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5 greats from county's past

Sam. Goose. Roger. Cindi.
If you're familiar with the history of Hamilton County high school basketball, you don't need last names to fill in the blanks.
Pictured above, left to right, are Sam Watson, Cindi Merrill, Dave "Goose" Sanders, Roger Bryant and Hamilton Heights athletic director Kurt Ogden (accepting the plaque for the late Fred Anderson) as they were inducted on Sunday into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame at ceremonies held at Hamilton Heights High School.
Sam Watson, manager at Jim Dandy Restaurant in Noblesville, has been involved in supporting local high school athletics for years. Jim Dandy is the "home" of the

Hall of Fame. Pictures of all the inductees are on a wall at the restaurant.
Dave Sanders played for Sheridan and has the unique experience playing for two legendary basketball coaches, Larry Hobbs at Sheridan and Tony Hinkle at Butler. A Butler team MVP as a senior, he scored 1,126 points and averaged 20.6 points a game. Goose played for Joe Hobbs at Sheridan as a junior, the year the Blackhawks upset one of Noblesville's all-time best teams.
Cindi Merrill was an Indiana All-Star while at Noblesville as a senior. She went on to become the fourth all-time leading scorer at Miami of Ohio, netting a career total of 1,497 points. She averaged 23 points a game as a

senior at Noblesville. Currently, Cindi serves as assistant director of enforcement with the NCAA.
Roger Bryant was one of the county's first great big man center while at Walnut Grove. He graduated in 1960. Bryant holds the record of 71 points in a Hamilton County Tourney. He also holds the record of 32 points in the tourney in a single game. He scored 1,071 points at Walnut Grove as a three-year letterman for the Wolves.
The late Fred Anderson coached Arcadia to five consecutive Hamilton County Tourney championships in the mid-1920s. That was a record which later was broken by Sheridan's Larry Hobbs. The Hall of Fame committee still is searching for any relative of Fred Anderson, whose plaque can be claimed at Hamilton Heights.

You may be
missing
so very much

From The Editor

I would like to apologize to those of you who subscribe only to our weekly print edition of The Reporter and do not see copies of our email editions, Wednesday through Sunday.
In the print edition, we try to give you readers the most important stories in Hamilton County during the previous week, especially in northern Hamilton County.
Each week that goal has become more and more difficult. We are not magicians.
This past week, Wednesday through Sunday, the Reporter's daily email editions included 74 pages of "pure" Hamilton County news, including "pure" Hamilton County advertisements.
No way can we come close to condensing 74 pages of

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Don Hinds Ford awards \$1,000 FFA scholarship to Paul Thieme

Paul Thieme, a Future Farmers of America member of the Hamilton Southeastern HS FFA, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Don Hinds Ford Inc. and Ford Motor Company through the National FFA Scholarship program.
The Built Ford Tough - FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements. The scholarship is one of 530 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2014, or current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Organization.
Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. To date, the program has awarded \$8,145,000 in scholarships to 8,184 FFA members throughout the country. Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes hard work should be rewarded. Education aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.



Photo provided

Bud Colglazier, the president of Don Hinds Ford Inc., presents Paul Thieme with a \$1,000 scholarship by Don Hinds Ford Inc. and Ford Motor Company through the National FFA Scholarship program.



Obituaries

Mary Catherine Anglin Stookey

February 18, 1918 - June 2, 2014

Mary Catherine Anglin Stookey, 96, passed away on June 2, 2014 at the Prairie Lakes Health Campus, Noblesville, Indiana. She was born on February 18, 1918 to the late Raymond F. and Allie N. (Stackhouse) Anglin in Nappanee, Indiana and attended school in Milford, Indiana. On November 29, 1934 she married Emra G. Stookey and they were married for almost 66 years before he passed away on November 25, 2000. They spent all their lives farming beginning in 1935 on rented farms around Waterloo, Indiana. In February 1942 they moved to Leesburg, Indiana to his father's dairy farm, homesteaded by his ancestors, known as Prairie View Stock Farm. Mary and Emra were very successful breeding and raising Holstein Friesian dairy cattle, and became widely known throughout Indiana as well as nationally. They also farmed about 500 acres while raising three sons, George K. John R., and Jack E. Stookey.

Mary and Emra were members of the Leesburg United Methodist Church and Mary also belonged to several clubs, including Kosciusko County Dairy Club, 4-H Club, and Kosciusko County Home Economics Club. After Emra died Mary moved to Noblesville where she became a member of the Noblesville United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Knitting and Quilting Club, and the Noblesville Kiwanis Club.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Emra; two sons, John and Jack; and three brothers and their wives, Harvey (Mae), Max (Bernice), and Leo (Anabelle). She is survived by her son George (Nola); 14 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.

Visitation was held at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville on Thursday, June 5, with a service afterwards. There was also an additional visitation and service at Mishler Funeral Home in Milford, IN on Friday, June 6. Burial was in the Leesburg Cemetery.

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David Lynn Johnson

April 15, 1962 - June 6, 2014

David Lynn Johnson, 52, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, June 6, 2014 at home. He was born on April 15, 1962 to Alfred and Frances (Casteel) Johnson in Russell County, Virginia.

David was a sensational and dedicated husband, father, son, brother, and grandfather. He worked as a heavy equipment transporter.

David spent his life as a local "gearhead" dedicated to improving anything with a motor that crossed over into his garage. He had a "drive" and a passion for anything with a motor, wheels and speed.

He is survived by his wife, Misty (Haskett) Johnson; father, Alfred (Jeanne) Johnson; son, Joshua (Renee) Johnson; stepson, Lee (Kody) Haskett; and stepdaughters, Arianna Brooks and Eva (John) Melton. David was the proud grandfather of Braelyn,

Hayden, Luvisa, Leah, Kaiden, and Quintin. He is also survived by his brother, Shane Johnson in Noblesville; and niece, Jodie Jamiet in North Carolina.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Johnson; and sister, Judy Johnson Sparks.

Services will be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with Pastor Larry Horn officiating. Visitation was Monday, June 9, 2014 at the funeral home.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.



Ruth A. Hancock

May 23, 1934 - May 31, 2014

Ruth A. Hancock, age 80, of Sheridan, passed away Saturday evening, May 31, 2014. Born May 23, 1934 in Sheridan, she was the daughter of the late James and Opal (Stroup) Walton. Ruth worked at the Sheridan Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center as a CNA for over 29 years, retiring in 1992. She was also a homemaker, but her true passion was her grandchildren. She attended Sheridan H.S. and was a member of the Sheridan Church of God.

On October 2, 1950 she married Glen Hancock, Jr. He preceded her in death on June 20, 2000.

Ruth is survived by her son, John Lee (Donna) Hancock of Noblesville ; daughter, Patty (Art) Massingill of Sheridan ; son in law, Jay Boone of Kirklin ; daughter in law, Terri Hancock of Pendleton ; 1 brother, Paul "Cap" (Viola) Walton of Sheridan ; 3 sisters, Mary Jane (Fred) Snodgrass of Pickard, Gloria DeVol of Sheridan, Vickie (Vernard) Moore of Sheridan ;

14 grandchildren: Randy (Connie) Massingill, Kelly (Toby) Johnson, Mark (Kim) Massingill,

SFC Jeremy (Gina) Fendley, Erin (Josh) Lintz, Shawn (Paul) Giambone, Stacey (Steven) Dollahan, Tyler (Ashley) Hancock, Tracey (Chad) Presley, Joshua (Stacey) Hancock, Kate Hancock, Jake Hancock, Justine Boone, Jessica Stalings ; 24 great grandchildren: Cameron Massingill, Logan Massingill, Chase Massingill, Stevie Massingill Lane Massingill, Kristal Johnson, Isaac Johnson, Carlie Mays, Keagan Lintz, Kobe Lintz, Courtney, Ashton Minnis, Gavin Giambone, Addison Dollahan, Maci Hancock, Kaley Presley, Tori Presley, Jalen Hancock, Shaylee Hancock, Ayden Hancock, Keith, Hunter, Siera and Tyler Stalings ; 2 great-great grandchildren, Lucy Hester and Toby Davis

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband ; daughter, Glenna Jane "Janie" Boone ; son, James Glen Hancock ; and 2 brothers, George William Walton and James Walton Jr.

Services were held on Friday, June 6, 2014, at the Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan. Pastor George Cooper will be officiating. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Visitation was Thursday, June 5, 2014 at Kercheval Funeral Home.

Benjamin L. Spurlock Jr.

July 8, 1924 - June 2, 2014

Benjamin L. Spurlock Jr., 89, of Indianapolis, passed away on Monday, June 2, 2014 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on July 8, 1924 to Benjamin and Myrtle Spurlock in Grandview, Indiana.



In 1942, Benjamin graduated from Ben Davis High School, and proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1943-1946 during WWII, receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University in 1949, and worked for National Cash Register from 1949-1982. After receiving his Juris Doctor as a member of the IU Law School Class of 1985, Benjamin was a general practice Attorney. He was also a builder and developer for his company, Ben L. Spurlock Co., Inc. Benjamin was a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruby Ilene Spurlock, whom he married on December 9, 1950; daughters, Deborah (Richard) Leasure, and Janis (Daniel) Calvert; sons, Jeffrey Lane Spurlock, and Brian (Sally) Spurlock; grandchildren, Natalie (Joe) Thompson, Nicole Leasure, Ryan (Tracy) Leasure, Heath (Aleque) Calvert, Tarah M.C. (Joe) Baldwin, Spencer, Savannah, and Sierra Spurlock; one great-grandchild, Sophie, and two more on the way.

In addition to his parents, Benjamin was preceded in death by his half-brothers, Homer Wright, and Russell Wright; and half-sister, Mabel Barnhart.

Services were held on Thursday, June 5, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with Pastor Daniel Tidd officiating. Visitation was Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at the funeral home. Entombment was at Lincoln Memory Gardens in Whitestown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shepherds Ministries, 1805 15th Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182.

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Lions Club’s pork chop dinner, pancake breakfast feeds (and funds) Noblesville

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

While many service clubs throughout the nation, including many here in Hamilton County, are losing membership and some are dying out, that’s not what is happening to the Noblesville Lions Club.

An organization which has been serving the community since May 6, 1942, the Noblesville Lions Club is going strong.

“Our membership grew 10 percent last year,” said Clayton Fleming, secretary of the Lions.

Fleming believes the growth is due in part to all the many activities the club participates in.

“We are not a group which sits on its hands,” Fleming said. “We’re out working in the community.”

That point, once again, was made this weekend when on Saturday the club served a pancake breakfast on the courthouse square. This was the sixth year for the pancake breakfast. On Friday, the Lions Club had its annual pork chop dinner.

“It’s a great deal, for only \$10, considering the cost of pork chops today. That’s a real problem for us, the rising cost of pork chops,” Fleming said.

The Lions Club is known for making a buck anyway it can, and, of course, the money is used for all kind of projects throughout the city.

“All of the money collected through our fund raising events goes to scholarships for graduating seniors; local groups such as the Boys and Girls Club, Hamilton County Cancer Society; Third Phase Food Pantry;

the Red Door program and many others,” Fleming pointed out.

The fund-raising also makes possible the eye screenings which are given to pre-school students so eye problems can be discovered and corrected at an early age.

The Lions Club collects eye glasses, which are sent to its eyeglass recycling center and then sent all over the world to help people be able to see. Hearing aids are also collected and loaned to individuals who can’t afford to buy them.

“We get requests from groups and individuals who need help and we review the requests and determine if we can help,” Fleming said.

A total of 1,350 pre-school children were reviewed for eye problems this year. About 10 percent were referred for additional help.

There are many other projects that the Noblesville Lions contribute to, including girls softball, boys baseball and basketball, Noblesville Orchestra, Noblesville Singers, Hamilton County 4H awards plaques, Hamilton County Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, Noblesville Rain Forest student project, Noblesville Fire Prevention project, Hamilton County D.A.R.E., Adopt-A-Street program, Diabetes Awareness program, the Elysian program, and Chamber of Commerce holiday decorations.

Lions Club members participate in the annual Duck Race, Fourth of July Parade, Soup Cook-Off and Christmas Parade.

“We deliver flowers for a local florist on Valentine Day and Mothers Day,” Fleming said, “and we also give dictionaries to third grade students at Hazel Dell School.”

Hayden joins long list of NHS Camp graduates



Photo by Bret Richardson/Correspondent

Hayden Camp (center, with diploma) became the latest member of his family to graduate from Noblesville High School, which conducted its commencement ceremony Friday at The Mill. Hayden has had 48 family members graduate from NHS over the decades, including 30 from the Camp family. One of Noblesville’s top 10 percent, Camp will attend the University of Alabama on a full-ride scholarship.

MUCH

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reporting into one weekly newspaper. This past weekend alone, Sunday and Saturday, we published a combined 39 pages. We broke our record with a 22-page Sunday edition.

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Cicero to conduct study on building new government offices

By JEFF JELLISON

The Town of Cicero will conduct a feasibility study to determine the possibility of building a new government office building.

Paul Munoz, Director of Planning and Development for Cicero, stated “Right now we aren’t going out and spending a bunch of money. We just need to get an understanding of future needs and the cost involved in meeting those needs.” Munoz also stated, “We need to identify what our staffing, storage and access needs will be 20 to 30 years down the road.

Munoz indicated Cicero wants to keep its offices in the downtown area, which most likely means, town officials would consider demolishing the current building and construct a new facility at the 150 W. Jackson Street location. The current facility houses Cicero Utilities offices, Clerk’s office and the Planning Commission. Munoz indicated Cicero owns the land west of and north of their current offices.

“We have talked with two engineering firms. Once a firm is selected they would provide us with a conceptual design and cost to build the facility,” stated Munoz.

Water, sewer bill increase could be coming

Another study, this one a rate study recently completed for Cicero, could possibly lead to an increase in water and sewer bills.

Cicero Clerk Treasurer Jan Unger reported council members will conduct a public hearing prior approving the rate increase. Unger said if approved the increase will be spread out over three years.

Cicero residents sewer bills would increase 1.5 percent and water bills 2.5 percent beginning in January of 2015. Water would then increase 2 percent and sewer would increase 1.5 percent in 2016 and 2017.

Currently the cost for a minimum water and sewer bill of 3,000 gallons or less is \$41.13. The proposal would increase a minimum water/sewer bill 78 cents the first year.

On Friday Unger said, “A date has not yet been established for the public hearing; however, it will most likely be conducted in July.”

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Not The Perfect Mom

Cherish the gift of God's forgiveness

By TAMAR KNOCH



My daughter Anna is amazingly attached to her stuffed animals; particularly her stuffed cats. In fact, she has one that she got on a trip to the Children's Museum when she was one that has been a constant companion ever since. It used to meow even, but that ability has long been worn out over the six years she has possessed this cat. To see "Sam" now you can read every single hug and snuggle she's ever received from between the little lines of her well worn fur. This cat has been LOVED.

One Sunday morning Anna asked me if she could bring Sam to church with her.

Since she had an hour to hang out while I was warming up with the praise band, I usually let her take a toy to church to entertain her during that time.

After we had warmed up I went out into the hallway to get Anna from the nursery where she plays until church starts. In the hallway a few of the church ladies commented on Anna's stuffed kitty and how well loved she is. I joked, "Yeah, it wouldn't surprise me if she took Sam to college with her." A few minutes later, Anna and I were sitting in the sanctuary and with seconds left before I stepped up onto the stage Anna leaned over and asked, "Am I going to college *today* mommy?"

I love that girl!

During worship I was really pressing in, I'd been "off" and it was making me very hungry for more of God. And what better time to press in and really push to touch

God than during praise and worship? Well, God doesn't disappoint those who earnestly seek Him.

Towards the end of worship He gave me a new picture of an old Truth. God showed me a picture of Anna snuggling Sam close to her cheek, her eyes closed in love for her Sam, and then a hand came and snatched Sam away from her. And God said to me, "How could you ever think I would take My forgiveness away from you? You wouldn't dream of taking Sam away from Anna just like I wouldn't dream of taking My forgiveness away from you. Especially when you've done something you shouldn't have! THAT'S what My forgiveness is for!"

Many people would tell you that when you sin God turns His face away from you. But NOTHING could be further from the Truth! Matthew 28:20 says, "Behold, I am with you *always*, to the end of the age." That word *always*, in the original Greek is a compound word that means "all (as in each and every one of) the days of your life". In Hebrews 13:5 He says, "I will never leave you nor abandon you completely." These are promises and God NEVER breaks His promises. Yet some would have you believe that He would. That you some-

how have the power through your sin to cause God to throw His hands up in frustration and give you up and walk away from you. But He can't do that because the One who isn't capable of lying PROMISED to NEVER leave you or abandon you. He has promised that on each and every single day of your life He will ALWAYS be with you no matter what. From the strip club or bar to the church pew and back, He's right there with you. Forgiving you for everything along the way... you just need to forgive yourself and allow yourself to receive His forgiveness.

He adores you my friend. More than you could EVER imagine. In His eyes you are his Beloved Child, and no matter what you've done you will ALWAYS be His child. He will NEVER remove the gift of His forgiveness from your hands. But neither will He open the box for you, *that's* up to you. He's given you the gift, it's up to you to accept it and USE it. Carry it around like a cherished stuffed animal, that's what it's for. Not to use as an excuse to keep going back to the sin, but rather a tool to keep you out of it from the very beginning. You've been forgiven, accept it and let your past, present and future sins go.



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Get your homemade cobbler in Arcadia

By MARY SUE ROWLAND



This is a special invitation to join friends and have some really good treats in Arcadia on June 21st. Toni Dickover, the president of the Historic Train Depot/Museum and a outstanding cobbler maker sent over the information below with a special invitation. If you want a taste of the old days, read on. I will see you on the deck, sitting on a bench, eating cobbler and thinking "life is good"!

A special invitation from Toni:

As part of Nickel Plate Art Days, on Saturday, June 21, 2014, the Historic Train Depot/Museum, in Arcadia, Indi-

ana, will be having "Cobbler on the Deck". We will be selling homemade cobbler and bottled water from 11am – 2pm. Also, we will be featuring art work, completed by several of Mrs. Trachtman's elementary art students from Hamilton Heights Elementary School. They had a paint-in on Saturday, May 17, 2014 and are anxious to display their finished work.

In its hey-day, Arcadia was home to glass and tin factories powered by the natural gas boom of the 1880s, and later through alternative means of power. Arcadia is one of several towns that dotted the inter-urban rail line, one of the largest electrical trolley systems in the country.

The Arcadia Depot is a part of this rich railroad history. The historic Nickel Plate Road began as the Peru & Indianapolis Railroad in 1849. Many mergers later, the Nickel

Plate was part of a comprehensive network that featured 1,683 miles of track, including the 30 miles that constitute the Nickel Plate Arts Trail today. This portion of the track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority, operated by Hamilton County, Fishers and Noblesville and is still affectionately referred to as the Nickel Plate.

The Historic Depot, located on South Street, is one block south of Main, on the east side of the railroad. Come in and see our large collection of Arcadia Glass which was made in Arcadia between 1914 and 1932, as well as several artifacts of Arcadia's rich history.

Our normal business hours are Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May through October. Please stop in for a visit and a tour of our museum.

The journey to happier

By JANET LEONARD

It will be fourteen years next month.



I remember walking out of the doors at the courthouse. The divorce papers had

been signed. Twenty-five years and there was no happy ending. I tried so hard to catch my breath and hold back the tears. Exhaling seemed impossible. Tears

seemed inevitable.

Fear was an evil package of thoughts that had been let loose in my mind. So many what ifs were the sparks that kept the fear raging.

One of my greatest fears had come to full blown fruition. I was alone.

Had you told me that I would be alone that many years, well it would have been like throwing gasoline on a fire.

I will tell you that getting used to sleeping single in a queen size bed was exhausting. I wanted to pull the covers up over my head and wake up in the morning and it all be a bad dream. But it was not. I wrestled with so many thoughts. I went to bed exhausted and woke up exhausted.

How do I do life alone?

Making major decisions like which furnace to buy when mine refused to fire up were forever on the horizon. Minor decisions consumed my days. Could I learn to adapt my favorite recipes for one? Would I ever get used to walking into a restaurant and dining alone? Would I always be sitting in the odd numbered chair? The questions allowed fear to sleep with me every night.

Eventually I got used to this new normal. I realized that happiness was not in the number two. Happiness was a decision made by one. Me.

So for fourteen years I never used the excuse...but I am all by myself. I became stronger. Decisions became somewhat easier. So what's the worst that can happen? I had dealt with the worst and survived.

About three years ago I had the grand-muchkins in the car headed to church. Abby was seven at the time. We were on Cherry Tree Road when Abby, sitting in the back seat, all of a sudden exclaims "Grandma

you need a husband!" I burst out laughing and then calmly ask her "and just why do you think that?" In my rearview mirror I saw her sweet smile and she said "so you can be happy!" I told her that I was happy and that someone can't MAKE you happy. She told me that she thought I would be "happier" if I had someone. I reassured her that I was just fine. And I was.

Then this wonderful, witty, charming, handsome man waltzed ever so slowly into my life. I find it ironic that we met in the "waiting" room at my work. He would always be working a crossword puzzle while

waiting for his car to be serviced. I would always interrupt his train of thought with a "Hi Chuck! How are you?" Never would I have dreamed that I would be interrupting his thoughts on a daily basis. But I do. And because of those fourteen years I have a deeper appreciation of having him in my life.

Yes it's like a Hallmark movie...a bit sweet and a whole lot schmaltzy. And just like in a Hallmark movie, Abby was right...I am happier.

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Heights celebrates Class of 2014 commencement



Photo by Brian Reddick/RDK PhotoGraphic

The Hamilton Heights Class of 2014 celebrated after officially graduating during commencement ceremonies that took place Saturday at the Husky Dome. A total of 162 students graduated.

A Reporter editorial...

The Time is now!

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

I'm sure you've seen the past several days an advertisement banner by Noblesville realtor Annie Cook at the top of The Reporter. Annie's motto is, "Your Time Is Now." She is referring to, of course, the best time to purchase a home.

I hope Annie doesn't mind me stealing her thought, but, yes, "Your Time Is Now," Hamilton County, Noblesville and Fishers, when it comes time to make a decision on the proposed State Road 37 Corridor, a section of Highway 37 which stretches north from Fishers to State Road 38/32, or a little past that, in Noblesville.

This section of highway already is grid locked. It will only get worse, unless Hamilton County and the cities of Noblesville and Fishers act, and act quickly.

That's the message Hamilton County Commissioners Steve Dillinger, Mark Heirbrandt and Christine Altman delivered to the Hamilton County Council earlier this week. They will do the same in coming days when meeting with the Noblesville and Fishers city councils.

The message also is being and will be delivered to the State of Indiana, which along with Hamilton County, Noblesville and Fishers will be a key team player in giving motorists from Noblesville to Fishers a quicker way and a safer way to drive to Indianapolis.

What the Commissioners want is for the state to turn over ownership rights of State Road 37 to Hamilton County. That is what the State did to allow the City of Carmel to build Keystone Parkway, a stretch of road which now allows folks in Carmel and north of Carmel a faster, safer way to drive to Indianapolis.

"Something has to be done; someone has to do something," Dillinger told The Reporter yesterday in an exclusive interview.

The County, Fishers and Noblesville need to get their ducks in place and join together in this project. If not, then expect the State to do something. If local government moves in the direction the Commissioners are suggesting, then it will be local government which decides how a 37 Corridor might look. If not, the State will decide.

"The state's concern, as it should be, will be getting people north and south. Locally, we need to also get people east and west," said Dillinger.

East and west being the streets which feed into Highway 37. The Commissioners would like to see 10 overpasses or roundabouts to solve that situation.

The "model" is there and easily viewed. *Do the people of eastern Hamilton County, Fishers and Noblesville want a 37 Corridor like the State has made of State Road 31, coming through the county tearing down homes and businesses, with not always a regard to how motorists will get east and west (off 31)? Even some businesses left are having trouble attracting customers. Take the intersections of 146th and 151st streets, for example.

*Or, does Hamilton County want a 37 Corridor capable of moving traffic (approximately 105,000 vehicles a day) and still allow easy on and off intersections to reach local businesses?

There may be some reasons, minor differences, on why eastern Hamilton County neighbors would not work together as a team. That always happens. It should not happen this time.

"If everyone was on board and if the first shovel was put into the ground today," Dillinger said, "it would take from 5-8 years to complete the project."

"Your Time Is Now," Hamilton County, Noblesville and Fishers.

Thousands of motorists are waiting. So are thousands of voters.

Act now, before the State makes decisions for you.

Apply by June 30 for NPA Denzel Hufford Garden Contest

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance is announcing that it is time for Noblesville residents to think about entering the Annual NPA Denzel Hufford Garden Contest. There are two categories. One is for "Novice" gardeners, whose gardens are from one to five years old. The other is for the "Mature" gardener, whose garden is six years of age or older. The First Place winner of each category will receive an outdoor garden marker to proudly display along with \$200.00. The runner-up in each category will each receive \$50.00 gift certificates to Garden Thyme at The Old Schoolhouse. The awards are made possible by an anonymous NPA family with NPA matching funds.

Denzel Hufford is no longer with us. But while she lived, she brightened the yards and hearts of Noblesville. Her daughter Adele Dodd says "Mom believed a flower's beauty should be shared. I think she gave plants to half the people in town." Her flower beds grew plants that bloomed at various times of the year so there was always color. It is in honor of Denzel that this garden award was created.

Here is what the judges will be looking for:

- Visual Appeal: The overall visual impact; a pleasing sense of harmony of scale, color, and texture.
- Overall Design: A good use of space; design coordination between plants and other elements.
- General Maintenance: The quality of care in pruning, mulching, and disease control.
- Originality: The WOW factor; creative use of special features such as ponds, natural materials and garden art; unique styles such as theme gardens.

The deadline to apply is June 30. Applications may be obtained by writing to The NPA Garden Committee, PO Box 632, Noblesville, IN 46061, going to the NPA website www.noblesvillepreservation.com or by calling Donna Parker at 317-379-0307.

The judging will occur July 11 - 18 from 6 - 9 PM. The winners will be announced on August 1st.



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NHS baseball wins regional

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Noblesville baseball coach Justin Keever did an extremely-successful juggling act on the mound at Lafayette’s historic Loeb Stadium Saturday evening as his Millers came from behind to defeat Ft. Wayne Carroll, 7-4, in the championship game of the IHSAA Class 4A Regional.

By winning, the Millers advance to next Saturday’s one-game semi-state, playing Lake Central. Noblesville will play Lake Central at approximately 3 p.m. in the semi-state Class 4A baseball tourney Saturday at Plymouth. The game will follow a Class 3A opener between Andean and Ft. Wayne Dwenger at 1 p.m.

Keever, his back to the wall after Carroll exploded for three runs in the top of the first, sent four pitchers from a deep, deep hurling staff to the mound in clinching the championship.

Earlier in the day, Noblesville advanced to the title game with a 7-3 win over Homestead.

Keever started the championship tilt with lefty Trevor Salmon on the mound. He lasted just six batters and one out as Carroll exploded for three runs on a walk, a single and two doubles.

In came another lefty, Cory Conway, who got Noblesville out of the first with a double-play ball and then fanned the side in the second.

“Conway was the perfect replacement,” explained Keever. “He was the only pitcher not being used as a position-player at the time. It would have been difficult to go with one of the other starters at that time.”

But, Conaway, a sophomore who had pitched four innings earlier in the day, tired in the third, giving up two hits and a walk and Carroll’s fourth (and final) run of the night.

“Conway had thrown 55 pitches in the earlier game,” said Keever.

In came a third lefty, Zach St. Pierre.

“St. Pierre did a great job of shutting them down,” said Keever.

St. Pierre got the third out in the third and then held Carroll scoreless on just one hit through the next three innings.

St. Pierre struck out the first Carroll batter in the seventh, but then walked the next and Keever went to the mound for a fourth time, this time picking right-hander Garrett Christman from his shortstop position. Christman gave up a hit, but then nailed the next two Carroll hitters to send his team off to the semi-state.

After Carroll scored the three runs in the top of the first, Noblesville started to eat away at the lead in the bottom of the frame,



Photo by **Brian Reddick/RDK**
PhotoGraphic

Zack St. Pierre had an RBI in both of Noblesville’s regional games on Saturday. The Millers beat Homestead in the semi-finals and Fort Wayne Carroll in the final.

scoring one run. Andrew Wilson tripled and scored on a wild pitch.

It was the third inning when the Millers took charge, scoring four times to take a 5-4 lead. Wilson, St. Pierre and Dax McLochlin all drew walks in the frame. A sacrifice fly off the bat of Vinny Essig got Noblesville one run. Easton Brock was hit by the pitcher, forcing a second run; and then a single by Connor Christman and a Carroll error on the play scored two more runs and gave the Millers the lead.

They got two insurance runs in the third. Wilson was hit by the pitcher and later, for the second time in the game, scored on a wild pitch. Brian McLean doubled and he scored on a single by St. Pierre.

It was a master piece of a comeback by Noblesville’s offense.

“These kids just don’t quit,” said Keever. “They don’t give up. They didn’t give up tonight.”

In the morning game against Homestead, starter Garrett Christman allowed six hits and three runs in the first three innings, but Conway pitched the last four and allowed just one hit while fanning seven.

Noblesville scored five times in the fifth, breaking open what had been a tight game.

The Millers collected eight hits, including a double and two singles by Essig. St. Pierre and McLochlin each doubled in the game.



Photo submitted

Three Sheridan baseball players were named to the All-Hoosier Heartland Conference team. Pictured (left to right) are junior Austin Hoover, senior Nathan Pflugh, and junior Jordan Kyriakopoulos. Not pictured is honorable mention, freshman Sam Crail.

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NHS' Rachel Mather wins state high jump

After soaring above the competition all season long, Noblesville senior Rachel Mather went out as a champion.

Mather won the high jump at Friday's IHSAA girls state track and field championships at Indiana University in Bloomington. Mather's victory was the first individual state championship for Noblesville at the state girls track meet, and also the first time that a Hamilton County athlete won a field event.

If that's not enough, Mather also finished third in the pole vault, matching her place at state in both events last season. The senior's performance helped the Millers tie for sixth place in the team standings, with Carmel. Both schools scored 23 points.

In addition to Mather's heroics, Noblesville also got a medal performance from its 4x800 relay. The team of Abby Crouch, Megan Line, Sarah Schuster and Susanna Sharples-Gordon finished in 9:19.49. With West Lafayette winning the race in 9:07.45, that means the West Lafayette regional produced the top four teams in the state.

Hamilton Heights' Sierra Brown placed fifth in the 100 hurdles, the event she won last year. Brown's time was 14.56 seconds. Westfield's Karen Hubbard earned a medal in her first state appearance, placing seventh in the 100 dash.

At Saturday's boys meet, Noblesville got a big race from its 4x400 relay team, which placed third in that event. The team of Max Milkey, Michael O'Reilly, Jake Owens and Quentin Swaim finished in a time of 3:18.88, which is a new school record.

That was the finish of a three-medal day for Milkey. The senior placed eighth in the 110 hurdles and ninth in the 300 hurdles. Owens took eighth in the 400 dash.

Westfield's 4x800 team of Johnny Crawford, Eric Gonzalez, Colin Rinne, Ethan Worthington finished sixth in that race.

Cicero hosts 31st annual triathlon

By BRIAN REDDICK

Saturday morning small town Cicero's Red Bridge Park was host to about 180 athletes from all over Indiana and even a few from out of state. Some were hard core athletes, others were there just to challenge themselves to see if they could complete the three sport endurance race. Cicero is a USAT sanctioned mini-sprint triathlon that consists of a .2 mile swim across Morse Reservoir, a 9.5 mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run. The event is put on by the Hamilton North Chamber of Commerce and DJ Orion from Radio Now 100.9 keeps the music pumping and the mood upbeat.

This year's top finisher, Sam Morgan, completed the course in 47 minutes, 37.1 seconds a new record for the event. Second place went to John Stroup, the 2013 winner, with a time of 49 minutes, 29.9 seconds.

Ladies top finishers were Leanne Zentz with a time of 59 minutes, 45 seconds and Meredith Langhorst at 59 minutes, 47 seconds.

If you would like to challenge yourself next year to see if you have what it takes, contact Jane Hunter at the Hamilton North Chamber of Commerce at 317-984-4079.



Photo by Brian Reddick/RDK PhotoGraphic

Steven Kaufman of Noblesville finishes the Cicero Triathlon, with an escort by his children.

Sheridan Men's Horseshoe results

Below are the results for the June 4th Sheridan Men's Horseshoe League competition.

The AHPA uses the COUNT-ALL-SYSTEM. A regulation game of horseshoe pitching consists of 25 innings. An inning consists of two shoes pitched by each player (two shoes times 25 innings equals 50 shoes pitches by each player per game). Each player whose shoes are within six inches of the stake count. In league and tournament competition the player scoring the most points, plus their handicap, shall be the winner of the series.

Team Scores	Won	Lost	Points
Bannon & Sons	13.5	6.5	2716
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Price Heating	6.5	13.5	2664

Individual Scores		
Actual Game	Richard Reddick	78
Actual Series	Richard Reddick	212
Handicap Game	Richard Reddick	134
Handicap Series	Richard Reddick	380



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

The Noblesville Unified Track and Field team finished tied for third in the inaugural Unified Track and Field State finals.

Noblesville Unified Track ties for third at inaugural state meet

The Noblesville Unified Track and Field team finished in a tie for third place at the IHSAA's inaugural Unified state meet, which took place Saturday at Indiana University in Bloomington.

The Millers and Boonville each scored 89 points. Warsaw won with 101 points, followed by Mount Vernon with 91.

The IHSAA explains on its Web site: "Unified Sports® enables persons with and without intellectual disabilities to participate on the same team for sports training and competition. The 'Champions Together' partnership between the Indiana High School Athletic Association and Special Olympics Indiana was launched in 2012."

Here's a list of Noblesville results:
Mixed 100 dash - Section 1: Austin Ginther 12.13.
Mixed 400 dash - Section 1: Josh Gentry 54.84, 8. Tariq Edmond 1:10.66. Section 2: 1. Saxton Barnes 56.90. Section 3: 7. Mitch Bonar 1:25.40.
Mixed 4x100 relay - Section 1: 4. Noblesville (Bonar, Sergei Ilicic, Brittany Mayfield, Grace Myers) 1:01.44.
Long jump - Flight 1: T3. Zack Niezer 16-09.5, 5. Austin Ginther 16-06.5. Flight 3: Christian Vittorio 8-02.5. Flight 4: 3. Griffin Nickels 8-00.25.
Mixed shot put - Flight 1: Manvinder Gill 43-06.5. Flight 2: Spencer Redmon 35-03.5, 4. Sergei Ilicic 34-05. Flight 3: Griffin Nickels 20-03.75.

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