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Hamilton County Reporter

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McCollough goes to court

Former Noblesville High School basketball coach Dave McCollough is going to court against the school which last season honored its coach for his 300th Noblesville coaching victory.

McCollough, through his attorneys Cook & Cook of Noblesville, submitted 14 complaints against Noblesville Schools and principal Jeff Bryant.

The complaint was filed in Hamilton County Circuit Court last Thursday and the story broke on Friday into more than 20,000 homes through the Friday edition of the Hamilton County Reporter and the newspaper's face book and web accounts. Since breaking the story, The Reporter's website has been jammed with those wishing to comment.

The winningest coach in the history of Noblesville High basketball with a 308-138

record, McCollough was fired by Noblesville following last season. In 31 years as a head coach, McCollough has won 465 games and lost 233.

The lawsuit claimed, "In January 2014, a small group of disgruntled players went to defendant Jeff Bryant, Noblesville High School principal, and falsely alleged that Coach McCollough threw a basketball in the manner of a baseball pass at a player in anger and intentionally struck the player in the head with the ball.

"Principal Bryant and Noblesville Schools vowed to conduct a 'thorough investigation' of the incident. In doing so, defendants Jeff Bryant and Noblesville Schools assumed a duty to exercise reasonable care and skill in conducting the announced investigation. This would

include substantive and procedural due process.

"The investigation was performed negligently, with regard to the basic rights of Coach McCollough and the commitment made by Principal Bryant," the complaint charged.

The complaint also charged Bryant with changing a statement released by McCollough.

The charge is, "Coach McCollough was suspended for a few days and asked by Jeff Bryant to make a voluntary statement to the press, allegedly to put the matter behind him and Noblesville Schools. Coach McCollough cooperated with the public relations officer for Noblesville Schools, Sharon Trisler, in drafting a statement. However after the statement was completed, and without Coach McCollough's

knowledge or consent, at the direction of Defendant Jeff Bryant, Noblesville Schools changed Coach McCollough's statement to include an admission by Coach McCollough that he threw a ball and struck a player, something he did not in fact admit and something that was not true."

The complaint also charged Noblesville Schools of not presenting Coach McCollough an evaluation of any of the five years before his removal.

"Coach McCollough was not allowed to see player and parent evaluations and or discuss them with the athletic director or principal. Defendant Jeff Bryant specifically ordered that Coach McCollough not be allowed to see the player/parent evaluations, not even for purposes of responding to any false assertions," the complaint read.



Photo provided

Sheridan grocery store Railer's IGA on Thursday raised \$111.36 for the ALS Foundation by conducting an Ice Bucket Challenge. Pictured here taking the challenge is Barry Railer of Railer's IGA.

Hope for the Firestone slab?

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

There may be relief coming for Noblesville eastside residents who for the past three years or so wake up each morning to see The Slab.

Or, for folks who drive eastside streets and look off in the distance to see The Slab.

The Slab, of course, is the 10 acres of concrete Firestone Industrial Products left Noblesville when the company put the wrecking ball to a building which once was the life blood of the city. Better known as Firestone Rubber Company in its hay day, Firestone back then was the largest employer in Noblesville and in Hamilton County.

Firestone, local residents were told, was the reason Noblesville was the living, breathing city it was. Firestone often blew its horn about the payroll money being pumped into the community and most often did that following another fire at the dump, located on the corner of Pleasant and 16th Street. The dump is still there, untouched for many years, and securely fenced so no one can enter. When there was a fire at the dump, drivers coming to or leaving Noblesville could see the black smoke for miles and miles.

The plant was located on what today is The Slab. Approximately 4,000 acres of concrete resembles a huge grave yard without any graves. Without any bodies. Maybe, a few ghosts, but no bodies.

But, back to what is happening, or will happen soon, in the Firestone area. What that is I can't tell you. It's a secret, a secret known only by City Hall officials and, who knows, known by the Firestone ghosts.

I first learned there was a movement to do something when listening to John Beery a few months ago as the City Engineer conducted an open-door meeting to inform residents in the Firestone area of one-way and stop signs being changed.

No hint from Beery of what that might be.

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City Hall & the School Board

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

It's nothing like the Hatfields and the McCoys, but seldom do school boards and city governments sit down for tea. While pledging to understand and support the other guy, school boards and city government often shall we say, have different agendas.

It has been that way in recent years in Noblesville.

"This is my fourth year on the Council and only the second time remembering meeting formally with the schools," one Noblesville Common Council member told The Reporter at a Council/School Board join session earlier this week.

There were the normal politically correct statements

"We understand you want Noblesville to grow, but..." was what we heard from the School Board.

"We understand your concerns over growing enrollment, but..." was what we heard from the Council.

It probably happens that way in most cities, like Noblesville, which want to keep growing and most school boards, like the Noblesville School Board, which are concerned with where to put all the new kids.

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Prevail's 2014 Signature Gala prevails for the 13th year

An evening of fine wine, sumptuous dinner and appetizers, live music and fabulous live and silent auction items drew a crowd of 400 people to the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel Saturday for the 2014 Signature Gala to benefit Prevail, Inc.

Prevail's 2014 Signature Gala was presented by Premier Sponsor Hare Chevrolet. WISH-TV anchor and investigative reporter, Karen Hensel, served as emcee and the Bishops provided the entertainment for the evening.

Saturdays' event raised more than \$147,000 to aid Prevail's programming and services throughout Hamilton County and the surrounding area. The live auction item receiving the evening's top bid of \$5,1000 was an original oil painting by artist Kiku Poch, donated by Prevail's Companion

Sponsor Platinum Living. Combined, live and silent auctions raised over \$56,000!

The date for the 2015 Signature Gala benefiting Prevail is Saturday, August 22nd at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel.

Prevail, Inc. is dedicated to serving victims of crime and abuse in a supportive environment that is meant to empower, educate and strengthen those we serve. By offering these life-saving services, free of

charge, we help people move forward – to give hope for a life free of violence and fear

See Prevail...Page 3



Photo provided

A crowd of 400 people enjoyed Prevail's 2014 Signature Gala. The event raised more than \$147,000 to aid Prevail's programming and services throughout Hamilton County and the surrounding area. Pictured: Monica Peck, Dave Cox, Jackie Cox, Mike and Kara Cabb.



Obituaries

Freda G. Jones

January 19, 1924 - September 1, 2014

Freda G. Jones, 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, September 1, 2014 at her home. She was born on January 19, 1924 to Liege and Ruth (Hampton) Jackson in Artemus, Kentucky.



Freda was an avid exerciser, serving as Activities Coordinator at the Noblesville Senior Center. She was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, and enjoyed shopping, traveling, and working in her yard.

She is survived by her husband, Earl Jones; daughters, Joann (Howard) Stearns, Linda Wiles, and Bobbie (Glenn) Walters; daughter-in-law, Donna Summers; and son-in-law, Dennis Grimes.

In addition to her parents, Freda was preceded in death by her daughter, "Dodie" Ruth Ellen Grimes; sons, Basil "Bug" Summers Jr., and Glen Summers; and daughter-in-law, Darlene Summers.

Services were held on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the service. Pastor Mark Lowe officiated. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

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

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Ronald L. Hutson

March 14, 1935 - September 2, 2014

Ronald L. Hutson, 79, of Westfield, passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 in Sheridan. He was born on March 14, 1935 to Ernest and Birdie (Teboe) Hutson in Westfield, Indiana.



Ron was a graduate of Westfield High School, and a member of the WHS Lettermen's Club. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, and retired from the Ford Motor Company after 30 years of service. Ron was a lifelong resident of Westfield, and was a volunteer fireman for Westfield Fire Department for 15 years. He enjoyed hunting, was an avid fisherman, and won the Horseshoe-Indiana State Championship.

He is survived by his sons, Anthony Hutson, Jeffrey (Karrie) Hutson, and Bradley (Lori) Hutson; daughter, Christina Hutson; brother, James (Glee) Hutson; four grandchildren, Amanda Sawin, Riley Hutson, Reid Hutson, and Luke Hutson; two great-grandchildren, Chloe Sawin, and Abigail Sawin; and his companion of 22 years, Jackie O'Dell.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by his brother, Ralph Hutson; and wife, Susan Jane Hutson.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the service. Pastor Doug Shoemaker officiated.

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

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Susan C. Gagnon

November 4, 1944 - August 31, 2014

Susan C. Gagnon, 69, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2014 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on November 4, 1944 to Paul and Thelma (Moudy) Morrison in Frankfort, Indiana.

Susan had been a registered nurse at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She enjoyed her work and loved taking care of her son, Scott, and keeping him very involved with Special Olympics.

She is survived by son, Scott Gagnon, siblings, Bonnie (Gilbert) Seward, Marilyn Irby and Jerry (Darcy) Morrison, and, many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother, Dick Morrison.

Services were held on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation immediately prior to the service. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiated. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Clinton Wentworth

January 14, 1972 - September 3, 2014

Clinton Wentworth, 42, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 in Morgan County. He was born on January 14, 1972 in Columbus, Indiana.

Clinton was self-employed as a master carpenter for 28 years, and attended White River Christian Church.

He is survived by his mother, Sue Brown; daughter, Jessica Wentworth; son, Zachary Wentworth; daughter, Payton Wentworth; sister, Janet (Carlos) Perez; brother, Russell Breeden; and several aunts, uncles, nieces & nephews.

Clinton was preceded in death by his grandparents, Priscilla & Bennett Buck, and Gladys & Paul Wentworth.

A memorial service will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 8, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Fred Knoll will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Michael David Cain

December 27, 1955 - August 31, 2014

Michael David Cain, 58, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2014 at home. He was born on December 27, 1955 to Clyde and Gladys (Dwiggans) Cain in Noblesville, Indiana.

Mike was a roofer by trade, often working with Coffey Construction in Noblesville.

He is survived by his wife, Nita Cain; children, Lon Kerr, Mandie Cain and Angela (Jeff) Cain Bernier; grandchildren, Shelby Lynn Kerr, Zeth, Zain & Zerik Prater, Zayden Cain, and Grant & Nigel Cain; siblings, Georgia Douglas, Nancy Plummer, Judy (Gail) Rose, Mary Jo McAlister, Peggy (Lonnie) Frye & Betty Jean Cain; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Robert Cain and Tom Cain; and a grandson, Hayden Michael Cain.

Services were held on Friday, September 5, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with Chaplain Derek Hansen officiating. Visitation was on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at the funeral home. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Robert "Bob" Kilgore

May 2, 1924 - August 31, 2014

Robert "Bob" Kilgore, 90, of Westfield, passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2014 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on May 2, 1924 to Francis and Theresa (Yehl) Kilgore in Kansas City, Missouri.

Bob graduated from DeLaSalle High School, received his undergraduate degree from Rockhurst University in 1950, and his Master's Degree in 1953 from the University of Missouri. Bob proudly served his country over a 26 year period as a major in the United States Air Force during World War II and the Korean War as a pilot and flight instructor. In 1958, he began working for Western Electric, and later became Director of Engineering with AT&T in Singapore. Bob was an avid amateur radio enthusiast and spent many hours researching his ancestry. His family fondly refers to him as "the fixer" because he could repair anything.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Margaret (O'Neill) Kilgore; son, Tim (Janine) Kilgore; daughter, Kathy (Ed) Elliott; six grandchildren: Christine (Alex) Smith, Jennifer (Paul) Halpainy, Kaitlin (Spencer) Fields, Jackie Elliott, Theresa Kilgore, and Stephen Kilgore; and three great-grandchildren: Penelope June Halpainy, Annabelle Elliott Smith, and Ryan Austin Fields.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by one sister and 3 brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Westfield, with Rev. Kevin Haines officiating. Visitation was Friday, September 5, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, Noblesville. Entombment was at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis with military rites following.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Adoration Chapel/Bell Tower Building Fund, c/o St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Springmill Road, Westfield, IN 46074.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Jeffery Joseph Chianello

October 10, 1955 - September 4, 2014

Jeffery Joseph Chianello, 58, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at his home. He was born on October 10, 1955 to Sam and Doris (Hodnick) Chianello in Angola, Indiana. His father precedes him in death.

Jeffery was a Technical Sales Representative for Houghton International. He was an active member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville, where he served as an usher. He received his education in Chemistry and Biology from Youngstown State University, where he also played football. Through the years, Jeffery consistently participated in the activities of his children as a coach, teacher and mentor. Jeffery was an avid Colts and Cleveland Indians fan; an enthusiastic cook; and a dedicated family man. Additionally, he served as President of the Stoney Creek Neighborhood Association.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 37 years, Leona (Carrier) Chianello; children, Dana (Brent) Phillips, Jeffery Joseph (Courtney) Chianello II, and Zachary (Molly) Chianello; siblings, Karen (Joe) Fasulo, Lorraine (Scott) Simka and Sammy (Cheryl) Chianello; grandchildren, Francis, Jeffery Joseph III and Veronica; five Godchildren; twelve nieces & nephews; and six great-nieces & nephews.

Services were held on Monday, September 8, 2014, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville, with Rev. Tom Metzger officiating. Visitation was Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, Noblesville; with additional calling at the church prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Guerin Catholic High School Music Department, 15300 N Gray Rd, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

June M. Hedges

September 5, 2014

June M. Hedges, 94, former Hamilton County Recorder, died Friday.

A lifelong resident of the Carmel area, Mrs. Hedges was the daughter of the late State Sen. and Mrs. John Morris.

She is survived by two daughters, Dixie Packard and Diane Hedges, and one grandson. The deceased was a member of Carmel Friends Church, Carmel Historical Society and GOP Club.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. at the Friends Church with services to follow immediately.

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Eva Irene Horn Smith

May 23, 1922 - September 1, 2014

Eva Irene Horn Smith, 92, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, September 1, 2014 at Harbour Manor Care Center.

Born the fifth child of Rev. Roby and Estella (White) Rasnake on May 23, 1922, in Russell County, VA. She lived her childhood in Virginia but after graduating from Gary High School, VA, she came to Indiana to live with her aunt and uncle. It was then, she met Harry Horn, whom she married August 30, 1942. Living in Noblesville, they had five children, Harriet (Barry) Green, Rev. Larry (Martha) Horn, Peggy (Tim) Haskett, Jerry (Barbara) Horn, all of Noblesville, and Rev. Terry (Cynthia) Horn, of Jacksonville, FL. She and Harry welcomed Sylvia (Tom) Weaver, of Noblesville, and Mike Jackson, of Fortville, into their home as their own after Irene's sister and her husband passed away in 1957. After Harry passed away in 1984, she met and married James C. Smith, of Beech Grove, in 1988.

Besides being a homemaker, Irene worked for Standard Grocery Co., the Veterans Administration, and after 20 years, she retired from the accounting department at Best Lock Corp. Irene was a great cook, and was always entertaining family and friends in her home. She was a state finalist in the Pillsbury Bake Off. Being a Christian, her church activities as a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church were very important to her. Her activities included Lay Leader, teaching Sunday School, Bible Study leader, and singing in the choir. She and Harry joined that congregation in 1949. They both went on Lay Witness Missions associated with the Methodist Church. She also served as Prayer Coordinator for Christian Service International organization.

As an active member of the Noblesville Senior Citizens, she enjoyed singing with the "Sing-Alongs." In 1991, she was chosen as "Older Woman of the Year" an award given by the Central Indiana Council on Aging. In 1995, Irene received the "Young at Heart Award" and "Hamilton County's Most Outstanding Senior Citizen." She volunteered for Med-Alert at Riverview Health, was an avid reader, and enjoyed walking, in which she received a Presidential Sports Award from President Ronald Reagan in 1998. She also enjoyed gardening, home decorating, and was a wiz at home construction and painting. She made many quilts for her grandchildren, and loved to travel. Among her various travels, were two trips to Israel, it was on one of those trips, she met her husband, Jim Smith.

She has lived the last few years at Harbour Manor in Noblesville, where she has made many friends of both the staff and the residents.

She is survived by all of her children; 17 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Naydne (Carl) White; brothers, Raymond (Maggie) Rasnake and Carl Rasnake, all of Virginia; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Harry Horn; second husband, Jim Smith; two sisters; and three brothers.

Services were held on Monday, September 8, 2014 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Noblesville. Visitation was held on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

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

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Prevail From Page 1

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Sheridan Chamber Seeks Nominations for Annual Business Awards

The Sheridan Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Awards Dinner & Casino Night presented by Riverview Health on Wednesday, September 24. The Chamber will recognize a Business of the Year and Charity of the Year, as well as awarding a Volunteer Service Award, Education Service Award, Public Service Award and a Wellness Service Award.

The Business of the Year and Charity of the Year Awards will be given to organizations who have demonstrated success and had a positive impact in the community. The service awards will be presented to individuals or organizations who have made a significant, positive contribution in various specific arenas – education, public service and the health of the community.

If you know an organization or individual who should be considered for any of these awards, the Sheridan Chamber invites you to submit a brief description of the

contribution and why you feel they should be recognized.

Submissions may be sent electronically to chambermail@sheridanchamber.org, and must be received by Friday, September 12. All nominations will be reviewed and a list of nominees for each category will be announced on Wednesday, September 17. Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner on September 24.

Tickets are available for the Annual Awards Dinner & Casino Night which will be held at Palomino Ballroom, 481 S 1200 E, Zionsville IN at 6 pm on September 24. Tickets are \$50 for individuals and \$90 for couples. Corporate tables of 8 with recognition are available for \$320. Sponsorship opportunities are also still available. For tickets or sponsorship details, contact the Sheridan Chamber office at 317-758-1311 or chambermail@sheridanchamber.org.

School Board From Page 1

“I think we are doing a good job of managing the growth,” said Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear, who once served on the local school board.

“A city which does not grow, dies,” said Noblesville Councilman Rick Taylor.

“We’re running out of space,” said Jane Barr, Noblesville School Board Secretary.

“We’ll have to begin using portable classrooms, and today they are not safe for the children.”

“What is the answer?,” School Board President Patrick Berghoff was asked.

Can you spell referendum?

The School Board pulled no punches when stating that, yes, a referendum likely will be on the 2016 ballot.

Passing referendums isn’t an easy process, for any school system and any election year. The one Noblesville most likely will propose in two years will be extremely difficult to pass.

But, arguably, a referendum which will be very much needed if the Community of Noblesville wishes to maintain, or better, its educational system.

At the meeting, the School Board presented some scary facts: growth vs. the schools’ ability to have classroom space for that growth.

One chart (pictured elsewhere in today’s Reporter) breaks down school enrollment and one-year projected school enrollment in each of the city’s seven elementary schools.

It shows anticipated growth in 2014-15 in three different elementary schools ... North Elementary, Stony Creek and White River.

The bottom line is that Noblesville expects an overall increase of 57 students next school year.

That figure, alone, may not shake City Hall, but the School Board also presented a chart of the approved lots/apartment units in the elementary school districts of Promise Road, Noblesville Crossing and Hazel Dell. (That chart also appears in today’s Reporter).

Scary numbers, although in some situations not completely all-telling. Stony Creek Overlook, for example, is a senior complex. Some other housing units are one-bedroom units, which aren’t likely to include lots of school-age children.

It’s a tough call, city growth against the lack of financial abilities of school systems being able to fund that growth. Of course, taxpayers will have to help. There will be a referendum in Noblesville, count on that.

It’s a good thing that Noblesville Schools and Noblesville City Hall are back to talking. Let’s hope that continues.

Noblesville Schools Looking Ahead*							
		Hazel Dell					
	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
2013-14 Enrollment	98	126	117	149	97	112	699
2014-15 Projected	104	99	119	120	146	99	687
		Hinkle Creek					
2013-14 Enrollment	151	168	148	142	166	166	941
2014-15 Projected	151	144	177	151	144	168	935
		Noble Crossing					
2013-14 Enrollment	119	124	111	98	117	98	667
2014-15 Projected	111	118	112	105	97	111	654
		North Elementary					
2013-14 Enrollment	71	95	90	78	71	84	489
2014-15 Projected	78	75	101	100	89	83	526
		Promise Road					
2013-14 Enrollment	154	144	136	123	98	89	744
2014-15 Projected	120	132	114	121	104	89	680
		Stony Creek					
2013-14 Enrollment	100	81	87	94	110	96	568
2014-15 Projected	90	122	104	101	102	117	636
		White River					
2013-14 Enrollment	108	106	122	100	117	98	651
2014-15 Projected	114	114	109	128	110	123	698
		District Summary					
2013-14 Enrollment	801	844	811	784	776	743	4759
2014-15 Projected	768	804	836	826	792	790	4816
*Figures provided by Noblesville Schools.							

Hamilton County Project Lifesaver Summer Bash

The Hamilton County Project Lifesaver Summer Bash will be held on Saturday, September 13, from 9:00am-2:30pm at the Hamilton County 4H Fairgrounds. This annual fundraiser for Project Lifesaver includes activities for the entire family, a StatFlight helicopter demonstration, vendors, music, Indy Kids Sale, and catering by Big Hoffa’s BBQ. Also featured is a custom Car and Bike Show with trophies awarded in several categories including People’s Choice. A Poker Run with prizes is included in the day’s activities as well. All proceeds from the events go to support Project Lifesaver of Hamilton County.

Project Lifesaver is a program designed to assist in locating individuals who are potentially at risk due to wandering. Clients of Project Lifesaver include those diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, dementia, Autism, Down Syndrome along with those who are prone to wandering away from safety. Through funds raised from events like the Summer Bash, Project Lifesaver is able to provide clients at no cost with a wristband style radio transmitter that emits a silent signal that can be tracked quickly and efficiently. In nearly 3,000 cases nationwide, Project Lifesaver has been able to locate clients in an average time of less than 30 minutes with no serious injuries or deaths reported. Hamilton County currently has five (5) fire agencies along with the Sheriff’s Office trained in using Project Lifesaver technology.

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Not the Perfect Mom

Strength in adversity

By TAMAR KNOCHEL

In Genesis 38 we can read the story of my namesake, Tamar’s life (or at least this part of it anyway). Her story was filled with death, disappointment and utter betrayal by the men in her life that *should* have been protecting and providing for her; they used and abused her. Her story characterizes the strength that we too can possess. Tamar could easily have been utterly destroyed by the circumstances in her life. She had TWO abusive husbands die on her. And yet, **she** didn’t. She stood strong and held her head high and fought for what was rightfully hers. The house of Judah owed her a child and she wasn’t about to be denied. Yes, the means that she was forced to use weren’t exactly smiled upon (then or now). Yet when what she had done came to light they went from calling her “harlot” to “righteous”. When everyone else around her had turned their



backs, she stood up, took matters into her own hands and did what was RIGHT. And to do that she used a strength that none of the men around her were willing to impart. What Tamar did took GUTS. She literally risked her life to do what was right. And you know what the best part is? **We** all have benefited from her display of intestinal fortitude.

When Jesus, the ancestor of Tamar, shared that we are to “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:39) He pointed something amazing out; we’re supposed to love ourselves! For the last five months I’ve been studying Beth Moore’s book So Long, Insecurity You’ve Been a Bad Friend to Us and learning how to love myself so that I can better love others. Basically, I’ve been growing a backbone and learning how to stand up for myself. I’ve come to realize that by allowing others to take advantage of me I’m allowing them to hurt themselves in the process. By being a ... how does Beth put it, a “puddle of spinelessness” and “flying into a fit of hysteria” I am benefiting no one but Satan and his cause to destroy us. However,

when we stand with the strength of Tamar and do what is right in spite of our circumstances and in lieu of the cost (even to our very lives or livelihood as the case may be) then we benefit everyone around us including the kingdom of God!

In this last week I’ve been faced with several circumstances that have ~~threatened~~ strengthened my backbone and when I prayed about what to do, do you know what God said? “Sometimes you’ve just got to throw around some tables.” (Matthew 21:12-13)

Jesus was no shrinking violet! He was no wall hugger or passive bystander. He stood up for what was right and so can we.

Reading through the Bible in a year, for LIFE!

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1	Ecc 8:1-12:34 & Eph 1:1-2:10
2	Eph 2:11-6:24
3	Esther 1:1-4:14
4	Esther 5:1-10:3
5	Exodus 1:1-4:31
6	Exodus 5:1-9:12
7	No Reading

The power of life insurance

By BRIAN BRAGG
Bragg Insurance Company

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month.

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When life comes full circle

By JANET HEART LEONARD

It all began May 20,1926 when my Dad was born in the hills of Kentucky. His mother died in childbirth so he was adopted by the Hart family. He grew up playing with his biological brothers. When they were grown, they all scattered to various



parts of Indiana with Dad never knowing where they lived.

Some almost fifty years later my Dad's oldest birth brother showed up on his doorstep. Elmer aka Will lived in Portland. They became best of friends over the years before Dad's death in 2006. His brother took Dad's death hard. They say he grieved until he died a short time later. Dad and his brother looked alike, sat alike, collected guns and collected clocks. The similarities were amazing since they had not seen each other in all that time. One thing they shared was pride in their grand-kids. They often talked about how much their grandsons loved sports.

Fast forward time to Thursday evening this past week. I get a call from my son, Brandon.

"Mom, what was Grandpa's brother's last name who lived in Portland?"

I said, "Ferrell". I hear him talking to someone in the background. When he got back on the phone to me he was talking a mile a minute. I know that Brandon is excited when he says Mom between each statement.

Brandon said, "Mom this is crazy! I'm helping the coach of Jake's football team. Jake is the quarterback and the coach's son is the receiver. Mom, they are both awesome athletes. Mom, the coach is Dan Ferrell. Mom, he grew up in Portland. Mom, his grandpa was Will Ferrell. Mom, Jake and Riley aka Rock are distant cousins!"

Wow.

Somehow I think there are two great grandfathers who have the best seat in heaven looking down upon two little eight year old boys. I can just hear my Dad saying "Elmer, it doesn't get any better than this. Reminds me of when we used to play back on the mountain, some eighty years ago."

Some stories have to be true. I can't make up stories this amazing.

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Little change likely on local school boards

By FRED SWIFT
Most school boards in Hamilton County will see few if any changes in personnel as a result of this fall's non-partisan school elections. Is this an indication of the public's satisfaction with schools as they are or just a case of few citizens wanting to take on the work and responsibility of running for a board seat?



in the six county school districts. These board members are responsible for making annual budgets that total tens of millions of dollars, more money, in fact, than any other level of local government.
Little change is likely on the Noblesville board. Only two of the five seats are up for election this year. There is a contest because three candidates are running for the two seats. Incumbent Julia Church Kozicki is running along with newcomers Kevin Kalstad and Karl Johnson. Patrick Berghoff who was elected four years ago did not run for re-election.
At Carmel there will be only one change, and that's because incumbent Greg Phillips chose not to run for re-election. In his place Mike Kerschner will be elected

along with incumbents Lyla Spanenberg and Pam Knowles. All three are unopposed.
Sheridan Schools will also see little change in membership as Jason Todd Burtron and Randall Brimberry will be elected in Adams Township, and Todd Roberts will be elected at large, all without opposition. (An earlier story mistakenly said there was a contest in Adams.)
Westfield Washington elects three board members, but two are home free as Mary SeRine in District 2 and Daniel Degnan in District 4 are unopposed. There will be one contest for the at-large seat. There, R. Birch Dalton and Amber Willis will compete.
The one contest in the Hamilton Heights district will see Gwen Hunter challenged by

Paul Vondersaar for the Jackson Township seat on the board while Doug Ozolins will be elected unopposed in White River and Arnett Cooper will also be unopposed for the at-large seat.
For the Hamilton Southeastern board, voters will elect four members. In District 1, Matthew Burke is unopposed. In District 2 John DeLucia wins without opposition. In District 3, a three-way race pits Matt Stolle, Michelle Fullhart and Katrin Hockemeyer against one another and in District 4 there is a contest between Terry Tolle and Ronald Wilson, Jr.
So, in all, there will be only five of the 18 board seats at stake contested in the November 4 voting.

What's smarter -- paying off debts or investing?

By COREY SYLVESTER
It probably doesn't happen as much as you'd like, but from time to time, you have some extra disposable income. When this happens, how should you use the funds? Assuming you have adequate emergency savings — typically, three to six months' worth of living expenses — should you pay off debts, or fund your IRA or another investment account?
There's no one "correct" answer — and the priority of these options may change, depending on your financial goals. However, your first step may be to consider what type of debt you're thinking of paying down with your extra money. For example,



if you have a consumer loan that charges a high rate of interest — and you can't deduct the interest payments from your taxes — you might conclude that it's a good idea to get rid of this loan as quickly as possible.
Still, if the loan is relatively small, and the payments aren't really impinging on your monthly cash flow that much, you might want to consider putting any extra money you have into an investment that has the potential to offer longer-term benefits. For instance, you might decide to fully fund your IRA for the year before tackling minor debts. (In 2014, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older.)
When it comes to making extra mortgage payments, however, the picture is more complicated. In the first place, mortgage interest is typically tax deductible, which makes your loan less "expensive."

Even beyond the issue of deductibility, you may instinctively feel that it's best to whittle away your mortgage and build as much equity as possible in your home. But is that always a smart move?
Increasing your home equity is a goal of many homeowners — after all, the more equity you have in your home, the more cash you'll get when you sell it. Yet, if your home's value rises — which, admittedly, doesn't always happen — you will still, in effect, be building equity without having to divert funds that could be placed elsewhere, such as in an investment. In this situation, it's important to weigh your options. Do you want to lower your mortgage debts and possibly save on cumulative interest expenses? Or would you be better served to invest that money for potential growth or interest payments?

Here's an additional consideration: If you tied up most of your money in home equity, you may well lose some flexibility and liquidity. If you were to fall ill or lose your job, could you get money out of your home if your emergency savings fund fell short? Possibly, in the form of a home equity line of credit or a second mortgage, but if you were not bringing in any income, a bank might not even approve such a loan — no matter how much equity you have in your house. You may more easily be able to sell stocks, bonds or other investment vehicles to gain access to needed cash.
Getting some extra money once in a while is a nice problem to have. Still, you won't want to waste the opportunity — so, when choosing to pay down debts or put the money into investments, think carefully.

Slab From Page 1

In an interview with Deputy Mayor Mike Hendricks earlier this week, I asked what might be in the works. "I can't tell you," Hendricks said with a smile. "But, it's going to be big and it is coming soon."
In another meeting I attended, I put the question to City Attorney Mike Howard. "No comments; I know nothing," Hendricks said while rushing for the nearest exit.

Firestone is in the news for other reasons. There are folks who are interested in The Slab.
Noblesville Schools, in a joint meeting with the Noblesville Common Council, expressed some interest in using the area as a bus barn and maintenance facility. Nothing solid; just a subject put on the table.
Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger told The Reporter that the County is looking for storage space, and that The Slab might be the answer.

Hendricks said the City could have the same interest.
Hendricks is the City's contact working with Firestone. He said the City first worked trying to get a private business interested in The Slab.
Hendricks told The Reporter that Firestone is not interested in doing anything with a private business; only with a government unit.
Would they be interested in a bus barn and city and county storage?

"They haven't said no," was Hendricks' answer to that question.
Noblesville Common Council member Brad Beaver, when the subject was brought up at a recent Common Council/County Commissioners joint meeting, said trying to find land for a bus barn in Noblesville will not be easy..
"Regardless the price, there isn't lots of land in Noblesville for that kind of thing," Beaver said.



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Hamilton Heights Middle School takes a stand on bullying

Hamilton Heights School Corporation is working with students and staff on a strong, unified message. Bullying will not be tolerated. While Heights has long had their eye on the issue, administrators, staff and faculty continue to seek out innovative ways to keep the topic in the forefront to help curb incidents of bullying wherever and whenever possible.

Corey Kiger, Hamilton Heights Middle School Assistant Principal, says this has been a hot topic in the state and country. “We take the issue very seriously and are passionate about keeping this topic a focal point. To do so, we are being aggressive in our education and prevention efforts through a multi-faceted approach that involves interactive education and awareness programs, mentoring, discussion groups, and helping build skills in the areas of communication, confidence, and conflict resolution to help both students and staff recognize, reduce and come up with workable solutions.”

While the recent anti-bullying convocation at the middle school is the start of the school’s year-long prevention and education efforts, discussion, preparation and troubleshooting is ongoing. The program featured a discussion followed by a presentation entitled “Quest for Respect” which focused on preventing choices of bullying, cyber-bullying and at risk behaviors (drugs and alcohol), while creating respect for oneself and others. According to Kiger everything they do related to this topic is designed to help students and staff understand, recognize and address bullying in today’s world.

“The program showed us ways we could help stop bullying and what can hap-

pen to you if you do bully someone else,” said eighth-grade student Ana Oldham.

Keagan Trexler, also in 8th grade, said she thought the program opened up a lot of student’s eyes. Trexler also said she has been bullied in the past and it doesn’t feel good. Emma Higgenbotham, also in 8th grade, agreed. Emma was a victim of cyberbullying. What made it worse is the bully turned out to be who she thought was a good friend. Trinity Wright, 7th grade, said by working together with peer support networks, we can make a difference by doing our part in keeping the discussion going forward to reduce this problem.

“We provide training to all staff that is aligned with the Indiana Anti-Bullying Laws and Policies, said Cliff Hackman, Assistant Principal/Counselor for Hamilton Heights Primary School. Hackman, has an interactive anti-bullying training program he presents to students one classroom at a time throughout the year to reach 100% of students. In addition, the school brought in The Indianapolis Opera and The NED show last year both delivering powerful anti-bullying messages. More programs are planned for this year.

Hamilton Heights High School held a staff training session on Wednesday where they discussed the many facets of bullying from recognition to prevention and a little bit of everything else in between. On September 10, 11, and 12, the entire student body will attend a one-hour simulcast by Nick Vujicic entitled “You Can Overcome Bullying” in the school auditorium. Whitney Gray, Hamilton Heights Assistant Principal, said she’s personally seen one of Vujicic’s presentations and was very im-

pressed. “We are really excited about this opportunity for our students and know they will be positively impacted by his message,” noted Gray. For anyone who may be interested in what the students will be seeing, they can check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xa8Rr1Aup4>

While schools across the country encourage anti-bullying programs, Indiana is one of the few states that require them. Bullying is defined as an imbalance of power, with a pattern of repeated acts over time, or acts done with the intent to cause harm. Bullying takes many shapes, sizes and forms and knows no age, gender, race or socio-economic boundary. It can be physical, verbal, mental and even more ominous through social media and the internet.

With the passage of Indiana’s anti-bullying law last year, Hamilton Heights, along with other schools across the state are stepping up their prevention efforts as well as consequences for this behavior. The Centers for Disease Control ranks Indiana number three for school bullying. One in four children are victims and 1 in 20 are so fearful they skip school.

“Our hope is that students take what they learn here at Heights back to their homes, neighborhoods and into their adult lives,” noted Kiger.



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Win a classic car; benefit elementary football

Do you like football? How about cars? For \$5 a ticket, here’s your chance to combine both.

A 1949 Willy’s Jeepster, owned by the late Dale Snelling, is being raffled and the drawing will be held on Sept. 13 during the Noblesville Elementary Football League’s (NEFL) Hall of Fame Ceremony. Benefits from the raffle are being donated to the NEFL. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. You may purchase tickets by calling Suzanne Snelling at 317-773-5465. The winner does not need to be present to win the car.

Dale Snelling was one of the founders of the NEFL, its first coach and is an NEFL Hall of Famer. Snelling could be seen driving this mint-condition red convertible in Noblesville Homecoming parades and other events.

Hamilton Heights Middle School students Lily Halik, Keagan Trexler, Trinity Wright, Ana Oldham and Emma Higgenbotham agree that the topic of bullying is important and needs addressed. They say they know at least one person who has or they



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Millers, ‘Rocks face off Friday night

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Not often, if ever, is the fourth game of a high school football season seen as a “must win” contest. Plenty of football yet to be played.

But, looking at what is ahead for Westfield at Noblesville this Friday, outcomes appear to touch on “must wins” situations in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. And, in this situation, the Millers-Shamrocks contest is also a backyard rival games where folks involved talk about bragging rights.

With the way the HCC is structured this season each win, and each loss, is important. Noblesville lost to Fishers 16-13 in a grind-it-out game Friday that also happened to be its HCC opener. It was the first loss of the year for the Millers after they started 2-0 with non-conference wins over Lawrence North and Hamilton Heights.

Meanwhile, the Shamrocks opened up conference play with a 44-34 win over Zionsville, which gives them a 1-0 HCC record. Getting off to a 2-0 start would be a big help for Westfield and its conference championship aspirations.

Against the Tigers, Noblesville got on the board first after Luke Melloh, one of the Millers' two quarterbacks, made a six-yard touchdown run. But after that, the Tigers scored 16 unanswered points, denying Noblesville until late in the fourth quarter when Melloh scored on a quarterback sneak.

Zack Niezer's extra point kick made the score 16-13, but the Millers were unable to get ahead.

Miller coach Lance Scheib was not happy about letting a close one slip away. It was the first loss of the year for Noblesville, after two wins to open the season.

"It was self-inflicted," said NHS coach Lance Scheib. "Self-inflicted, which is what it was last week. We've got to correct that."

Hayden Stinnett ran for 83 yards, with Jarel Youree rushing for 65 yards. Noblesville's Carl Hardy completed 4-of-6 passes, with Levi Reece also stepping in and making 3-of-4 passes. Josh Donham led the receptions with five.

Westfield had to fight off visiting Zionsville during the final two periods.

"We had a great first half," said Gilbert. "Then, they scored 20 points against us in the second half.

Westfield had a balanced offense, rushing for 249 yards and passing for 229 yards.

Junior quarterback Ryan Pepiot was 13-of-21 through the air for 173 yards. He passed for one touchdown. Nick Henderson had another strong night receiving the football with seven catches for 84 yards. Ben Lotfalian had four catches for 63 yards.

Westfield's first two touchdowns and three during the evening came on the running of Elvin Caldwell. After Westfield opened with a 41-yard field goal from Nick Dowd, Caldwell scored from the two with 4:55 remaining in the first quarter.

In Westfield's 28-point second quarter, Caldwell scored on a two-yard run. Also in the period, Brandon Karsnick scored from the 24; Henderson caught a 38-yard pass from Pepiot and Stan Mattingly added a touchdowns on a 22-yard pass interception.

Caldwell added a 17-yard TD romp in the fourth quarter, Westfield's only scoring in the second half

For the evening, Caldwell carried the pigskin 20 times for 81 yards and Karsnick 12 times for 78 yards.

Hawks open conference play with a win

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

In a game that took two days to play because of weather, the Sheridan football team beat Clinton Prairie 33-27 in its Hoosier Heartland Conference opener.

The score was tied at 27-27 when Austin Hoover made a 77-yard touchdown run. Prairie made one more drive, but it ended when Taylor Ly intercepted a pass.

"The whole second half, we played pretty good except for one play," said Sheridan coach Bud Wright.

The game-winner was Hoover's third touchdown of the game. He made another big run early in the third quarter, scoring from 56 yards, then last night had an eight-yard scoring run.

Jacob Chesney had two Blackhawk touchdowns, grabbing a 27-yard pass from brother Garrett Chesney in the first quarter, then making a 17-yard run late in the third.

Sheridan's win puts it at 2-1 overall. The 'Hawks travel to Carroll on Friday in another HHC game.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

'Hawks defensive line smashes a Clinton Prairie running back behind the line of scrimmage.

Tough Cass to visit Huskies

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Mitch Street was happy with the defense.

"It's the best defense we've played this season," said the Hamilton Heights coach after his team opened Mid-Indiana Conference play Saturday on the road, beating Maconaquah 22-8.

That defense will be matched against another good defense this Friday when the Huskies host Lewis Cass in what will be an early season showdown in the Mid-Indiana Conference.

Cass is 2-1, having lost its opener to Pioneer 34-18 and then posting back to back

victories over Churubusco 16-7 and conference foe Northwestern 28-7.

Against Northwestern last week, fullback James champ carried nine times for 196 yards and the Cass defense forced four Northwestern turnovers. Northwestern's only scoe as on a fake punt.

Heights will enter the Cass game looking to get its offensive machine rolling.

"That still is a work in progress," Street answered.

"We had to make some changes just before the season started," Street continued.

"We're getting some people back and we'll

need to make some decisions. We want the best 11 players on the field at the same time."

Ticketed to be a wide-receiver, Grant Weatherford started at quarterback for the third straight game.

"We've got some things to clean up on offense," Street said.

The win was Heights' second in three games.

Heights took the lead when Weatherford connected with Jesse Brown on a 43-yard pass play. Cameron O'Malia booted the extra point.

Weatherford got the Huskies' second touchdown when in the second quarter he

ran 24 yards into the end zone. The PAT failed, but before the quarter was over O'Malia booted a 32-yard field goal.

Maconaquah sliced the margin to 16-8 in the third quarter when Cody Hicks scored from the five. Hicks in the game carried 28 times for 171 yards.

The Huskies scored a game-icing touchdown in the fourth quarter when Weatherford intercepted a pass and returned it 72 yards for a touchdown. O'Malia kicked the PAT.

Weatherford had 12 carries in the game for 76 yards and he completed 4-of-10 passes for 61 yards.

Howe next up for Guerin

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

The level of competition may bend in Guerin Catholic's direction this Friday when the Golden Eagles host Indianapolis Howe.

In three games, Guerin has played Martinsville, Lafayette Central Catholic, and Terre Haute South.

Howe's schedule has been solid, but not that tough. The Hornets have lost to Tech 27-10 and Evansville Harrison 40-38 and last week unloaded on Noblesville Home School 49-7.

Guerin coach Tom Dilley wasn't about to accept a "moral victory" following his team's 24-23 loss to Class 5A Terre Haute South Friday evening at the Eagles Nest.

"We don't go for moral victories at Guerin Catholic," said the Golden Eagles' first-year coach.

Sill, Dilley was "very proud" how his Eagles hung in against the Braves and nearly pulled out a victory at the end.

Guerin, after blowing some scoring opportunities and giving up some points in the first half, trailed 16-0 after three quarters, tied the game at 16-16 forcing an overtime; and took a 23-16 lead in that overtime before Terre Haute South scored a touchdown and added a two-point conversion for their third straight win of the season.

The Eagles dropped to 1-2.

"I'm very proud of how our kids came back," said Dilley. "This is something we can build on. We got good leadership."

Guerin scored first in the overtime. On the second play of the series, Matt Labus threw eight yards to Brian Matthews for the score. Freshman Thomas Kaiser booted the extra point for a 23-16 lead.

But, Terre Haute scored on its third play in overtime. The Braves went for a two-pointer and got it on a run by quarterback Timmy Herrin, who had scored the touchdown.

Guerin's defense did a good job controlling Herrin, the Terre Haute quarterback who had passed for over 600 yards in his first two games. Against the Eagles' defense Herrin was 14-of-24 for 158 yards and had two passes intercepted. He threw for one touchdown.

Labus, the Guerin quarterback, was 13-of-28 for 170 yards and one touchdown. He was intercepted once. Matthews had five catches for 62 yards and Cody Brazill caught two balls for 44 yards. Seven different Guerin receivers caught passes.

On the ground, Carter McGinnis led the Eagles with 15 rushes for 70 yards and Hansen carried 13 times for 31 yards.

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No. 1 Golden Eagles continue winning streak

The ties continue for the Noblesville girls soccer team, as the Millers were testing themselves against the best teams in the Midwest.

In a Wednesday game, Class 2A No. 2 Fishers and No. 4 Noblesville played to a 0-0 scoreless draw at the Tigers field. After that, the Millers traveled to Zionsville to play in the Eagle Invitational, which features several nationally ranked teams.

On Friday, Noblesville defeated the No. 5 ranked team in Kentucky, Bates Creek, 2-0.

Noblesville got goals from Delaney Riester and Gabbi Charles, assists from Karsen Rauch and three saves from Mackenzie Kincaid in its victory over Bates Creek.

The Millers fell to St. Ursula, a top 50 nationally ranked team from Cincinnati, 3-0 in Saturday play. It was the first loss of the year for Noblesville, which is now 5-1-2.

Hamilton Heights, ranked No. 4 in 1A, blasted Maconaquah 13-0 in a Wednesday Mid-Indiana Conference game.

Amanda Freeman scored two goals and made two assists, while Abby Hardacre and Makel Smith both scored twice. Madison Bickett, Bri Henson, Mariah Hooper, Audrie Catron, Hannah Cochran, Alexis Cherry and Mad-die Street all scored one. Sierra Welch had two assists, with Catherine Brown, Gracie Long, Henson, Bickett, Cochran and Cherry each getting one.

On Saturday, the Lady Huskies placed third in the Lebanon Invitational. The Huskies lost to 2A No. 9 Center Grove 5-1 in the opening game. Cochran recorded the only goal on a beautiful set piece shot.

Heights then beat Lebanon, 2-1 in the consolation game. Sierra Welch scored the first goal and Hardacre added the winning goal on a pass from Long. The Huskies moved to 7-1 on the season.

Sheridan beat Frankfort 3-2 on Wednesday. Rebekah Hopper scored two goals, with Alexis Smith scoring one. Nixon Williams had six saves as goalkeeper. The Black-

hawks rolled over Delphi 7-1 on Thursday; Payton Fleener scored three goals; Hopper two and Samantha Smith and Alexis Smith one each.

Fleener also had two assists and Williams had two saves.

In boys play, unranked Noblesville gave visiting Fishers, ranked No. 6 in the state in Class 2A, a battle Tuesday evening before the Tigers escaped with a 3-2 Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory.

Fishers led 1-0 at halftime and then scored again in the first 30 seconds of the second half.

Noblesville got on the board on a goal from Sam Riester. Fishers made it a 3-1 game before the Millers' closed out the scoring with a goal from Shane Koppold with five minutes left. Peyton Mathis had 10 saves for Noblesville.

On Thursday, the Millers beat Mount Vernon 5-2. Riester, Koppold and Zach Price each scored a goal in the first half and Matt Imel and Jack Scott added insurance goals in the second half. Micah Smith and Jon Schillinger each had an assist. Mathis had six saves and gave up one goal while playing 26 minutes into the second half for Coach Brian Prange's Millers. Riley Roudabush had three saves and allowed one goal.

Westfield, ranked No. 17, battled No 7 Zionsville to a 0-0 tie in another tight Tuesday HCC game.

It was the fourth shutout for the Shamrocks' defense in the team's first six games. Evan Seitz made eight saves and the Westfield defense held strong for Westfield.

On Thursday, the Shamrocks fell to No. 16 Brebeuf 2-1, then fell to Columbus North 5-0 on Saturday. The Shamrocks' JV squad improved to 5-2-1 on the season by beating Columbus North, 1-0. After a foul to Keegan Ben-nich inside the box, Ethan Rinne gave the Shamrocks a 1-0 lead.

Hamilton Heights, the state's No. 18 team in Class 1A, unloaded on Maconaquah 12-0, in Tuesday Mid-Indi-

ana Conference action. It was Heights' third straight victory of the season.

Leading the Huskies in scoring was Roy Noller with three goals, Colin Luckey two and Cameron O'Malia, Dane Candler, Derek Thorpe, Kyle Dankert, Collin Brindley, Jamie Stonebraker and Jordan Springman each with one goal.

Leading in assists was Luckey with three, Sam Stall-smith two, Justin Rosenthal one and Josiah Hardacre, Thorpe, Noller and Brady Zebrasukas each with one.

Highlight of the game was Luckey making a great bi-cycle goal. Colin Kaurich got the shutout with five saves.

On Thursday, the Huskies beat Kokomo 3-2, improv-ing its record to 4-0. Heights came out strong and scored three goals in the last 20 minutes of the first half. With about five minutes to go, Kokomo scored on a PK to make the halftime score 3-1.

Colin Luckey scored two goals, one being a PK goal. Sam Stallsmith scored the other goal. Assists went to Cameron O'Malia and Jordan Springman.

"Our defense played very well, taking balls out of the air, finding passes and playing physical," said Dean.

Guerin Catholic, 1A's No. 1 team, beat Brownsburg 1-0 in a Tuesday game. After a scoreless first half, Joe Cummings scored off of a pass from Zach Garvey with 9:26 left in the game. Tarcissio Trujillo got the shutout.

On Thursday, the Golden Eagles blanked New Pales-tine 1-0. Peter St. Amand manned the goal and recorded his first shutout of the season. Andrew Kaskie, David Hinkebein, David Torres and Nate Isenthal played stingy defense, allowing no shots on goal in the second half.

The Golden Eagles scored when Kaskie crossed the ball in front of the goal and Luke Bestand headed the ball past the Dragon goal keeper. For Bestard, it was his fourth goal of the season.

Sheridan lost to Danville 11-0 on Tuesday. Goalkeep-ers Luke Hopper had six saves, while Ethan Reynolds had four saves.

Shamrocks sweep Millers, Golden Eagles blank Chatard

In a Tuesday all-county tennis meet, Westfield beat Noblesville 4-1.

The Shamrocks swept all three singles matches, with Parker Kalis, Evan Parshall and Charlie Warner getting the wins. Harrison Freed and Parker Phillips won at No. 2 doubles. The Millers' lone win came from No. 1 doubles Noah Brisco and Camron Thomp-son, who won a third-set super tiebreak 10-4.

Westfield fell to Fishers on Thursday, with No. 1 Parker Kalis and No. 3 Charlie Werner getting the victories. Noblesville lost to Hamilton Southeastern 5-0 on Thursday.

Hamilton Heights split a pair of matches, losing to Lapel 3-2 on Tuesday, then beating Taylor 3-2 on Wednesday. No. 3 singles Hawkins Hochstedler and the No. 2 doubles team of Reese Wills and Bryce Albright won both their matches, with No. 2 singles BJ Fowler also getting a Wednesday win.

On Thursday, Heights dropped a close 3-2 match to Northwest-ern. Coming away with solid wins were Noah Whyde at No. 1 singles and the No. 1 doubles team of Austin Sauerteig and Noah Wallace. The loss drops the Huskies to 4-4 overall and 1-2 in MIC play.

Guerin Catholic, the No. 6-ranked team in the state, beat Bishop Chatard 5-0 on Tuesday. The Golden Eagles won all five flights in straight sets, with No. 2 singles Wyatt Metzger getting a 6-0, 6-0 victory. Other winners in singles were No. 1 Luke Wiese and No. 3 Jacob Bratton. Doubles winners were No. 1 Cole Hepp and Michael Kenney and No. 2 Ben Catton and Drew Cobb.

Guerin beat Heritage Christian 4-1 on Thursday. No. 1 singles Wiese, No. 2 Nick Ludwig and the No. 2 doubles team of Catton and Cobb only dropped one game, while Hepp and Kenney won 6-1, 7-5 at No. 1 doubles.

Rocks' Leahy top county runner

Several Hamilton County cross coun-try teams raced at the Marion Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, and pretty much everyone had something to be happy about.

Guerin Catholic competed in the Gold events, with the boys winning and the girls finishing second. The Golden Eagles boys scored 59 points to Western's 104, led by a 2-3 finish from Kip Curtis and Christopher Bluish.

Rachel Yuska won the girls race, clocking in with a time of 19:04.7. The GC girls scored 113 points, behind only Oak Hill's 92.

In the girls' Purple race, Noblesville placed fourth and Westfield sixth. The top county runner was the Shamrocks' Devon Leahy, who came in third. The Millers' Abby Crouch placed sixth. 'As for the Purple boys, Westfield was second and Noblesville fourth. The Shamrocks scored 120 points, just behind Brebeuf Jesuit's 106. Sam Henthorn paced West-field with a seventh-place run, while Eric Hoffman led the Millers by taking 16th.

In the middle school race, Noblesville East Middle School won the girls event with 33 points. Two East Miller eighth-graders finished in the top two: Ciera Baldwin was first with a time of 11:21.70, followed by Autumn Strong's time of 11:32.84.

NEMS eighth-grader Andrew Noel finished second in the boys event, with a time of 10:10.71. The East Millers were the team runner-up with 61 points.

Lady Shamrocks runners-up at HCC conference golf

Westfield finished as runner-up at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls golf meet Monday at Bear Slide. The Shamrocks carded 346. Noblesville was fifth with a 355.

The Shamrocks were led by Adrienne Montalone, who was part of a five-way tie for runner-up after shooting an 82, which gave her All-Conference honors.

"Morgan Baechle had an outstanding day as well shooting her personal best round 87," said WHS coach Trevor Neu. "I was really happy for Morgan because last year as a freshman she had a rough time out here and it was exciting to see her shoot her best round at a challenging course."

Other Westfield scores were Margaret Wentz 87, Morgan Baechle 87, Kaylee Purcell 90 and Cailyn Henderson 91.

Noblesville's Peyton Gigante was also part of the five-way runner-up tie, carding an 82. That earned her All-Conference

honors as well. Other Miller scores were Emily Padgett 88, Hadley Moritz 92, Sarah Hayes 93 and Melissa Baker 94.

In a Thursday dual meet, Westfield cruised past Tipton 163-237. Wentz was the meet medalist with a 38. Also scoring were Henderson 40, Montalone 41, Purcell 44 and Baechle 46.

Also on Thursday, Noblesville played a three-team meet with Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern, shooting 174 to the Grey-hounds' 163 and the Royals' 171. Miller scores were Gigante 41, Moritz 43, Padgett 45, Hayes 45 and Baker 45.

Guerin Catholic finished fourth at the Cathedral Invitational on Saturday, shooting a 377.

Marissa Singer placed third individually with an 80, while Sarah Baxter was fifth with an 83.

Other Golden Eagle scores were Maggie Kroeff 104, Patricia Leonardo 110 and Megan Ahlgrim 127.

Dear Editor,

I've read with interest the request for additional police and or public safety persons for assignment to the street at a cost of \$100,000 each as a starting point and is a perpetual expense. I also believe they, the mayor and chief stated crime had gone down in prior years. Was there a reduction in staff when crime reduced? **Don't recall ever seeing a reduction in any public safety staffing levels.** Maybe it's time to consider consolidation of resources that would include all police in the county into one policing agency that would eliminate lots of hierarchy and cost ultimately passed onto the taxpayer. The bipartisan and forward thinking Kernan Sheperd report included as recommendations many areas where consolidation or elimination of duplicate efforts could create large savings for the taxpayer. As I recall some of these subjects /government positions suggested for savings included consolidation of Public Safety administration etc to a county wide level or basis, elimination of Township Government except where isolation may exist and township may be the only form of government, the combining of school adminis-trations and persons with duplicate functions thus eliminating may expensive superintendent and board positions, etc, etc. Why not consider some of their forward thinking recommendations before just adding more expense that perpetuates itself on the backs of taxpayers after creating and staffing the positions.

Funny thing usually occurs...when Governments increase any staff for any position including clerical I've never seen a reduction and now we have come to recognize with most towns and counties the respective governments are the largest employers...if efficiency in government is the key----How does this continue to grow and exist ?

I think it's been proven as a result of many many studies that the mere presence of police may not be a complete remedy for any crime issue or reduction in crime statistics.

As an afterthought: Another possible remedy for this suggested short-age is reassignment of all existing police staff to the street!

Just some thoughts for Pondering !

Jim Williams

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Lady Tigers fall to Lady Millers

The Hamilton Heights volleyball team overcame the loss of a close first set to beat Frankton in four sets Tuesday, 25-27, 25-9, 25-20, 25-20.

Sarah Sipe led the offense with 16 kills, four aces, and also had a good defensive game with 15 digs. Kenna Burman hit 10 kills and two aces, getting 13 digs. Shelby Hoover had 19 assists, served seven aces and had 14 digs. Heights' junior varsity won 25-8, 25-11.

Heights fell to Lebanon in four sets, 25-20, 16-25, 25-18, 25-23 on Thursday. Jessica Engelhardt had 12 kills and 1.5 blocks. Tori Hayden made 3.5 blocks and had one kill.

Heights' junior varsity won 25-22, 22-25, 15-5.

The Guerin Catholic volleyball team lost a tough five-setter to Park Tudor on Wednesday, 25-20, 23-25, 19-25, 25-17, 15-13.

Kennedy Hale and Juli Nelson both hit 14 kills for the Golden Eagles, with Kate Fox smacking 13. Megan Hook and Lauren Gandhi both had strong service games with four aces, while Jenn Cross hit three. Gandhi handed out 55 assists.

On defense, Cross made 22 digs, with Sarah Burgan getting 21 and Gandhi 11. Fox had three blocks.

On Thursday, Catholic beat Pike in four sets, 21-25, 26-24, 25-23, 25-18. Fox led the way with 13 kills and also made three blocks. Jordan Clark served three aces Sarah Burgan had 18 digs, with Jenn Cross getting 10. Gandhi handed out 42 assists.

In a close all-county match Thursday, Noblesville got past Fishers in four sets, 25-21, 26-28, 25-19, 25-21.

Ashley Birkhimer led the Millers with 15 kills, finishing with a hitting percentage of 0.464. Josie Sanders had 10

kills, and Amy Hayes put down seven kills, with a percentage of .357. Sam Newcomb handed out 27 assists, with Annie Phillips dishing out 16. Austyn Everingham served three aces.

On defense, Hayes had 3.5 blocks, with Birkhimer making two. Newcomb made 15 digs, with Spencer Grant getting 11 and Everingham 10.

Westfield won the Logansport Invitational on Saturday, beating Portage 25-16, 25-11; Manchester 25-20, 25-10; Huntington North 25-18, 23-25, 15-9 and Crown Point 25-20, 25-13.

Claire Stitz totaled 28 kills for the Shamrocks, with Natalie Ravenell hitting 27. Samantha Reed and Cassidy Ferrer each served six aces for the tournament. Liene Miller made 10 blocks. Kari Losch had 30 digs. Reed handed out 87 assists.

White River Celebration September 13th

Most Noblesville residents are already familiar with the annual White River Clean Up as well as Noblesville Main Street's annual Duck Race. This year's Noblesville White River Celebration will take these events and combine them with other fun activities for an all-day festival on Saturday, September 13, from 8am – 9pm.

The day will kick off at 8am with the 20th Annual White River Clean Up. Groups and individuals will check in at the Moose Lodge (950 Field Drive) and will work to remove trash from the river until approximately 2pm. Groups who would like to volunteer should register in advance by emailing hcrivercleanup@yahoo.com. Individual volunteers can register onsite.

From noon until 4pm, various "Fun in the River" activities will take place at Schwartz's Bait and Tackle (118 Cicero Road) such as fishing, games, and more.

Also beginning at noon, Nickel Plate Arts will have an Artist Colony along the Logan Street Bridge which will last until 9pm. Artists will be displaying and selling river-related art—finished works as well as works they will complete that afternoon. The Bridge Fair, also located on the Logan

Street Bridge, will feature exhibits, art, food, music, and entertainment from 4pm – 9pm.

At 5pm, watch as Noblesville Main Street's \$1 Million Duck Race begins! Thousands of rubber ducks will be launched into the river and the race will be on to see which ducks are the fastest. The Duck Race is a fundraiser for Main Street and many duck "owners" will win prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the Main Street office (839 Conner Street), at the Saturday Farmers Market, from a Main Street board member, or at the Bridge Fair before 5pm.

Festival attendees are invited to enter an Instagram contest for a chance to win prizes. Take a selfie on or around the White River and post it using the hashtag #whiteriverselfie. The contest runs until September 30, so there is plenty of time to enter.

The Noblesville White River Celebration is sponsored by Ameriana Bank, Current in Noblesville, the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Main Street, White River Festival 2014, and Nickel Plate Arts. For more information, go to <http://whiteriverfestival.org/3>

Notice of Public Meeting

The Sheridan Town Council will be conducting a roundtable discussion with the Adams Township Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Sheridan Community Center located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069. This meeting is for information gathering and no official action will be taken by the Sheridan Town Council.

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Boys & Girls Club looks to expand

The old Noblesville High School building on Conner Street, which currently houses the main section of the Boys & Girls Club, may be on its last legs. At least, its last legs as being a Boys & Girls Club.

"We are outgrowing the building," said Becky Terry Executive Director of the Club. "Our average daily attendance is up three percent just over the last year."

The Club is mapping out plans for the Conner School property for future growth.

The old building which houses the after school and summer programs was built as a high school in 1910. The building is expensive to maintain due to its older system, an aging site and inefficiencies that have exacerbated by a steady growth in attendance, Terry said.

The current plan includes a demolition of the Conner School and, with funds from the United Way, completing a feasibility study for a capital campaign. The Boys & Girls

Club of Noblesville is working with Loring, Sternberg and Associates on the study.

Currently, bids are being accepted on the Conner School demolition, then the site will be cleaned up while the feasibility study is completed. Conner Courts will be kept in the short term; no longer term decision has been made yet by the Club's board as discussions with the Parks Department have been ongoing and will continue as the project moves forward.

In 2011, a feasibility study concluded that the Conner School building would not be a good fit for the Club's programs due to size, layout and amount of repairs and remodeling needed.

"We are excited for the opportunity to keep our Club and programs in the heart of Noblesville, to increase the number of programs we offer, to add green space for outdoor activities, and to have both the Club and Community Center combined on one, centralized campus,"

says Becky Terry, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. "We appreciate and thank the board of directors and the Club staff for all of their support and efforts."

The Club also foresees other growth possibilities in the future, as Ivy Tech uses the former Noblesville East Middle School close by. "Parents would have a close, safe place to send their children while attending class, where they can be active and engage in various club programs," adds Terry.

Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Board of Directors President Jerry Collins agrees.

"It is the goal of the board to stay in downtown Noblesville to better serve the community," Collins says. "We want to thank the schools, the city of Noblesville, Senator Luke Kenley, Mayor John Ditslear and other city officials for their partnership and commitment to putting the youth of Noblesville first."

HHSC joins food rescue

Hamilton Heights School Corporation is joining other school districts, restaurant owners, caring agencies, and concerned citizens to help solve the problem of food waste.

Patty Hicks, who has been at the helm of the Heights Elementary School's cafeteria for close to two decades, said the volume of food waste has always been a concern. In fact, according to recent statistics, some 40% of food in America is wasted, while 1 in 6 remain hungry. With some of the obstacles lifted for K-12 food recovery programs, Heights has an opportunity to help neighbors by joining forces with Food Rescue, a service that picks up unopened or un-served food items from eating establishments that would normally be thrown in the trash and delivers it to food pantries.

Hicks, though a collaborative network of industry peers, was able to open the door to the program to help Heights find a way to save and share surplus and previously wasted food - food that was unopened, unused and tossed in the trash. She credits a

colleague at the South Madison School Corporation for her efforts in helping to implement a program that rescues usable, packaged food instead of throwing it in the garbage. It's been a success and one that is making a difference.

"As a 'lunch lady' with 19 years of experience, I have seen a tremendous amount of waste," explained Hicks. "I am so excited that we can now donate unopened, unused good food and beverages to those who need it. We have waited for this moment for years and now with all of us banding together and getting the word out, perhaps we can put a dent in the hunger problem we have in our very own community. This is a great way of teaching our children not only how not to waste food but how to help someone in need."

Heights' cafeterias now have collection containers available near the trash cans for students to deposit unopened packages of food items. This will include unopened milk cartons, unopened fruit and vegetable packets, unopened yogurt, unopened crack-

ers, etc. Anything unopened! The students will place the unopened packages into the collection containers as they are returning their trays to the dishwashing area. At the end of the serving period, the food will be placed in the freezer or refrigerator for storage until a representative can swing by and pick up the items for delivery to a food pantry in Hamilton County. This will also include food from the cafeteria that is not served and cannot be reheated.



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights Elementary School's food service team of Karen Versprille, Kay Davis and Lori Klingler are an integral part of launching the school's food rescue efforts. The team is pictured by a sampling of unopened juices and food that has been rescued and will be picked up to help feed the hungry throughout the county.

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We are excited and proud of our intention to take the First Merchants name, but the people who serve you will not change. Although we would be a much larger company, you would see the same employees at your neighborhood banking centers, providing you with the high performing service and advice you have become accustomed to.

By combining Community Bank and First Merchants, we can bring you even more products and services while maintaining the legacy of real community banking that you expect and deserve. It is our pledge to continue to provide you with a great banking experience, delivered by the same great people you know and trust.

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

Personally yours,

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P.S. For additional information about First Merchants, I encourage you to visit their website at www.firstmerchants.com.



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