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Fourth of July festivities



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Civil War re-enactors from the 4th and 19th Indiana Light Artillery Battery fire a volley over Morse Reservoir before the Cicero fireworks, which ended the day at Lights Over Morse Lake. Pictured is the gun crew: Joe Ferrell, Shelly Coleman, Mike Regner and Jason Vilchez.

The County Line Is apartment construction out of control?

By FRED SWIFT

Have you noticed the huge number of new apartment units being built in Hamilton County in months? recent Some might say that apartment construction is out of control in Hamilton County.

At the least, somebody is not thinking ahead to

what rapidly increasing numbers of apartment complexes is going to mean for the future. There's nothing wrong with a reasonable number of apartments, many people desire apartment living.

But, planners and local officials should keep the numbers in some kind of balance with other residential construction. Each new complex with hundreds of living units requires fire and police protection, school facilities and roadways adequate to handle huge numbers of cars.

Why the apartment building boom? Some of it has to do with easier-to-get loans for construction, and later the write-off of depreciation on the struc-

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Jim Neal: Responsibility of the Press

Part 2

Issues of the time

the lake; or playing a few rounds of golf; or eventually became Morse Reservoir. at the cabin on a short vacation yesterday and you missed reading the July 4 (yes, we publish on most holidays) issue of the . Hamilton County Reporter, please go back and read Jim Neal's article on the "responsibility of the press."

Neal's comments were part of the Ledger's 100th anniversary edition, published in 1988.

The Reporter believes that especially on the 4th of July Neal's article was very much worth repeating.

Four years earlier, Jim and brother John had sold the Noblesville Daily Ledger to an Ohio newspaper publisher, Lee Stauffer.

We published part of Jim's column yesterday and will finish the article on

When we left off yesterday, Jim was writing about the media's role in under covering, if you will, local governmental type events and, with each, asking the question: Did the newspaper act in the public's interest?

His first such happening was in the early 1950 when the Ledger discovered a Chicago buyer was purchasing wide tracts of farm land. An investigation disclosed that the Indianapolis Water Company, a public

utility, had employed a private firm to buy

Editor's Note: If you were boating on this land without explanation to create what

That was back in the 1950s. We all can see today what has happened with the land at Morse.

The story picks up today with school consolidation, which also happened in the satisfactory solution?

Also in the 1950s the Indiana General Assembly mandated a program of school consolidation in an effort to eliminate many of the economically poor rural schools and create a more efficient educational system.

It was highly controversial and evoked widespread opposition which was both vocal

and occasionally physically violent. Elected school board members, school officials and civic leaders involved in the public hearing process and newspaper had been adopted by county government representatives were frequently greeted with verbal abuse and complaints. News coverage was described as inaccurate and

his role and never again participated in community activities.

Throughout it all the local newspaper consolidation. Eventually the nine districts were consolidated into six.

Years elapsed before some of the participants accepted the results.

The question is did the newspaper properly fulfill its function in keeping the public informed of the public process and provide leadership in achieving a

provoked Another issue which community debate was the establishment of planning and zoning ordinances in Hamilton County.

Their jurisdiction and effectiveness are still at issue in 1988 after more than a quarter century of controversy.

The early debates posed complicated stories to tell. Emotions were so high it was difficult for the public to learn the facts, let alone comprehend them.

One group of opponents to zoning which marched on the courthouse and also on the newspaper in downtown Noblesville. A reporter was physically accousted not because he was the creator of the news, but One civic leader eventually abandoned because he was the purveyor of the news. There was widespread cancellation of subscriptions to the Ledger because it supported planning and zoning. A reported at length on each hearing in all nine subsequent voters' referendum brought an Hamilton County school districts and even end county's Plan Commissioner and took an editorial position in favor of Zoning Appeals Board - a decision which

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Kindergarten Rules: Not just for kindergarteners

By AIMEE GEBHART



teaching us how to get along with one another. A big part of that was admitting when we made missay, "I'm sorry". As embraced her teachings and managed to so eloquently. get along peacefully

without killing one another. Unfortunately, as adults, I think some of us need a little kindergarten remediation.

A case in point happened recently when I was riding with my parents to my daughter's school for an evening performance. The driver ahead of us at a stoplight was distracted (appeared to be looking down at his phone) and did not go when it big deal. Except to "Mr. Slowsky" in front of us, it was.

He turned into the school parking lot ahead of us, waited for us to park, and then circled around to pull up next to my dad's car. He rolled down his window as my dad of horrible attitude on the last day at my was getting out and began to tell him very

snidely how annoying it was to honk at When I was in kindergarten, my teacher someone. My dad replied calmly that it was spent a lot of time no more annoying than someone holding up traffic to text. Mr. Slowsky's mature response was to yell over and over as he drove away that my dad was just a "grumpy old man".

This infuriated me. First of all, what takes and learning to ever happened to showing respect to our elders? I would never dream of speaking little 5 year olds, we that way to someone, much less to someone that I considered an "old man", as he stated

> What floored me even more was the fact that this guy couldn't handle being honked at when he was clearly in the wrong. You know, if I'm not paying attention at a green light and someone honks at me, I feel badly about it. I give an apologetic wave and mouth "Sorry!" to them because *I* made the mistake. That's on me and I own it. Not so much for Mr. Slowsky, though.

A similar incident happened to my turned green. My dad waited a moment and mother-in-law a few weeks ago. She was in then honked the horn to get him going. No a Costco parking lot when someone almost hit her with their car. It scared her to death, yet the person who almost hit her got mad and gave her the middle finger! Seriously! How's that for class and concern?

I witnessed another example of this kind daughter's school. Parents were there tak-

ing photos as the 5th graders paraded through the school at dismissal, and one mom with a camera was blocking a path so that kids could not get through to leave. A teacher asked her politely to move aside so that the kids could pass, and this mom became irate. I could actually see her lips trembling with anger. She kept babbling about how this was her "baby angel" and she was going to take her "baby angel's" picture and no one would stop her. Oh my. I don't know who I pitied more, the teacher or the "baby angel" who had to leave with his embarrassing mother.

What disturbs me the most in all of these instances is how fragile and defensive people seem to be when it comes to admitting mistakes. We're all human. We all mess up. So, why is it such a big deal to admit that? In most cases, it's something small that can be smoothed over quickly with a simple, "Oops, my bad!" and a smile. Can you imagine how many conflicts could be avoided if more people tried that?

It all goes back to those basic kindergarten rules. If you make a mistake, say you're sorry. If you hurt someone, apologize and make sure they are okay. If someone asks you politely to move, just move. And if all else fails, pull out your cot, grab your blanket, and sleep off your bad mood.

Fire damages home in Monterey Village

On July 4, 2014, at approximately 2:49 p.m. the Noblesville Fire Department was dispatched to 452 Woodview Drive for a possible residence fire. This address is located in the Monterey Village housing addition in Noblesvillle.

At 2:53 p.m. first arriving units noted a light haze of smoke coming from the interior of the home. Upon entry crews encountered a small fire in the kitchen, on top of the stove. Crews were able to extinguish the fire with a small water extinguisher, mitigating any further fire damage. The fire was marked under control and extinguished

The homeowners, James & Vena Miller were at home at the time of the fire. Mrs. Miller stated she was cooking in the kitchen and was preparing a pan of grease on the stove to cook dinner. Mrs. Miller stated she left the kitchen monetarily and when she returned the pan of grease was on fire.

The estimated fire & smoke damage to the home is around \$20,000. Cooking fires are the number one cause of fires in the home. While cooking in your homes never leave items on your stove unattended. Also, make sure you check your smoke detectors once a month.

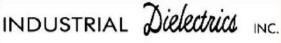
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Thanks also to everyone who attended this year's festivities!

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condemned ever since.

The question is did the press play a proper role in covering this volatile issue so that the people were adequately informed and able to make a correct judgment on the those losses in reporting the games. future of planning and zoning?

played a major role in school consolidation. Whether the teams won or lost also had a lot to do with community morale. The movie "Hoosiers" is hardly an exaggeration of as coaches came under fire from partisan

for newspapers in small cities and towns. The Ledger has long emphasized sports on

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has been both widely praised and its pages which makes it difficult for a sports writer to cover losing teams.

> During one disastrous Noblesville lost 20 games in a row and the sports editor found 20 different excuses for

But that wasn't good enough. Fans Identity of the local basketball teams booed the reporter, if not the team. One parent actually split in the reporter's face as they passed on the sidewalk in downtown Noblesville.

The sports writer eventually went into a what happened in Hamilton County athletics different line of work and Noblesville hasn't lost 20 games in a row since.

The question is should the press tell it Sports coverage is extremely important like it is or how the reader wants it to be?

Final Part On Sunday

APARTMENT

From Page 1

community to go overboard on approvals. buildings of this age, and in many cases the

most of the units. The recession brought owners fail to keep the units in top condiabout a demand for less expensive housing. But, when the economy fully recovers the

they were largely two-story. This obviously adds to the number of units that can be built on increasingly expensive ground.

But, the real question is what will some

tures. These are not good reasons for the 15 or 20 years? Marion County has a lot of So far there have been renters to fill situation is not good. If second and third tion, trouble develops.

One factor that may lend to the large demand may lessen causing a glut on the number of these complexes is the fact that we in Hamilton County have nine Most of the newest complexes have planning/zoning jurisdictions. Better coorthree-story buildings whereas in past years dination is needed between jurisdictions on this type construction so that the net result is a known and controlled number of apartments countywide.

Such efforts can have an impact on the of these apartment communities look like in future quality of life in Hamilton County.

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Noblesville July Fourth Parade



Upper Left: Lyla Miller of Noblesville enjoys the parade in her red, white and

Upper right: NHS Marching Millers'drum line

Lower left: A few kids from Green Valley Preschool

Lower right: Local parade legend Mark Jones skates through 9th Street and Logan St

photos by Brian Reddick











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Lights Over Morse Lake Festival









Upper left: Aerial view of the festival in Community Park. *A special thanks to the Cicero Fire Dept for help getting this shot.*

Upper center: Ethan, Luke and Vivian Preyss ride in the parade

Upper right: Anthony Wallace rides his horse in the LOML parade Friday

Left: Fireworks over Morse Lake

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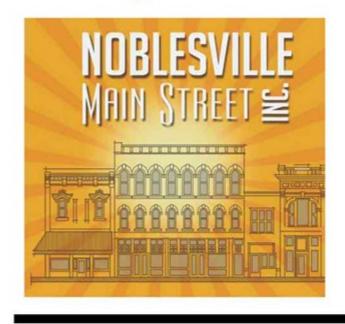




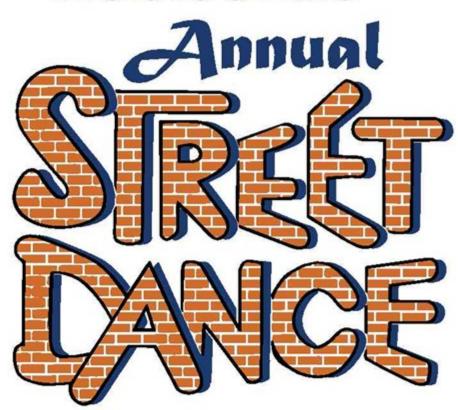




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State Open begins Monday...

Large county group in field

By DON JELLISON **Reporter Editor**

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the summer, the Indiana Open Championships, will under get way Monday with a large Hamilton County field in the competition..

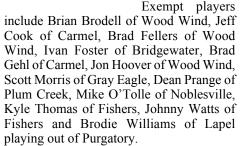
72-hole The stroke tourney will run July 7-10 at Otter Creek Country Club in Columbus. The field will be sliced to the top 70 and ties after the first two

days. qualification rounds at six different courses, 16 Hamilton 69. County golfers made the field, plus two local players enter the 73.

from qualifying.

A dozen of the local qualifiers did so at the Legends in Franklin, led by Robert Bader of Carmel. Andy Winings of Fishers Michaud of Fishers. They each shot a 69 to finish third in that competition.

Four qualified Heartland Crossing, led by an 18th place finish from Fishers Taylor Davis.



At Heartland Crossing Qualified

T24, Chris Gauss, Fishers, Sagamore, 77 T24, Wil Pahud, Carmel, Crooked Stick, 77. T30, Jon Williams, Carmel, Wood Wind,

Alternate

T38, Andrew Havill, Carmel, Woodstock,

Did Not Qualify

T37, Brian Ballard, Westfield, Brookshire,

T37, Evan Steger, Noblesville, Pebble Brook, 79.

T43, Adam Ross, Fishers, Woodland Trails,

T55, Ryan Early, Fishers, 83.

At Legends Qualified

T3, Robert Bader, Carmel, Crook Stick, 69. T3, Andy Winings, Fishers, 69.

T3, Brigham Michaud, Fishers, Plum Creek,

8, Graham McAree, Fishers, Hawthorns, 70. 14, Adam Rhodes, Westfield, Wolf Run, 72 alternates. Another 12 T20, Michael Bode, Westfield, Wolf Run,

tourney as exempt T20, Johnny Deck, Carmel, Bridgewater,

T20. Sam Hardwick. Noblesville. Harbour Trees, 73.

29, Jake Brown, Carmel, Crooked Stick, 75. 29, Jackson Wright, Noblesville, 75.

29, Paul Resner, Fishers, Hillview, 75. T37, Timothy Hildebrand, Bridgewater, 76.

Alternate Brigham T37, Dave Richter, Carmel, Woodland, 76. **Did Not Qualify**

T37, Mike Cline, Crooked Stick, Carmel,

T37, David Hildebrand, Carmel,

Bridgewater, 76. T37, Jeremy Ray, Carmel, Bridgewater, 76.

T55, Chase Campbell, Fishers, Old Oakland, T65, Dillon Barendt, Carmel, 80.

65, Kevin Stone, Carmel, Wolf Run, 80. 65, Erik Barrett, Carmel, Meridian Hills, 80.

T70, Tony Pancake, Crooked Stick, 81. T76, Colton Smith, Westfield, Wood Wind,

T79, Johnny Norton, Noblesville, 85. 81, Wes Bowman, Fishers, 89.

82, Taylor Johnson, Fishers, 97.

At Tippecanoe

Alternate 12, Bradley Mays, Pebble Brook, 75. **Did Not Qualify**

18, Craig Schelbert, Carmel, Wolf Run, 77.



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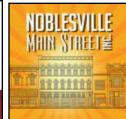
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Sheridan Horseshoe League approaching season's halfway point

On July 2, 2014 the Sheridan Horseshoe Below are the individual leaders and their League Pitchers met to battle for positions as they approach the end of the first half of the season.

United Feed's Richard Law and Richard Reddick continue to play consistently, positioning their team to remain in first place this first half of the season. While team Aspaugh Electric continues to come in a close second. Teams Encompass CU, Bannon & Sons, and O'Reilly Auto Parts battle

The team standings after pitching on July 2, 2014 are as follows:

Team Scores	Won	Lost	Points
United Feeds	46	14	8344
Asphaugh Electric	41	19	8257
Encompass CU	28.5	31.5	8012
Bannon & Sons	27	33	8042
O'Reilly Auto Parts	25.5	34.5	7912
Price Heating	12	48	8034

scores:

Actual Game Richard Law 82 Greg Emry 78 Sam Gibbons 72

Actual Series Richard Law 228 Greg Emry 199 Jim Lacey 195

Handicap Game Bill Sutton 133 Sam Gibbons 131 Greg Emry 129

Handicap Series Bill Sutton 374 Richard Law 360 Greg Emry 352

Strong summer season for 'Blazers boys hoops

By RICHIE HALL **Reporter Sports Editor**

There's many reasons to believe that the players on the University boys basketball team can't wait for November.

The seniors on this year's team - and there will be several - still have fresh memories of the Trailblazers regional championship in 2013. And University's summer season has been a strong one.

"This summer has been our best June ever at University," said Brandon Lafferman, who is entering his second year at UHS. "Our attendance at Strength and Conditioning and basketball open gyms has been outstanding, and the coaches really liked the way our boys competed at both the JV and Varsity levels during the Tri West Shootout and the Wabash Shootout."

The Trailblazers zoomed through the bracket at Wabash, beating Carmel on their man all the way to the seniors," said Lafferway to the championship game.

"The Varsity team was the runner up at the Wabash Shootout, only losing to Terre year, playing a tough schedule against such Haute North in the Championship game," said Lafferman.

back, both of whom will be seniors. Tyler season, as 2A teams Cardinal Ritter and Diehl averaged 14.7 points per game last

year, with Robbie Johnson pouring in 11.5 points each game.

The Trailblazers' top two rebounders have graduated, but Diehl was pretty good on the boards, grabbing 4.0 per game. Mikhail Liston, also a senior-to-be, led the assist category; he handed out 3.0 per game. Johnson was third on the list with 2.7.

One interesting note is that the experience level won't change much, if at all. University graduated six seniors, but there will be six seniors returning this year. In addition to the afore-mentioned players, Jacob Daniels is back, along with his 3.2 rebounds per game. Zach Duncan and Jazen Cosby each saw some varsity play last year, and were able to contribute to the team.

"I am excited about the season ahead, and all of the talented players we have to work with this coming season from fresh-

University finished its season 14-10 last teams as Bishop Chatard, Covenant Christian and Heritage Christian. The Class 1A University has its two leading scorers Trailblazers will be challenged again this Irvington Prep are on the schedule

Major League Baseball standings

From mlb.com

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	46	39	.541	-
Toronto	47	41	.534	0.5
N.Y. Yankees	43	42	.506	3.0
Boston	38	47	.447	8.0
Tampa Bay	39	50	.438	9.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	48	35	.578	-
Kansas City	45	40	.529	4.0
Cleveland	41	44	.482	8.0
Chi. White Sox	41	46	.471	9.0
Minnesota	38	47	.447	11.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	53	33	.616	-
L.A. Angels	49	36	.576	3.5
Seattle	47	39	.547	6.0
Texas	37	49	.430	16.0
Houston	36	52	.409	18.0

National Leag

W	L	PCT.	GB
48	38	.558	-
46	39	.541	1.5
41	45	.477	7.0
38	48	.442	10.0
37	49	.430	11.0
W	L	PCT.	GB
51	36	.586	-
47	40	.540	4.0
45	41	.523	5.5
44	41	.518	6.0
38	46	.452	11.5
W	L	PCT.	GB
50	39	.562	-
47	39	.547	1.5
39	47	.453	9.5
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Friday scores

Chi. Cubs 7, Washington 2 N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 5 Oakland 1, Toronto 0, 12 innings Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia 2

San Diego 2, San Francisco 0 Kansas City 7, Cleveland 1 Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 3

Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 2 Chi. White Sox 7, Seattle 1 N.Y. Mets 6, Texas 5 St. Louis 3, Miami 2 Atlanta 5, Arizona 2 L.A. Dodgers 9, Colorado 0 L.A. Angels 7, Houston 6 Postponed: **Baltimore at Boston**

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