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One shot, one dead...

Noblesville Standoff

By BRIAN REDDICK

At about 2:30pm Monday afternoon Noblesville police were called to the 10300 block of Cerulean Dr in the Meadows Glen subdivision to a report of a woman shot.

Neighbors indicated that the woman, Tricia Wagner, had been shot in the leg while at her mailbox. The gunman had then gone back into his residence at 10395 Cerulean Dr.

Noblesville police secured the area and made attempts to contact the gunman. “Our negotiators and patrol officers that arrived on the scene tried to establish communication with the person inside for a period of time,” said Lt. Bruce Barnes of the Noblesville Police Department.

Noblesville’s hostage negotiations team was successful in communicating with the the man barricaded in his home for about an hour. Then for reasons unknown the gunman stopped speaking with officers. Negotiators continued to make every effort to communicate with the man for a peaceful outcome.

After nearly four hours of attempting to come to a peaceful resolution, Noblesville’s ESU (emergency services unit) had to take action. Just after 6:30pm the ESU team fired tear gas into the home in an attempt to get the man to exit the residence. With no success, the team entered the home and found the gunman deceased. Police have not released the cause of his death at this time.

Police are not releasing the name of the gunman and are investigating why the man shot his next door neighbor.

Police spokesperson Lt. Bruce Barnes told the Reporter that Mrs. Wagners injuries were not life threatening.

Neighbor Wayne Bradley, who had just moved into his home about a week ago, was working in his front yard at the time of the incident. He told the Reporter that he heard a woman yelling for help but never heard the actual gun shot. Bradley has lived in



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Noblesville Police officers position themselves behind fire trucks and squad cars as cover during the 4 hour standoff Monday afternoon

Hamilton County previously and said “this isn’t normal, its a very safe community, someplace to raise a family”.

When asked if Noblesville was a safe place to live Lt. Barnes said “We don’t live in a bubble, it would be naïve to think that, but normally yes a safe place”

Noblesville Police were assisted by Westfield, Carmel and Fishers Police as well as the Noblesville Fire Department.

Representatives from the Hamilton County Prosecutors Office and the Hamilton County Coroners Office were also called to the scene. Noblesville Police expects to release more information as it becomes available.



Reporter photos by Brian Reddick

Above – Armored personnel carrier arrives with ESU (emergency services unit)



Above – Noblesville Officer Edie Keesee watches the north perimeter of the scene

Below – Meadows residents join hands to pray for officers and neighbors involved in the standoff



Noblesville ESU officers take up position behind cars

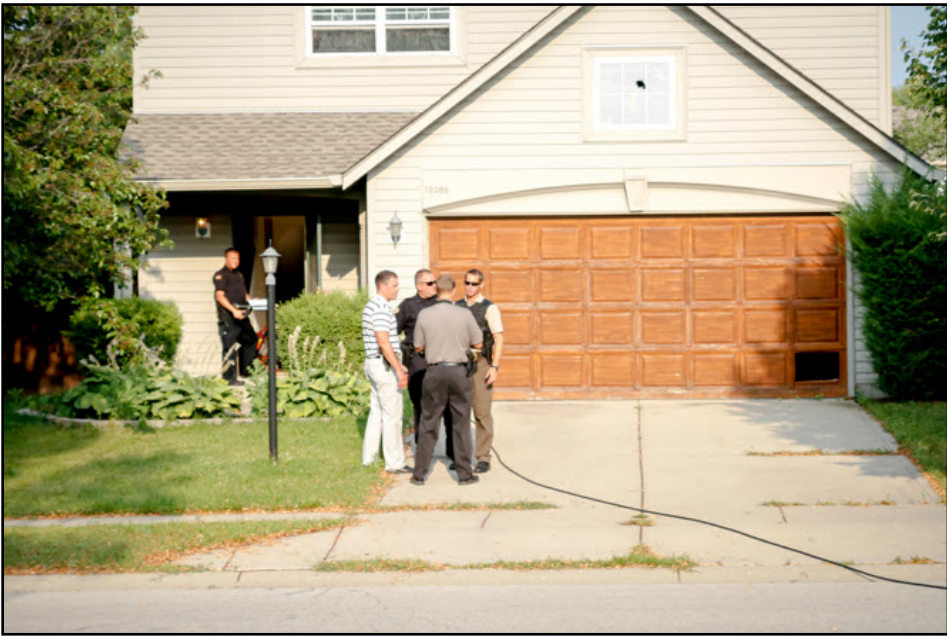


Noblesville Standoff



Left – Fishers Police ESU masked up for tear gas deployment

Below – A hole in the window of the alleged gunman’s house from tear gas deployment



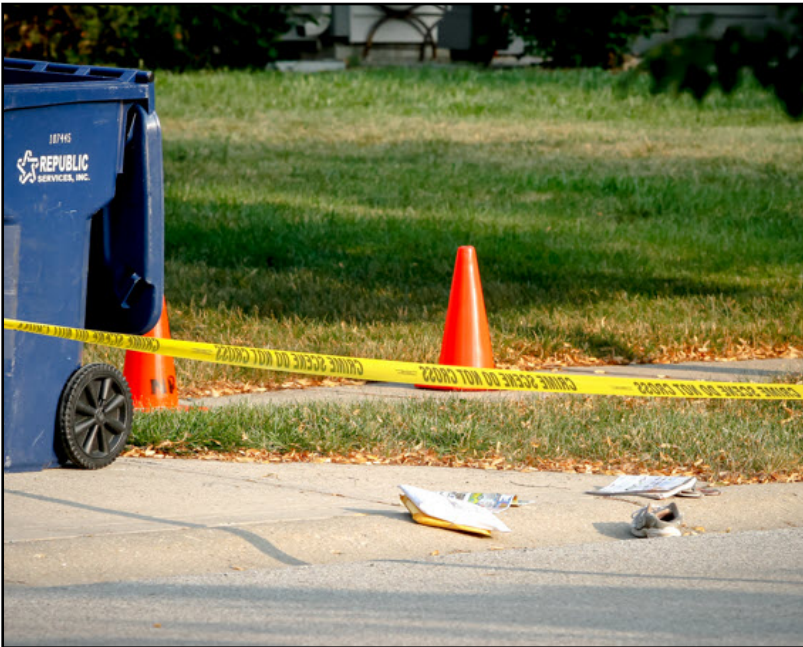
Noblesville Detectives work outside the residence of the alleged gunman



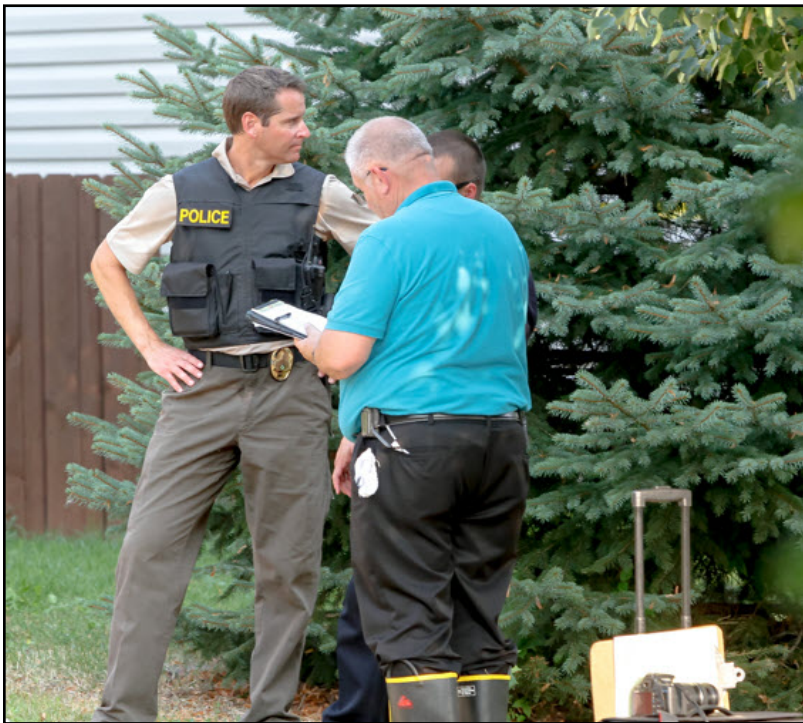
Shooting victim, Tricia Wagner's, residence



Above – NPD's Sgt. Robert Bussalacchi dismounts from the back of the armored personnel carrier



Above Right – Crime scene tape around the shoes and displaced mail from the shooting victim



Left – Hamilton County Coroner Thurl Cecil begins his investigation

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Sheridan officers escape burning building

By JEFF JELLISON
This week the Sheridan community began to heal from last Saturday's devastating fire that occurred in the historic district of Main Street.
Power has been restored to all of the downtown area. The site of the fire, 400 South Main Street, has been demolished. Main Street (State Road 38) has been re-opened to traffic. Federal, State and local investigators have finished sifting the rubble.
Sheridan Police Chief Bob Shock, in a statement to the Reporter, said he would like to thank the many members of the community for assisting with providing food and water to the emergency personal that responded to the fire.
Shock also commended his police officers for their work during the tragedy. Many of which are reserve officers.
Reserve officers at Sheridan are unpaid. They also are required to pay out of their pocket much of their uniform and equipment expense.
What Shock is most thankful for is two reserve officers escaping serious injury while trying to clear the three-story building of occupants.
Captain David Boone, a 10 year Sheridan Police Department veteran, and Devon Myers, who has five years experience with

the department, were two of the first emergency responders arriving at the fire scene.
Myers and Boone are un-paid reserve officers.
Boone said he was working the Blue Grass Festival Saturday when the call came out of a structure fire at 400 South Main Street. "Devon and I were just a few blocks away when we heard the call."
"We went to the front door and found an onlooker trying to break out the glass in the door with a golf club." Boone indicated people standing near the front of the business stated people may be inside the building.
"I kicked the door in so Devon and I could enter the building to begin the search for possible occupants."
Boone and Myers immediately cleared the first floor of the building and proceeded to the upper levels of the three-story building.
The building contained a loft style apartment in the upper levels.
"After clearing the third floor we started working our way out of the building. When we got back down to the second floor the heat, flames and smoke begin to overtake us."
"We're trained to exit the building the same path we came in if at all possible," said Boone. "The second story landing was

blocked due to the flames and heavy smoke. We realized we needed to find another way out."
"The smoke was so heavy I had to pull my shirt up over my face and we started looking for a window," stated the veteran officer.
Boone and Myers found a second story window; however, were unable to open it due to bars that had been placed over the window. "By now, due to the extreme amount of smoke and heat, it was impossible to breathe," said Boone.
Both officers then found another window located on the west side of the building. "The window also had bars covering it, but we were able to pull the bars off and kick the window out. That is when I seen a fire truck pull up on the northwest side of the building," continued Boone.
Myers and Boone were able to get the attention of firefighters who then began to place a ladder up to the window where both officers were waiting.
Boone stated because the smoke and heat was so intense he was prepared jump out of the second story window of what was then Sheridan's tallest building.
Boone indicated Myers was the first out the window. "Devon came out so quickly the fire department did not have time to



Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison
Capt. David Boone

fully set the ladder and it collapsed on Devon."
"As I was climbing down the ladder, before I got to the ground, I looked up and flames and smoke were pouring out of the window. That is how close it was," concluded Boone.
Boone and Myers were treated and released at the scene by paramedic personnel.



Cicero Friends of the Park conduct Kids Go Fishing Day at Red Bridge Park

By JEFF JELLISON
Cicero Friends of the Park conducted their annual Kids Go Fishing Day on Saturday along the banks of Morse Reservoir at Red Bridge Park.
Mike Murphy, a member of the organization, said this year was the seventh year of hosting the event.
Fishing poles, bait and lunch were provided to the nearly 50 participants.
Several area businesses and organizations provided door prizes that were awarded at the conclusion of the event.
In addition to Cicero Friends of the Park, the event was also sponsored by Cicero Parks Department and Post 341 Sons of American Legion.

Left - Ivy Abbott (left) and Abby Ross (right) fish from the banks of Morse Reservoir at Red Bridge Park

The County Line

Transportation referendum would have spiced up dull election

By FRED SWIFT
We haven't heard much lately about the proposed public transportation plan that was finally passed by the state legislature and given to the counties to decide.
In case the matter has been forgotten, it's the new law that allows central Indiana counties the option of asking voters if they wish to increase their local income tax to finance bus transportation to downtown Indianapolis.
It appears there will be no transportation referendum on the ballot until the 1916 election. It could have been placed on this year's November ballot, but no move has been made to do so. Regardless of how one feels about the issue, a controversial ballot question would probably increase the voter turnout when it does appear.
With low voter participation expected this year, a tax referendum might have been a method for increasing interest in an

otherwise dull election. Such was the case some years ago when a referendum on pari-mutuel horse racing appeared on the ballot. Turnout set a near-record for an off-year election.
Some interesting figures appeared in the news media last week about the ridership of the limited bus service now offered through efforts of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA). The CIRTA folks said public transit buses now running between Fishers and Indy, and also between Carmel and downtown Indy are averaging 100 riders per day.
That's not enough, and so a financial problem has developed. Now a decision has to be made as to whether to increase the \$5 charge, reduce the number of bus runs or ask local government for funds to subsidize the two current routes.
If the full regional transit plan is placed in effect with approval of voters, service to Noblesville, Westfield and wider areas of the county would be included, but apparently an earlier inclusion of light rail service on the Nickel Plate has been dropped. Only buses are now envisioned.

Before the legislature enacted the option for counties to join in the plan for wider service, there was support expressed by some local officials, Chambers of Commerce and some others, but no massive outcry from the public.
All of this raises a question of whether the mass transit plan is an idea whose time has yet to come.

From Afghanistan to the 4H Fairgrounds



photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Pete Zebrowski, Noblesville, surprises his wife Kate with an early return from Afghanistan Friday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. The Indiana State Police assisted in getting Pete to the 4-H grounds. He had previously surprised his daughter Peighton. Pete is a reservist with the Army and his unit is from Sharonville, Ohio.



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Obituaries

Mary Rachael Gossard

September 24, 1915 - July 14, 2014



Mary Rachael Gossard passed away at 4:04 a.m. on Monday, July 14, 2014 at Wellbrooke of Westfield Center for Health and Wellness in the loving arms of her granddaughter.

Mary Rachael (McDonald) Gossard was born on September 24, 1915 in Boone County, Indiana to Fred Edgar McDonald and Blanche (Freeman) McDonald.

She was a member of the Class of 1933 that also had the distinction of being the very first class to graduate from the new Sheridan High School.

While a student at Sheridan High School she won numerous local and state vocal competitions. She was a featured soloist at many prestigious events. She sang at many weddings and funerals for decades. She was also an accomplished pianist.

She was a graduate of the Indiana Business College in Indianapolis, Indiana.

She married Max Eugene Gossard on December 7, 1934. They enjoyed fifty-nine years of marriage before he passed away on January 3, 1994.

They had one child, a son, Max Eugene Gossard Jr. born on September 4, 1935.

He passed away on December 23, 2006.

Mary Rachael was an eighty-seven year member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church where she sang in the Choir for over fifty years.

She was a member of the Sheridan Order of the Eastern Star #226 where she was Worthy Matron in 1950.

She was a founding and eighty year member of the G and E Club.

She enjoyed hosting a Euchre Club for she and her husband's friends for over fifty years.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

She was a member of the Progress Club where she served as Secretary.

She worked for Weaver's Department Store in Sheridan for many years.

Mary Rachael worked for twenty-five years and retired in 1978 from Western Electric in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was a layout and set up operator. She also was very proud to have completed the wiring for the very first Princess telephone. She was recognized for her many years of Perfect Attendance.

Mary Rachael celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday on September 24, 2013.

Mary Rachael was an extra-ordinary "Made from Scratch" cook and created many Gossard Family traditions. She was able to prepare her traditional and "Made from Scratch" foods for her final Thanksgiving dinner in 2010. Just one of her many time honored traditions was preparing craft projects for everyone to enjoy after Thanksgiving Day dinners. Everyone would work all afternoon creating very complex craft projects that could be used for the Christmas holiday.

Her talents as a cook and baker were known for generations of family and friends. Children of her G and E Club members still comment to this very day about her extra-ordinary cooking and baking.

She enjoyed doing all kinds of "handwork" as she called it. She loved sewing, net darning, needlepointing, knitting and crocheting. She often submitted her work to the Boone County Fair where she won numerous awards and recognition throughout the years.

She always said that some of the very best and most enjoyable years of her life was traveling to see her granddaughter Julie perform as an Indiana State Sparkette but more importantly she would joke was that she was fortunate enough to attend every one of Larry Bird's home basketball games! She, her husband Max, son Gene, daughter-in-law Judie, and grandson Alan would even drive to Greencastle, Indiana for all of Larry Bird's away games just so they could watch the Indiana State basketball team at a local motel. When she was asked why she retired so young from Western Electric she said she had to because she was getting too worn out from traveling to Terre Haute, IN to all of the Indiana State home games. Then, to Greencastle, IN to watch the away games and be able to get up to go to work and be on the road at 4:00 a.m.!

She possessed a wonderful sense of humor that was with her until the end.

Mary Rachael was blessed with a lifetime of phenomenal health and was able to live in the comforts of her very own home until she was taken to the hospital on Friday afternoon, May 2, 2014.

She was dearly loved and cherished. She will be especially missed by her grandson, Max Alan Gossard and her granddaughter, Julia Kay Gossard who lovingly created her special moniker of "Mamoo" from which she was known forever after by her family since 1959.

Mary Rachael was preceded in death by her husband Max Eugene Gossard Sr., her son Max Eugene Gossard Jr., and parents Fred Edgar McDonald and Blanche (Freeman) McDonald. She was preceded in death by her three siblings, Thelma Jane McDonald, John Avery McDonald, and James Edward McDonald. She was preceded in death by her Uncle Earl Avery Freeman and Aunt Eulalia Maude Freeman.

Mary Rachael is survived by one daughter-in-law, Judith (McConnell) Gossard, one granddaughter, Julia Kay Gossard, one grandson, Max Alan (Susan) Gossard, and two Great Grandsons, Grant Alan Gossard and Garrett Matthew Gossard all of Sheridan, Indiana.

She is survived by two nephews Dr. John Earl (Marge) McDonald of San Clemente, California, James (Jane) Turner McDonald of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and one niece Susan (Lem) Skidmore of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. She is survived by several great nieces and nephews.

Calling was from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Thursday July 17, 2014 at Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, Indiana with the Reverend Carole Fritz officiating. Funeral Services followed at 3:00 p.m. Interment will be at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Max E. Gossard Jr. Scholarship Fund, care of The Farmer's Bank, 957 South White Avenue, Sheridan, Indiana.

James Kenneth Altic

November 11, 1952 - July 13, 2014



James Kenneth Altic, 61, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2014 at home. He was born on November 11, 1952 in Kokomo, Indiana.

James proudly served his country in the United States Army, and worked as a carpenter. He attended Bridgeway Community Church in Fishers, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and NASCAR.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth (Hedges) Altic Crousore; daughter, Heather Altic; son, David (Crystal) Altic; ex-wife and friend, Pamela Altic; six grandchildren, Taylor Altic, Jullian Altic, Alexis Crawford, Brooke Crawford, Macy Altic, and Jaina Altic; three brothers, Jack Altic, Robert (Rhonda) Crousore, and Charles (Christine) Crousore; five sisters, Cheryl Altic, Candy Crousore, Mindy Crousore, Stacy Altic, and Sue Crousore; and many loved

nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, Samuel Altic, James was preceded in death by his step-father, Lawrence Crousore; and uncle, Bob Crousore.

Services were held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with Pastor Craig Parker officiating. Visitation was immediately prior to the service at the funeral home.

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Doris Jean McCarty

December 5, 1939 - July 13, 2014



Doris Jean McCarty, 74, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2014 at home. She was born on December 5, 1939 to Charles and Betty (Wheeler) Lewis in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Doris retired in 1994 from Sweeney Commercial Maintenance after 15 years of service. She attended Faith Apostolic Church in Carmel. Doris loved to shop, and was a great mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Joe McCarty; children, James Curry, Joe (Diann) McCarty Jr., Kathy Feltner (Tom Robinette, Sr.), Jeff (Rita) McCarty, and Kristi Arredondo; siblings, Bud Lewis, Carol Wright, Jim Lewis, and Kenny Lewis; 14 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Doris was preceded in death by her

brother, Dave Lewis.

Services were held at 1:00 pm on Friday, July 18, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Visitation was Thursday, July 17, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial is at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville following the service.

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

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Cathy Lynn Williams

July 31, 1950 - July 12, 2014



Cathy Lynn Williams, 63, of Fishers, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at her home. She was born on July 31, 1950 to Robert and Donna (Gunckel) Wood in Muncie, Indiana.

Cathy worked as a Registered Nurse for Ball Memorial Hospital for over 30 years. She enjoyed hiking, bicycling, camping, traveling, visiting parks, cooking, reading & music.

She is survived by husband, David Williams of Fishers, IN, son, Brad (Sandy) Hunter; daughter, Krista Horine; step-daughters, Bethany & Emily Williams; grandchildren, Alexandra, Madeline, Audrey, Kyler, Jacqueline & Sophie; niece, Kate; and nephew, Grant.

Services were held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers, with Reverend Brad Langdon officiating. Visitation was Tuesday, July 15 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the IU Foundation/Miles for Myeloma, IU Simon Cancer Center, PO Box 7072 Indianapolis, IN 46207-7072.

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Jerry 'Mike' Haston

November 19, 1938 - July 15, 2014

Jerry 'Mike' Haston, 75, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at his home. He was born on November 19, 1938 to William and Elizabeth (Jones) Haston in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Mike was the owner of Haston Enterprises and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Carmel Masonic Lodge F&AM #421. He was an avid hunter and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Sue Ann Haston; children, Cindy Haston, Ron 'Peach' Haston and Tony Rhodes; grandchildren, Garrett M. Haston, Jesse Rhodes, Heather Reed, Jerrica Haston, Justin Rhodes, Nathaniel Rhodes, Sam Haston, Collin Rhodes, and Madeline Haston; three great-grandchildren; daughters-in-law, Amy Haston, Michelle Cloud and Todra Hart; brothers, David, Jim, Don, and Rick Haston.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Gregg Haston; sister, Billie Hudson; and brother, Joe Haston.

Services were held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be Friday, July 18, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Awareness Association of Central Indiana 6847 Hillsdale Court, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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Nick Camp

March 21, 1994 - July 14, 2014

Nick Camp, 20, of Cicero, passed away on Monday, July 14, 2014 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on March 21, 1994 in Noblesville, Indiana.



Nick worked for Wolfie's Waterfront Grill in Cicero for 2 years, Live Nation Music Center, and Everett Snow in Cicero. He was a self taught music lover of many instruments, and enjoyed fishing. He was the type of man who would do anything for anyone, and had a big heart. He was a hardworking person who loved life, and loved his daughter with all of his heart. His gifts and talents were limitless, as was his love.

He is survived by his mother, Kristy (Matt) Green; daughter, Evalynn Camp; siblings, Jordan (Ann) Guzman, Matthew Guzman,

Christopher Camp, Logan Green, Ashley Green, and Corinne Green; uncle, Darren (Abby) Thompson; aunt, Shelly Guzman; grandmother, Carolyn Thompson; grandmother, Jane Green; nephew, Aiden Green; niece, Sophia Guzman; cousins, Joshua Guzman, Nichole Guzman, and Jessica Guzman.

Nick was preceded in death by his grandfather, Larry Myers Thompson.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at Randall and Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation from 11:00 am until the time of service. Pastor Seth Leeman will officiate. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made in Nick's memory to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville, IN 46060, or any Community Bank under Kristy Green-FBO Nick Camp Green Memorial Fund.

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Michael D. Sellers

January 15, 1946 - July 17, 2014

Michael D. Sellers, 68, of Fishers, passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2014 in Fishers. He was born on January 15, 1946 to Phillip and Barbara (Pollen) Sellers in Anderson, Indiana.



Michael worked for Dial One as an HVAC Technician before retiring in 2009. He previously worked as a meat cutter and was a part of the meat cutters union. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy, and was a member of Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, and the Fishers American Legion. Spending time with his family and friends was his passion. He also enjoyed taking trips on his motorcycle and playing poker with his long-time buddies.

He is survived by his children, Shaun (Renee) Sellers, Jonnie (Toby) Sellers, Ross Crosby, and Shari (Allen) Walters; brother, Pat (Kathy) Sellers; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife, Kathleen Sellers; and sister, Phyllis Hawley.

Visitation was Monday, July 21, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 East 126th Street, in Fishers, with an additional visitation beginning at 10:00 am until the time of service. Pastor Jim Stuck will officiate. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation 3962 S. Delaware Street Englewood, CO 80110 or to Indiana Parkinson Foundation, The Climb North 10936 Gresham Place Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Rachel I. Carson

July 5, 1949 - July 19, 2014



Rachel I. Carson, 65, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2014 at her home in Noblesville. She was born on July 05, 1949 to Clifford and Jenny (Kemp) Goff in Noblesville.

Rachel was an extremely hard worker for all of her life. She enjoyed scrapbooking, gardening, genealogy, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Carson; children, Debra (Robby) Laurie, Jamie Carson, Franklin (Shayna) Carson, and Wyatt (Barbie Perkins) Carson; grandchildren, Justin and Kevin Laurie, Kendra Hazelbaker, Danielle Carson, Christopher Palmer, and Peyton

and Parker Carson; great-grandchildren, Hailie Carson, and Kayden and Meloni Hazelbaker; siblings, Ronnie (Patricia) Goff, Terry (Joe) Goff, Marilyn Sue Carmean, Wanda Craft, Jim (Roxanna) Goff, Agnes (Allen) Foster, Tammy Rose Bryant, Betty Kay Goff, and Chester (Sissy) Goff; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Rachel was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond Goff.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 23 at New Light Christian Center, 1905 Hannibal St., Noblesville, with Brother Mike Risen officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday, July 22, from 5 to 8 PM at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Light Christian Center, 1905 Hannibal St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Edward Owen Covey Jr.

January 18, 1943 - July 15, 2014

Edward Owen Covey Jr., 71, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on January 18, 1943 in Lebanon, Indiana.



Ed was retired from the Noblesville Fire Department, where he had been a firefighter from 1975-1997. He was also a U.S. Coast Guard veteran. He was a member of the V.F.W. 6246, where he had been a Jr. Vice President; a Past Commander of the American Legion Post 45; and a member of the Moose Lodge & Eagles.

He is survived by his children, Greg (Debby) Ashby, Bruce Covey, Tina (Tim) Howard, Sherri (Chuck) Townsend, Brad Ashby, Christi Singleton and Matthew Piper; sisters, Sharon (Todd Jackson) Covey and Patricia (George) Gingras; and many, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother & stepfather, Barbara A. (Campbell) Grimes & Richard Grimes; his father, Edward Owen Covey Sr; son, James Edward 'Little Eddie' Covey; grandson, Scotty Allan Boatwright; and brother, Joseph Earl Covey.

Services were held at 1:00 pm on Monday, July 21, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 10:00 am immediately prior to the service. Pastor Jeff Gammon will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

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Flora Jane Richard

January 1, 1939 - July 12, 2014

Flora Jane Richard, 75, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on January 1, 1939 to Herbert and Mary Magaret (Kern) Garrard in Chicago, Illinois.



Flora worked as a secretary for First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville for 15 years. She then worked for the Hamilton County Clerk's Office for 27 years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and attended First United Methodist Church in Noblesville. She was also a member of Tri Kappa, Zeta Tau Alpha of Purdue University, Extension Homemakers, Master Gardeners, DAR, Golden K Kiwanis, and Military Officers Association of America.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandy (John) Kern of Noblesville; sister, Sara Grepp of Germany; brother, Bruce Garrard of

Ohio; and grandchildren, Joshua & Maggie Kern.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ron Richard, in 1996.

Services will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with Rev. Paul Kern officiating. Visitation will be Monday, July 21, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tri Kappa, PO Box 162, Noblesville, IN 46061.

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Dr. Betty Jean Teska

May 16, 1928 - July 19, 2014



Dr. Betty Jean Teska, 86, passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2014 at her home in Fishers. She was born on May 16, 1928 to Irving and Gladys Murfett in Monrovia, California.

Betty worked as a school psychologist for Tri-County Schools in the Special Education department for many years. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Mills College, her Master's degree from Redlands University, and her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. Betty was a devoted wife and mother who had a passion for wildlife and the environment, as well as politics.

She is survived by her children, Liana L. (Pete) Kowalzik, Adina A. (Mark Pfeiffer) Teska, Alan A. (Ha-Yee) Teska, and Jennifer J. (Randy) Edmonds; grandchildren, Thalia, Ilia, Cambria, John, Kaitlin, Amanda, Sam, Alyssa, and Megan; and her dog, Obie.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband James Teska; and her siblings, Edward, Lorraine, and Arnold.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 22, at 2:00 pm at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with visitation from noon until the time of the service. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ocean Conservancy, 1300 19th Street NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20036, or online at www.oceanconservancy.org

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Not the Perfect Mom

By TAMAR KNOCHEL

At one point in my life I remember cooking dinner, the house was spotless and I had the thought, “Now THIS is what a good mom looks like”, as I mentally patted myself on the back. That lasted for maybe an hour. This week, as I was performing the flight of the bumble bee before all the birthday party guests arrived with their mothers I had the thought:

“Why don’t we want other moms to see our dirty dishes?”

I mean, it’s not like they don’t have them too. Do we feel like those messes will make them think we’re a substandard mom? DO those messes make us a substandard mom? Do these questions sound familiar to you too?

As I stood scrubbing the mold from the Rubbermaid lid pondering the mortally shameful consequences of getting caught with dirty dishes in my sink, a revelation of monumental proportions came to me. If I’m defining my quality of mothering by the cleanliness of my house, or the number of loads of laundry I get done in a day, or the cuisine that I’m serving my children, then what kind of a mother will I be when I am no longer able to do those things? Take a moment to read that sentence again and again until you can feel the Truth of that

statement lifting something unnecessary from your shoulders.

Sometimes I get so focused on the temporal I forget the importance of the eternal. Dirt is temporal, memories are eternal. When my children leave this nest if I’ve defined my mothering by the temporal tasks alone, then I’ll suddenly find myself a mother no longer! And yet nothing could be further from the Truth! There is so much more to mothering than cleaning and laundry and cooking!

Mothering is loving! And that never ends!

It never goes away and it never stops. Sometime after that mental pat on the back I attended a funeral where every single person that stood up to talk spoke of how important cleanliness was to their mom. They said a few other things, but mostly, they told stories of how they got in trouble for making messes. That’s just not what I want my kids to remember about me when I’m gone. There will come a day when I will leave this earth and my children will gather in my memory and reminisce about me. And when they do, what do I want them to say?

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Two tickets to paradise

By JANET HART LEONARD

Our Bags were packed and we were ready to go. We weren't just California dreaming. We were headed for Palm Springs, California. Paradise was awaiting!

Chuck had packed two pair of shoes and one bathing suit. I had packed five pair of shoes and three bathing suits. He asked me why I needed three bathing suits. My answer was simple...because.

I had been told that the temperature in the desert is a dry heat, no humidity. I will tell you that 112 is still 112. We enjoyed having breakfast outside when it was only in the 80's. We would read a couple of newspapers and enjoy a leisurely two hour breakfast, splitting a Belgium waffle and drinking lots of coffee. Sitting there I realized that paradise isn't about anything fancy but it is in the simple moments that hug your heart.

The time difference of three hours confused our bodies. We woke up at 6:00 everyday but our inner clocks told us it was 9:00. We often had the restaurant's veranda to ourselves.

One morning I did not hear Chuck get up and get ready. He later sent me a text that he was waiting at a table near the water.

Anyone who knows me knows that I never go out without my hair and makeup done. I couldn't make Chuck wait 45 minutes (or more) for me. So I plopped my beach hat on my head, brushed a bit of blush on my cheeks, curled my eyelashes and dabbed on a bit of mascara. I was sitting with Chuck in less than 15 minutes. That was a record for this lady.

I laughed as I picked up the Wall Street Journal. There I was, bed head hair hidden by a hat, very little make up and ME reading the Wall Street Journal. THAT was a Kodak moment but no selfie!

Later in the day we came in from the pool. Chuck sat on the sofa, reading one of his 500 page crime mystery books. I was sitting in bed reading "Calling me Home", a southern mystery/romance/laughter/tears chick novel. He asked me why I was wearing my hat in bed. My answer was simple...because.

It was a wonderful few days with no agenda, no alarm clocks, no sight seeing, just relaxing.

Of course all good times must come to an end. We had a 3 hour layover in Phoenix. As it came time to board the plane there was an announcement that the gate was changed from one terminal to another. We quickly walked an airport marathon, along with 200+ others, to the right gate. It was then that we were told that the plane was delayed 30 minutes. We finally settled into our seats. It was midnight at home.

We hoped to sleep awhile but the captain announced that we would be hitting some turbulence. Great. I kept trying to think that it was just a bumpy road. Well if I'm on a bumpy road for 45 minutes I'm going to find a different road to take. I didn't take a nap but I did take a Xanax.

We arrived in Indianapolis about 2:00 a.m.. When we got to the place where we left our car, they were busy and then they couldn't find it. We arrived home about 3:30 a.m. Our bodies were so confused and jet lag had set in. 3 hours isn't a very long time but try telling that to bodies that are our age.

My alarm is set for 7:00 a.m. Yes, it is back to reality. I head back to work and Chuck, of course, heads back to the golf course.



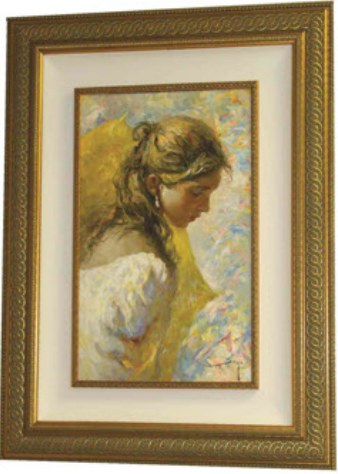
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Government and the big picture

By MARY SUE ROWLAND

America is the greatest country in the world...no question. Looking at the world, is the United States a player? Skirting issues and only looking at what is at hand does not provide the intellectual view of the problem and solution. How does the decision effort the world and our county?

Let's bring this to home. At the state level, legislators only know what they know. Often, new legislation takes into account a bigger problem and certainly a bigger solution than the stack of papers waiting for signature. For legislators, their knowledge comes from the last person they talked to and often that person has self interest.

So it goes here in Noblesville. Everything impacts something else and if the elected official is not taking the time to consider the impact for the community good or bad and the elected official only votes because the guy next to him says, "OK" then are we getting the best decision?

To often government, school boards and council members, let alone the top executive level just don't sit down and review consequence. Does the Mayor call the Superintendent of Schools when large housing projects are before council to say how does this decision impact the schools and the tax payer? Or better yet, if the schools are looking out for the tax payer, the schools give the city a call and ask what is happening with new housing? It is not to say that projections are not looked at and plans made by the city or the schools but the rubber meets the road when those City Council members raise their hand and comply to the new development presenters.

It might even be a good idea to have the schools present also when it comes to growth matters not just the developers. Remember the Mayor signs off on it too. After that it is to late. After that no one needs to call or inquire about the new project because they let the opportunity get away and lost the opportunity for good community growth.

Just today a comment was made that Noblesville has divided itself into pockets of power and everyone is doing their own thing. The tax payers try to have confidence that the people they elect, Mayors, Councils and School Boards are working hard for them and balancing new development with thoughtful consideration and concern. The tax payer should take another look. It is the glad hand of the small group who will benefit and win against all else. It is a club and the tax payer is not invited.

The community development is just to important and everyone should be working as hard as possible to make the best decisions. At the end of the day, the tax payer foots the bill and has little to say. Let's throw in a solution. Be careful who you vote for and pay attention. On the next ballot, just because you recognize the name and make some uninformed assumption that that person deserves your vote take another look. It is just too important to the community and how it grows and comes together and everyone needs to work their hardest to make it happen with informed decisions and only the best consideration of the community as a whole. The voter has the power to make sure their elected officials are the best that the community has to offer. Always remember the voter and tax payers can and should be heard and every vote counts toward good government or not. The results are important in more ways than you know.

Hanging on for Dear Life

By AIMEE GEBHART

As summer break winds down and all of the "Back to School" nonsense begins, I feel my melancholy creeping in. I also find myself clinging tightly to my little girl. *Little*. I say that word, but she is anything but little. At age 11, Faith is almost as tall as I am and is eager to remind me of that any chance she gets. But to me, she is still little.

Yesterday, Ed and I took Faith and her friend Millie to Kings Island for the day. It was the perfect day with sunshine, cool temps, and happy girls. Truly, it was the kind of day you dream of when you think about taking kids to an amusement park. Best of all, I had a chance to see my too-eager-to-grow-up daughter act like the little girl that I am so afraid of losing.

It was worth every penny we spent to hear the girls laugh and squeal on the rides and to see them skipping around with nothing but sheer excitement to ride the next one. They were oblivious to the fact that their ponytails were a hot mess or that they had sticky streaks of ice cream on their faces. They rode all of the water rides knowing full well that they would get soaked. They didn't care.

The highlight for me was watching them run up to the observation deck of a raft ride and get blasted over and over with waves of water. They doubled over with laughter and ran back for more. It didn't matter to them that they were drenched to

their skin or that they looked like little drowned rats. They were having too much fun to care. I couldn't help but wonder how long that kind of innocent, wild abandon will last.

I wondered it again as we stood in a long line for a roller coaster. Faith was tired and leaned into me for a hug. She looked up at one point with her lips puckered for a kiss. I gave her a big smooch, but my heart was aching because I realized that she probably won't do that in public much longer.

At the risk of sounding cheesy, it occurred to me yesterday that this whole parenting thing is a lot like riding a roller coaster. As exciting and thrilling as it is, it can also fill you with panic and have you hanging on for dear life. That's what I feel like I'm doing with my girl - hanging on for dear life.

I think a big part of this is because Faith is the only child I was ever able to have. For many years that was a bitter pill for me to swallow. I knew that every big milestone I faced with her would be a first and a last all rolled in one. Luckily I have learned to let that go and to be grateful for the beautiful, healthy girl that I do have. But I won't lie; it still kind of hurts sometimes.

So for now, I will ignore the fact that in a few short weeks I will have to send my girl to middle school for the first time. I will ignore the fact that she will become less little and will probably lose some of those sweet, childish ways in order to be a cool tween. For now I will just be grateful for her crooked ponytails, skinned knees, dirty feet, big belly laughs, and kisses on the lips - and I will hang on to them for dear life.

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"Boy, Mom sure could keep a good house!" "Mom was so good at keeping our clothes clean and organized." Or "Gosh Mom was such a great cook!" No. Not me.

I want them to remember the way that I held them when they were sad. I want them to remember how I sang while I cooked dinner, and perhaps burned it on more than one occasion to the point of setting the smoke alarms off. I want them to remember how I watched their favorite shows with them and how I played cards with them until bed time while the dinner dishes sat in the sink waiting until we were done. I want them to remember dancing with me in the kitchen to our favorite songs. I want them to remember how I hugged them so tightly at night that we joked that their heads were going to pop off. And then I said, "I love you" with all the emotion and sincerity that

those simple words could possibly muster. I want them to remember how I showed up to every recital and play and program, even if I *might* have forgotten about it right up to the very last second; but I was still there. I want them to remember how I sat there on the sidelines at the tennis court season after season cheering them on, just for hitting the ball back across the net; even if it didn't go into the right box on the court.

No. I'm not the perfect mom. I don't have a perfect house, or a perfect yard. Our laundry is NEVER done and neither are my dishes. But you know what, that's OK. Because while those things may not be getting done all the way all the time, my kids KNOW beyond a shadow of a doubt that I love them and that I will always be there for them if it is in my power to do so. I think that's a mothering definition that will far outlast me.

Recipe of the Week

CHERRY NUT BREAD

- 1/2 C. Oil
- 2 C. Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Jar Maraschino Cherries
- 16 OZ. Sour Cream
- 4 C. Sifted Flour
- 1 t. Baking Powder
- 1 t. Salt
- 2 t. Baking Soda
- 1 C. Chopped Nuts

- Drain cherries and save the juice. Cut cherries in half.
- Beat oil, sugar & eggs together.
- Add cherry juice(1/2 C.) and sour cream.
- Sift flour, salt, baking powder & baking soda together.
- Add dry ingredients into wet mixture 1/3 at a time.
- Fold in cherries and nuts.
- Pour into 2 greased loaf pans.
- Bake at 350* Apx. 50 minutes.

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Hamilton County 4H Fair

Blood Drive at the Fair

By RICHIE HALL

It's summer, so people couldn't roll up their sleeves to donate blood. Instead, they extended their arms, and participated in the Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive, which took place Friday afternoon at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. A mobile unit was set up on the fairgrounds for people to donate.

The drive lasted from 3 to 7 p.m. By 5 p.m., blood collection specialist David Myers noted there had been 11 people who had donated by that time. Myers said the 4-H Fair was a good place to receive donations because it's "a large gathering of people."

"And we've had a really good turnout so far," he said.

One of the donors, Kristy Smith of Sheridan, regularly donates with her husband. Smith was getting set to donate at 5 p.m.; her husband had given earlier that day. Their children are participating in the fair, and they saw the mobile unit.

"I used to work at the hospital, in the actual blood bank," said Smith. "I'm aware of the critical shortages that they have on a regular basis, so we try to give whenever we can."



photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Kristy Smith of Sheridan donated blood at the Indiana Blood Center's mobile unit Friday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

Screaming for Ice Cream

By RICHIE HALL

Everybody was "screaming" for ice cream Saturday - in a different way.

The screaming was more like cheering for those brave enough to try the ice-cream eating contest, which took place Saturday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. After that was the ice-cream making contest, and contestants there got creative with what they put into their ice cream makers.

Wendy Tidd, the chairwoman of the ice cream contests, said there were indeed some "very creative flavors" that were sam-

pled by the judges, which included Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger.

"We've had the Elvis, which is Elvis' favorite sandwich, which is a banana, peanut butter, bacon fried ice cream," said Tidd. "We've had cream corn and blackberry, cotton candy."

There were 13 different flavors in the electric mixer division, and another six in the hand-cranked division. There were also two in the youth division.

"Each year it grows a little more," said Tidd.

The eating contest went well. There were three divisions, with a first, second and third in each one. Tidd said that contest was "a lot of fun" with a "great" turnout.



photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Claire Sloderbeck shows her pygmy goat Paisley during the pygmy goat show at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair on Thursday.

Courtyard about to open

By RICHIE HALL

If you have friends who are frequent business travelers, you might want to let them know about a new hotel that's soon to open in Noblesville.

Actually, you may want to grab a room yourself at the Courtyard by Marriott.

The hotel is due to open in the next several weeks, just east of downtown Noblesville. Courtyard will be located at 17863 Foundation Drive, which is on the northeast corner of the intersection of State Roads 32/38 and 37. The company already operates a Fairfield by Marriott right next door at 17960 Foundation Drive.

"We're looking for late summer or early fall, depending on how everything flows in," said Rex Martin, vice president of Marriott. The hotel's interior is still being finished, but a quick tour of the building shows the core and the character of Courtyard is already coming into view.

"They're focusing on the first floor right now," said Fairfield general manager Christi Gadd. "They're actually putting furniture in the rooms right now." Indeed, several of the fourth floor rooms are nearly complete, except for the furniture.

Foundation Drive has sort of become Marriott's core in Noblesville. Martin said that the Fairfield "does very well." The new Courtyard will have 92 guest spaces, which breaks down into 82 rooms and 10 suites, which will make it bigger than its sister property. The Fairfield has 34 rooms and 25 suites.

"For that market, I think it's sustainable," said Martin. He said Noblesville was picked to open a new Courtyard because it's a growing market.

While the Courtyard will be geared towards all travelers, a big draw will be its business-friendly attitude. The first of the new hotel's four floors will contain a spacious meeting room, enough to hold 60 people.

"The meeting space in Noblesville is very limited," said Martin, noting that many people have to meet at the city's library. To make meetings even more convenient, Courtyard will operate its own restaurant, called "The Bistro." It will also have a Starbucks, and will provide in-house catering as well.

The rooms are business-friendly as well. They offer WiFi, and Martin said this will be one of the few hotels that offer 20 MBPS speed. Each room will have a microwave and a refrigerator, and will also contain movable desks - wheel your workspace to wherever you want it.

Standard rooms will offer either one king-size bed or two queen-size beds. An executive king has a little more space than a standard room, and then the suites have the living room and bedroom separate.

Fred Ham, Marriott's Director of Construction said that there will be "a lot of detail to the rooms."

"A much more higher-end product has much more detail in it," he said.

Those that are traveling for pleasure will also be welcome at the Courtyard. Everything will be open space, especially in the dining area: Martin said there were be "big communal tables in the breakfast and restaurant area."

"Kind of that new set-up, there's no longer pods, everything's open," said Martin.

Other amenities will include a heated indoor pool and a whirlpool, guest laundry, a fitness center and underground parking. Martin said the average price of a room will be \$139.

Martin said the new hotel will employ about 50 to 60 people, depending on the season. If you're interested in working at the Courtyard, you can apply by email at resume@mhghotelsllc.com, or apply in person at the Fairfield.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Construction is in the home stretch on the new Courtyard by Marriott hotel at 17863 Foundation Drive, located at the northeast corner of the junction at State Roads 32/38 and 37. The hotel is scheduled to open in the next few weeks

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North-South All -Star Football

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sport Editor

With the 2014 football season on the horizon, some of the 2013 season's best seniors got a chance to play one more big game.

That included four Hamilton County



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield offensive lineman Zane Burtron was an integral part of the South team's 30-2 win over the North. Burtron will play for Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill. this fall.

players and a pair of Westfield coaches. They all can walk away winners at the Grange Insurance Indiana North-South All-Star Football game, as they played on a South team that overwhelmed the North team 30-2 in Friday night's game at North Central.

The two Westfield coaches were head coach Jake Gilbert and assistant Ben Carnes. The men were reunited with two of their best players: Quarterback Nick Ferrer and offensive lineman Zane Burtron.

"I just love coaching those guys one more time," said Gilbert. "It's been such a pleasure to coach them and what they've done for our program could never be put into words. So to be able to coach those guys one more time is icing on the cake."

Ferrer battled an injury during the game, but came back to throw a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. He connected with Perry Meridian's Jaquan Keys, who ran the ball in from midfield to score. It was a 50-yard pass play.

"Playing soft coverage, just get a guy in space on a hitch and just let him do the work," said Ferrer. He, Burtron and their coaches led the Shamrocks to the Class 5A state championship game in 2013. On Friday, Ferrer was 7-for-12 and threw for 108 yards.

Carnes is Westfield's quarterbacks coach, so he was thrilled to get to coach Ferrer one more time.

"He's a great kid, wish him the best of luck next year," said Carnes.

Ferrer is headed to the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne, while Burtron will play at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill. Burtron had some good minutes in the offensive lineman position Friday night.

"I was so excited because all the hard work that we did this week as a South team

paid off," said Burtron. "We had 11 practices in five days. When you're out there working that hard, you don't want to do all that for nothing. We got through it and we got the win, so it was pretty cool."

"We practiced hard," said Gilbert. "I worked them hard. We did gassers and up-downs. We practiced them hard because I wanted to win the game and I thought they responded."

Gilbert said the South team played "extremely physical." Hamilton Southeastern defensive end Jordan May was one of the players who helped out in that respect; he had a quarterback sack during the game. May totaled five tackles (four solo, one assist), including two for a loss.

"We knew we were a physical team," said May, who will join Ferrer at St. Francis. "All we had to do was not beat ourselves. So we came out, just played hard, played fun, had a great time with a bunch of good players."

Guerin Catholic's Jake Thieneman played outside linebacker, where he said his job was to "just defend the outside." He did well, making two tackles. Like his teammates, he also enjoyed the experience.

"Coming together for the first time, we had a week of practice, had a good week, came out strong for the game," said Thieneman. "It was lot of fun."

Thieneman said he will walk on to the football team at Purdue, where he will study engineering.

"Academically it was the best fit for me," he said.

Sheridan Horseshoe League

The second round of the Sheridan Horseshoe started last week with Price Heating taking the lead with 8 wins and 2 losses. United Feeds, first round winners are in second place lead by the hot shoes of Richard Law. Lisa Umbarger, the league's only woman pitcher lead her team into third place with a handicap series of 397.

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When is enough, enough?

Noblesville apartments

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Mark Boice believes that Noblesville, despite growing to a 50,000-plus community, has been able to maintain its "small town charm."

Boice is president of the Noblesville Common Council.



Boice

Noblesville is good.

But, the seven-man Council he heads earlier this week passed ordinances allowing for 800-plus new apartments, most on the southeast corner of the city.

"I don't think that will happen again for a while," Boice said. "I think, for now, we have enough."

That's the question. That's the Catch 22. What is enough? What is enough without slamming the door to growth?

Understand, the subject at hand is multi-unit apartments, often built for low income families. The subject is not the huge subdivisions being built in Noblesville and Noblesville Township, homes which often are in the \$1 million-plus range.

"That's the question we're facing," said Councilman Rick Taylor. "When is enough, enough? I don't want to slam the door on Noblesville growth. I voted for all three ordinances to allow for more apartments, but I did so with mixed emotions. This type of housing often brings along crime, which means we'll need more police and fire protection."

"And, schools," Taylor added. "We have to reach out more to the schools for their input. We've tried. City Hall and Noblesville Schools need to be more on the same page. We need to know what the schools are thinking."

"No more apartments," said Councilman Steve Wood. "We're stretching local services, police and fire and schools. The schools need to take a part in the decisions we're making."

At the Council meeting on Tuesday, Mayor John Ditslear said he already has met with new Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer.

Most of the new apartments which will be built are located on Highway 37 at 146th Street. Councilman Jeff Zeckel points to a similar housing/rental project just a few miles to the South in Fishers.

"It's not about population," Boice said. "It's about the people we have living here. It's about the events that we put on in the downtown."

"Carmel (with even more growth than Noblesville) has done a good job keeping its hometown flavor. Fishers? I'm not sure what will happen there as they become a city."

Boice thinks what is happening in

"That is a good example of some of the developments that have recently been proposed for Noblesville. It is located just south of us in Fishers at 37 & 131 Street," Zeckel points to. "In this new development they have the multi-housing component along with a new smaller Wal-Mart and several new retail businesses, including many new restaurants that are coming into the area."

Zeckel, as did other Council members, asked Planning Director Christy Langley how Noblesville compares percentage-wise to other communities in multi-family housing. Langley said a study is underway.

"I think it is important to find out the national or regional average for the percentage of multi-housing units in a community of comparable size," Zeckel said. "We can then see how Noblesville stacks up. The last information we received from the Planning Department, Noblesville's percentage of multi-housing is around 10 percent of our total housing stock. Are we below the average at 10 percent, or are we above?"

"If it is determined Noblesville is below the average percentage," Zeckel continued, "I am more inclined to approve additional apartments, given that the applicant has met all other requirements. If Noblesville is above the average, I would be more inclined not to approve additional apartments. However, we also need to look at the type of multi-units proposed. For example, if it is determined out of our total number of apartments, we lack retirement units, I would be inclined to approve additional retirement units. It is more important than ever to monitor our total units and type of apartments."

There was some discussion about housing in the downtown, but "downtown" appeared to mean different locations to different Councilmen.

Councilman Brian Ayer, a realtor, owns a couple buildings in the downtown with a total of four apartments in them.

"They are always full," Ayer said.

"I have people stop in my office quite often looking for downtown apartments. I do believe that there is a demand for apartments that residents could walk to the downtown amenities. That being said, I don't think we need a large complex that will overshadow our downtown area," Ayer added.

"I would need to see some specifics," Zeckel talked about downtown. "Are we going to tear down older homes to make room for an apartment complex? The west side of White River would have more potential than the east side for units similar to the ones in the downtown Carmel area, in my opinion."

"The west side of the river might be good for apartments," Taylor said. "Maybe around the Kroger area."

"Something near the downtown, west of the river," suggests Wood. "I don't think we want condos in the greater downtown."



Ayer



Taylor



Zeckel

National Night Out

National Night out is a nationwide effort to connect area residents and law enforcement agencies in an effort unite against crime. This year Tuesday, August 5, is the National Night Out and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be working with local residents to heighten crime prevention awareness and send a message to criminals letting them know that their activities will not be tolerated.

As part of National Night Out, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be hosting an open house on August 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. During the open house, area residents will have a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes and get a glimpse that most have never seen. The adult Jail booking area as well as the booking area of the Juvenile Services Center will be open for public tours during the evening. Representatives from special teams such as the K9 Unit, Tactical Tracking Team, Crash Team, Emergency Response Team, Honor Guard, Bike Team, Animal Control, and others will be on hand to demonstrate their equipment and answer questions. Opportunities to learn about firearms safety, sheriff sales, and the sex offender registry will also be available.

The Sheriff's Office is located at 18100 Cumberland Road in Noblesville, across from Noblesville High School. All Hamilton County residents are invited and encouraged to attend this chance for citizens to go behind the walls and discover a few of the many tasks with which the Sheriff's Office is tasked. The event is free and no reservations are required.

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