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The Noblesville High School Athletic Department dedicated its new cross country finish gate Saturday morning at the Millers' Chinquapin Ridge course.

Millers dedicate new cross country finish gate

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Runners who make their way through Noblesville High School's famed Chinquapin Ridge cross country course will be rewarded with a beautiful sight at the finish starting this season.

Noblesville dedicated its brand new finish gate in a ceremony Saturday morning. The stately gate features two large brick columns with painted wings at the top, an arch with a gold "N" in the center, and an overhead clock where runners can check their times.

The gate welcomed its first finishers shortly after the dedication, as NHS conducted its annual Alumni Race Saturday morning. Millers boys cross country coach Kent Graham said that the program is "really blessed" to have such a neat facility come together.

"We're excited," said Graham. "It's a special place, that's for sure now."

The project was a big one, and it took a year from start to finish. The Noblesville community helped out with the construction, including Beaver Materials. Much of the work was done as a donation - people used their free time to help out.

"I'm very, very, very happy," said Trini Beaver, president of the Miller Backers. "It's been a big project for us."

NHS athletic director Michael Hasch said that he was "blown away" by the finished product.

"It was great vision by our coaches to have this, and then present it to the Miller Backers," said Hasch. "And the Miller Backers' comment was 'We want bigger and better.' And they delivered, the community really delivered."

Noblesville will host five meets here: Their own Ho-kum Karem, the Hamilton County meet, the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, and then the IHSAA sectional and the regional. It will be the first time the Millers have hosted a cross country regional since 2006.

Yes, I
know...but

By JANET HART LEONARD

As I sat down to write this week I felt this overwhelming exhaustion. It had been a rough week. I had planned to go one direction but my thoughts kept taking me to another. I did not want to write about how I had been made to feel this week but for some reason the words came from my fingers quickly and easily. Perhaps you can relate to what I have to say. So, here goes...




I felt like I had ran an emotional marathon. I had not been in a physical altercation. I had not suffered a great loss. I had allowed myself to let others "get" to me. I kept hearing their words. If you were within 50 yards of me you would have heard their words also. If you had taken my messages you would have heard their demands. I was on the "you can't make people happy" treadmill. On that treadmill you do not

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The County Line

Business tax repeal caused controversy

By FRED SWIFT



During the most recent session of the state legislature early this year there was quite a controversy over the possible repeal of Indiana tax on business personal property. This was a subject that didn't catch the imagination of

the general public, but it wasn't lost on the public officials who have to arrange financing of local government services.

After a lot of debate, stirred locally to some extent by this newspaper, the legislation that finally passed provided a local option provision whereby counties may choose whether or not to repeal the tax.

The business tax is levied on the machinery, tools and other equipment of businesses. This is something that most folks

are not even aware of, let alone very excited about. But, the tax brings in nearly \$15 million each year to Hamilton County governmental units including cities, schools, townships and the county government itself.

The City of Noblesville, feeling it would lose at least \$1 million per year, was not happy about the prospect. In one way or another taxpayers would have to make up

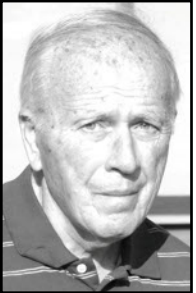
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Isn't life wonderful in Noblesville...

Except on Logan & Clinton

By DON JELLISON

Reporter Editor



Isn't life wonderful in beautiful downtown Noblesville?

*For the first time in a long time those of us who drive

Conner Street can do so without fear of losing a hub cap or two.

Actually, we have to praise INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) for doing a great paving job on the most traveled highway/street in our County Seat city. Really, the State has done a great job, without interrupting the flow of traffic.

Finally. It took INDOT some time to fix the problem. Lets hope it doesn't take that long

when again Conner Street has enough holes to keep car dealers and auto repair folks in business for another year.

Yes, it will happen. Give us six months of those huge trucks traveling through our town.

All of which, hopefully, will prompt the City to join the County in coming up with a bypass around Noblesville. What are we waiting for ... another 50 years of discussion?

*Eighth Street has been paved by the City. Great job, City.

Unlike Conner Street, it isn't likely that Eighth Street will need another paving project any time soon. Unlike Conner, not so many trucks on Eighth.

*And, how about the railroad crossings on Conner and Eighth

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Obituaries

Connie Ann (Taylor) Backman

February 20, 1941 - August 15, 2014

Connie Ann (Taylor) Backman, 73, of Noblesville was peacefully delivered into Jesus’ arms on Friday, August 15, 2014 at her home. She was born on February 20, 1941 to Marcus and Hazel (Cook) Taylor in Noblesville.

Connie was a 1959 graduate of Noblesville High School, and was a member of the Eastern Star Millersville Lodge. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, her passion was her love for her family and her dog, Little One.

She is survived by her children, Nancy (Jeff) Ledford, Brenda Macy, and Mark Caroselli; grandchildren, Jason (Anita) Macy, Nikki (Danny) Jones, James (Kasey) Ledford, Justin & Jack Caroselli; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street in Noblesville with visitation beginning at 11:00 am until the time of service. Rev. Rick Bell will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Oldham; and brother, Harry 'Bud' Taylor.

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LOGAN

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and Logan and Eighth. Top-notch job, City of Noblesville.

How long will be before the trucks will again tear up the railroad crossings? We’re being told, a long time. I will believe that when I see it. I’m betting a year, at the most.

But, yes, life is beautiful once again in downtown Noblesville.

Except, I’ve got to add, my pet peeve. Or, my pet peeves.

Logan Street from 10th to 16th.

Clinton Street from 10th to 16th.

I know, I know. I agree, I agree. These are our historical areas, which must be protected at all costs.

But, give me a break, those streets of brick couldn’t handled traffic back in the horse and buggy days.

What we hear, from some, is that the brick streets make the area beautiful and protects the value of historical homes on those streets.

Logan Street, Clinton Street could be just as beautiful (maybe more beautiful) with a series of rows of bricks. Maybe a row every block or so.

Try driving Logan or Clinton today. Drive faster than 10 miles an hour and you might lose a bumper, or two bumpers.

Brick streets aren’t needed to protect the value of historical homes on Conner, or Maple, or Cherry.

There is something about Logan and Clinton which for years and years has put fear into city leaders who known darn well something should be done.

The story I often hear about all of this is that it isn’t the beauty of the bricks that some Logan and Clinton residents want to protect. What these residents know is that the rest of us don’t want to risk our lives by driving on the bricks, so we don’t. So, Logan and Clinton have very little traffic.

Some Logan and Clinton residents, simply, do not want lots of cars driving through their neighborhood.

Don’t we all want that?

This isn’t Noblesville, 1940 or 1950. Times do change. It’s about time for things to change on Logan and Clinton. In fact, it’s long past time.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

- Romans 1:9

50 Years Ago

August 17, 1964

Defending Noblesville City Golf champion Pete Deakyne won a 22-hole semi-final battle from Evan Kellum.

TAX

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the "lost" revenue which would not make the public happy once they found out about it.

But, we can breathe easier because there has been no move to repeal the tax in this county, and no such move is seen on the horizon. Christine Altman, president of the County Board of Commissioners, said this week she sees no need to take action.

She realizes the idea is to free the manufacturing sector of some taxation which in turn is seen by some as an economic benefit to doing business in Indiana.

But, major manufacturing is not something Hamilton County has, thus the business personal tax repeal would probably not have much impact locally.

It's one of those things that escapes public notice to a great extent, but could have affected our individual pocketbooks had it slipped into law on a statewide basis. The repeal may be right for some areas of the state. But, the legislation as finally written shows the value of making law for local application rather than "one size fits all."

YES

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lose weight. You lose sleep. You lose inner peace.

You lose...period.

I had allowed them to ruin my day...or days. Shame on them. Shame on me for allowing it.

Even though I slept, I did not rest. Even though I was told by others that I could only do so much, it seemed I was dog paddling upstream trying to please them. Even though I did the best that I could do...it seemed it wasn't enough. I took it personally. I could not let it go.

I have wrestled with being a people pleaser all of my life. I should know by now that no matter how hard I try that I can't make everyone happy and I certainly can't make them like me. And that hurts.

My dear friend LB told me, "Janet, it's not worth it." She right. My head knows it but the problem is that my heart doesn't listen to my head. My heart simply cares. Dang it. It cares.

My heart believes that everyone has good in them even if we don't see it or hear it. My heart believes that if you try hard enough people will respond with kindness and understanding. My heart is tender, always has been, always will be. This week my heart simply hurt.

Yes, I know I should not care so much. Yes, I know I can't please everyone. Yes, I know I can only do so much. Yes...I know. I only wish my heart would listen.

So these are my thoughts and feelings for this week. Can you relate? I actually hope you cannot.

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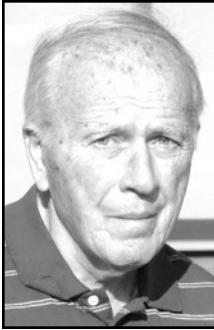
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Football specials coming up

By DON JELLISON

Reporter Editor

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We've got you covered with news, features, obits, sports and pictures.

Did I mention news?

If you are a sports fan, reading the Reporter at this time of year is a must. It's time for fall sports to explode at Hamilton County's nine high schools.

We'll be covering Noblesville, Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Hamilton Heights, Westfield, Sheridan, Fishers, Guerin Catholic and University.

That's approximately 65 varsity sports teams we'll be covering this fall. Plus, we'll cover junior high, freshman and junior varsity teams, if the schools email us the results at rhall1977@gmail.com

That's all it takes to get your youth team, etc. – stories and photos – published in the Reporter.

Should you not know, we publish a print edition each Tuesday and then a newspaper-looking email edition on Wednesdays through Sundays.

We're the first Sunday published newspaper ever in Hamilton County.

Actually, high school sports, 2014-15 style, started a couple of weeks ago with girls golf. We haven't missed a beat publishing results of your favorite teams.

How about photos? If there is a newspaper in the state which publishes better sports photos than those shot for the

Reporter by Kent Graham and Brian Reddick, you've got to prove it to me. So clear. So colorful.

This is the week high school football begins. If you've been reading the Reporter you know that we started during the summer, writing about summer football. Friday, we did a little hoping around with the scrimmages and with pre-scrimmage stories.

Our football coverage will heat up with our Tuesday's print edition. We'll have full preview stories of Noblesville, Hamilton Heights and Sheridan. Then, on Thursday, the day before the regular season begins, we will preview all eight teams.

Then, Friday Night Football and the best weekend sports coverage you'll find in Hamilton County.

Also, you may have noticed, our coverage doesn't stop with the boundary of Hamilton County. And, our deadline is later than any newspaper in the area. A good example of the latter is our major league baseball coverage. While others go to be early, our Sports Editor, Richie Hall, is up until the very last (west coast) games are played.

It's going to be fun year. Jump on board and join us.

Carmel Artomobilia takes place Saturday

Drive over to Carmel's Arts & Design District next Saturday for the IU Health North Hospital Carmel Artomobilia presented by ADESA.

The event takes place from noon to 5 p.m. in the district, at Main Street and Range Line Road. More than 300 cars on display in celebration of the art and design of the automobile. Cars include everything from early 20th Century rare models to the latest exotic sports cars.

Car collectors from across the Midwest and beyond will show-off their prized automobiles. At the same time, guests who love to admire the collections enjoy the Carmel Arts & Design District's galleries, restaurants and shops.

The event is free. Public parking is available in the Indiana Design Center underground parking garage located at 200 S. Range Line Road, Sophia Square's underground parking garage at the southwest corner of 1st St. NW and 1st Ave. NW and at the Carmel Lions Club lot located at 141 East Main St, in addition to available public parking surrounding the festival area.

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- Dash of Salt
- 3/4 C. Fine Ground Pecans

Cream flour and butter together.

Add vanilla & mix well.
Stir in p. sugar & salt.
Add pecans & mix well.

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If you have any questions about this exciting news, please let us know. On behalf of the entire Community Bank team, we look forward to supporting your banking needs now and in the future.



Personally yours,

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Another exciting year ahead in...

Girls soccer action

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Teams which win the local girls soccer sectionals most often go on to compete for a state championship. Take last season, for example, when Fishers captured the 2A sectional at Hamilton Southeastern and then went all the way to the state finals, losing to Hoosier Crossroads Conference foe Avon.

The flip side of all of this is that it is tougher than nails to win the local sectionals. Teams capable of making a run for the state championship sometimes are beaten here in the local sectional.

Last year’s sectional at Hamilton Southeastern was brutal. In order to win the championship, Fishers had to edge Noblesville 4-2 on penalty kicks and defeat Hamilton Southeastern 1-0 in overtime before finally having a breeze with a 6-0 championship game win over Pendleton Heights.

Pretty much the same situation at the Zionsville Sectional, where the host Lady Eagles won. Zionsville defeated Carmel 1-0; beat Guerin Catholic 2-1 and captured the crown with a 4-0 victory over Westfield.

In case you’re wondering, yes, Guerin Catholic plays Class 2A. Schools have their choice and the Lady Eagles have decided to play up a notch and face teams like Carmel and Zionsville.

Hamilton Heights and Sheridan play 1A. Late season the Lady Huskies won their own tourney with wins over Taylor 6-0 and Tri-Central 5-0 and then Sheridan in a 2-1 title game thriller. Earlier, Sheridan knocked out Muncie Burris 6-0 and Eastern 1-0.

University also is a 1A team. The Lady Trailblazers last year played in the Chatard Sectional and lost to the host team 5-0.

Fishers had easier going in regional, winning over Marion 4-1 and McCutcheon 3-0, and then in the semi-state winning over Penn 1-0 and Valparaiso 2-0.

Hamilton Heights lost its first round regional matchup to West Lafayette 2-0, which went on to capture the state 1A championship.

The girls season in Hamilton County opens Monday with a couple of very interesting matches. Fishers will host McCutcheon, the team the Tigers beat in the regional last year. Guerin Catholic will play at Westfield, and these same two teams could end up meeting in the sectional.

Other games on Monday will have Sheridan hosting Pendleton Heights; Southeastern traveling to Lawrence North; and Noblesville starting at home against Cathedral.

On Tuesday, Hamilton Heights will leap into action when hosting Mid-Indiana Conference foe Taylor, and Sheridan will hit the road to Rossville.

On Wednesday, how about this? Westfield will go to Fishers and Southeastern will go to Carmel

Girls soccer in this area is so highly-contested it is really difficult to look to this year’s post-season. Fishers could make another run and a good Noblesville team still is remembering the close call against the Tigers last year. You think Southeastern isn’t ready for another shot at Fishers, after losing that 1-0 sectional slugout last year?

Who knows, it could be another Fishers-Avon finale? Fishers finished 16-3-3 last year and Avon was 18-2-3. Avon won the state with a 1-0 overtime win over the Tigers.

Fishers is going to be good again; that’s for sure. Eight starters will return from the state runner-up team. One of those eight is all-state midfielder Kylie Hohlt. Other standouts are Kennedy Turner, Brady Riley and Maryna Clark.

Five starters are back at Avon, led by State County Player of the Year Cassidy Blacha. Also back is all-state goalie Kelsey Dossey.

Noblesville, which finished 11-3-2 last year, return four senior starters in Cori Cain, Gabbi Charles, Grace Myers and Karen Rauch. Myers is a first-team all-stater.

You can’t count out Southeastern. After three consecutive trips to the semi-state the Lady Royals lost to city neighbor Fishers for the first time ever in tourney play, finishing the year with a 12-4-1 record. HSE has a

2014 ISCA 2A Girls Soccer Preseason Poll	2014 ISCA 1A Girls Soccer Preseason Poll
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Honorable Mention North Central, FW Homestead, FW Dwenger, Columbus East, Cathedral	

bunch of talent returning, including 2012 Hamilton County Player of the Year Jess Miller.

In the other local 2A sectional, defending champion Zionsville will be tough. The Eagles lost 1-0 to Avon in the regional last season and now return seven starters. Carmel is always tough. So is Guerin Catholic, although again playing up a notch in the tourney.

Hamilton Heights, 17-3 last year, might have made a run for the state crown had the Lady Huskies gotten back West Lafayette in the opening game of the regional. This season, nine starters return from the team which went undefeated in the Mid-Indiana Conference.

Carmel is the only Hamilton County team to win a state crown. The Greyhounds won the first 2A tourney played when

beating Hamilton Southeastern in the finals. Before the tourney went to classes, Carmel won seven state championships including the first and second tourneys in 1995 and 1996.

Seven of the county’s nine teams have won sectionals, led by Carmel with 13. Heights has won 8; Noblesville 7, Southeastern 6, Guerin Catholic 3, Westfield 2 and Fishers 1.

Carmel has 12 regional trophies; Southeastern 5; Noblesville 4; Guerin Catholic 3, Westfield and Heights each and Fishers 1.

Carmel also leads at the semi-state level with 9 championships. Noblesville has 2 and Fishers, Guerin and Southeastern 1 each.

Four county teams in top five...

Royals golf wins Western Invite

Hamilton Southeastern was the winner of the 20-team Western Invite, which took place Saturday at Chippendale Golf Course in Russiaville.



Henderson

The Royals edged Kent (Ohio) by one stroke, 304-305. Three Royals finished in the top 10. Ciara McAree fired a three under 69, which was good enough for individual runner-up honors. Kat Leighty was one over with a 73 and Phoebe Cha scored 75. Esther Bahn added an 87 and Marissa Holliday carded 89.

"It was a great day for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference," said HSE coach Steve Guenin. He was right, as Hamilton County's three other HCC teams finished third, fourth and fifth.

Westfield placed third with a 318. The Shamrocks' remarkable freshman Cailyn Henderson was medalist again, draining six birdies on her way to a four-under 68.

"She has had a fantastic start being medalist in four of our five invitationals and both dual matches," said WHS coach Trevor Neu.

Margaret Wentz carded 79, with Adrienne Montalone shooting 82. Kaylee

Purcell scored 89 and Morgan Baechele had a 104.



Lewis

"Overall I am really pleased with how we played today," said Neu.

Fishers was fourth with a 324. Freshman Morgan Lewis led the Tigers with a 79, followed by Anna DelPrince 80, Katie Brooks 81 and Kennedy Brooker 84.



Moran

Noblesville finished fifth with a 327. Peyton Gigante and Sydney Moran each carded 78s; that is Moran's lowest tournament score. Emily Padgett had an 85, followed by Sarah Hayes' 86 and Hadley Moritz's 88 - both were also low tournament scores.

NHS coach Mike Abbott said that "327 from the yardage that they played us was very impressive for the kids. It was good to have a couple of freshmen step up for us."

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 304, Kent (Ohio) 305, Westfield 318, Fishers 324, Noblesville 327, Center Grove 339, Western 342, Lafayette Jeff 344, Roncalli 350, Penn 352, Rochester 353, Northwestern 363, Warsaw 371, Twin Lakes 389, Plymouth 394, Logansport 397, Western Boone 414, Kokomo 437, Eastern 420.

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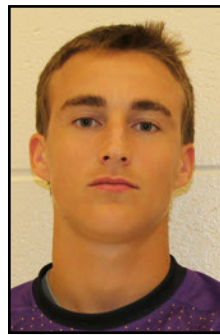
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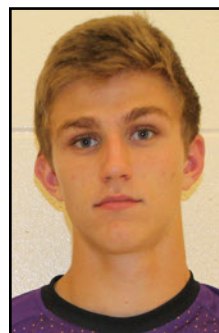
It never gets old for Jon Cech to hear that his Guerin Catholic boys soccer team is the defending Class 1A state champions.

The Golden Eagles broke through to win state last season, with an exciting 1-0 victory over Providence. As much fun as it's been the best several months to be the state champion, now it's a new season. The Golden Eagles are obviously hungry to repeat, but Coach Cech wants his team focused on the here and now.

"We have a lot of things that need to get done long before we ever get to a state championship game," said Cech. "We talk more about the process, the things that will allow us to put ourselves in a position to achieve success, rather than the ultimate success."



Hinkebein



Cloran

Hunter played right midfield last year, but will be the starting forward this season.

"I'm expecting a few more goals out of him this year," said Cech. "I think he's going to have a very productive year on top."

On defensive, there are two big returners, both seniors: David Hinkebein and Luke Bestard. Cech had something good to say about both of them.

"David is coming off an exceptional season, and he looks bigger, stronger and faster than I've ever seen him," said Cech.

Guerin graduated two very good players in George Poppas (25 goals) and Doug Kaskie (14 goals), but the Golden Eagles have many people back as well. Senior Jacob Cloran returns the most goals with 10, and sophomore Khalid Hunter added 10 as well. Cech said the Golden Eagles will be balanced in their scoring.

As for Bestard?



Hunter

Lawrence North on Monday, travels to New Palestine on Tuesday, then welcomes Northwestern on Thursday.

Guerin Catholic roster
Seniors: Luke Bestard, Jacob Cloran, Zach Garvey, David Hinkebein, Andrew Kaskie, Pete St. Amand, Nick Soni, David Torres.
Juniors: Jim Kiffmeyer, Vincent Koehl, Mason May, Michael Thomen.

"I think he's one of the best defensive midfielders in the state of Indiana," said Cech. "He just owns that position. He's very intuitive in how he plays it, and he's very stabilizing."

The Golden Eagles jump right into their schedule, with three games in the first four days of the season. Guerin hosts

Sophomores: Logan Bedford, Khalid Hunter, Matt Quin, Tarcissio Trujillo.



Bestard

Guerin Catholic schedule
August
18: Lawrence North, 5 p.m.
19: at New Palestine, 7 p.m.
21: Northwestern, 5 p.m.
30: at Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.
September
2: at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.
6: Bishop Chatard, 5 p.m.
13: Covenant Christian,

1:30 p.m.
16: Cathedral, 5:30 p.m.
18: at Avon, 6:45 p.m.
20: at Bishop Luers, 1 p.m.
26: at Zionsville Classic, 6:30 p.m.
27: at Zionsville Classic, 9 a.m.
29: University, 5 p.m.
October
1: Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
4: Cardinal Ritter, 1:30 p.m.

Hamilton County sports schedule

Note: Fans planning to attend athletic events should check dates, locations and times with school schedules.

Monday, Aug. 18

Girls Soccer

Pendleton Heights at Sheridan, 5 p.m.
McCutcheon at Fishers, 7 p.m.
Southeastern at Lawrence North, 6:30 p.m.
Cathedral at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Guerin at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Lawrence North at Guerin, 5 p.m.

Volleyball

Fishers at Lawrence Central, 7 p.m.
Guerin at Heritage Christian, 7 p.m.

Boys Cross Country

Mt. Vernon, Brownsburg at Fishers 5:30 p.m.

Girls Golf

Fishers, Southeastern, North Central at Gray Eagle, 4 p.m.

University at Brebeuf, 4 p.m.

Boys Tennis

Westfield at Southeastern, 4:30 p.m.
Tigers Tennis at University, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday Aug. 19

Volleyball

Clinton Central at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

Heights at Mt. Vernon, 6 p.m.
Southeastern at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
Noblesville at North Central, 6 p.m.
Traders point at University, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Yorktown, 6 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Sheridan at Rossville, 6 p.m.
Taylor at Heights, 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer

New Palestine at Guerin, 5 p.m.
Pike at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
Rossville at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
Pendleton at Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.
Heritage Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Tennis

Anderson at Fishers, 4:30 p.m.
Southeastern at Carmel, 5 p.m.
Guerin at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.

Girls Golf

Fishers at Center Grove, 4 p.m.
Carmel, Heights, Cathedral, Zionsville at Crooked Stick, 4 p.m.

Westfield at McCutcheon, 4:30 p.m.

Boys Cross Country

Westfield at New Palestine Inv., 5 p.m.

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Joe Lemna (left), a recent graduate of Noblesville High School, talks with Matt Sparks during the NHS cross country Alumni Race Saturday at the Chanquapin Ridge Cross Country course at White River Elementary School. Sparks has been hired as an assistant coach at Notre Dame, where he will be in charge of both men's and women's cross country and the distance runners of the Irish's track and field team. Lemna will attend Notre Dame and will try out for the track team.

Prairie View and Purgatory to host...

Hamilton County Men’s Amateur set for Sept. 20-21

The 11th annual Hamilton County Men’s Amateur is hosting male amateur and senior amateur golfers who reside in, or are a member of a golf club in, Hamilton County for September 20-21, 2014. The 36 hole tournament draws players from every course and corner of Hamilton County.

Play opens Saturday, September 20 at Purgatory Golf Club, Noblesville and finishes Sunday, September 21 at Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel. The field is limited to 72 players—48 amateurs and 24 senior amateurs.

“Bobby Jones was correct in saying ‘There is golf and then there is tournament golf.’ For those who enjoy the

collegial competition of a county golf contest and have the courage to post their scores in public, this is fun event at two great golf courses,” said Alan Hinds, past tournament chairman.

An entry fee of \$140 covers green fee and cart both days, range balls, and various tournament prizes and favors. The deadline to enter is September 12. Register easily online at www.hamamgolf.eventbrite.com.

Players in the Amateur division must be 21 years or over and have a current 2014 IGA/USGA handicap index of 9.9 or less. The Senior Amateur division starts at age 55 and requires a current 2014 IGA/USGA handicap

index of 14.0 or less. Players must be residents of Hamilton County, Indiana OR a playing member at a Hamilton County golf club.

While a handicap limit is required for entry, this is a no-net tournament and only gross scores are used in the event. The championship and various second day flights are determined by first day scores. Merchandise certificates are awarded in each flight.

For more information, contact Tournament Chairman, Matthew Von Duhn at 331-8001 or hamiltoncountyamatuergolf@gmail.com

Sheridan Horseshoe League...

Bannon and Sons, Asphaugh Electric tied for first

The top two teams of the Sheridan Horseshoe League won a combined total of one game while losing nineteen. The second half of the season has drawn close as Bannon and Sons are in a dead heat with Asphaugh Electric.

Encompass Cu last week's leader dropped all 10 games but are still within one half game of the new leaders. Richard Law had an extremely hot night to pull United Feeds to within six and one half games of the leaders. With only two weeks to go the top two teams will face each other next week.

League Standing for round two are:

	Won	Lost	Points
Bannon and Sons	31.5	18.5	7045
Asphaugh Electric	31.5	18.5	6981
Encompass CU	31	19	6965
United Feeds	25	25	6826
O'Reilly	21	29	6770
Price Heating	10	40	6852

Individual leaders were:

Actual Game

Richard Law	105
Jim Lacey	83
Jeff Ogle	79

Actual Series

Richard Law	310
Jim Lacey	221
Jerry Dell	213

Handicap Game

Richard Law	144
Jerry Shook	139
Jeff Ogle	134

Handicap Series

Richard Law	427
Jerry Shook	387
Jerry Dell	372

McGuinness ignites early outburst in 8-2 Indians triumph

Chris McGuinness doubled, homered and drove in three, Rafael Perez tossed 6 1/3 strong innings and the Indianapolis Indians earned their fifth win in seven games with an 8-2 triumph over the Louisville Bats on Saturday night at Slugger Field.

The Tribe pulled ahead early and never looked back beginning with McGuinness doubling home both Jose Tabata and Brent Morel with two outs in the first.

Dean Anna singled to reach base with one down in the second before advancing 90 feet on a sac bunt from starter Perez. Chase d’Arnaud then continued his recent hot streak of hits in 14 of the last 15 games by plating Anna from second to put the Indians up 3-0.

McGuinness collected his second of two extra-base hits with a towering solo shot to right in the top of the third. The slugging first baseman entered the current series with just one hit in 25 at bats during August, but has since rebounded to go 6-for-8 with three runs, three doubles, a homer and five RBI in his two games at Slugger Field.

Spotted the early edge, starter Perez blanked the Bats through six frames before handing the ball to Josh Kinney with two runs, two on base and one out in the seventh.

Kinney whiffed Felix Perez and rung up Thomas Neal on a called strike three with two outs and the bases loaded to escape the jam.

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LPGA Legends Championship

Riley Children’s Hospital patient finds new passion and hope through the game of golf

Braden Tamosaitis got to roll some putts on the Pete Dye Course on Saturday and also meet many of the players competing in the second round of the LPGA Legends Championship at French Lick Resort.

Braden, age 9, enjoyed the experience thoroughly and the players he touched most certainly did, as well.

“He’s a special little kid,” summed up Dave Harner, director of golf at French Lick.

Braden was born with spina bifida, hydrocephalus and Arnold Chiari II malformation. He underwent surgery the day after he was born and again on the second day of his life. Altogether he’s had 17 surgeries, but they haven’t dimmed his spirit for life. He was delighted to report that a couple of putts on the practice green even found the hole.

“He’s a very happy kid, and a better interview than I am,” said his father, Kevin, who drove his family over two hours (from Camby, Ind., near Indianapolis) on Friday night so that they could participate in Saturday’s Walk for Riley while the Legends tournament was in progress.

Riley Children’s Hospital at IU Health is the new charity partner with the Legends Championship. The hospital will receive a check for \$100,000 following Sunday’s final round to continue its work with families dealing with severe health problems.

“French Lick really stepped up,” said Kevin Tamosaitis. “We’ve been welcomed with open arms and treated like VIPs.”

Harner said Riley Children’s Hospital’s involvement developed because “we wanted something everyone in Indiana could identify with and be a part of.”

Harner knew of Braden and the Riley programs because his own son was involved in the Riley Dance Marathon at Indiana University.

“Riley affects all 92 counties in the state of Indiana plus Kentucky, Illinois and Ohio,” said Joe Vezzoso, vice president of hotel operations for French Lick Resort. “This is a win-win for everyone.”

The Tamosaitis family isn’t new to the special events tied into Riley Hospital. Braden was named Indiana’s 2013 Children’s Miracle Network Champion, and that enabled him to represent the state in a celebratory event in Orlando, Fla., and then take a flight to Washington D.C. where – among other things -- he met with President Obama.

Braden’s battle with spina bifida, though, continues. He watched Saturday’s event from a wheelchair near the No. 8 tee where he was presented by the French Lick Resort golf staff with his first two golf clubs, cut down allowing him to easily hit shots and putt.

More surgeries at Riley wouldn’t be unexpected.

“He looks forward to them,” said his father, “because he gets room service and his friends are there, both patients and doctors. He’s very comfortable there. It’s not like a home-away-from-home; it’s like our other home.”

Five families from Riley participated in Saturday’s Walk. They were scattered around the course, and those participating in the Walk got to interact with the Riley families. That made the Walk all the more special for over 75 youngsters who came from all parts of the area.

“The First Tee of Louisville brought 35 kids,” said Harner.



Photo provided

Riley Hospital patient Braden Tamosaitis has fun on the putting green with LPGA player Lorie Kane.

“We had them from three years old through high school.”

Walk participants and the Riley families participated together in an introductory event on the Dye Course putting green, with two of the LPGA competitors – Lorie Kane and Ann-Marie Palli – offered instruction. Then the families went to checkpoints along the course and the Walk for Riley participants took off on a tour of the spectacular, hilly course. They received stickers at each checkpoint and those who covered the full 18 holes received a small gift upon completion of the hike.

Story provided by Len Ziehm - Chicago based freelance golf writer

Steinhauer’s 63 boost her to second place

Sherri Steinhauer posted a round for the ages on the LPGA Legends Tour Saturday, but – as good as her 9-under-par 63 was – it wasn’t good enough to give her the lead going into Sunday’s final round of the \$500,000 Legends Championship, played on the tricky Pete Dye Course at French Lick Resort.

Steinhauer, who posted a 75 in Friday’s first round, made bogey on her first hole Saturday, then reeled off 10 birdies in the last 17 holes for what’s believed to be the lowest round in the 14-year history of the Legends circuit.

Legends’ officials believe the previous low was 65 by Lorie Kane in the 2011 Wendy’s Charity Challenge in Michigan but they wanted to check further before declaring Steinhauer’s round the best in the history of the circuit. It was a career-best for Steinhauer, who shot 64 four times while playing on the LPGA Tour.

All those birdies on Saturday boosted Steinhauer to 6-under 138 total for the first 36 holes. That left her one stroke behind Laurie Rinker, who posted her 6-under 66 about an hour after Steinhauer finished. They’ll be paired in the final group for Sunday’s final round.

Their closest challenger after 36 holes was Rosie Jones, the co-leader after Round 1. She shot 71 Saturday and is at 4-under 140 heading into the final 18, with a \$60,000 first-place prize is on the line. The other first-round leader, Lisa Grimes, is a stroke behind Jones and the only other players under par are Barb Mucha (2-under 142) and Trish Johnson (1-under 143).

“I’m excited for tomorrow,” said Rinker, who tied for second last year – two strokes behind champion Kane. “I feel pretty comfortable on this course. You’ve got to play along and take what it gives you. The key is being very patient and take a lot of deep breaths.”

Steinhauer wasn’t thinking along those lines Saturday. She was made after her bogey at No. 1, then went along for the ride the rest of the way.

“It was quite a day,” she said. “I started hitting it close and making the putts. It felt really good, and then you just get out of your own way and keep swinging. I tried to not think about it and just enjoy it.”

Enjoying it was no problem. She answered the first-hole bogey with a 20-foot birdie putt at No. 2, the made birdies from five feet at the fourth, eight feet at the fifth, one foot after a fine chip at the seventh and eight feet at the ninth.



Photo by Beth Martin

Sherri Steinhauer blasted a nine-under par 63 in the second round of the LPGA Legends Championship at French Lick Saturday. Steinhauer is one stroke off the lead.

The back side started with birdie putts of 15 feet at No. 10 and four feet at No. 11, but the highlight of the day came two holes later when Steinhauer put a 4-iron second shot from 176 yards to six inches of the cup. She finished her birdie run with a 10-footer at the 14th and a long double-bunker at the 17th. As it turned out, the 10-foot downhill birdie putt that she left short at No. 18 cost her a share of the 36-hole lead.

Using local caddie Caleb Powers for the second straight year, Rinker started Round 2 four strokes better than Steinhauer and was steady throughout. She hit 17 greens in regulation and putted from 60 feet for eagle from the fringe at No. 18. She took three to get in, however, so her lead remained at only one stroke.

“Anything can happen tomorrow,” said Steinhauer, who won eight times – twice in major championships, on the LPGA Tour before winning her first Legends tournament at Innisbrook in Florida in 2012.

Her only other Legends win came in last year’s Wendy’s Charity Challenge in Michigan, but Jones kept her from defending her title in that 18-hole event last Sunday.

“It would be nice to add this tournament,” said Steinhauer, “but there’s a long way to go. I can’t get ahead of myself.”

She’s downplaying the significance of winning the Legends’ biggest tournament for another reason, too. Both Steinhauer and her caddie, Lisa DePaulo, have been touched by cancer issues that diminish the significance of what happens to them on the course.

“Lisa and I went to college at Texas,” explained Steinhauer. “My mom died of cancer in 2010 and Lisa’s taking care of her mom, who has cancer and isn’t doing very well. A college teammate, Piper Wagner, was also just given less than two months to live. We’re playing for all of them. Golf is just a game, and I’m just out here playing and fortunate to be able to play the game I love.”

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Major League Baseball standings

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American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	69	52	.570	-
Toronto	64	60	.516	6.5
N.Y. Yankees	62	59	.512	7.0
Tampa Bay	61	62	.496	9.0
Boston	56	66	.459	13.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	67	55	.549	-
Detroit	66	55	.545	0.5
Cleveland	62	60	.508	5.0
Chi. White Sox	58	65	.472	9.5
Minnesota	55	66	.455	11.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Angels	72	49	.595	-
Oakland	73	50	.593	-
Seattle	66	56	.541	6.5
Houston	51	73	.411	22.5
Texas	47	76	.382	26.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	68	53	.562	-
Atlanta	63	60	.512	6.0
Miami	61	62	.496	8.0
N.Y. Mets	59	65	.476	10.5
Philadelphia	54	69	.439	15.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	69	55	.556	-
St. Louis	65	57	.533	3.0
Pittsburgh	64	59	.520	4.5
Cincinnati	61	61	.500	7.0
Chi. Cubs	52	70	.426	16.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	70	55	.560	-
San Francisco	64	58	.525	4.5
San Diego	58	64	.475	10.5
Arizona	53	70	.431	16.0
Colorado	47	75	.385	21.5

Saturday scores

San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 5

N.Y. Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 2

Cleveland 6, Baltimore 0

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3

Detroit 4, Seattle 2

Miami 2, Arizona 1

N.Y. Mets 7, Chi. Cubs 3

Boston 10, Houston 7

Minnesota 4, Kansas City 1

Atlanta 4, Oakland 3

Toronto 6, Chi. White Sox 3

San Diego 9, St. Louis 5

L.A. Angels 5, Texas 4

Milwaukee 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

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Cincinnati at Colorado