
  - If severe weather is in the area keep a weather radio tuned in for up to date warnings.

Spring is also a great time of year to talk to your insurance agent to make sure that you are adequately insured. Don't wait until after you suffer a loss to learn what level of protection that your policy provides.

# Improve your investment environment

By COREY SYLVESTER

On April 22, we celebrate Earth Day — a day devoted to education and action on environmental issues. As a citizen of the world, you may have a keen interest in protecting your physical surroundings. And as someone trying to reach long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you're probably also interested in improving your investment environment.

So here are a few suggestions:

- Respond to environmental factors. Over the past few years, we've had a favorable investment climate, marked by low inflation, low interest rates and generally strong corporate profits. And investors who have taken advantage of this positive environment have, for the most part, been rewarded. But things can change, so it's always a good idea to understand the current investment environment, as it may affect your investment choices. For example, if it seems likely that long-term interest rates are going to rise significantly, you might need to review your long-term bond holdings, as their price would be negatively affected by a rise in rates.
- Nurture your investments. One area of environmentalism involves planting seeds or saplings and nurturing them to maturity. You can do the same thing with investments — and a good way to nurture them is to give them time to grow in all investment climates. But how long should you hold these investments? You might heed the advice of Warren Buffett, one of the world's most famous investors, who says this about his investment company: "Our favorite holding period is forever." It takes patience to follow the buy-and-hold strategy favored by Mr. Buffett — and it also requires the discipline necessary to keep investing through the inevitable downturns you will encounter. But over the long term, your perseverance may well be rewarded.

- Avoid "toxic" investment strategies. Unfortunately, many human activities are bad for the environment. Similarly, some investment strategies are "toxic" for your prospects of success. Consider the pursuit of "hot" stocks. They sound inviting, but, by the time you hear about them, they may have lost their sizzle — and in any case, they might not be right for your needs. Here's another "poisonous" investment strategy: trying to "time" the market. If you're always jumping in and out of the market, looking for "low" points to buy and "high" points to sell, you'll probably be wrong most of the time — because nobody can accurately predict highs and lows. Even more importantly, you may find yourself out of the market during the beginning of a rally, which is when the biggest gains tend to occur.
- Diversify your "species" of investments. Drawing inspiration from Earth Day, the United Nations has designated 2011–2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. And, just as preserving the diversification of species is important for life on Earth, the diversification of your investment portfolio is essential for its health. By owning a variety of investments — stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and so on — you can help protect yourself from downturns that primarily affect just one asset class. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your holdings, it can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

Earth Day happens just once a year — but the lessons of environmentalism can help you, as an investor, for all the days and years ahead.

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with new sales territories, new facility locations and new employees," Beck said. "This expansion not only shows our commitment to Midwest farmers, but our long term partnership with the community, the county and the state of Indiana."

"Indiana's economic growth is sprouting from farms across the state," Ellspermann told the audience which gathered at Beck's. "Here in America's heartland, growing the food on our tables and building the tools for our world remains a Hoosier specialty. The innovation coming from Beck's Hybrids melds the two, developing high performance seeds for our farmers. Through their work, companies like Beck's Hybrids are creating more jobs and more opportunities for Hoosiers, just part of what helps make Indiana a state that works for business."

Beck's consistently has experienced growth. New construction projects this year include two new 4,000 square foot greenhouses and the expansion of the biotechnology building. The biotechnology building expansion will provide more office and laboratory space for Beck's Hybrids and other companies to use for research and

product development. The company will also add four machinery storage buildings for trucks and seed equipment. In the next three to four years the expansion includes an additional soybean seed processing tower that is expected to produce one million bags of seed in the first year. As growth continues, new seed drying and storage facilities will be constructed.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Beck's up to \$825,000 in additional tax credits and up to \$75,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans.

Beck's Hybrids currently employs more than 400 people across the Midwest and nearly 300 full-time employees in Indiana.

Beck said plans to begin hiring for positions will begin this summer. He doesn't expect a shortage of talent.

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Day	Date	Time	Opposing School	Place	Media
Wed	26-Mar	5:00 PM	Lapel High School	Home	TV
Mon	7-Apr	5:00 PM	Bishop Chatard HS	Home	TV
Wed	16-Apr	5:30 PM	New Palestine HS	Home	
Sat	19-Apr	11:00 AM	Hamilton Heights	Home	TV
Sat	19-Apr	1:00 PM	Hamilton Heights	Home	TV
Thur	24-Apr	5:30 PM	Brebeuf Jesuit HS	Home	
Mon	28-Apr	5:00 PM	Elwood High School	Home	
Thur	1-May	5:00 PM	Heritage Christian	Home	
Fri	2-May	5:00PM	Eastern Greentown	Home	
Sat	3-May	10:00 AM	Warren Central HS	Home	
Thur	8-May	5:30 PM	Faith Christian HS	Home	
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Day	Date	Time	Opposing School	Place	Media
Sat	22-Mar	12:00 PM	Elwood High School	Home	
Thur	27-Mar	5:00 PM	Lutheran HighSchool	Home	
Mon	31-Mar	5:00 PM	Hamilton Heights	Home	RADIO
Tues	8-Apr	5:30 PM	Brebeuf Jesuit	Home	TV
Sat	12-Apr	10:00 AM	Bishop Chatard	Home	RADIO
Sat	12-Apr	12:00 PM	Bishop Chatard	Home	
Mon	21-Apr	5:00 PM	Cardinal Ritter H.S	Home	RADIO
Thur	24-Apr	5:00 PM	Heritage Christian	Home	
Mon	5-May	5:30 PM	Bethesda Christian	Home	
Thur	15-May	5:30 PM	Lafayette Catholic HS	Home	
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Mock car accident brings destructive decision consequences to Guerin Catholic

Members of Guerin Catholic's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) staged a car accident Friday afternoon on the school's campus. Students re-enacted a scene from a fatal accident involving teen drivers and destructive decisions made while under the influence of alcohol, in collaboration with the Noblesville Fire Department and Tipton County Coroner. Pictured is junior Matt Labus, who was removed from the car. The Jaws of Life was used on the passenger side, and that enabled rescue staff to remove the injured Labus, who was rushed to the hospital. The community was alerted in advance that it was a staged accident. Six student actors took part in the scene.



Reporter photo by Perry Williams



Photo courtesy Sheridan Library

Bird houses painted by the Story Time children at the Sheridan Public Library.

Story Time every Wednesday at Sheridan Library

Each Wednesday afternoon that Sheridan schools are in session, the Sheridan Public Library hosts a Story Time program for children ages 3, 4 and 5. The program begins at 1:15 pm and features 2 stories being read to the children, a craft project and a snack. Programs generally last about an hour and a half.

This past week, the children painted small bird houses which will be placed outside the window in the Story Time room. The children will be able to check their houses when they come to the library to see the bird families nesting and growing their families.

The Sheridan Public Library is located at 103 West First Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County. Story Time is held each Wednesday at 1:15 pm and is open to children ages 3, 4 and 5. You do not have to be a community resident to attend.

Heavy rain closes roads around county, cause brief river flooding

By RICHIE HALL

April showers came into Hamilton County Wednesday evening - and decided to stay for a while.

The county was inundated with rain well into Thursday morning and afternoon. Nearly three inches of rain fell in Noblesville, with Carmel High School getting 2.23 inches by Thursday evening.

Of course, all that rain had to go somewhere. It wasn't going into the saturated ground, so it started filling up low areas - and parks, and golf courses and roadways.

Several roads were closed throughout the county on Thursday. 146th Street was shut down between Howe and Promise roads. In Noblesville, the eastern part of the city saw 186th Street closed between Promise Road and S.R. 37. Promise Road itself was shuttered between S.R. 32 and 191st

Street. Mill Creek Road was also closed Thursday afternoon between state roads 32 and 38. All roads were re-opened by Friday.

Olio Road was closed from just north of Fire Station 7 to just south of 156th Street, but was re-opened just before 5 p.m. State Road 32 was also closed at Hillside Drive on the east side of Westfield for a short time due to flooding.



One serious by-product of all this rain is the potential for flooding on the White River. The river level was just over four feet Wednesday evening, but swelled to 14.02 feet by 9:45 p.m. Thursday. The flood stage is 14 feet at Noblesville, with moderate flooding in effect at 19 feet.

The river eventually crested at 16.86 feet early Saturday morning, and dropped below flood stage early Sunday morning.



Photo submitted

Flooding was reported all over Hamilton County Thursday. Pictured here is State Road 32 at Hillside Drive on the east edge of Westfield. State Road 32 at this location was closed to traffic for a short period of time.



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**When:**  
Thursday, April 24, 2014

**Time:**  
6-7 pm

**Location:**  
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Dr. Marcotte's book *Food Truths, Food Lies* will be available for purchase at a special price of \$8.

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# Millers blast their way to Invite wins at the Dunk

By **DON JELLISON**  
**Reporter Editor**  
Since this was the last planned Miller Invitational, it was only right that the Millers did things right.

Noblesville, late Saturday evening , finished off Homestead, 12-2, in the championship game of the tourney at Don Dunker Field. The Millers ended the action on the 10-run rule after five.

Noblesville, ranked No. 7 in Class 4A, also won the championship last year.

“This will be the last tourney,” explained Coach Justin Keever, “because of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference schedule. Next year the (seven-team) conference is going to a three-game weekend schedule, playing two conference games on Saturday and a third on Sunday.”

Noblesville will continue to take its spring break trip to Tennessee.

Saturday evening at The Dunk, Andrew Wilson continued his red-hot hitting, blasting a bases-loaded home run to lead Noblesville to the victory.

On the mound, Dax McLochlin allowed just three hits and fanned seven batters. Noblesville, now 3-1 on the year, next week will play Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Tennessee.

### BIG SEMI-FINAL WIN

Keever, after counting his team’s dozen runs and 14 hits in a 12-2 victory over Brebeuf Saturday morning in the invitational’s opening round, suggested that things might not always be this way. This way, offensively.

“We’re going to see better pitching when we get into Hoosier Crossroads Conference play in another week,” Keever explained.

That’s one reason why the coach was so pleased to see his team remain consistent in outstanding pitching and a strong defense.

The pitching and the defense was, once again, very good in the win over Brebeuf.

On the mound, Trevor Salmon worked five innings and allowed just one hit and one run. He fanned six and walked only two.

A walk and a hit batter in the third was the only damage Class 3A No. 9 Brebeuf did against Salmon, who picked up his second victory of this still young season. The Braves scored their second run in the fifth on a home run against reliever Cory Conway.

Noblesville ended the game in the bottom of the sixth with the 10-run rule.

The Millers, again, were terrific hitting the ball. They scored 12 runs and still left 11 runners on base.

Salmon also was the leader of the pack at the plate. He collected three hits, including a double.

Brian McLean, Zack St. Pierre, Andrew Wilson, Dax McLochlin and Connor Christman all had two hits each. St. Pierre hit a home run. Bret Rundle, Wilson, Salmon and McLochlin each powered a double.

The game was never a contest as Noblesville scored four times in the first, once in the second and three times in the third. Noblesville scored at least one run in every inning.

The defense was sharp, too. McLean made a great catch in center and the Christman brothers, Garrett at short and Connor at third, each came up with an outstanding play.

# Golden Eagles swept by New Albany

Guerin Catholic dropped both games of a doubleheader at New Albany on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles lost the first game 3-1. New Albany held Guerin to just four hits, and one run in the sixth inning, when Adam Glaze batted in Kolbe Smith.

"We faced another D-I pitcher for the second straight game to start the season and the guys were able to hang tough and get to him in the sixth, unfortunately we could only

get one across the plate," said GCHS coach Jeff Buckner.

In the second game, Guerin Catholic fell 9-7. Bryan Settles was 2-for-4, with both hits doubles, and drove in two runs. Matt Olovich also batted in a pair of runs.

"Defense got off to a bit of a rough start but the guys battled back the entire game," said Buckner. "We had some really good at-bats today and are getting better every inning."

# Sports

# ‘Rocks beat three tough teams for Midwest Classic title

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If there was a better way for the Westfield baseball team to start its season...

Actually, considering how the Shamrocks performed at the Midwest Baseball Classic at Grand Park over the weekend, there probably wasn't a better way. Westfield played outstanding baseball in beating two tough out-of-state teams, then took care of Cathedral 3-0 to win the championship game on a bright Saturday afternoon.

Just like that, Westfield is 3-0 for the season.

The Irish are ranked No. 2 in baseball's Class 4A, while the Shamrocks are rated No. 3 in the same division. Talk about getting a quality win early.

The 'Rocks got all the runs they needed in the third inning. Alec Nelson drove in the first run with a single that sent Milo Beam home. After that, Chris Ayers stepped up and hit a big triple that scored Nelson and Matt Kinney.

Jacob Robinson pitched the complete game, which was a recurring theme for Westfield throughout the tournament. Robinson tossed five strikeouts and only gave up four hits.

"Innings three through seven, he really settled in and pitched really well," said WHS coach Ryan Bunnell. "The great thing about Jacob, too, is that he's just a competitor and he competed really hard out there."

On Friday night, Westfield beat Howell 7-1. Bunnell said earlier in the week that Howell could be a contender for a Michigan state championship.

Nelson had another nice night at the plate, hitting 3-for-4, including a double. Nelson batted in a run and scored one himself. Ayers hit a two-run home run, while Cole McCrary went 2-for-4 while driving in two runs.

Luke Dietz went the distance, striking out six and scattering five hits.

On Saturday morning, the 'Rocks defeated St. Laurence, a nationally ranked team from Illinois, also by a score of 7-1. St. Laurence scored the game's first run in the top of the fourth inning, but Westfield responded with three runs in the fourth, and four more in the fifth.

Ayers and Jake Dietz each had two hits, while Robinson cracked a triple to drive in two runs. Robinson himself later scored. Jake Dietz also batted in three runs and McCrary crossed the plate twice.

Ayers pitched the complete game, giving up just four hits against four strikeouts.

"Ayers was really good this morning," said Bunnell.

# GC softball falls to Zionsville

The Guerin Catholic softball team fell to Zionsville 15-6 on Saturday.

The first part of the game was back-and-forth, with the Golden Eagles jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Zionsville led 6-3 after two innings, but Guerin tied the game up at 6-6 in the top of the third. Zionsville scored three more in the bottom of the third, and added more in the next two innings.

Shelby Martino had a great game, hitting 2-for-4 (both doubles) and driving in four runs. Sara Miller also had a double and scored twice.

<b>Zionsville 15, Guerin Catholic 6</b>					
Guerin	AB	R	H	RBI	
Megan Collins	4	1	1	0	

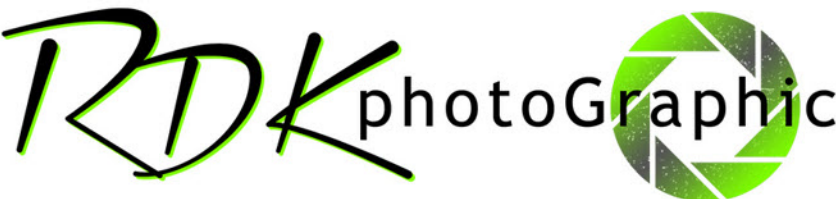
Addie Gray	3	1	1	0	
Annie Skarbeck	3	1	0	1	
Sara Miller	2	2	1	0	
Rachel Louthan	3	1	1	1	
Shelby Martino	4	0	2	4	
Karley Minch	0	0	0	0	
Sam Louthan	3	0	0	0	
Ellen Cech	3	0	1	0	
Julie Gallina	1	0	0	0	
Sofia Huster	2	0	0	0	
Kyra Schultz	1	0	0	0	
Totals	29	6	7	6	
Score by Innings					
Guerin	303	000	0 -	6	7 7
Zionsville	243	240	x -	15	15 2
2B: Martino 2, Miller. SB: Collins 2, Miller, Gray.					
HBP: Miller, Skarbeck, Gray					
GC pitching	IP	R	ER	H	KO BB
Miller	3.0	9	4	6	3 3
Skarbeck	3.0	6	2	9	3 1

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