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Danger on the White River

A courageous act by a Cicero resident saved the lives of a mother and child Saturday afternoon.

The mother and her two children were playing by the bank of the White River near Potter's Bridge on Allisonville Road when one of the children fell into the water. The child was swept away by the current. The mother jumped into the water to try to rescue him, and her other child soon followed. One of the children was able to grab a tree and hang on to it until rescuers arrived. The woman and her other child were rescued by a bystander, David Norton of Cicero. He

jumped into the water and was able to pull the mother and her child to shore.

Hamilton County Sheriff deputies, a Noblesville Police Officer and Noblesville Fire Department personnel helped everyone out of the water. The mother and children were treated and released at the scene.

Norton, who does not wish to be contacted by the media, said he was going home and try to relax for the rest of the day.

Fire Department spokesman Rick Russell said that if not for Norton's actions, what happened could have resulted in a "tragic outcome."

At 1:50 PM Sunday afternoon, Noblesville Fire, and Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies units were dispatched to Potters Bridge on a reported water rescue.

Upon the arrival of the fire personnel, a woman was clinging to a downed tree in the river. According to the woman, later identified as Sherry Fleener, the current pushed her kayak into a downed tree in the river. Her kayak turned to the side and went underwater. That's when the Fleener was separated from her kayak. Fleener was not wearing a life jacket. Fire units attempted to throw floating ropes and other flotation device to the stranded female;

however she was too far away from shore. Fleener, clinging to the tree, yelled out that she could no longer hold onto the tree, and that she was getting weak. At that time Noblesville firefighter Lt. Jim Trietsch, wearing a personal floatation device, got into the water and floated to the stranded Fleener.

Once Lt. Trietsch had a hold of the Fleener, the two of them let loose of the tree and floated over to a kayak where they were able to hang on and make it shore.

The woman that assisted fire units in the kayak was Lydia C. Clark from Fishers. Fleener was not injured.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Cicero American Legion member Dick Lewis was honored last Friday at the Hamilton Heights-Tipton football game. Lewis was a recipient of seven Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and the Bronze Arrow for his service in World War II.

Masked robbery in Sheridan

Halloween has arrived early in Sheridan this year.

Last Thursday, shortly after 3 a.m., five people, some dressed in costumes, robbed a home at the 20000 block of Fremont Moore Road.

According to the initial investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the five suspects were in their early twenties.

Three black males walked in the open front door of a home near Sheridan. One of the suspects displayed a black handgun, while attempting to keep his face covered. He told the victims to give up their cell phones. He then demanded money and ordered the victims to the ground, while the other suspects rummaged through the house.

The suspects are described as black males in their late teens or early twenties.

The alleged gunman was around 5-7, 130 pounds with a thin build and a noticeable scar running across his nose. He

was wearing dark baggy clothing, a black hoodie and a black beanie.

The second suspect was also around 5-7, 130 pounds, wearing a clown mask, black hoodie and gray sweats.

The third suspect was described to be 5-7, 150 pounds. He was wearing a devil's mask and baggy dark clothes.

The suspects left after telling the victims not to call the police. One of the victims left and went to a neighbor's house to report the crime.

The suspects fled in a vehicle. No description of the vehicle was available.

The men took cell telephones, electronics, a saxophone and a purse containing a debit card.

No one was injured in the incident.

Anyone with information on this incident should contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 317-776-9887 or 317-773-1282.

Money for Federal Hill Park running low

By FRED SWIFT

The creation of a new city park at the western approach to downtown Noblesville is enthusiastically supported by the city administration, but apparently not meeting with unanimous support in all quarters. Recently named Federal Hill Park, the six and a half-acre parcel, does not look to everyone like the ideal setting for a city park.

City officials who envision an amphitheater, farmers market, skating rink and other amenities on the ground bordered by Conner, Logan and Ind. 19, see a new park as an inviting gateway as one enters the city from the west. The site is not particularly attractive today with the most outstanding feature being a vacated branch bank building. A "gateway" park would change that.

But, there is some grumbling in the city with reports that even some members of the city council and park board are asking questions about allocation of city funds and location of the park surrounded by three busy roadways.

There have been some who point out that traffic noise on busy Conner Street could be a problem for an entertainment venue, safe pedestrian access is questioned and drainage on the site has been a longtime problem. Could these problems be overcome? Supporters maintain they can be remedied.

The cost, which will exceed \$10 million when all is complete could become an issue. Money would come from the Logan Street Tax Increment Financing District

which produces about \$2.5 million per year for the city. But, its present balance is only \$718,000 because other commitments such as paying off the new Hague Road and purchasing land for the new park have taken their toll.

Bonding for the park would probably be required, and paying interest on the bonds will add significantly to the cost. So, there is perhaps legitimate room to question whether developing the park should come ahead of building popular walking and biking trails or other less expensive improvements in the central city.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will attend a work session of the Noblesville Common Council, Aug. 26, at 6 o'clock at Noblesville City Hall.

The purpose of this work session is the presentation of the proposed State Road 37 project.

The session is open to the public.

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School Board elections are set

By FRED SWIFT

With the passing of the noon hour last Friday, the field is set for the November 4 school board elections in all six Hamilton County school districts. A total of 23 candidates have filed for the non-partisan balloting to be held at the same time as the general election for the first time since school elections were moved from the spring primary to the fall.

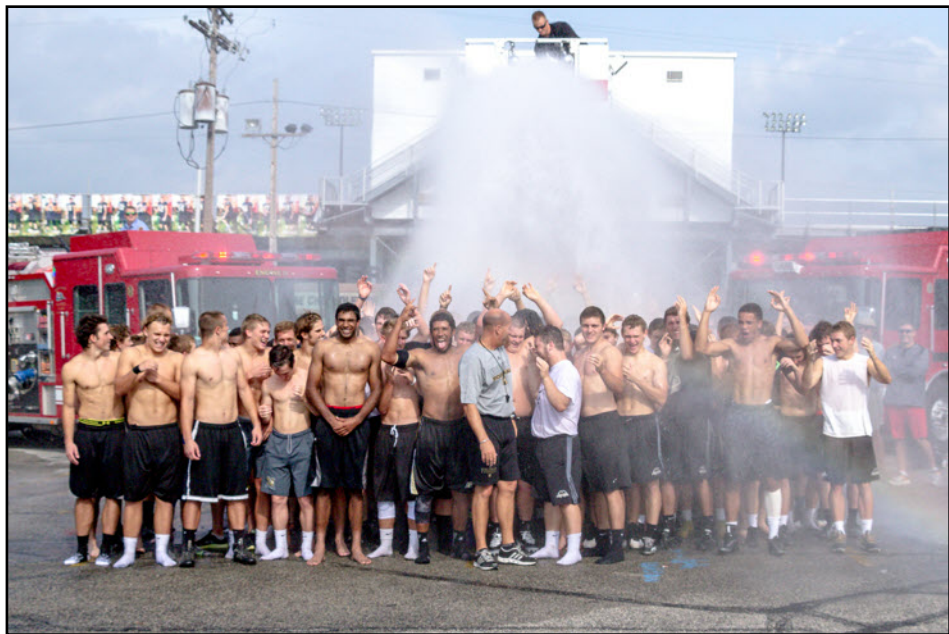
Voters in Noblesville district which includes city and township will choose two of the three candidates filed. They are Kevin Kalstad, Julia Church Kozicki and

Carl Johnson IV. Incumbent Patrick Berghoff chose not to seek re-election.

There will be no contest in Carmel where Pam Knowles, Lyla Spanenberg and Mike Kerschner filed for the three seats at stake. Incumbent Gregory Phillips did not file for re-election.

Voters will choose between Todd Burtron and Randall Brimberry for the Adams Township seat while Todd Roberts will be elected without opposition to the at-large position on the board.

Hamilton Heights voters in Jackson Township will have a choice between Gwen Hunter and Paul Vondersaar while Doug Ozolins is unopposed in the White River portion of the district, and Arnett Cooper is also unopposed for the at-large seat.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

The Miller football team and coaches took the Ice Bucket Challenge last Thursday with over 1000 gallons of water provided by the Noblesville Fire Department. The challenge has promoted awareness and donations to ALS all across the country.



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Obituaries

Denny Gilbert

January 18, 1951 - August 16, 2014

Denny Gilbert, 63, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at Riverwalk Village. He was born on January 18, 1951 to Ova and Opal (Browning) Gilbert in Greenfield, Indiana.

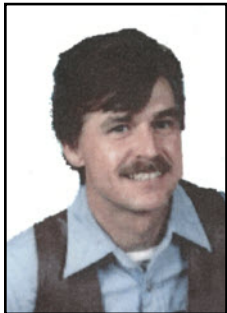
Denny proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 2 years and in the Merchant Marine for 2 years during the Vietnam War. He worked as a semi truck driver for 30 years before retiring.

He is survived by his daughter, Christina Denell Neeb; sister, Barbara (Jerry) Baskin; brothers, Kenneth C. (Debra Darlene) Gilbert, Dave M. (Brenda) Gilbert, and James E. (Robin) Gilbert; sister-in-law, Sandy Gilbert; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Don & Billy Ray Gilbert.

Services were held on Thursday, August 21, 2014, at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Noblesville, with Pastors Mark Lowe and Alan Schoeff officiating. Visitation was Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 11818 SR 32 East, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.



Roy Max Brown

November 22, 1938 - August 19, 2014

Roy Max Brown, 75, passed away August 19. He was born 11/22/38 to Robert E. and Grace Brown in Miami County. He retired from Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo on 5/31/94. He moved from the Kokomo area to Lake Palestine in Kosciusko Co. after retirement. He spent winters in Florida the last 16 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dee (Myers) Brown, son Kevin Brown of Noblesville (wife Jennifer), and two grandchildren, Maxwell and Abbey Brown.

Memorial services were at his home in Claypool, IN Sunday, August 24. The family asked there be no flowers--just smiles on your faces and hugs for all.

Darlene Kay Summers

January 9, 1947 - August 20, 2014

Darlene Kay Summers, 67, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on January 9, 1947 to Lloyd and Pauline (Rogers) Kelley in Lebanon, Indiana.

Darlene owned Summers Plumbing & Heating with her late husband, Basil, and was a long time member of First Church of the Nazarene of Noblesville. She recently attended Victory Chapel Community Church in Noblesville, and enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Kelli (Chase) Stinson and Shelli Summers-Bergren; son, Kyle Summers; sister, Cathy Kelley-Linville; four grandchildren, Olivia & Drew Stinson, and Molly & Kate Bergren; nephews, Zachary (Brandi), Noah and Eli Linville; and nieces Emma & Mia Linville.

In addition to her parents, Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Basil Summers Jr.; and granddaughter, Ella Stinson.

Services were held on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with visitation before the time of service. Pastor Andrew Marshall officiated. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.



Nancy Locke

November 12, 1931 - August 18, 2014

Nancy Locke, 82, of Fishers, passed away on Monday, August 18, 2014 at Riverwalk Village. She was born on November 12, 1931 to Jerome and Dorothy (Mitchell) Duryee in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Nancy worked as a bookkeeper for 30 years before retiring. She was a member of the YMCA Silver Sneakers, and enjoyed water aerobics, riding her bicycle, playing cards, bingo, and other games. But most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her loving husband, Robert 'Bob' Locke; son, Bob (Carrie) Locke; daughters, Kathy McCrady, Cindy Johnson, and Lori (Randy) Seefeldt; grandchildren, Brian McCrady, Jennifer Kail, Michael McCrady, Allison Johnson, Dylan Seefeldt, and Quinn Seefeldt; and five great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Linda Weber.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E. 86th Street, Suite # 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

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Deena Ann Granger

May 10, 1948 - August 18, 2014

Deena Ann Granger, 66, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, August 18, 2014 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on May 10, 1948 to Everett and Thelma (Sebring) Hampton in Noblesville, Indiana.

Deena was graduate of Noblesville High School, an assembly worker for Guide Lamp, then later a homemaker. She was a member of Bethel AME Church in Noblesville, a puzzler, and avid reader.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Jo Granger-Garcia; son, Christopher Lee Granger; grandchildren, Adidas Lee Granger, Joshua Layton Granger, Anton Joseph Granger, Taran Scott Granger, Josslyn Renee Granger, Evren Tyler Granger, Christian Xavier Garcia, and Aliyah Renee Wolf; siblings, Gary Lee Hampton, Danny Hampton, Keith Hampton, Steven Hampton, Carmelita Hampton, and Angela Hampton-Cunningham; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Joe Granger, in 1983.

Services were held on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Noblesville, with visitation before the time of service. Rev. Mallory H. Tarrance officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Sarah “Sally” Sauer

July 6, 1925 - August 20, 2014

Sarah "Sally" Sauer, 89, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on July 6, 1925 to Lee and Esther (Morey) Hain in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Sarah received her Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in 1947, and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, where she was active in the ladies group. She was formerly of Downers Grove, Illinois, and loved to play bridge. Sarah was involved with A.A.U.W., Newcomers, and Welcome Wagon over the years.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Robert L. Sauer; sons, David Sauer, Roger Sauer, and Philip Sauer; and grandson, Neil Sauer.

In addition to her parents, Sarah was preceded in death by her sister, Elizabeth Gardner.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at First Presbyterian Church, 1207 Conner Street, in Noblesville.

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Ivy Tech Noblesville Campus opened Monday

It all began Monday morning when Ivy Tech opened its doors to approximately 1,000 college students at the new campus on the east side of Noblesville.

Eleven classrooms and two computer labs are available for the school’s first class of students.

Dan Clark, President of the Campus, talked about the exciting experience ahead for Noblesville and the Hamilton County area when he was interviewed by Perry Williams on the Hamilton County Newsmakers TV show.

Clark is no stranger to the Noblesville community. He and his wife moved here in 1988 and two daughters are graduates of Noblesville High School.

Clark knows the ins-and-outs of Noblesville and he is here to help the city and the college form a strong partnership for the education community. He has met with Mayor John Ditslear and is planning meetings with all Chambers in the various Hamilton County communities.

Clark said while the student body the first semester will be at 1,200 students, he expects a growth of 2,500 to 3,000 by January. Much of that growth may come as Ivy Tech closes it Carmel learning center.

Registration remains open for the first semester until classes begin on Monday.

“We want this to be a true community college campus,” Clark said.

“It is a college in which students can get started and later transfer up to 30 hours to

any other college in the state,” the President said.

“Ivy Tech long has been known as a technical learning center. This will be a place where young people and older adults can learn middle level skilled jobs and go straight from high school into the workforce.”

Clark said Ivy Tech provides classes for adults wishing to retrain in today’s world. Also, there are classes for senior citizens, and these classes are offered free of charge.

High school students can take pre-college courses and earn college credits and there is no tuition charged by Ivy Tech.

“We want to partner with the Noblesville community,” Clark said.

“We have two gyms and an auditorium which can become available to the community,” Clark continued. “The campus is in the middle of Noblesville.”

Clark said Ivy Tech and the Noblesville Parks Department have held conversations concerning a community center in the college’s facilities.

Local residents driving by the campus on 16th Street already will notice some changes.

“We’re starting to look like a college campus,” Clark said.

The old middle school baseball diamond is being converted into a huge parking lot. Clark said later in the year a new roof with be put on the building, which most recently housed Noblesville East Middle School.

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SCHOOL BOARD

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Southeastern voters will elect Matthew Burke without opposition in District 1 and John DeLucia in District 2. In District 3 there will be a choice between Michelle Fullhart and Katrina Hockemeyer. And, at-large voters will choose between Terry Tolle and Ronald Wilson, Jr.

Westfield Washington board candidates are Mary SeRine in District 2 and Daniel Degnan in District 3, both unopposed, but for the at-large seat a contest is set between R. Birch Dalton and Amber Willis.

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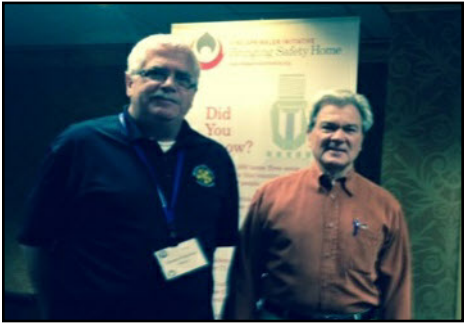
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Cicero Fire Chief attends NFPA Summit

Chief Steve Peachey of Cicero Fire Department along with Indiana State Fire Marshall Jim Greeson, was invited to attend a summit in Denver, Colorado by the NFPA



(National Fire Protection Agency). NFPA is the organization that develops the standards for fire protection throughout the nation. Fire Marshall Greeson and Chief Peachey were selected to attend and participate in a round table discussion regarding residential fire sprinkler system safety. Chief Peachey was recognized by NFPA, after his testimony before the Indiana state legislators, as being an advocate for residential sprinkler systems in townhouses. Peachey was picked by his peers to represent the Indiana Fire Chiefs for the legislative session of 2013 and again in 2014. Fire safety in Cicero and the surrounding communities in northern Hamilton County have always been a top priority of Chief Peachey.

In 2012, the Town of Cicero and the Cicero Fire Department requested a new evaluation of the Insurance Service Organizations rating. Progressive moves were taken within the fire department to improve prior to the evaluation. The changes implemented Included (new equipment? Updated equipment?) equipment , changes in staffing and training prior to evaluation. The town also improved upon the water supply and maintenance of hydrants. From these changes, the town of Cicero improved their rating from a 6/8 to a 4 classification. This measurement is used by insurance companies in evaluating homeowner’s insurance rates based on the delivery of emergency services. Cicero is among the top 7% of elite cities, towns, and townships in the state of Indiana with a protection rating of 4 or below. Cicero Volunteer Fire Department is proud to have eight paid professional firefighters and twenty-four volunteers and support staff. As well as, providing 24-hour manned Advanced Life Support ambulance services.

The town of Cicero and Chief Peachey has taken the next step in making the residents of multi- family dwellings safer by requesting new construction to install working sprinkler systems. Peachey will be bringing his acquired knowledge to the state to help reduce deaths in residential fires.



Photo provided

Westfield Mayor, Andy Cook, takes the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge at Westfield City.

Public Notice
Sheridan Water Works

Beginning in early September Sheridan Water Works will be using chloramines instead of chlorine to disinfect the drinking water. The process has become more cost effective allowing Sheridan to take advantage of the greater disinfection benefit by doing so.

For many years cities in the United States, such as Indianapolis, use chloramines as a disinfectant. Chloraminated water is the same as chlorinated water for all of the normal uses we have for water.

However, there are two groups of people who need to take special care with chloraminated water: kidney dialysis patients and fish owners. Chloramines must be removed from water used in kidney dialysis process and from water that is used in fish tanks or ponds.

What are chloramines? Chloramines are a combination of chlorine and ammonia which are used to kill potentially harmful bacteria in water. They do not increase the pH levels, and they do not affect pool water. Chloraminated water will not harm plants due to the chlorine demand of the soil.

Why is the Water Works changing to chloramines? Ammonia is becoming a ground water problem throughout the State of Indiana. Ammonia drastically increases the chlorine demand and makes it more difficult for chlorine to be sustained out in the far reaches of the distribution system. Instead of ammonia being a problem to us we have decided to make it an asset by adding a very small amount of ammonia to the existing natural ammonia found in our ground water and combining it with a bit more chlorine to form chloramine. Because chloramine can persist in water for several weeks, whereas chlorine dissipates over a period of days to hours this gives us greater disinfecting abilities. Other benefits are that less disinfecting by-products will form and chloramines are less of an oxidant than chlorine and the iron and manganese minerals will less likely stain your fixtures.

Is chloramines disinfection safe? Chloraminated water is no different than chlorinated water for all of the normal uses we have for water. Water that contains chloramines is totally safe to drink for pregnant women and children. The digestive process neutralizes the chloramines before they reach the bloodstream. Even kidney dialysis patients can drink the water. Boiling the water is not an effective method of removing chloramines either. The only practical methods of removing chloramines from water are using a water conditioner which contains a dechlorinator or by using granular activated carbon.

Where to call? If you have any future questions about the Town of Sheridan Water Works treatment process or water quality, please call the Water Department at (317) 758-5326 from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

If you have any questions about kidney dialysis, please call your physician or medical center.

If you have any questions concerning the care of your fish or pets, please call your pet store.

FEDERAL HILL PARK

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Several years ago the city developed a list of ten most needed projects for Noblesville. Officials have apparently decided Federal Hill park is the first priority.

It's a tough call. Certainly Noblesville wants to show that it can provide new, popular venues for the public as other nearby cities are doing. At the same time the city and its citizens need to be confident this is the right thing in the right place at the right time.



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Disturbing facts about childhood obesity

By SHARON MCMAHON

“We want children to grow up strong and healthy because they might grow up to do something great.”

- A First Grade Student

This week’s column takes on a topic very important to me and, I hope, to my readers. Though I usually infuse (or attempt to do so) an element of humor into my various discourses on nutrition and fitness, I am most serious about the issue of childhood obesity. As I am prone to do, I harken back to my own growing-up years and recall that few children with whom I attended school or even with whom I was remotely acquainted were overweight. As we begin to

close up a summer of attending outdoor festivities and opportunities to see all manner of bodies in summer clothing, I am moved to broach this topic. Some disturbing facts as stated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC:

- Childhood obesity has more than doubled in children and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years.^{1,2}
- The percentage of children aged 6–11 years in the United States who were obese increased from 7% in 1980 to nearly 18% in 2012. Similarly, the percentage of adolescents aged 12–19 years who were obese increased from 5% to nearly 21% over the same period.^{1,2}
- In 2012, more than one third of children and adolescents were overweight or obese.¹

A study from the University of North Texas, recently presented at the American Psychological Association’s annual convention, cites “having a healthy heart and lungs may actually be one of the most important factors for middle

school students to make good grades in math and reading.” Although I am usually a fan of technology and all the perks associated, I do believe that technology has greatly impacted our children’s levels of physical activity. Video games, 1000+ cable TV channels, constant communication with friends via these devices, have all impacted kids’ activity levels. Poor nutrition in a steady diet of fast-food, highly-processed “quick” foods, and snack items loaded with sugar and chemical additives have all increased our children’s susceptibility to type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, asthma and other breathing problems, sleep disorders and early puberty. Adding to these physical complications are low self-esteem and behavior problems – both usually present in bullying situations. Paradoxically, increasing numbers of teen and pre-teen girls suffer from anorexia and bulimia trying to fit an impossible standard set by the media, which often manifests into an adult battle as well.

While it is true that family history and genetics often factor into the issue of childhood obesity, there are other factors as well, including psychological and socio-economic. Foods such as crackers, cookies and frozen meals are often less expensive and considered an easier option. We want fast, easy, and tasty! I am, however, buoyed by the increasing popularity of the Food Network’s frequent emphasis on healthy dishes comprised of fresh products. As I was growing up, a cookie, candy bar, or a few potato chips were considered treats, not everyday goodies. Cake and ice cream were birthday party treats.

Wow, I realize this is not the most upbeat topic but essential to face for the benefit of our children. As a mother of three and grandmother of four (and fan of all children!) I am cautiously hopeful that the word is getting out and that parents will pay more attention to their child’s true activity and nutritional needs and less to the manufacturers of technology and processed food! In regard to encouraging your child to be more active, find out what interests they have and be prepared to engage; sometimes team sports are not interesting to a child and they may wish to be more

involved in running or swimming. Encourage active play such as tag or hide and seek for the little ones. Show by example that physical activity is a lifetime commitment. Hamilton County, in particular, is blessed with many playgrounds and trails for families to stay active together. Prepare your family meals and snacks predominantly at home, using ingredients with which you are familiar (and that does not include “red dye # whatever!”) and educate your child on what you are preparing and why it is good for them.

Obvious reason to promote good childhood nutrition and fitness levels - because we want all children to grow up healthy and happy, feeling good and being fit. Another reason to promote good childhood nutrition and fitness levels – because we already have a greatly over-burdened health care system and these young people will be faced with making good decisions for our world and our future. Let’s invest in their education and their health and fitness, a legacy which will pay back and pay forward for generations to come. “Note the quote” at the beginning of this piece – smart kid, huh?

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In life, a little rain must fall

By JANET HART LEONARD

The text message said "Mom, we need to talk :/" I saw that I had missed Emily's phone call.

I immediately felt and knew something was REALLY wrong. As I heard her voice on the end of the phone I knew I was right.

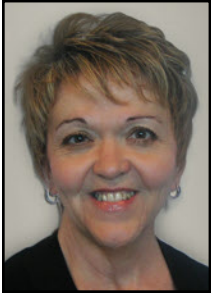
It was Friday evening and Emily had tucked the kids into bed and gone into the basement to get ready for Chuck's birthday party on Sunday. She had forty family members coming for dinner. Drew was out of town and would not be back until late the next day. As Emily stepped off the last step onto the carpet she heard the sound...squish, squish and more squish. Water. Ugh.

The torrential rain from the night before had worked the sump pump overtime until it went on strike. She tried her best with the shop vac. It was like taking on a small lake with a sponge. A couple of phone calls and it was the neighbors to the rescue. Furniture moved. Toys picked up. Carpet pulled up.

I felt her pain and her panic. I remembered. It was some twenty years ago that I had my own water disaster. It was the night before the Fourth of July and I was home alone. Brandon had a water bed in his room just above the living room. About midnight I woke up to the sound of drip...drip...drip. It was raining in my living room. Brandon's water bed had sprung a massive leak. I spent the 4th of July drying out the upstairs carpet, the ceiling and the sofa and carpet in the living room. It was like a bad dream but it was real.

I guess you could say that in our family, when it rains, it pours.

We all have disasters that we have to deal with. At the time we become exasperated and exhausted. Later, after we have everything cleaned up and we have rested we have stories to tell and we can laugh. I think it may be just a little while before Emily is laughing.



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Huskies will visit the Millers

Can anything be better than Hamilton Heights’ trip to Hare Chevrolet Field in Noblesville this Friday (7 p.m.)? This is a matchup Husky and Miller fans were highlighting on their calendars when the game was announced more than a year ago.

Both teams came out of the gate smoking last Friday. Noblesville staged a super late rally at Lawrence North to pull out a 36-33 victory. Hamilton Heights did anything it wanted to do in rolling over Tipton 52-0.

Noblesville got a balance offensive attack and an outstanding performance from junior quarterback Luke Melloh..

A concern for the Millers may have been their defense, which was expected to carry the team early in the season. That defense allowed Lawrence North to gain nearly 500 yards, including 383 yards on the ground. LN led 27-14 entering the fourth quarter.

Against Tipton, Hamilton Heights was led by Mr. Everything, Grant Weatherford. He carried six times for 148 yards. He completed 4-of-6 passes for 82 yards. He scored four touchdowns and passed for another.

Weatherford, however, wasn’t all Heights had to offer. Jesse Brown ran for 132 yards in 13 carries and he scored a pair of touchdowns.

Tipton had defeated Heights the last two seasons. The blanking by the Huskies was the first in the series since a Heights 48-0 victory in 2006.

Even when the Noblesville football team was down, Jarel Youree never thought they were out of the game.

"No, never, never thought that," said Youree. "No way."

He wasn't alone. The Millers had to stare down a 27-7 deficit late in the third quarter at Lawrence North for their opening football game Friday night. Rather than blink, Noblesville put on a fourth-quarter show that made Miller Nation's eyes pop out - and mouths drop open to cheer.

Noblesville scored 22 points in an insane final five minutes of the fourth quarter to stun Lawrence North 36-33.

"Just proud of our kids," said NHS coach Lance Scheib.

Lawrence North wasn't done yet. On fourth-and 4 at the Noblesville 44, the Wildcats made a 40-yard pass to get down to the Miller 3. Al McKeller, LN's quarterback, then ran it in from there to score. The Wildcats led 33-28 at that point, and went for a two-point conversion. But the Millers defense stopped that.

That left Noblesville with 44 seconds to score a touchdown. They only needed half that time. Youree grabbed the LN kickoff and rushed it down 72 yards to score with 23 seconds remaining.

Melloh made a two-point run, giving the Millers their 36-33 lead. Lawrence North had 23 seconds left, but the Miller defense did its job, and stopped them.

"They started off strong, they started off real strong, so that's what we needed," said Youree of the Noblesville defense. "We had to pick them back up, and that's what a team's for. And then they came through, and that's how we got this win."

Noblesville rushed for 153 yards. Hayden Stinnett led the way with 68. Although he didn't get in the end zone, his resolute running helped set up two of the Millers' scores. Melloh finished with 66 running yards.

In the air, Melloh completed 5 of 6 attempts for 111 yards. Melloh shared quarterback duties with Carl Hardy, who also made some big plays.

"They did a heck of a job," said Scheib.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Grant Weatherford stiff arms the Tipton line.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Millers’ Hayden Stinnett makes a run against Lawrence North

"We finished, and I think that's the biggest difference from this year compared to last year. Our kids finished, and I'm very proud of them. They had every reason not to finish and every reason just to quit, and didn't." Noblesville's comeback began late in the third quarter. It began with a big play, as Luke Melloh threw a 26-yard pass to Joey Herron to get the Millers to the LN 17-yard line. Noblesville had to grind through six plays to find the end zone, but Melloh did it with a one-yard quarterback keeper. An extra point kick from Zack Niezer got the Millers to within 27-14.

The Wildcats had stopped Noblesville at the 2-yard line in the first quarter, although Melloh did break through for a five-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. With that, Noblesville had a flicker of momentum, and sometimes that's all it takes.

The defense held off LN during the next two series, and the Millers took advantage. Melloh again snuck it in from one yard to cut the Wildcats' lead to 27-21, and then Youree made a nice eight-yard run to tie the game at 27-all. Niezer then put through his fourth extra point kick of the night to give Noblesville the lead.

Noblesville's defense had a great evening. Austin Ginther and Donovan Lynch each made 12 tackles on the night. Two of Lynch's tackles were for a loss, and he also made a quarterback sack. Ginther had one tackle for loss, as did AJ Anderson, Nick Santos and David Cory. Niezer, in addition to his perfect kicking night, made 5.5 tackles.

With the Hammer Trophy at stake, Hamilton Heights and its “Superman” flying high put the hammer to rival Tipton, 52-0, in a season opener for both teams at Arcadia Friday evening.

The final outcome was never in doubt. Heights led 26-0 at intermission and the Huskies didn’t let up in the second half.

Superman, better known to his friends as senior Grant Weatherford, did super things for the winners. He carried the pigskin six times for 148 yards. He completed 4-of-6 passes for 82 yards. He also intercepted a pass for a touchdown.

On this night, Weatherford played quarterback, sharing the spot a little with sophomore Josh Feltz, with junior quarterback Ethan Jones sitting out a two-game suspension.

“Both of our guys, Weatherford and Feltz, did a nice job tonight,” said Husky coach Mitch Street.

“We got off to a fast start, and that helped. We got our running game going early,” Street added.

On the ground, Heights had 38 carries for 362 yards, a 9.5 average per try. Along with Weatherford’s half-dozen carries, Jesse Brown added 132 yards rushing in 13 carries; Jesse Kerfoot 48 yards in seven tries and Clayton Cowan moped up late in the game with nine carries for 27 yards.

Joining Weatherford in the passing department was Feltz, hitting on 3-of-3 for 50 yards.

Riley White caught four balls for the Huskies for 32 yards and “little” brother, sophomore Sterling Weatherford had two catches for 69 yards including a 35-yards touchdown strike from “big” brother Grant.

Cross Country

Noblesville had a nice day at the Plainfield Hokum Karem, with the girls finished second and the boys placing third.

Avon won both races, scoring 12 points in each one. The Lady Millers scored 25, with the team of Megan Line and Abi Little finishing sixth. The Hokum Karem is a relay event, with two runners teaming for a combined place.

"Your Noblesville girls CC team ran an extremely competitive race and earned their 22nd place State ranking," said Miller coach Dennis Scheele.

Noblesville's boys scored 39 points, not far behind Cathedral's runner-up 31. Clay Obergfell and Eric Hoffman paced the Millers by finishing fifth.

The Hamilton Heights cross country teams swept to victories at the Frankfort Hot Dog Invitational Thursday.

The Lady Huskies scored 21 points to Lebanon's 34. Frankfort, Crawfordsville, and Lafayette Central Catholic all had incomplete teams. Heights' Kat Williams won the individual race with a time of 23:38. Other top 10 Huskies finishers were Rachel Cross (sixth, 27:36), Karissa Rulon (seventh, 27:42), Stanley (eighth, 28:32) and Shrock (10th, 28:38).

Heights won the boys meet on a tiebreaker: Both the Huskies and Frankfort scored 47 points, but HH had the faster sixth runner. Crawfordsville was third with 50 points, Lebanon fourth with 79 and Lafayette Central Catholic fifth with 109.

Top 10 boys for Heights were Dylan Young (third, 19:00) and Tyler Rickman (eighth, 20:46).

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‘Rocks home opener is huge

With an official announcement last week that Westfield’s new football stadium will be ready for next season, the number of exciting nights left at the old gridiron are limited.

The highlight may come Friday when the Shamrocks, maybe the best Class 5A team in the state, hosts Southport, one of the top-ranked Class 6A clubs.

The joint should be jumping Friday when Coach Jake Gilbert’s Shamrocks, who last year placed second in the state, meet the Cardinals. Southport opened its season last week by beating Roncalli, 27-13.

Gilbert liked the way his Shamrocks took it on themselves to turn things around in the second half and then roll to a 35-14 victory in their season opener at Lafayette Harrison.

“No big pep talk at halftime,” Gilbert said. “The guys just went out and played well in the second half.”

Westfeld led just 14-7 at halftime.

“It was a nice win for us,” Gilbert continued. “I’m happy to get it. It will give us some good momentum heading into the rest of the season.”

Things didn’t look all that good for the Shamrocks in the first half, even though Westfield jumped out of the gate early by scoring with three minutes left in the first quarter. The touchdown came on a pass from Ryan Pepiot to Milo Beam, good for 76 yards.

But, Harrison came right back with a score of its own, before Pepiot went to work again. With only 59 seconds remaining before halftime, Pepiot completed a 43 yards touchdown pass to Nick Henderson.

Before the night was history, Pepiot, starting his first varsity game, was 14-of-22 for 280 yards. He was intercepted once.

“Pepiot did a good job as a first-year quarterback,” Gilbert said. “He spread it around a little. We had four different receivers who also played well.”

Henderson caught four passes for 68 yards; Ben Lotfolian four for 52 yards, Joseph Krambeer four for 34 yards and Beam had the big night with three catches for 137 yards. Henderson and Beam each caught a touchdown pass.

Westfield put Harrison away in the second half. Brandon Karsnick rushed for two touchdowns and Pepiot carried for a TD. Karsnick, with 57 yards in 11 carries, and Elvin Caldwell, with 40 yards in 12 trips, led Westfield’s ground attack.

Westfield’s defense allowed just 89 yards on the ground and 152 yards through the air.

“We got off to a fast start, and that helped,” said Gilbert, whose Shamrocks were state runnersup in Class 4A last season.

Westfield 35, Harrison 14

Westfield	7	7	7	14 – 35
Harrison	0	7	0	7 – 17
	WHS		HHS	
First Downs	16		11	
Rushing	7		7	
Passing	9		4	
Yards Rushing	106		89	
Yards Passing	291		152	
Att., Comp., Intc.	15-23-1		16-22-1	
Fumbles/Lost	0-0		2-0	
Penalties/Yards	7-70		4-30	

Huskies capture Cass Invitational

The Hamilton Heights tennis team traveled to Lewis Cass Saturday and captured the title at the Cass Invitational.

The Huskie defeated Eastern 3-2, Cass 3-2, and Tippecanoe Valley 5-0, finishing 3-0 on the day. Individual champions included BJ Fowler, who went 2-1 at #2 singles and Hawkins Hochstedler, who went 3-0 at #3 singles. Also leading the Huskies were Noah Whyde (2-1 at #1 singles), Noah Wallace/Austin Sauerteig (2-1 at #1 doubles), and Reese Wills/Bryce Albright (2-1 at #2 doubles).

The Huskies are now 3-2 on the year and open MIC play this week.

The Huskies opened their season Wednesday with a tough 3-2 loss to Elwood. Getting victories were Whyde in singles and Wills/Albright in doubles.

Heights was dealt another 3-2 loss on Thursday, from Pendleton Heights. Whyde and Fowler won singles matches in straight sets.

Westfield was edged by Zionsville. No. 1 Parker Kalis and No. 3 Charlie Warner were singles winners, with Warner getting a three-set victory

Westfield got a 5-0 win over Western on Wednesday.

Shamrock singles winners were No. 1 Parker Kalis, No. 2 Evan Parshall and No. 3 Charlie Warner. Doubles winnrs were No. 1 Cameron Hoffmann and Vlasta Florian, and No. 2 Parker Phillips and Joe Day.

Westfield lost to Hamilton Southeastern 5-0 in its Monday opener and was edged by Noblesville fell to Avon 5-0 in its Tuesday opener. Miller coach Tim Samons said the match was an "eye-opener for our young team. They all see the work necessary to turn the season into a successful one."



Huskies tennis won the Lewis Cass Invitational putting them 3-2 for the season

Millers, ‘Rocks dominate the links

The Noblesville girls golf team had a busy week, playing in three nine-hole meets.

Noblesville defeated New Palestine 165-184. The Millers' Peyton Gigante was the medalist with a 38, followed by Sydney Moran 41, Hadley Moritz 42, Emily Padgett 42 and Sarah Hayes 45.

"Peyton Gigante was very solid tonight," said NHS coach Mike Abbott. "She missed out on a lot of golf this summer due to back problems, but she is starting to find her form. Our freshmen are a ton of fun to watch right now. Hadley was 1 over thru 6 and stumbled a bit coming down the stretch, but she and Sarah Hayes are learning more and more each day."

Noblesville won the junior varsity match 196-209. Melissa Baker was the medalist with 44, followed by Brooke Gigante 46, Taylor Keating 52 and Kayla Packard 54.

Noblesville beat Brownsburg 164-178 in a Wednesday dual.

The Millers were led by the freshmen Moritz, who earned medalist honors with a 39. Other scores were Padgett 40, Moran 41, Peyton Gigante 44 and Hayes 48.

"It's great to see Hadley continue to raise the bar for the rest of the team," said Abbott. "I'm glad to see her step up and be competitive."

Fishers edged Noblesville 176-177 in a three-team meet Thursday. Greenfield-Central placed third with 215.

For the Millers, Padgett scored 42, along with Peyton Gigante 43, Moran 44, Hayes 48 and Moritz 49. Noblesville's other scores were Baker 45, Brooke Gigante 56, Packard 50 and Keating 52.

The girls seemed a little lethargic today," said Abbott. "We are going to rest up over the weekend and get ready for a big week next week."

Westfield picked up a pair of victories Wednesday at Tipton Golf Course.

The Shamrocks shot a 155 to defeat Lebanon 175 and Tipton 238. Westfield was led by Cailyn Henderson who shot an even par 35 to capture her seventh medalist of the season. Henderson was followed by Adrienne Montalone who birdied her last hole to shoot a 39. Margaret Wentz carded a 40 and Morgan Baechle was close behind with a 41. Kaylee Purcell shot a 43 and Maddie Horvath finished with a 50. The Shamrocks record improves to 76-6.

Hamilton Heights lost a close Mid-Indiana Conference meet to Western, 169-171 Wednesday at Chippendale Golf Club

It was the Huskies' lowest team score of the season with a 171. Caitie Gehlhausen won medalist honors for the fifth time this year with a one-under par round of 35, a Hamilton Heights girls golf nine hole match record.

Senior Katie Sams recorded her best nine hole match score of her four year career with a 41. Sydney Lucas posted a 47 while Ashley Klopfenstein completed the team score with a round of 48. Bethany Cupp posted a 50 and Sophomore Aire-Anna Stretch recorded a 68.

Fish Of The Week



Braden Hancock caught this bass in a local noblesville pond



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After loss, tough foe ahead for Sheridan

Likely, it will be a long week of practice for Coach Bud Wright's Sheridan Blackhawks, trying to come off the deck of a 26-3 loss to a strong Class 3A Western Boone team.

The challenge won't be an easy one. This Friday the Blackhawks will hit the road, playing a new-foe Shenandoah.

The Raiders opened their season by blasting Hagerstown, 37-0. It wasn't the greatest night for Sheridan, the shocker dished out by Western Boone at Larry Wright Stadium in Sheridan.

The Blackhawks' only score came with 8:11 left in the first quarter when a senior girl, Katie Hybarger, on loan from the soccer team, kicked a 24-yard field goal.

The rest of the night was all-Western Boone.

The Stars left the first quarter with a 7-3 lead; went to halftime with a 14-3 advantage, and then put away Sheridan with two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

The Blackhawks didn't threaten throughout the game. Sheridan tried to throw the football, and it didn't work. The Blackhawks were 3-of-17 through the air for 30 yards and had two passes intercepted.

The hosts were a little better on the ground as Austin Hoover carried 28 times for 85 yards.

Sheridan's defense, also, was not clicking. The Stars ran for 211 yards and passed for 213.

Western Boone 26, Sheridan 3				
Western Boone	7	7	0	12 - 26
Sheridan	3	0	0	0 - 3
	SHS		WB	
First Downs	7		16	
Rushing	5		6	
Passing	1		10	
Yards Rushing	102		213	
Yards Passing	30		211	
Att., /Comp./Intc.	3-17-2		14-30-0	
Fumbles/Lost	0-0		3-1	
Penalties/Yards	5-30		9-9	

Fish of the Week makes a big splash

With Hamilton County being the home to Grand Park, one of the nation's largest sports complexes, and with the tremendous athletic programs produced throughout the local communities our sports thoughts often revert to high school state championships and club level travel tournaments.

If you visit any of the local coffee shops, restaurants or pubs you will most likely find someone talking about the big high school game or arm chair quarterbacking the most recent Colts game.

One sport that is often overlooked in the county, until just recently, is fishing.

According to Schwartz's Bait and Tackle owners, Lori and Steve Schwartz, fishing is more popular than most of us think. Steve Schwartz made that statement while recently discussing the Fish of the Week promotion published in the Hamilton County Reporter.

"Everywhere I go people mention the Fish of the Week," said Steve Schwartz.

"When Lori Schwartz brought up the idea of a Fish of the Week promotion I knew it would be popular," said Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison.

With Morse and Geist reservoirs, White River, farm ponds dotting the countryside

and a pond in nearly everyone's neighborhood there are plenty of opportunities to fish Hamilton County.

The Fish of the Week promotion was originally set to run nine weeks ending Labor Day weekend. Because of its popularity Steve and Lori are now extending their sponsorship.

Schwartz also wanted to include the community in the extended promotion by offering the opportunity for readers to select a Fish of the Year photo.

"At the end of the promotion the Reporter will publish all Fish of the Week submissions and provide readers with the

opportunity to vote for their favorite to be selected Fish of the Year. So keep sending your photos" said Jellison.

The Fish of the Week is published each Sunday in the Reporter's online / email edition and on Tuesdays in the print edition. If you are a Hamilton County resident and have a Fish of the Week photo to submit email it to hamiltonconorthreporter@hotmail.com. Make sure to include the person's name in the photo.

Lady Millers start season 4-0

Noblesville roared into the 2014 Hamilton County girls soccer season with impressive victories.

Noblesville, playing at home on Monday, battled through a scoreless first half and then notched a pair of scores early in the second half to fight off unranked Cathedral, 2-0.

"It was a good first game for us; something to build on," said Lady Miller coach Michael Brady.

"We've had two weeks of practice to get ready for this," Brady continued. "Our players will need to learn how to play together as a team. We'll figure it out."

Brady liked the overall play of seniors Grace Myers and Cori Cain, but was quick to point out that in order to win in soccer it takes good play from the entire team, which Noblesville got in the victory.

Noblesville's first goal was scored at the 37:00 mark of the second half, a direct shot by sophomore Delaney Riester. With 33:03 remaining, junior Isabelle Christman gave the Millers a little breathing room by scoring on an assist from Myers.

Noblesville spent the weekend at the South Bend St. Joseph's Invitational Friday night, where it won three games.

On Friday, the Millers beat No. 6 Evansville Memorial 2-0. Karsen Rausch scored Noblesville's first goal on a penalty kick, then Delaney Riester found Lorrie Summers for the second goal.

Saturday, the Millers beat No. 7 Penn in its first game, by the score of 3-0. Kelsey Hughes, Riester and Grace Myers scored goals for the Millers, with Maddie Rauch making an assist.

In its second game of the day, Noblesville defeated the host, No. 17-ranked Saint Joseph 2-1. Riester scored off an assist by Hannah Potter, and Myers got the second goal, with Karsen Rauch assisting.

Hamilton Heights moved to 2-0 on the season with an easy 9-0 victor over Yorktown.

Sierra Welch set a school record with five assists and also tallied a pair of goals.

Amanda Freeman tied a school record with four goals and she added an assist

Goals were also scored by Madison Bickett, Mariah Hooper and Abby Hardacre. Ashlee Herrington had one assist and Hardacre recorded a pair.

In their Thursday opener, the Huskies beat Taylor 9-0 in a Mid-Indiana Conference game.

Hardacre scored three goals, with Welch adding two goals and two assists. Amanda Freeman scored one goal and had three assists.

Also adding a goal apiece were Herrington, Hooper, and Micah Kunzer. Adding assists to the effort were Bri Henson, Hooper, Alexis Cherry, and Bickett.

Westfield came up with a strong first-game effort, knocking off Guerin Catholic 3-1.

The Lady Shamrocks' goals came from Devhan Lockhart with 27:15 left in the first half; Emma Luczkowski with 9:20 left in the first half and Siera Stuart with 4:52 remaining in the second half. Stuart and Aubrey Effinger each picked up a save.

Cassidy Lindley had an unassisted goal with 27:55 remaining in the second half for Guerin Catholic.

Westfield lost to No. 2-ranked Fishers 3-0 on Wednesday, then had a pair of games at Fort Wayne get rained out. The Golden Eagles were to face No. 3 Carmel on Saturday, but that game also got postponed by the rain.

Sheridan fell to 0-2 on the season while losing a tight 3-2 battle with Lebanon on Thursday.

Both Sheridan goals, both unassisted, were scored by senior Payton Fleener.

Freshman Nixon Williams provided strong play in goal for Coach Kurtis Olsan.

"Our defense was anchored by seniors Addison Keel, Abby Gwin and Katie Hybarger," said Coach Olsan

BOYS SOCCER

Guerin Catholic, the defending state champion and No. 1 ranked team in 1A, fell to 2A Lawrence North 2-1 in its Monday opener. Luke Bestard scored the Golden Eagles' goal.

Guerin rebounded with a Thursday 4-2 win over 1A No. 13 Northwestern.

After goals from Luke Bestard and Jacob Cloran, 1A No. 1 Guerin Catholic went to halftime tied at 2-2 with 1A No. 13 Northwestern. With 16:30 left in the game, Bestard found the net for a second time and eight minutes later Andrew Kaskie concluded the scoring with a header just inside the right post.

The win evened Coach John Cech's Golden Eagles' record at 1-1.

had nine saves in Noblesville's season opener.

Hamilton Heights had to beat the weather and Taylor in its opening win on Thursday. The game was called two minutes into the second half because of bad weather with the Huskies leading 3-1.

"The defensive line played a very good possession game, switching fields and alleviating the pressure on our mid-fielders who made great runs to get open," said Heights coach Derrick Dean. "Colin Kaurich played well in goal with three saves. We outshot them 19-3."

Derek Thorpe, Sam Stallsmith and Collin Luckey each had a goal for Hamilton Heights. Roy Noller had an assist.

Coach Myron Vaughn got a goal from Matt Clary, an assist from Evan Rosser and three saves from Evan Seitz in 2A No. 19 **Westfield's** 1-0 win over West Lafayette on Thursday.

On Saturday, the Shamrocks battled to a 1-1 tie at Valparaiso. Sam Lyon scored Westfield's goal and Evan Seitz had four saves.



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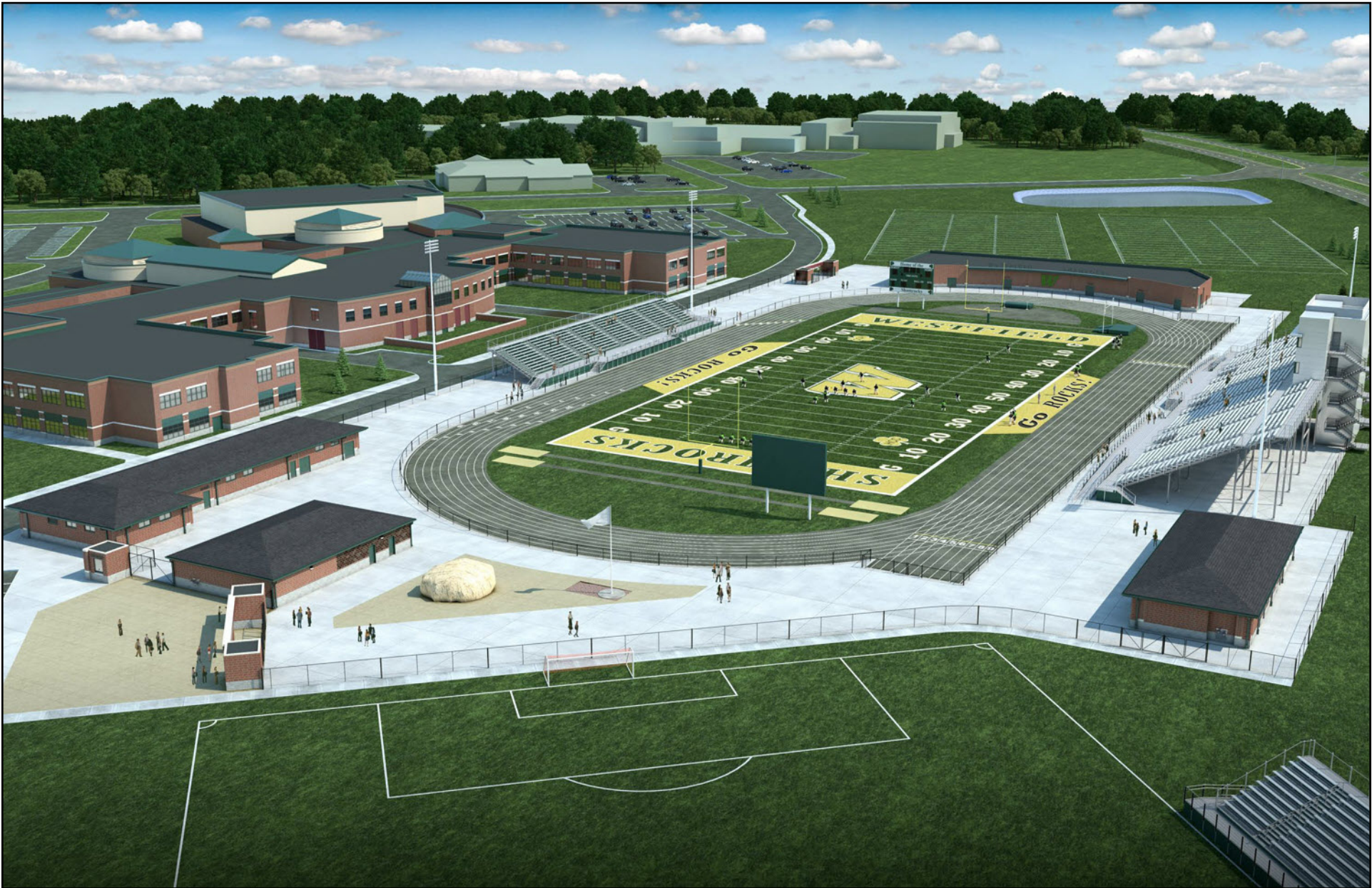
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Ground was broken at Westfield High School for the new Allen B. "Red" Stanley Stadium. The City of Westfield presented WHS with a \$2.5 million check for the construction cost. The stadium is scheduled to be ready to host Shamrock football games beginning in the 2015 season.

Stadium groundbreaking...

Westfield has set the bar high

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

With its groundbreaking ceremony for its new football stadium, Westfield has set the bar high. High, for Hamilton County. High for the state.



What is so great about what will be Riverview Health Community Stadium is that it's a project with everyone involved. The school, of course. The football, program, of course. But, it's also an investment by the City of Westfield and by lots of great businesses which have lots of great support by contributing to what truly will be a first-class football stadium.

Many, many years ago the Westfield community was totally involved in building what was labeled as Allen "Red" Stanley Lettermen Field.

At the groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, the City of Westfield presented a \$2.5 million dollar check for construction cost.

Indeed, Westfield has set the bar high.

"This is an exciting time," said high school athletic director Bill Davis. "This represents all the kids at Westfield High School."

High school principal Dr. Stacy McGuire, a Westfield graduate, said, "Bill Davis and (assistant AD) Andy Tebbe had a vision and a foresight for this stadium. The stadium is the missing piece."

"The stadium is an answer to anyone who might have doubted what is being accomplished here at Westfield," said Jake Gilbert, who last season led the football Shamrocks to the Class 4A state championship game.

Few, if any, high school stadiums in the state will rival Riverview Health Community Stadium (a sketch of which appears elsewhere in today's Reporter).

The stadium will seat 4,200 fans on the home side and another 1,500 on the visitors' side.

"Construction on the stadium began three weeks ago," Davis staid, "but today (Monday) was an opportunity to celebrate the construction with a shovel ceremony."

Atlanta receives grant to improve wastewater

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced that twelve Indiana communities are receiving

grants totaling over \$5.4 million for projects through the Wastewater and Drinking Water Program managed by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

Funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant, this program is available to communities for a variety of infrastructure improvements to enable long-term growth.

Each grant must have a match of local funds and meet certain grant requirements.

In announcing the grants, Lt. Governor Ellspermann noted, "Indiana's rural and smaller cities and towns are important to the overall economic and social fabric of our state. Through this specific program and

others, we want to help these communities remain attractive places to live, raise families and operate businesses.

Atlanta, the only Hamilton County community to receive the grant, was awarded \$394,383. Atlanta must provide matching funds in the amount of \$120,410.

Atlanta Clerk Treasurer Robyn Cook indicated Atlanta would most likely receive a loan from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program to meet the match requirements.

"We are under an agreed order with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for state mandated waste water improvements. This grant money will be used to help with those improvements," said Cook.

Athletes, city officials, representatives from Riverview Health and other sponsors joined in the groundbreaking ceremonies, including Westfield Washington Superintendent Dr. Mark Keen and Westfield Mayor Andy Cook.

"The completion date of the first phase of the project is April, 2012," Davis announced.

"The first phase will include everything except the locker rooms," said Gilbert. "We will continue to play on our current field this season and then open the 2015 season in our new stadium."

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