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# Hamilton County Reporter

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# One Day, No Hunger

The Sheridan Rotary Club has started a pilot program called “One Day—Sheridan-No Hunger.” The vision of this program is that in all communities there are unresolved issues around hunger which could be met if those communities could work in concerted effort. Sheridan Rotary has decided to spearhead this program which could unite Sheridan at least for one day in its struggle to alleviate the hunger issues in Sheridan. That one day this year is October 11<sup>th</sup>. At a recent meeting to which Sheridan organizations, businesses, institutions, and churches were invited, the total group decided on a specific project under the project name. This project is called “Sheridan: 1 Town + 1 Day + 1 Meal = No Hunger.” While all the details are not yet finalized and not all invited groups were able to attend, Rotary president VJ Stover who chaired the meeting on behalf of Rotary says: “This is a good start! Many ideas and concerns were brought forth, and decisions were made by consensus, a sign of a community coming together to have a common vision of a solution to a common issue.” At the meeting those who attended were asked to remember the parable of Stone Soup where a town learned to feed itself from its common hope which had become buried under the town’s collective fears. A reading of scripture also helped mold the discussion;

the scripture was 1 Corinthians 12:14-27 which ends with “Now you are the body of Christ and individually a member of it.” (NRSV) “Sheridan: 1 Town + 1 Day + 1 Meal = No Hunger” is very simple. On October 11<sup>th</sup> at a common site as yet to be determined, a free meal to all will be served or delivered. This meal is not based on needs of individuals. It’s based on community celebration. However one hope of this project is to have no one in Sheridan go to bed hungry that day. Other hopes are to have Sheridan unite under the banner of community-wide cooperation, to hear how each group has been struggling against the issues of hunger, and to know the success of everyone working together. Two more hopes are to have the vision continue into the future with more far-reaching projects and missions, and to involve as many people as possible in a united Sheridan working to end the issue of hunger in the community. A paraphrase from the meeting is “It’s not just about hunger. It’s also about neighborliness and common support. It’s about making a start and building on it over time.” In attendance at this meeting were representatives (pictured) from Sheridan First Christian Church, Sheridan First United Methodist Church, Sheridan First Baptist Church, Christian Liberty Church, Sheridan



Photo provided

Sheridan Rotarians and representatives of other Sheridan Community organizations and churches.

Kiwanis, the Town of Sheridan, Sheridan Public Library, Landmark Archeology and Sheridan Rotary. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Sheridan Public Library’s Community Room. All Sheridan organizations, businesses, institutions, schools and churches are invited to send representatives and become part of the vision and project for this year.

## Owens hired as Noblesville Main Street Executive Director



Noblesville Main Street (NMS) is pleased to announce that Chris Owens has been hired as the new Executive Director. Owens takes over the role in which he has most recently served as Interim Director since June 2014. Prior to joining NMS, Owens served the Indiana Park & Recreation Association for several years in a similar role, helping develop programming for professionals across the state in addition to growing their membership and the demand for the association services. “I could not be more excited about the effort and passion that Chris Owens brings to the leadership of our organization. He lives in downtown Noblesville and has been an active NMS board member prior to accepting this role. He knows what we need to get to the next level and has already demonstrated the willingness to take on the toughest of challenges with integrity and passion,” said Beau Parsons, chair of the Search Committee. “Noblesville Main Street has a great history. Chris will build on that history and make our organization stronger than ever.” “I’m excited about the future of Noblesville both pertaining to my new role with Main Street and the city overall. I am fortunate to be chosen to help this great organization and create opportunities for business advocacy, community engagement, and connection centered on our vibrant and historic downtown,” said Owens. “My family has been actively involved with many of the Noblesville Main Street events in the past, and I’m honored to help lead efforts to continue these wonderful programs.” Main Street is hosting a meet and greet event at the Thursday Market on August 21st from 5 to 8 p.m. Residents can visit the market and also take part in a hog roast prepared by The Ville and sponsored by Nova 29. Copper Still will also feature a beer garden as part of the event located next to the Noblesville Visitor’s Center. The hog roast is in partnership with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce.

## Tanker accident closes SR 32



Photo provided by City of Westfield

Thursday morning a tanker rolled over at Casey Road and State Road 32 in Westfield. State Road 32 was closed between Ditch and Spring Mill Road as crews worked to clean up the area. The driver was trying to avoid an accident by attempting to turn North on Casey

Road when the driver overturned the vehicle. The driver was not injured in the accident. The diesel tanker rested on a support beam of a utility pole. The tanker was not leaking fuel, but the tank had to be emptied before it could be removed.

State Road 32 was closed and power was shut off to areas of Westfield and Carmel while the clean up was occurring. The road re-opened around 3:45 p.m., with power being restored to the area around 5:15 p.m.

## Public invited to common council’s park retreat



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The City of Noblesville and the Noblesville Parks Department will be hosting a meeting next week for the Common Council and interested members of the public regarding proposed plans for Federal Hill Park. The meeting will feature a presentation that will include the final proposed designs for the park, the projected economic impact from the development of the park, proposed costs, and more.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at Noblesville City Hall (16 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street) on Tuesday, August 19 beginning at 6pm. For more information, contact the Parks Department at (317) 776-6350.



## Obituaries

### Harvey J. Tunget

**January 5, 1929 - August 11, 2014**

Harvey J. Tunget, 85, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, August 11, 2014 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on January 5, 1929 to John and Catharine (Overdorf) Tunget in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Harvey graduated from Noblesville High School in 1947, and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. Harvey owned the Noblesville Dairy Queen store for 25+ years, and enjoyed traveling the world with his wife.

He is survived by his siblings, Martha Spurrier Himmelman, Mary (Jerry) Ricketts, Don (Nancy) Tunget, and Elmer R. Smith.

In addition to his parents, Harvey was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Ruby Tunget, who died on July 30, 2008.

Services were held on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

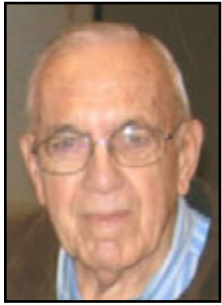
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, Memorial Program, 3100 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

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### Robert S. Edelman

**September 19, 1926 - August 9, 2014**

Robert S. Edelman, 87, of Fishers, passed away on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at Hamilton Trace of Fishers. He was born on September 19, 1926 to Morris and Lillian (Muller) Edelman in Brooklyn, New York.



Robert taught High School in Evansville many years, and before teaching was the director of educational television. He was also a television announcer for Channel 14 in Evansville. He was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Noblesville, and a Navy Veteran of W.W.II as a radio man in the Pacific Theatre. Robert volunteered at Conner Prairie for many years, and also at Riverview Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor J. Edelman; son, Bruce Edelman; son, Brian and wife Kate Edelman; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville. The funeral service followed with Pastor Steve Walker officiating. Burial was at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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### Peggy J. Harris

**April 27, 1945 - August 10, 2014**

Peggy J. Harris, 69, of Sheridan, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on April 27, 1945 to Charlie and Roxie (Nolan) Helton in Harlan, Kentucky.



Peggy was an Executive Housekeeper for Sunburst Hospitality, and loved playing bingo, where ever it was, usually at the American Legion in Sheridan. She was also a member of the Comfort Bears program for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

She is survived by her children, William C. Cole, Gene A. (Tonya) Cole, Edward L. Cole, and Brian L. (Sandra K.) Harris; siblings, Margie Rolfes, Gene Allen Helton, Dorothy Helton, Thomas Helton, Billy Joe Helton, and Frances L. Snow; grandchildren, Chelsey Cole, Bridget Cole, Caitlin Cole, Allen Cole, Michael Cole, Reagan Cole, Courtnee Baker, Lindsey Harris, Nathan Harris, Brian A. Harris, Tristan Harris, and Connor D. Snow.

In addition to her parents, Peggy was preceded in death by her sisters, Esta May Griffin, and Mildred Chaney; and brother, Charles Helton.

A memorial calling was held on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Comfort Bears program in care of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Chaplaincy Fund, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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### Connie Ann (Taylor) Backman

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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### Robin D. Baker

**July 28, 1963 - August 10, 2014**

Robin D. Baker, age 51, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday morning, August 10, 2014, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born July 28, 1963 in Noblesville, Indiana, she was the daughter of Robert L. and Avalene P. (Mace) Mossburg. Robin was a 1981 graduate of Sheridan H.S. and attended Ivy Tech. She was retired from Sheridan Healthcare Center, where she worked as a QMA for many years. She was a member of the Issachar Church of Sheridan. Robin was also an avid John Wayne fan.

Robin is survived by her parents; her son, Zachary K. Baker of Arcadia; her daughter, Amanda Doreen Baker of Farview, Ohio; 5 brothers, Calvin D. Condry (Beverly) of Tipton, David L. Condry (Janet) of Indianapolis, Gary D. Condry (Krissy) of Camby, Robert D. Mossburg (Loretta) of Lafayette, Donald L. Mossburg (Ellen) of Arcadia; 3 sisters, Jan D. Bell (Fred) of Westfield, Denise A. Morgan (Kevin) of Arcadia and Cathy D. Fuehring (Roger) of Scottsburg.

Services were held on Thursday, August 14, 2014, at the Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, with visitation prior to the time of service.

Burial followed in Crown View Cemetery. Pastor Josh Kennedy officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Robin Baker Memorial Fund c/o the First Farmers Bank & Trust in Sheridan.

### David "Les" Gerber

**February 7, 1925 - August 13, 2014**

David "Les" Gerber, 89, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at Miller's Merry Manor in Tipton. He was born on February 7, 1925 to David and Dessie (Cook) Gerber in Noblesville, Indiana.



For 30 years, David was a carpenter for contractor John Fisher, and was then self-employed. He was an avid fisherman, and liked to gamble.

David is survived by his daughters, Tammy Eller, and Roxanne Gerber; son, Ron (Deborah) Gerber; brothers, Larry Gerber, and Doug Gerber; and grandsons, Jeff, Matt and Mike Gerber, Travis Leeman, and Alex Heffelmire.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his wife, Alberta L. Gerber on October 8, 2011; and siblings, Bill & Mac Gerber, Betty McNally, and Ruth King.

Graveside Services were held on Friday, August 15, 2014, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville, with Pastor Rick Huffman officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Strawtown Community Church, c/o Rick Huffman, 175 Sierra Drive, Cicero, IN 46034.

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### Douglas Roy Gilbert

**February 22, 1957 - August 11, 2014**

Douglas Roy Gilbert, 57, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, August 11, 2014 at St. Vincent Heart Center in Indianapolis. He was born on February 22, 1957 to Robert and Joretta (Oneal) Gilbert in Terre Haute, Indiana. His mother survives him.



Doug received his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University, and was a member of their alumni association and Theta Chi fraternity. He was also a member of Carmel Lutheran Church, and Harbour Trees. Doug loved golf, music, and his dog, Drake. A Notre Dame fan, he was always the life of the party with a great sense of humor. Doug loved his family, and gave the ultimate gift of life to others through organ and tissue donation.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Gilbert; son, Griffin Gilbert; daughter, Kiley Gilbert; brother, Mike (Ann) Gilbert; sister, Kathy (Jay) Adams; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to his father, Doug was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Hector Reyes.

Services were held on Saturday, August 16, 2014, at Carmel Lutheran Church in Carmel, with Pastor Daniel Schumm officiating. Visitation was Friday, August 15, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, Noblesville. Burial was at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674; or the Robert E. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o ISU Foundation, 30 North Fifth Street, Terre Haute, IN 47809, or online at <http://www.indstatefoundation.org/ImpactGiveOnline.aspx>

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Letter to the editor...

## Noblesville Schools needs to be more competitive with county counterparts

Dear Editor,

I just finished looking at the published ISTEP scores and Noblesville Schools Annette Petty proudly admits that, “Noblesville schools are among the top 10 districts in Central Indiana in student achievement on ISTEP.” Not in the State, but Central Indiana. That fluff is all good if it makes the administration happy, but I am more concerned and embarrassed about how we stack up in Hamilton County.

Of the 52 Hamilton County schools the Reporter listed, the highest Noblesville School was 14th and the lowest was 47th out of 52. In fact, Noblesville only had 2 schools in the top 30% of all the schools while 6 schools were listed in the bottom 25%. Unacceptable in my eyes and I'm sure many parents eyes. How the administration can take pride in this is beyond me. Those ISTEP scores put us behind Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Fishers and Westfield.

I see similar results when looking at 4 star schools in Hamilton County. I recently went to a school board meeting where they honored NHS, NWMS and Hinkle Creek Elementary for achieving a 4 star rating. Kudos to those 3 schools, they should be very proud and honored. That's 3 out of 10 or 30% of the public schools in Noblesville receiving that distinction. Now compare that to Caramel's (11) 4 star schools out of 15 or 73% of their schools, HSE/Fishers (12) 4 star schools or 60% of their schools or Westfield's (5) 4 star schools out of 9 or 55% of their schools and one can plainly see we are getting way outperformed by the other schools our size in the county. For the heck of it I looked up Zionsville Schools and of their 8 schools 6 of them are 4 Star schools.

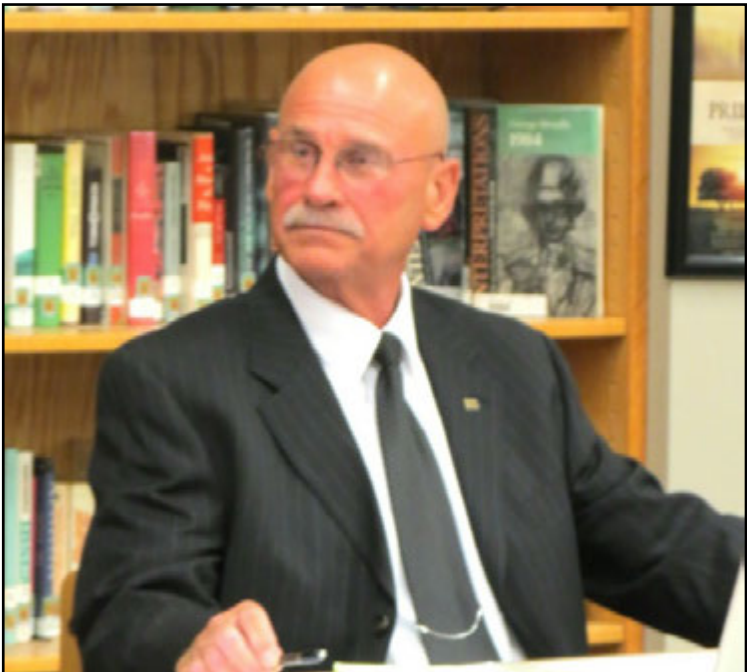
It seems Noblesville Schools and the City of Noblesville share many of the same problems. Lack of planning, unable to manage the growth of the city or school enrollment and being short sighted rather than long range planners. We built schools that were too small when they opened only to have to come back with another referendum so we can build new and expand other schools just 2 years after another referendum was passed to do the same thing. The city wants to build 800 new apartments when they should be building 800 new million dollars homes. That's a topic for a different day.

Am I jealous of a place like Carmel? Heck yes I am. Do I want the vision of a city like Carmel? Heck yes I do. Many people dislike Carmel, but would love to have all their successes as a city and school district.

Noblesville needs to get more competitive both athletically and scholastically with our county counterparts. It's an embarrassment to the school, its alumni, our community, parents and above all, the students that are being educated in Noblesville.

It's no wonder the chants of “Nobleucky” live on and have not gone away.

Mark Resch  
Noblesville



Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

Sheridan Community Schools Board of School Trustees appointed Randy Brimberry as its newest member. Brimberry recently retired from Sheridan Schools after serving 39 years as a teacher, administrator and coach.

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## DO YOU YU-GI-OH?

Starting Monday, Sept. 8, the Community Room of the Sheridan Public Library will be the site of a Yu-Gi-Oh tournament from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The tournaments will be held every other Monday and will be open to boys and girls and children of all ages.

It is time to duel. Winners will be declared. Championships will be won. Bragging rights will be established. Prizes will be awarded. That is, of course, until two weeks later when the next match begins, and we start all over again.

So mark your calendars now—Monday, Sept. 8 and every other week thereafter from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Sheridan Public Library. The library is located at 103 West First Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County.

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Left to right, Travis Shank, Corissa Dwigans, Angela Phillips and Noah Townsend invite you to come play Yu-Gi-Oh at the Sheridan Public Library.



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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 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 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 some people happy" treadmill. On that treadmill you do not lose weight. You lose sleep. You lose inner peace.3 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.



Not the Perfect Mom


By TAMAR KNOCHEL

I've been reading in Ezekiel lately and over and over I've found this refrain: "...they will know that I am the LORD their God." Ezekiel 28:26 "Then Israel will know that I am the LORD Sovereign LORD." Ezekiel 29:16 "Then they will know that I am the LORD." Ezekiel 29:21 "...and they will know that I am the LORD." Ezekiel 30:19 "Then they will know that I am the LORD." Ezekiel 30:26 "I, the LORD, will do \_\_\_\_\_ and then they (or you) will know that I am the LORD." Notice that it's NOT: "When they do \_\_\_\_\_, they will finally know that I am the LORD." Or "When they say \_\_\_\_\_, they will know that I am the LORD."



It's always God saying "I will". Apparently, our recognizing Him as LORD hinges on us seeing HIM doing something. And yet so often we're so apt to think that what's going on in our lives hinges on something we're doing. But we're not God. We're not even a god. We're human flesh and bone, fashioned in the image of God and chosen to be Children of God - the Bride of Christ, His hands and feet. We are weak defenseless sheep who can't fend off predators, find our way out of trouble, nor prepare green pastures to graze in. We need a shepherd, The Good Shepherd, to guide us in the way we should go with His staff. And to protect us from all harm with His rod. And to lead us in path's of righteousness for His name's sake. We need Him to make us lie down in green pastures and to lead us by still waters; still water - because the rapidly moving kind scares us too much to drink from it freely. We need for Him to anoint our heads with oil so that the flies will stay away from our eyes and nose where they like to infest and

lay their eggs. Yes, even though we may walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death we can fear no evil because our God has promised never to leave us or forsake us. He is always by our side. "Yes, I the LORD, the Good Shepherd, will do these things; not because you asked and not even because you needed them (which you do), but simply because I said I would. And it will be through My tender care that you will know that I am the LORD your God."



1	Daniel 10:1-12:13
2	Deut 11:3-22
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3/4 C. Fine Ground Pecans

Cream flour and butter to together. Add vanilla & mix well. Stir in p. sugar & salt. Add pecans & mix well.

Roll in to balls, the size you want. Flatten slightly with bottom of a glass. Bake at 350\* for 10 to 12 minutes. Have a baggie with p. sugar in it. While cookies are still warm place them in the baggie with the p. sugar and shake. Take cookies out and place on a plate to cool.

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Above – An architectural rendering of Noblesville’s new Federal Hill Park



Photo by Tony Oilar/For the Reporter

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 Hokum Karem, the Hamilton County meet, the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, and then the sectional and the regional. It will be the first time the Millers have hosted a cross country regional since 2006.

Community Health Network names new chief financial officer

Community Health Network has named Joe Kessler as its next chief financial officer. Kessler will be responsible for the financial strategies and long-term financial strength of the organization. He will also serve as a member of Community’s CEO Council and will report directly to Community President and CEO Bryan Mills.

“Joe brings more than 30 years of healthcare leadership in financial management, partnership strategies and innovative business solutions,” said Mills. “This wealth of experience will enhance the capabilities of the Community Health Network leadership team.”


Kessler made the move to Community Health Network from Kaleida Health in

Buffalo, New York, the largest health-care system in western New York, where he served as executive vice president and CFO. His career journey also includes TriHealth in Cincinnati and Ernst & Young.

He received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Ohio State University, and is a CPA and a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.



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# Meet the new Sheridan Schools teachers

Mary Catherine Mills Dillon - Agriculture/Science. Mary Catherine has taught Biology, Earth Science, and Environmental Science for the last three years at Guilford County Schools in Greensboro, North Carolina. She earned her Bachelor's degree from University of North Carolina at Asheville, majoring in Biology and Comprehensive Science and her Master's degree from Mississippi State University in Biological Science. She has also published some of her research and received awards and recognition for her accomplishments.

Chris Schrank - Social Studies and the SHS varsity boys basketball coach. Chris is a graduate of Miami University-Ohio and majored in Social Studies Education; minored in History. He taught social studies and coached Union County High School for 5 years and then moved to Fishers about two years ago. He most recently taught at Bishop Chatard High School which included some AP courses. He also coached basketball; both freshman and JV.

Mary Brunkhart - FACS position. She is a graduate of Indiana State University and has a Master's in Counseling Education from IUPUI. She taught FACS and coached volleyball and softball at East Central High School for two years and has been teaching FACS at Greenfield Central Junior High for the last 10 years. She is also coaching middle school volleyball.

Missy Bourdon - Half Time Special Education Teacher / Early Childhood Teacher at Sheridan Elementary. She is a graduate of Indiana State University and Purdue University majoring in Special Education. Mrs. Bourdon comes to us with 6 years' experience.

Britney Grant - Kindergarten and varsity cheerleading coach. She attended Indiana University with a bachelors in Elementary Education.

Carol Land - Speech Pathologist. Mrs. Land is a graduate from Ball State with a Masters in Speech and Hearing Therapy with approximately 40 years experience.

Evan Cooper - Band Director. Mr. Cooper graduated from Ball State and Indiana University with a Bachelors in Music Education. Mr. Copper comes to us with 2 years' experience.

## Sheridan Cub Scouts call out

Sheridan Cub Scouts Pack 118 invites all interested boys in first through fifth grade to join the Pack on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at the Sheridan Elementary School Cafeteria to learn more about the program and sign up to become a Scout.

The Sheridan Cub Scout program is a fun, family-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for boys in first through fifth grade. Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Scouts participate in a variety of fun activities ranging from outdoor exploration to learning to design and build a pinewood derby car to race against fellow Pack members. Each year the program also looks to involve its Scouts in service projects that support the community, the residents, and the environment in Sheridan. For more information, please attend the meeting on

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# Can strong defense carry NHS?

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

Late last week, before the Millers on Friday were to take the field for a scrimmage session with North Central, Coach Lance Scheib was talking about his team's defense.

"The defense needs to continue to play fast and arrive at the ball in a bad mood," said the coach.

Bingo. That's what the Millers did in the scrimmage. North Central's only score in the scrimmage came on an intercepted pass.

This is a strong Miller defense, and, actually a carry over from what Noblesville did in the second half of last season when NHS allowed opposing teams to score only two touchdowns or less in four of five games.

Problem last season, and hopefully this won't be a carry over, the Millers won just one of those games, beating up on Harrison 35-0.

In the scrimmage with North Central, Noblesville did not score, even though at times the Millers moved the football.

In Noblesville's first series, junior quarterback Luke Melloh hit ace receiver Joey Herron for 11 yards and later threw to speedster Brian McLean for 41 yards. Melloh, quarterbacking his first varsity action, on the Millers' fifth play, threw the interception and then the very next play found McLean for the long gainer.

In the scrimmage, each team started by having 15 plays. On the last three plays, Jarel Youree, a junior running back, dashed for 19 yards; senior quarterback Carl Hardy connected with Herron for 34 yards and senior running back Hayden Stinnett carried for 11 yards. Noblesville was on North Central's two-yard line, with no plays remaining.

So, the offense showed signs, but the bottom line being the Millers did not score.

In the contest for the starting QB job this week at Lawrence North, Melloh and Hardy came out of the scrimmage still battling.

"They were okay," Scheib said, "but will have to do better."

Combined, Melloh and Hardy were 5-for-13 throwing the football.

Going into the last week of practice before beginning the regular season, Scheib said that the only contest was not just at quarterback.

"Every position is up for grabs, with either starters or those players which will become role players for us on Friday nights," said the coach.

Scheib's depth chart going into the scrimmage had Stinnett at tailback, Joey Brewer at tight end, McLean at wide receiver, Herron at wide receiver and Aidan Jarvis at fullback. Jarvis, a 210-pound senior, had some nice runs against North Central.

The offensive line is led by the big man (big in more ways than one), 265-pound tackle Brandon Knight. He's headed for Purdue football next season.

Joining Knight as No. 1 on the depth chart are 255-pound senior Jacob Reks at guard, 260-pound Dustin Aitken at center 250-pound Jeffrey Musselman at guard and 290-pound Eric Ferguson at tackle

That's a lot of beef, but, considering the schedule Noblesville will play, the Millers will need that size.

On defense, Noblesville won't be quite as big with an upfront trio of 200-pound Jake Hornsby, 200-pound Nick Santos and 180-pound Sonu Dhillon.

The linebackers will be senior Donovan Lynch, senior Austin Ginther, junior Hank Davis, senior AJ Anderson and senior David Cory.

You won't find many linebackers, if any, in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference better than Ginther and Lynch.

In the defensive backfield likely will be senior Josh Gentry, senior Jake Owens and senior Zack Niezer.

It's a potent defense which will need help from the offense if the Millers are to win and win big this season.

"Offense is simple," said Scheib. "Take care of the football and be physical each and every play."

The Millers did protect the football in the scrimmage. That, along with the pass catching of Herron, McLean and big 255-pound tight end Brewer and the running of



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Jarel Youree carries for yardage during Noblesville's Friday night scrimmage with North Central at Hare Chevrolet Field.

Stinnett, Youree and Jarvis certainly gave some indications that the Millers can be stronger on offense this season.

Also, the depth looks good.

"We have been able to develop depth this season at almost every position," said Scheib. "I feel good about where we are across the board as we prepare for the season."

Noblesville is a team of families this season, with seven brother combinations. They are senior Connor and sophomore Chandler Hurst, senior Austin and sophomore Nolan Ginther, junior JD and sophomore Drew Scheib, senior Joey and sophomore Ben Herron, senior Logan and sophomore Mitchell Compton, junior Hagen and sophomore Clay Wiese and senior Jake and sophomore Drew Owens.

The season will open with an interesting game, Noblesville traveling to Lawrence North this Friday. As the Lafayette schools have left the Hoosier Crossroads, the Millers will play three non-conference games. Two

of those non-conference tilts will be played at Lawrence North, the other being on Sept. 26 when Chatard will host the Millers.

Noblesville, a school which has gone through 12 consecutive years without a record above 50-50, will take on a Lawrence North team which hasn't won a game in two years. LN's last victory was a 31-28 decision over Terre Haute South in the final regular season game three years ago. Lawrence North's last winning season (9-3) was in 2005. That team was coached by Tom Dille, who now is in his first season at Guerin Catholic.

Noblesville's home opener, another non-conference game, will be the second week of the season when Hamilton Heights comes to Hare Chevrolet Stadium. The next week, Week 3, the Millers will travel to Fishers for their first HCC game. Noblesville defeated Fishers in the regular season last year and then lost to the Tigers in the sectional.



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville's defense swarmed all over North Central Friday during the Millers-Panthers scrimmage at Hare Chevrolet Field. Noblesville only gave up one touchdown in the scrimmage.

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Aug. 29, Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.

Sept. 5, at Fishers, 7 p.m.

Sept. 12, Westfield, 7 p.m.

Sept. 19, at Zionsville, 7 p.m.

Sept. 26, Chatard at Lawrence North, 7 p.m.

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How good are the Huskies?

# Non-league games may tell

**By DON JELLISON**  
**Reporter Editor**  
Hamilton Heights football coach Mitch Street may learn a lot about his football team very early this season. Even before the Huskies roar onto the gridiron for a start in the Mid-Indiana Conference. That conference start will come in the third game of the season at Maconaquah. Before that, Heights will play a pair of non-conference games with Tipton and Noblesville. The Huskies will open at home against Tipton this Friday and then travel to Noblesville the following Friday.  
Likely, Street will learn a lot about the season from those two games.  
Then, again, maybe not.  
At least until the Noblesville game Heights will play without Ethan Jones, the junior who throughout the summer showed the talent needed to replace graduated quarterback Monte Reed, who last season threw for 1,849 yards and 25 touchdowns. But, Jones missed the Friday evening

scrimmage with Anderson and will sit out a two-game suspension when the Huskies face Tipton.  
Grant Weatherford has stepped into the quarterback position. Weatherford's role had expected to be at wide-receiver. He's one of the best in the state, last year catching 49 balls for 1,073 yards.  
"We've said all along that we wanted to get the ball into Grant's hands," said Street. "Now, the ball will be in his hands from the snap."  
Street would not comment on who will play where once Jones returns.  
No matter where Weatherford is, he'll be a threat along with what should be an extremely tough group of skilled players.  
The starting fullback, senior Jesse Kerfoot, last season carried the pigskin only 46 times and gained 470 yards and scored eight touchdowns.  
"Kerfoot has paid his dues and is ready for a starting role this season," said Street.

At what Heights labels the "H back" spot is Jesse Brown, who as a freshman last year caught 23 passes for 453 yards and six touchdowns.  
"The difference between Brown last season and this season," Street said, "is that he is physically stronger. He had an outstanding season as a freshman."  
The "X back" will be another Weatherford, Sterling, a sophomore who, like brother Grant, is a very good athlete.  
Completing the talented backfield at the "Z back" spot will be Caymn Lutz, another of Heights' young athletes. He a sophomore. Riley White is still-another promising sophomore.  
"Our skilled players are good," said Street.  
Heights' offensive line may be good, too, but it is unproven with not a lot of varsity experience. The leader will be Joel Boser, a 230-pound senior tight end.  
"We are expecting a lot of leadership from Boser," Street said.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Heights' Grant Weatherford looked strong Friday in a scrimmage again Anderson.

As explosive as the offense may be, Street said the defense will be a key to the Huskies winning.  
Up front will be Anderson, Boser, 325-pound senior Dan Baker and junior Nathan Roth.  
The starting linebackers will be Kerfoot, senior Isaac Ray and Brown.  
Grant Weatherford will start at strong safety and Lutz at free safety. The corners will be Sterling Weatherford and senior Evan Ward.  
"We've got a lot of young kids on both sides of the football," Street said. "On offense, we lost the quarterback, a running back and five offensive linemen. We had a good summer and needed a good summer to find out who we are."  
This will be Heights' last season playing in the Mid-Indiana Conference. The Huskies will be moving to the Hoosier Conference in 2015.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

The sun shines down on the huskies ready to take the field in Friday nights scrimmage match up again the Anderson Indians.

## Heights Schedule

- Aug. 22, Tipton, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 29, at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 5, at Maconaquah, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 12, Lewis Cass, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 19, at Eastern, 7 p.m.
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# Blackhawks are big, talented

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

Those who follow Sheridan football from a distance might take a snap look and believe the Blackhawks have been “down” the last few seasons.

Sheridan’s last state championship (the last of three straight) came back in 2007.

Here are a couple of facts to consider:  
\*Until Tri-Central broke the string last year, Sheridan was the last public school to win the Class 1A state title.

\*Sheridan the last three years has been eliminated from the post-season tourney by teams which went on to win the state championship.

“Lafayette Central Catholic eliminated us two consecutive times and then we lost in the sectional last year to Tri-Central,” pointed out Sheridan Hall of Fame coach Bud Wright, who this season will be starting his 50<sup>th</sup> year as a coach and 49<sup>th</sup> year at Sheridan.

Wright, who has won more games than any coach in the history of Indiana High School football, will enter the year with an overall record of 385-172 and a 384-169 mark as Sheridan’s mentor.

He also will enter the season with a very good football team, a team (barring injuries) which could win another state championship.

“If all the pieces fit together,” Wright said, “this could be a good football team. We have a back (Austin Hoover) who has

been the leading rusher in Hamilton County the last two seasons. And, we’re back to the size we haven’t had the last couple of years.”

Sheridan will be big up front with senior Jacob Eidson (210) and junior David Powers (240) at tackles; senior Kent Hollingsworth (230) and sophomore Antonio Caraballo (265) at guards and sophomore Alex Gipson (240) at center. Gipson, who started as a freshman last season, is being pushed by sophomore Avery Bundy (233).

Hollingsworth and Eidson are potential all-staters.

Wright said he’ll “open up” the offense a little this season, which should make Hoover even more of a threat. Hoover rushed for 2,174 yards last fall and has gained more than 4,000 the last two years.

Running alongside Hoover at fullback will be big (254 pounds) Logan Barnes. Wright calls Barnes “a power blocker.”

Because Hoover is so valuable on defense, Wright would like to give him a little time off from the offense. The coach believes he can do this with junior K.J. Acevedo and the Burnell twins as backups. The two sophomores, Robert and Kenny Burnell, weigh in at 175 pounds.

Another Blackhawk with size is 240-pound sophomore tight end Kyle Harwood, who last year was an offensive lineman. “Harwood is a big kid and a good blocker,” said Wright. “He really came on this summer. Harwood also will be our long-snapper on punts.”

With senior Garrett Chesney returning at quarterback and some speed at the wide-out positions, Wright can spread out his offense. Chesney ran for 220 yards and passed for another 496 yards last season.

“He likes the shot gun,” Wright talked about Chesney. “It appears to be a better fit for him. He sees the field better.”

The three wide-outs, who will make Hoover even more dangerous on the ground, are junior Jacob Chesney, junior Taylor Ly and senior Jordan Kyriakopoulos. Ly, a basketball player out for football for the first time, has some speed and good hands. Kyriakopoulos, a baseball player with speed, was a defensive back last season. Jacob Chesney, a split end last year, gives the Sheridan offense lots of options.

Wright likes his offensive line.  
“Eidson and Hollingsworth are three-year starters,” said the coach. “Powers stated four games last season. Carballo is a big sophomore who had knee problems last year. Gipson and Bundy are fighting it out for the center position.”

Wright will play a 3-4 defense.  
Up front will be 210-pound junior Zach Reed, Hollingsworth and 242-pound senior Brooks Lewman.

Hoover, who led Sheridan with 155 tackles last season, will be one of the inside linebackers. Wright said the other inside spot still is open with 210-pound senior Robert Sizemore, the Burnell twins, and Harwood all in the picture.

The outside linebackers will be Eidson and freshman Joe Callahan. Eidson, the third-leading Blackhawk in defensive points last season, has played nose and defensive back in his career. Callahan’s brother, Tyler, now graduated, also started at linebacker as a freshman.

Sheridan is deep in defensive back talent. The Chesneys and Kyriakopoulos will start with backup help from Ly, freshman Brody Perry and Acevedo.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Sheridan’s Jordan Kyriakopoulos (file photo)

Sheridan will open the regular season Friday at Larry Wright Stadium against long-time rival Western Boone. Shenandoah and North Knox are new opponents.

The big game which could decide the Hoosier Heartland Conference title is the regular season finale against Tri-Central, the team which eliminated the Blackhawks in the sectional last year.

“Tri-Central lost their big lineman, but they have a ton of talent returning,” Wright said.

## Sheridan Schedule

- Aug. 22, Western Boone, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 29, at Shenandoah, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 5, Clinton Prairie, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 12, at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 19, Clinton Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27, North Knox, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 3, Tipton, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 10, at Linton-Stockton, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 17, at Tri-Central, 7 p.m.

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This document contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe-harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements can often, but not always, be identified by the use of words like "believe", "continue", "pattern", "estimate", "project", "intend", "anticipate", "expect" and similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "will", "would", "should", "could", "might", "can", "may", or similar expressions. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the expected timing and benefits of the proposed merger (the "Merger") between First Merchants Corporation ("First Merchants") and Community Bancshares, Inc. ("Community Bancshares"), including future financial and operating results, cost savings, enhanced revenues, and accretion/dilution to reported earnings that may be realized from the Merger, as well as other statements of expectations regarding the Merger, and other statements of First Merchants' goals, intentions and expectations; statements regarding the First Merchants' business plan and growth strategies; statements regarding the asset quality of First Merchants' loan and investment portfolios; and estimates of First Merchants' risks and future costs and benefits, whether with respect to the Merger or otherwise. These forward-looking statements are subject to significant risks, assumptions and uncertainties that may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in forward-looking statements, including, among other things: the risk that the businesses of the First Merchants and Community Bancshares will not be integrated successfully or such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; expected revenue synergies and cost savings from the Merger may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame; revenues following the Merger may be lower than expected; customers and employee relationships and business operations may be disrupted by the Merger; the ability to obtain required governmental and shareholder approvals; and the ability to complete the Merger on the expected timeframe; possible changes in economic and business conditions; the existence or exacerbation of general geopolitical instability and uncertainty; the ability of First Merchants to integrate recent acquisitions and attract new customers; possible changes in monetary and fiscal policies, and laws and regulations; the effects of easing restrictions on participants in the financial services industry; the cost and other effects of legal and administrative cases; possible changes in the credit worthiness of customers and the possible impairment of collectability of loans; fluctuations in market rates of interest; competitive factors in the banking industry; changes in the banking legislation or regulatory requirements of federal and state agencies applicable to bank holding companies and banks like First Merchants' affiliate bank; continued availability of earnings and excess capital sufficient for the lawful and prudent declaration of dividends; changes in market, economic, operational, liquidity, credit and interest rate risks associated with the First Merchants' business; and other risks and factors identified in each of First Merchants' filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Neither First Merchants nor Community Bancshares undertakes any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, relating to the matters discussed in this document. In addition, First Merchants' and Community Bancshares' past results of operations do not necessarily indicate either of their anticipated future results, whether the Merger is effectuated or not.