

By MARY SUE ROWLAND
The year was 1903, when things changed in Noblesville for the better. That was the date of the first interurban cars that brought passengers to and from Noblesville. The interurban was a connector to rural Hamilton County and further north even as far as Ft. Wayne. Noblesville folks could ride to Indianapolis and other cities and towns on any given day. In an old advertisement around the turn of the century, riders were assured that they were safe to ride the interurban and could ride round trip for just a little over a penny per mile. However, history documented serious accidents during the years. From 1903 to 1941, the interurban ran down the middle of the street in Noblesville with stops to see the gas flames during the natural gas boom, or shopping or taking a trip to another town. In the heyday of the interurban around 1910, Noblesville welcomed 35 trains a day making it "one of the banner stations on the line"

The Indianapolis newspapers arrived in small towns all around the state each morning on the trains and folks could go for the day to Indianapolis to see a show, shop, have a meal and return by evening. But as automobiles took over and people wanted to go when and where on a moment's notice everything changed.

Just as progress would have it, the Indianapolis Traction Terminal building stood until 1972, when it was torn down. Later the bus station took its place, a sign of the times. The Noblesville Station and many other stations around the state survived to serve in various ways for downtown communities. Today there are many ideas to bring back the interurban as a local trolley. In the "Recommendations for a Cultural

Heritage Tourism Initiative" completed by Ball State University in hopes to lend vision to Noblesville recommends, "a historic street car or trolley line for Noblesville". Resurrecting an historic streetcar line that take travelers around Noblesville's historic square and historic neighborhoods could be a unique regional experience and draw for "cultural heritage tourists". The investment could have long term and far reaching returns according to the report. A community that has integrated a "heritage-type system using renovated Art Deco-era rolling stock" is Kenosha, Wisconsin. They run the trains year round even in winter. The line in Kenosha is a 2 mile loop that intersects the historic district. Using mostly Federal Funding, Kenosha's trolley project, including a storage barn, cost \$5 million dollars. They consider it money well spent as it draws tourists who spend dollars in their community not to mention the fun for the locals. Heaven knows there are ample cars at the Indiana Transportation Museum right here in Noblesville.

New ideas with a much higher price tag are being considered for a commuter rail line between Noblesville and the city. The good news is the rail line was saved and could have a new use for the corridor for the future. It could look a lot like the interurban of the 1900's. Running hundreds of passengers between important cities in an efficient way.

A story that is told about the old Traction Station in Noblesville is that Hugh McGowan, president of the Union Traction Company, picture hung in the Terminal in Indianapolis until 1972. The building was torn down and Dr. Howard Blackburn of the Indiana Transportation Museum and Noblesville was able to acquire the very large painting of Mr. McGowan. He stored it gently in a closet. Waiting to find a home for the picture, was the original Noblesville Interurban Station. David Heighway had something to do with bringing Mr. McGowan home to the station located at 9th and Clinton Streets. Mr. McGowan is displayed in a manner becoming such a visionary. He hangs in the conference room of the original Interurban Station and is usually a topic of conversation. His serious facial expression reflects the hard times and shows his success of helping to build Indiana.

As the story goes, Roy Henderson agent for the Interurban Station in Noblesville around 1910 or so, ran off with all of the ticket receipts and another man's wife. No word on the name of his companion. Just one of a million stories.

Dates and times taken from the Indiana Historical Society and Scott Bogren and the



Photo provided

This old advertisement for the Interurban rail touted its safety record and savings.

document "Recommendations for a Cultural Heritage Tourism Initiative, Ball State University stored on a dusty shelf somewhere in city hall. The Indiana Transportation Museum for years of dedication to the rail line and tourism.

On July 3, 2014 at approximately 12:07 a.m., police officers from the Noblesville Police Department responded to the area of Cumberland Road and North Point Boulevard (Noblesville), in reference to a report of a one-car motor vehicle crash. A short time later, officers arrived on the scene and made contact with the driver and passenger of the vehicle.

Based on witness statements and evidence at the scene, it appears that a 1996 Jeep was traveling southbound on Cumberland Road when it left the roadway near the

intersection of North Point Boulevard. After leaving the roadway, the vehicle struck a curb, sign, utility box, and fence before finally coming to rest at the edge of a retention pond. Both the driver and passenger were able to exit the vehicle prior to police arrival.

The driver of the vehicle is identified as Matt H. Rider, 32, of Fishers, Indiana. The passenger is identified as Kristin A. Fitzryk, 34, of Fishers, Indiana. Fitzryk was initially transported by ambulance to Riverview Health Hospital (Noblesville) and later

to St. Vincent Hospital (Indianapolis) with non-life threatening injuries.

Rider received minor injuries as a result of the crash and was treated and released by medics at the scene. Police also investigated Rider for suspicion of intoxication. After

investigatory steps were administered, Rider was transported to the Hamilton County Jail and booked on three (3) preliminary charges involving operation of a vehicle while intoxicated.

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Fireworks Train



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The year take the train to the fireworks. The Indiana Transportation Museum will be running its train 2 round trips on July 4th from Fishers and Noblesville to the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival in Cicero including an after fireworks return to both cities.

The round trip cost is \$12 for adults and \$8.00 for children (2 and under ride free).

The Lights Over Morse Lake Festival runs all day and fireworks start at approximately 10:00 p.m. over Morse Reservoir.

Departure times:

Fishers Station: 12:45 p.m., 5:09 p.m.
Noblesville Forest Park: 1:28 p.m., 5:50 p.m.
Cicero: 2:45 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (after fireworks)



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Today’s Fourth of July schedule of events

Noblesville Fireworks Festival
4 p.m. - Parade check-in at 16th and Harrison streets
5 p.m. - Parade begins. Route: 16th Street to Logan Street; Logan to 9th Street; 9th to Monument Street; and Monument to 16th Street.
6 to 10 p.m. - Free festival at Noblesville High School. There will be several activities for people of all ages. New this year will be “Pinny”—the mobile tourism vehicle from Hamilton County Tourism. The Kids Zone will feature balloon artists, face painters, carnival games, a giant slide, and an obstacle course. Festival goers of all ages will enjoy the music of Ripple Effect; Animalia animal shows (scheduled from 6 to 9:30 p.m.); a mini race car simulator; rock climbing wall; extreme air jumper; an instant photo booth, and more.
10 p.m. - Fireworks

Westfield Rocks The 4th Main Stage
4:15 to 6:30 p.m. – Stella Luna & the Satellites
7 to 9:30 p.m. – Endless Summer Band
9:40 to 10:15 p.m. – Mayor Andy Cook speaks, salute to the armed forces, presentation of colors by Westfield American Legion Post 318 and Westfield VFW Post 10207 and singing of the National Anthem by Exaltation Quartet.
10:20 p.m. – Fireworks display, set to music which can be heard in Asa Bales Park.

Kids’ Area (Sponsored by Imagine Church)
4 to 9:15 p.m. – Kids Area open with five inflatables

- 4 to 7 p.m. – Toddler bubble play
- 4 to 8 p.m. – Face painting
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Cookie walk
- 5 to 8 p.m. – Photo booth
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Scavenger hunt (with parents)
- 6 to 7 p.m. – Bingo
- 7 to 7:30 p.m. – Watermelon seed spitting contest
- 7:30 to 8 p.m. – Skittles vacuum competition

Headliners Car Show
The Headliners Car Show Area will include exhibitors and vendors in the Westfield High School parking lot, 18250 N. Union St.
3 to 5 p.m. – Car show registration
4 to 8 p.m. – Music by Donna’s Rock and Roll Cruisin’ Oldies
5 to 7:30 p.m. – Car show judging
8 to 8:30 p.m. – Awards ceremony and 50/50 drawing

Sheridan
10:30 a.m. - noon Sheridan Lions Club Parade; High School to the Park
Noon: Opening ceremonies; Main Stage
12:15 p.m. Lions Club Parade Winners Announced, Main Stage
12:30 p.m. Antique Tractor Show and Contest - sponsored by the Sheridan Lions Club; west of Concession Stand - #34 map location
12:30 - 1:20 p.m. Bubble Blowing, Hula Hoop and Watermelon Eating contests - sponsored by Sheridan Main Street, Inc. and Railer’s IGA; Main Stage area
1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Performance by Magician “Ken Sibley” - sponsored by the Sheridan Baptist Church; Main Stage

2:15 - 2:45 p.m. “D.J. Music by Ray” - Pop, Rock and Country; Main Stage area
2:45 - 3:30 p.m. Performance by the “Barker Sisters & John” - Gospel; Main Stage
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. “Mega Prize Drawings” - sponsored by the Sheridan Lions Club; Main Stage
4:30 - 6:15 p.m. “Karaoke by D.J. J.T.” - Main Stage
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Performance by the “RALPHIE” - Pop & Rock - sponsored by the Biddle Memorial Foundation; Main Stage
7:45 - 9:49 p.m. Performance by “Phase II” - Rock & Country - sponsored by the Biddle Memorial Foundation; Main Stage
9:49 p.m. Fireworks Extravaganza - sponsored by the Biddle Memorial Foundation; East Ball Diamond

Lights Over Morse Lake
All day events - Pioneer Village, 4th and 19th Indiana Light Artillery; Vendors in the Park, Pony Rides and Petting Zoo. All will take place at Community Park. In addition, the Cicero Fun Factory will be open all day at 50 W. Buckeye St. Admission is free.
9 a.m. - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and Volleyball Tournament; both at Community Park
11 a.m. - Parade, downtown Cicero
11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Kids Carnival; Community Park
2 to 4 p.m. - Free fair at Wesleyan Church Dark (approx. 10 p.m.): Fireworks over Morse Reservoir

CarmelFest
8 a.m. - Freedom Run

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Parade Festival - Noon to 10:30 p.m. at the Carmel Civic Square. Parking and admission are free.
Fireworks - 9:45 p.m.

Gazebo Stage events
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circle City Bucket Drummers
1:30 to 3 p.m. - Northside Jazz Orchestra
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - “CarmelFest Has Talent” finals
5 to 6:15 p.m. - Blair Clark
6:15 to 7:30 p.m. - 2nd Story Duo
8:30 to 9:45 p.m. - Carmel Symphony Orchestra, with guest singers from Actors Theatre of Indiana
Horizon Bank North Zone Stage
Noon to 12:45 p.m. - Diamond Crash
1:15 to 2:45 p.m. - An Innocent Band
3 to 4:30 p.m. - Bahama Llama
5 to 6 p.m. - The Tides
7 to 9:40 p.m. - My Yellow Rickshaw
KidZone Family Stage
2 p.m. - Magical Moments with CR Ryan
3 p.m. - School of Rock - Junior
4 p.m. - School of Rock - House
5 p.m. - Master Yoo’s World-class Tae Kwon
6 p.m. - International Talent Academy
7 p.m. - Radio Disney’s “Disney Road Crew”
8:30 p.m. - Master Yoo’s World-class Tae Kwon
Firehouse Stage (east of Fire Station)
4:45 to 6:15 p.m. - Andra Fay with Scott & Bob (acoustic)
6:30 to 8 p.m. - The Third Greatest (jazz quartet)
8:15 to 9:45 p.m. - Heather Michelle Chapman (modern country)



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Traffic, parking information for Noblesville Fireworks Festival

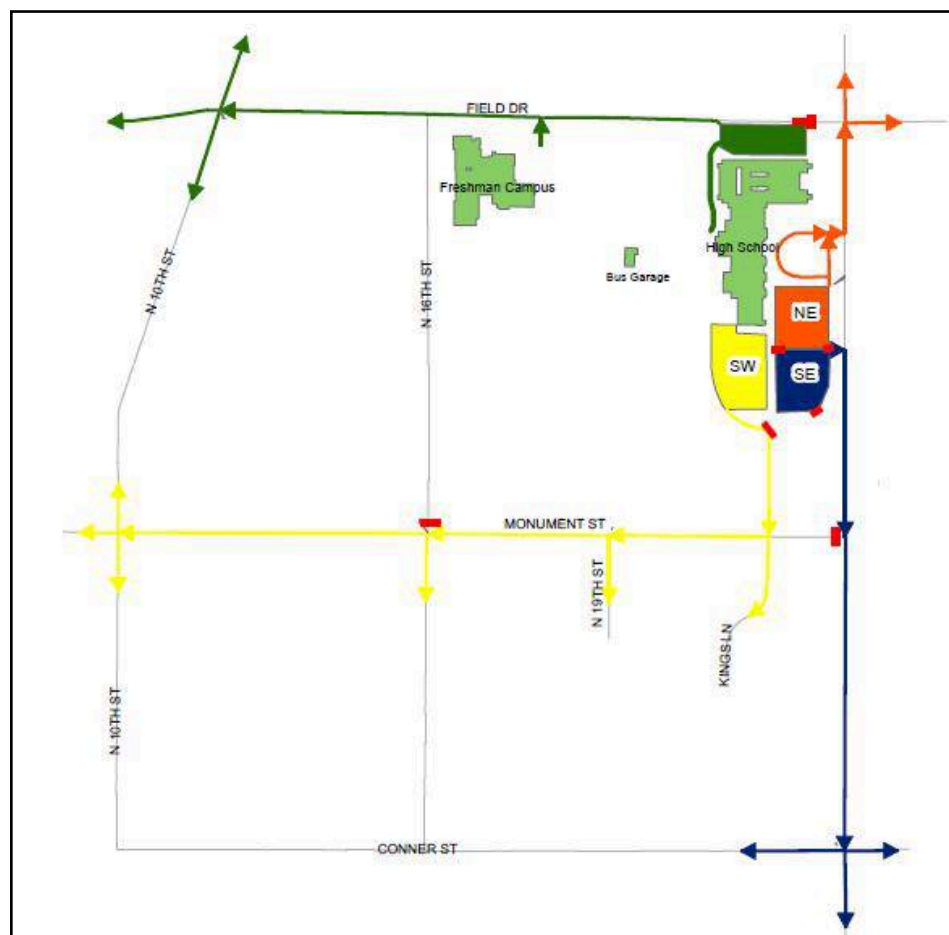
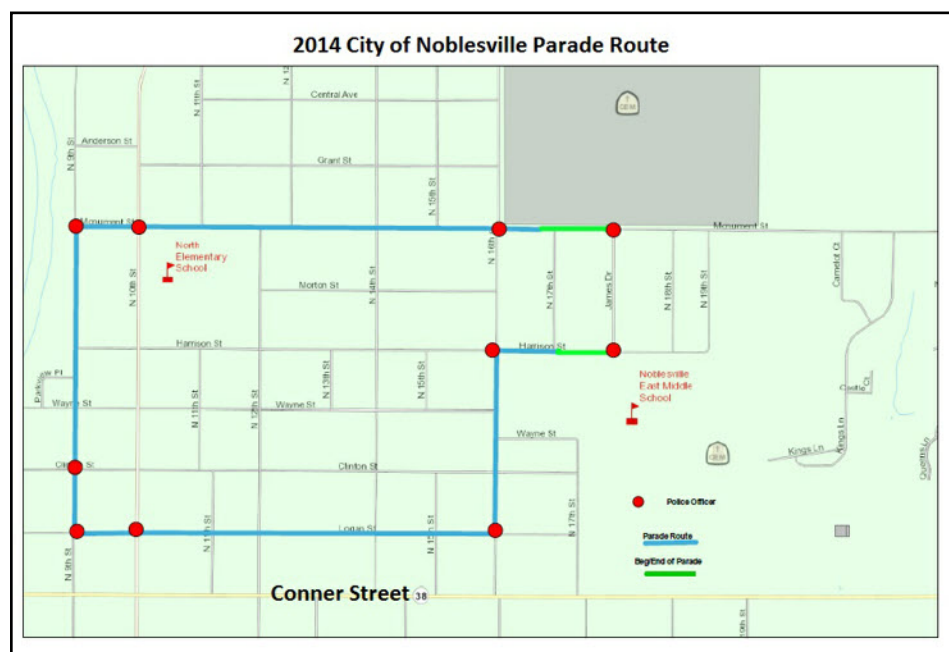
The Noblesville Police Department released this information about parking and traffic during today's Fireworks Festival:

"We hope that all of our citizens come out to enjoy Noblesville's 4th of July festivities. To ensure that everyone has the best experience at our events, we have attached specific information for each event. The evening will start out with the parade running through downtown Noblesville promptly at 5:00PM. The parade will start out at Harrison Street and 16th Street, go south on 16th Street, then go west on Logan Street all the way to 9th Street. The parade will then follow north on 9th Street to Monument Street. The parade will then continue east on Monument Street and come to a conclusion just west of Noblesville High School. Road closures will begin at 4:00PM for this event and will be closed until approximately 6:00PM at the latest. Connor Street will not be affected. You will not be able to travel north of Conner Street between 9th Street and 16th Street during the time of this event. You will not be able to travel south of Monument Street between 9th Street and 16th Street as well. Please see our attached map for the parade route so that you can avoid that area for the road closures.

Immediately following the parade the City of Noblesville will host their 4th of July Festival starting at 6:00PM at the

Noblesville High School. During this event, there will be games for the kids, food for everyone, and a concert all in the southern parking lot of the High School. Please be reminded that there are no fireworks or sparklers allowed on the school property, cemetery, or armory during this time. Also no pedestrians, vehicles, or passerby's will be allowed in the cemetery at ANYTIME during these events.

Starting at approximately 10:00PM, the Fireworks display will begin. Immediately following the Fireworks there will be several officers around the Noblesville High School. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE MAP ATTACHED FOR THE ROUTE YOU MUST TAKE IF YOU ARE PARKED NEAR THE HIGH SCHOOL. Depending on which parking lot you are in, you will be directed an exact route away from the high school. We do not do this because we want to make you take the longest route home, but to ensure that there is the quickest flow of traffic out of the high school with the high volume of cars in the area for the festivities. There will be no exceptions on which way you will be directed out of the high school, so please share this and look at the map to see which lot you should park in prior to going in to the festivities. We try to get this out as soon as we complete it so that we give everyone enough time to plan ahead.



After Westfield Rocks The 4th...

Westfield Police announce Asa Bales exit routes

The Westfield Police Department is expecting a large number of visitors to Asa Bales Park for the Fourth of July event this year and expected high volumes of vehicular traffic leaving the area after the fireworks display. In addition to the expected volume of motor vehicles, this year there are several roadway construction projects, which will limit normal traffic flow. Therefore, a motor vehicle exit plan and parking restriction location had to be developed, and the Westfield Police Department will be routing exiting vehicles as follows:

High School Parking

Traffic will be directed south on Union Street where they can either go east at SR 32 (Main Street) or continue south on Union Street to 161st Street and then go east or west.

SR 32 (Main Street) & Union

Traffic will be directed either east on SR 32 to Grass Branch and Carey Road or allowed to continue south on Union Street to 161st Street and then go east or west.

(Traffic from the High School and Neighborhood parking east of Union)

South Union & David Brown Drive (169th Street)

Traffic will not be allowed to go west from this location and will need to continue south on Union Street to 161st Street and then go east or west.

South Union & 161st Street

Southbound Union Street traffic will be directed east or west at this intersection.

181st (Hoover Street) & US 31

Traffic will be directed north on US 31 and west on 181st Street to Wheeler Road or Dartown Road.

(Middle School & Intermediate School Parking)

181st & Wheeler Road/ 181st & Dartown Road

Westbound 181st Street traffic from US 31 will be directed south on Wheeler Road in order to access SR 32, or allowed to continue westbound to Dart-

own Road and head south to access SR 32 or head north.

Wheeler Road & SR 32

Southbound Wheeler Road traffic will be directed westbound on SR 32.

Middle School Parking

North side Middle School parking will be directed west on Hoover Street (181st Street) to US 31. South side Middle School parking wanting to go north will need to travel north on Shamrock Blvd where they will be directed west on Hoover Street (181st Street) to US 31. Motorist wanting to travel south from the Intermediate School will need to travel south on Shamrock Blvd and will be directed west on SR 32 (West Main Street). Note: It may be easier for south side parking to travel south on Shamrock Blvd to SR 32.

Intermediate School Parking

Motorist wanting to travel north from the Intermediate School will need to travel north on Shamrock Blvd where they will be directed west on Hoover Street (181st Street) to US 31. Motorist wanting to travel south from the Intermediate School will need to travel south on Shamrock Blvd and will be directed west on SR 32 (West Main Street). Note: It may be easier for Intermediate School parking to travel south on Shamrock Blvd to SR 32.

Shamrock Blvd & SR 32 (West Main Street)

Traffic will be directed West on SR 32 to US 31 and allowed to either continue west of SR 32 or go south on US 31.

US 31 & SR 32

Westbound SR 32 (West Main Street) traffic will be directed south on US 31 and west on SR 32.

(Middle School & Intermediate School Parking)

Market Court @ 181st Street Parking (including parking along the roadways and grassy areas)

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On July 4, the lens opens on Nickel Plate Arts's latest art exhibition. Aperture Stop will feature photography from more than 20 artists in a range of exciting, soothing and beautiful styles. During opening night July 4, wine and cold craft beer will be available for purchase, and live music will set the mood on the Nickel Plate Arts campus (107 S. 8th St., Noblesville, Ind.). Aperture Stop runs July 4 through Aug. 30.

Ashley Richardson and Michael Jack are two of the featured local artists. Richardson works primarily in photography, both digital and traditional film with darkroom printing. Her love for the camera began when she was on the yearbook staff in sixth grade. She earned her MBA in photography from Herron School of Art and Design in 2013.

"My mother is probably my largest supporter and, of course, favorite fellow artist. She and my father have always supported me in my endeavors to build creativity within my life and encourage me to follow my dreams," Richardson says.

Jack comes to photography on the other side of a career. He became seriously involved in photography after retiring from a role as a financial executive for a Fortune 500 company. What inspires him is attempting to “capture the ordinary in a subtly unique manner to draw the viewer into the scene.” Jack was an amateur car racer and has been a high performance (race track) driving instructor for the last 18 years. You can find plenty of automobile references in his work.

The 23rd annual Noblesville Street Dance is set for July 12, 5-11 p.m. Attendees can make a fuller day of it by starting at Nickel Plate Arts for a free Pre-Party on the Patio from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Located just one block from the main event, the campus will be buzzing with live music from Celtic and old-time fiddler Emily Ann Thompson, with craft beer and wine for sale. In addition to free art activities for all ages, art will be available for

purchase and \$5 craft stations will give visitors the chance to create their own art.

Brian Paffen teaches kids how to make soap and scents using natural ingredients at Nickel Plate Arts in July. The owner of Herbal Art is an Indiana Artisan specializing in handcrafted soaps and skincare products. From honey and shea shower gel to cilantro soap, everything he produces is made by hand using all natural ingredients, and 90 percent of his raw materials come from local sources in Indiana.

The first class is Soap: My Boo Boo's Paw Print Soap, July 16, 1-2 p.m. (class fee \$12). Happy Sun: Roll-On Perfume happens July 30 (class fee \$9). Guests are asked to register by calling (317) 452-3690.

Aspiring and active poets are invited to play with poems and the artistry of poetry writing during Poetry in Motion. This “playshop” will focus on creating movement in writing, “speaking” in authentic voices and tapping into sensory image. Poet Jo Taylor of Raleigh, N.C., will lead this event. The cost is \$115, which includes beverages, morning pastry and fruit. For more information, the public may call Taylor at (919) 414-7358 or email her at jotaylor.greaseon@bellsouth.net.

All events held at Nickel Plate Arts are sponsored by the City of Noblesville and Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim. Nickel Plate Arts's Judge Stone House Gallery is open to the public every Wednesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For many more events supported by Nickel Plate Arts, visit nickelplatearts.org.

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of the Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Nickel Plate Arts Trail extends 30 miles through Fishers, Noblesville, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta and Tipton. Visit us at 107 S. 8th Street in Noblesville, online at nickelplatearts.org or call 317-452-3690.

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Noblesville track and field stars Jake Owens (far left), Deja Cox (second from left) and Max Milkey (center) were among the athletes that have been participating in the 2014 USATF Indiana Association Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. Also pictured are Chris Reed of Merrillville and Tim Wilson Jr. of Lafayette Jeff; they ran with Owens and Milkey on the 4x400 relay at the USATF Indiana event.

Noblesville, county athletes winning in USATF meets

In late June, Noblesville's Hare Chevrolet Field hosted the 2014 USATF Indiana Association Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. Four Miller tracksters participated with the TrackMySpeed competitive club- Deja Cox, Max Milkey, Jake Owens, and Jalen Garner. All athletes received three medals from the weekend events. Deja Cox and Jake Owens finished with three first place medals each. Cox finished first in the 400, and was part of the winning 4x100 and 4x400 teams. Owens was first in the 200 meter and 400 meter races, then anchored the 4x400. Max Milkey finished in first place in the 17-18 age bracket of the 400 hurdles and fourth in the 100 hurdles and was a part of the winning 4x400 team. Jalen Garner finished third in the 15-16 age bracket of the 400 meter hurdles. Owens won the 17-18 Men 400 meter race at the 2014 USA Youth Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which took place at Indiana University's Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex in Bloomington between June 24-29. Owens won the race with a time of 49.20 seconds. Dontay Wells was part of the first-place Trackmyspeed - Indiana 17-18 Men 4x400 relay team, which clocked in at 3:23.69. Cox placed third in the 17-18 Women 400 hurdle race, finishing in 1:08.37. Westfield's Karen Hubbard placed fourth in the 17-18 Women 100 meter dash. Her time was 12.46. Both Cox and Hubbard ran on the 17-18 Women 4x100 relay for Trackmyspeed - Indiana, which won its race in a time of 48.11. Fishers' Patrick Chavis, running for Indiana Storm TC, finished eighth in the 17-18 Men 200 dash, with a time of 23.52. Garner was fifth in the 15-16 Boys 400 hurdles, clocking in at 1:04.83.

Thursday baseball scores
St. Louis 7, San Francisco 2
Philadelphia 5, Miami 4
Arizona 10, Pittsburgh 2
Baltimore 5, Texas 2

Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 1
L.A. Dodgers 3, Colorado 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 4
Oakland 4, Toronto 1
L.A. Angels 5, Houston 2

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Boston	38	47	.447	8.0
Tampa Bay	38	50	.432	9.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	48	34	.585	-
Kansas City	44	40	.524	5.0
Cleveland	41	43	.488	8.0
Chi. White Sox	40	46	.465	10.0
Minnesota	38	46	.452	11.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	52	33	.612	-
L.A. Angels	48	36	.571	3.5
Seattle	47	38	.553	5.0
Texas	37	48	.435	15.0
Houston	36	51	.414	17.0
National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	47	38	.553	-
Washington	46	38	.548	0.5
Miami	41	44	.482	6.0
N.Y. Mets	37	48	.435	10.0
Philadelphia	37	48	.435	10.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	51	35	.593	-
St. Louis	46	40	.535	5.0
Pittsburgh	44	41	.518	6.5
Cincinnati	43	41	.512	7.0
Chi. Cubs	37	46	.446	12.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	49	39	.557	-
San Francisco	47	38	.560	0.5
San Diego	38	47	.447	9.5
Colorado	36	50	.419	12.0
Arizona	36	51	.414	12.5

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