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The SW Quad...

City, neighbors forge ahead

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

A working series of meetings between the City of Noblesville the Southwest Quad headed down the home stretch Thursday evening with a third session held at the Noblesville Trustee's meeting room on the south side of the city.

One final meeting has been set at the same location for Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Before that, residents are asked to e-mail comments to the City by Dec. 9. Comments should be sent to phagee@noblesville.in.us Also last evening those who attended were asked to volunteer as neighborhood liaisons to work on a plan to improve the area, a section in southwest Noblesville bordered by Maple Avenue. South 8th Street, Christian Avenue and White River.

The crowd last evening, slowed by the first winter weather in the city this year, was the smallest of any of the three sessions. It was informed that there are 620 parcels in the Southwest Quad, with home values of an average of \$60,300. Thirty pieces of property are said to be prime targets for the national historic society and that these are valued at an average of \$104,000. Seventeen percent of the 620 parcels are owned by the city of Noblesville, most of which are in the flood plain which runs on the east side of White River.

The City, based on information provided by residents in the first two sessions, has pared down action strategies from nine to seven and last evening focused on the top four.

*Capitalize on the strong proximity to downtown Noblesville and White River by creating connections.

*Facilitate investment in the neighborhood.

*Increase safe movement in the neighborhood.

*Improve the environment to create a healthier neighborhood.

The other three in the Top 7 were:

*Encourage social connectivity.

*Initiate neighborhood beautification projects.

*Participate with Noblesville City and Hamilton County.

The City was labeled as the leader in capitalizing on connecting the Southwest Quad to Noblesville's downtown.

Property owners, developers, and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Hand were seen as partners for investment in the neighborhood.

The City has plans to increase safe movement in the neighborhood.

Property owners, area businesses, developers, Gathering and other City organization will be asked to join together to improve the environment.

Former educator moves to politics....

Cook to seek Turner's seat

By FRED SWIFT

Tony Cook, retired career educator from Cicero, confirmed Friday that he will seek the state legislative seat soon to be vacated by Rep. Eric Turner. Turner is a longtime state representative from House District 32 which includes northern Hamilton County and parts of five other counties. He will resign his seat next week to take a job in Atlanta, GA.

Cook, 63, retired as superintendent of Hamilton Heights Schools last year and says he is ready to try his hand at political office. He told the Reporter, "I've been a public servant all my life. I've always told the kids to get involved. I said to myself that I can do this, and I decided to do it. I think I can make a difference."

Now, Cook must get elected in a caucus of Republican precinct committeemen from the 32nd district. That caucus meeting will probably be held in early December. State law provides that a caucus is the method of filling a vacancy when an official resigns his office. The district's 56 GOP committeemen will make the choice by majority vote.

Technically anyone in the district can run in the caucus made up of committeemen whose party has won the vacated seat. To date two other names have been mentioned as possibly interested. They are David Tudor and Parvin Gillim, both of the Sheridan area.

Cook has major support of several Republican leaders in Hamilton and Tipton counties. The committeemen from these two counties would be enough to seal the deal. There are small parts of Howard, Madison, Grant and Delaware counties also in the district.

Cook started his teaching career 41 years ago as a classroom history and government teacher, then moved into administration at Hamilton Heights. He was



Photo provided by Peggy Georgi

Retired Hamilton Heights superintendent Tony Cook (right) is the namesake to the Heights High School's media center. Now, Cook will try to make a name for himself in politics, as he seeks the state legislative seat that will be vacated by Eric Turner. Cook is pictured with school board president Arnie Cooper.

principal at Noblesville High School for six and a half years before returning to Heights as superintendent.

He is a lifelong county resident and involved in community activities. Cook and his wife, Kathryn, have two adult sons.

The candidate says he feels he can be helpful in education legislation with his experience in dealing with the budgets and state school formulas that are so important to school districts.

His official announcement will come just before the Cicero Christmas Parade in which he will serve as grand marshal. It will

be his first bid for public office. If successful, Cook will serve two years in the Indiana House where Republicans have a 71-29 seat majority, and then be subject to re-election in 2016.

In an unusual situation, Dist. 32 will not be the only local seat to be filled by caucus. Steve Braun in Dist. 24 is also resigning. That district includes portions of Washington and Clay townships. Several candidates are expected, but none has yet officially announced.

Noblesville Lions Club honors local veterans

By BRIAN REDDICK

The Noblesville Lions Club took time from their regular meeting on Thursday to turn the floor over to 25 Hamilton County veterans. Veterans from all four branches of the US armed forces were represented and were given a certificate thanking them for their service.

Four of the twenty-five were soldiers from WWII, including Everett Latham, 89, who said the most memorable moment of his military service was meeting General Dwight D. Eisenhower who was the supreme allied commander in Europe, later becoming the 34th president of the United States. Latham said "I heard a voice from behind me that I didn't recognize so I turned around and there stood a man with 5 stars on his shoulder, I was so surprised that I forgot to salute. The General was such a good man that he didn't even reprimand me for not saluting him."

Almost all of the attending veterans had stories to tell, some humorous and some of great honor about the men and women they served with. There was no doubt that each of the men and women were very proud of their service to their beloved country.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Noblesville Lions Club member Bob Minton (left) introduces WWII veteran Everett Latham (right).

Council likely to consider downtown Federal Hill Park approval at next meeting

By PETE SMITH

It's no secret that Riverview Hospital and its massive parking lot dominate the landscape of downtown Noblesville on the west side of the White River.

But city leaders want the public and the city council to imagine a different view – one filled with trees, grass, art and culture.

Their plan is to transform the 6.4 acres of land between Logan Street and S.R. 32

just west of the river into parkland to be known as Federal Hill Park.

If Mayor John Ditslear has his way, the city would spend \$6 million to create a park with plenty of parking, an amphitheater, an events field that could one day become home to the city farmers market, a splash pad and playground, a restroom and an outdoor ice skating rink.

Ditslear said he wants it to make a big impression on visitors and have a "wow factor."

The city council seems to like the idea in theory, but disagreements about a final price tag could determine what actually gets built.

City Councilor Stephen Wood said he would like to see the price lowered by about \$1 million during an hour-long workshop

the council hosted on Monday evening to learn more about the project.

But Deputy Mayor Mike Hendricks has said that the budget for the park already is tight because the projects has fixed costs of just under \$2 million for paving, moving utilities and moving earth so that a finished park would be out of the flood plain the land currently resides in.

City Council President Mark Boice said during the normal city council meeting that he still wanted to see a clear plan and timeline for construction with a detailed cost breakdown. He also would like to solicit feedback from Riverview Hospital and Kroger on the plan for the park.

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The Ville

By RICHIE HALL

Keith Brooks had two dreams: Marry his sweetheart Raquel and own his very own restaurant.

Both of his dreams have now come true. The Brooks' are the owners of The Ville Restaurant on the Square, which is located at 101 N. 10th Street, on the northwest corner of the intersection of 10th and Logan streets. The restaurant conducted its grand opening Thursday morning; it had a soft opening in September and has already gathered a following.

The building that houses The Ville was the former location for Eddie's Corner Cafe, a longtime Noblesville staple of the community.

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Obituaries

Geneva Gay Berry

November 30, 1915 - November 10,

Geneva Gay Berry, 98, of Cicero, passed away on Monday, November 10, 2014 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on November 30, 1915 to John and Opal (Abbitt) Pittman in Jolietville, Indiana.



Geneva had been a nurses aid in the Urology Department at Methodist Hospital, where she was known as 'Skippy'. She had also worked at the Hamilton County Opportunity School; and for Dr. James A. Dillon. She retired from the Hamilton County Highway Department. She was a member of Hinkle Creek Friends Church in Noblesville; the Westfield U.S.F.W. (Eliza Armstrong Honorary); and the Westfield Monday Afternoon Club. She was also a 60+ member of the Westfield Order of the Eastern Star (which is now Cicero O.E.S.), where she served in several officer positions and was a Past Worth Matron and a Grand Representative for the State of Indiana. She loved spending time with her family, traveling and needlepoint.

She is survived by husband, Hubert Berry whom she married on August 15, 1937; sons, Hugh E. (Phyllis) Berry, and Joe A. (Ruth) Berry; seven grandchildren, Chris Berry, Patricia Knapp, Susan Greer, Gregg Berry, Kevin Berry, Kimberly Hiatt, and Brent Berry; 11 great-grandchildren, Ryan Cummings, Jason Berry, Danielle Willock, Athené Knapp, Luke Knapp, Matilda Berry, Zachery Greer, Brandon Greer, Tori Jo Hiatt, Johnna Hiatt, and Ashley Jump; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and nephew, Benton Pittman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter and one son who died in infancy; and two brothers, Cecil Pittman and Glenn Pittman.

Services were held on Friday, November 14, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with Rev. Doug Shoemaker and Rev. Jack Holliday officiating. Visitation was Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the funeral home, with an O.E.S. service that evening. Burial was at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

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Stephen A. Brown

December 29, 1944 - November 11,

Stephen A. Brown, 69, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at home. He was born on December 29, 1944 to Darb and Viva (Burgess) Brown in Noblesville, Indiana.



Stephen was a retired maintenance mechanic for Biddle Machine Products in Sheridan.

He is survived by wife, Linda S. Brown; children, Stephen (Tina) Brown, Jr., Scott (Vanessa) Brown, Coraline Keel-Brown, Layla Keel-Brown, Mike (Julia) Pritchard, and Heather (Robert) Castle; siblings, Alice Castetter, David Brown, Harold Brown, Gerald Brown, Jay Brown, and Mary Helen King; grandchildren, Aiden Brown, Alyssa Brown, Trista Larson, Stephen Brown III, Courtney Whitlock, Emmy Brown, John Brown, Keyley Langlais, Eligh Langlais, D. J. Adolph, Gracie Earl, Ethan Brown, Ian Orrell, Jimmy Sherrill, Cody Sherrill, Dustin Voyles, and Ronnie Voyles; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by daughter, Stacey Brown Voyles; and siblings, Joann King, Deloris Lacharite, Carl Brown, Mike Brown, Frank Brown, Ralph Brown, and Ron Brown.

Visitation was Friday, November 14, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville.

Contributions may be made to Stephen's family, c/o Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville, IN 46060..

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Gordon D. Overdorf

November 1, 1934 - November 11,

Gordon D. Overdorf, 80, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at Riverview Health, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 1, 1934 to Shirl Overdorf and Opal (Law) Overdorf Meyer in Omega, Indiana.



Gordon was the co-owner of Overmire Machine & Foundry for over 30 years before retiring. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War era. He was a longtime member of the First Christian Church of Noblesville, and was a member of the Noblesville Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite for over 50 years. An outdoorsmen at heart, Gordon enjoyed gardening, traveling, going to flea markets, and also had his private pilot's license. He loved his family, and spending time with them, including his beloved dog, Heidi.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Dollorece Overdorf; children, Brenda Gerkin (Mark Hadley), Dana (Phil) Moore, Dale (Ann) Overdorf, Gary (Elizabeth) Smith, Mark Smith (JoAnn Harris), Debra (Tim) Moss; step-sister, Betsy (Paul) North; 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mother, Marie Overdorf; grandson, Spencer Smith.

Services were held on Monday, November 17, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with Pastor John Davis officiating. Visitation was Sunday, November 16, 2014 with a Masonic Service that evening at the funeral home. Burial with Military Rites was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Pamela Jane Holmes Freeman-Loy

July 12, 1952 - November 10, 2014

Pamela Jane Holmes Freeman-Loy, 62, of Noblesville, went peacefully to be with the Lord on Monday, November 10, 2014. She was born on July 12, 1952 to Herschell and Juanita (Shaw) Holmes, in Noblesville.

Upon graduation from Noblesville High School, Pamela worked in several offices throughout the city. She was struck with Multiple Sclerosis in her young adult life, so most of her time was spent in her home.

he is survived by her husband, Ronald Loy; sister, Phyllis (Neal) Graham; brother-in-law, Darrell Roberts; nephews Darrell (Gail) Roberts Jr., Dwayne (Jamie) Roberts, Dean (Rhenda) Graham, Brad (Chris) Graham; niece, Robin Kron; aunts, Linda & Sara Pike; great nieces and nephews, Kennett, Jesse, Brandon, Jeremy, Jessica, and Jennifer Roberts, Alicia, Logan, Travis, Dawn, Bryan, and Chad Graham, and Austin Kron; and one great-great niece, Luna Goff.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Amber Freeman; and sister, Patricia Roberts.

Services were held on Friday, November 14, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with visitation prior to the time of service. David Adams, of Noblesville First Friends Church, officiated. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana State Chapter, 3500 DePauw Boulevard, Suite 1040, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Alfred Grimes, Jr.

December 30, 1940 - November 8,

Alfred Grimes, Jr., 73, died Saturday November 8, 2014 at his home in Fishers, Indiana. He was born on December 30, 1940 to Alfred P. and Miriam (Newby) Grimes of Noblesville.

He was known as Al to his friends and Butch to his family. He was a devoted father to his son Edward Grimes of Noblesville and daughter Mimi (Grimes) Chaney of Fishers. His beloved grandchildren include 4 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 4 great-grandchildren.

Al proudly served in the Army from 1958-61. He attended Jackson Central High School in Arcadia, class of 1959. He was an avid train collector, a cartoonist, played guitar and was a lover of music. He worked as a machinist for Detroit Diesel Allison Transmissions.

A "Celebration of Life" service was held Sunday November 16 at Merge Community Church, 1361 Christian Ave. Noblesville. Visitation was prior to the service.

Robin Thompson

November 15, 1959 - November 11,

Robin Thompson, 54, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at Riverview Health. He was born on November 15, 1959 to David and Helen (Palmer) Thompson in Noblesville, Indiana.

For 14 years, Robin worked in the yard at Lusco. He was one-of-a-kind, kind-hearted, and ornery. Words cannot describe him.

Robin is survived by his sister, Thelma (Dennis) DeMoss; niece, Misti (Brian) Ray; nephews, Richard (Shawn) Williams and Jeff Glenn; girlfriend, Tammy Kemp; several great-nephews; and a great-niece.

In addition to his parents, Robin was preceded in death by his siblings, Max Thompson, Rick Thompson, Violet Glenn, and Sandra K. Thompson.

Services were held at 3:00 pm on Friday, November 14, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Rev. R. Aaron Hobbs will officiate. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Kathleen A. Baker

July 11, 1950 - November 13, 2014

Kathleen A. Baker, 64, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at Riverview Health. She was born on July 11, 1950 to Lloyd and Mavis (Nuessle) Howe in Mason City, Iowa.

Kathleen had been a Librarian and was a loving mother to all. She volunteered at a food pantry once a week, volunteered and attended Christ Lutheran Church for over 20 years and had a very giving heart. She loved doing crossword puzzles and gardening.

She is survived by her children, Sharah (David) Schroeter, Rebecca Baker (Douglas Atkinson), and William Robert Lloyd Baker; siblings, Hollie (Danny) Cummins and Lisa (Paul) Simister; sister-in-law, Chris Howe; grandchildren, James Eli Baker and Ripley Atkinson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 30 years, William Phillip Baker; son, Christopher Boyd Baker; brother, Ronald Howe; niece, Elizabeth Cummins; and nephew, Joshua Howe.

Services will be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 East 186th Street, in Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 11:00 am until the time of service. Rev. Adrian Piazza will officiate. Additional services will be held at Price Funeral Home, 120 East First Street, Maryville MO, at a later date.

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Cheryl A. 'Cherie' Williams

June 10, 1954 - November 14, 2014

Cheryl A. 'Cherie' Williams, 60, of Fishers, passed away on Friday, November 14, 2014 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis, surrounded by her family, after a 5 year battle with cancer. She was born on June 10, 1954 to Billy and Loretta (McArthur) Brocksmith in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her parents precede her in death.

Cherie was a 1976 graduate of Butler University, and earned her Master's degree in education from Ball State. She taught Kindergarten for 30 years, 23 of those years were spent at Hamilton Southeastern schools, in Fishers. Cherie was a beloved mother, wife, teacher, and friend, with a huge heart and a true passion for teaching. She had an undeniable love for her family and friends and always saw the good in those that crossed her path. Some of her most enjoyable times were spent watching football games at Hamilton Southeastern, Western Michigan, and her beloved Indianapolis Colts.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ted L. Williams; daughter, Jennifer A. (Chris) Dougherty; son, Matthew Williams (fiancé, Jessica Bowman); and mother-in-law, Betty L. Williams.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers with Pastor Lori Bievenour officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Indianapolis, IN 46060; or The Little Red Door Cancer Agency, 1801 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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Leon Franklin "Cookie" Roberts

November 3, 1920 - November 12,

Leon Franklin "Cookie" Roberts, age 94, of Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday morning, November 12, 2014, at the Sheridan Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by his loving family. Leon was born on November 3, 1920 to the late Melvin and Opal (Pitts) Roberts, in the Hamilton Co. community of Jolietville, Indiana. Leon worked and served in many different roles throughout his life. He was a life long farmer and worked for Noe Excavating and Heavy Equipment. Later in life, Leon and his wife Ruth Anna cared for and looked after the Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, as the maintenance and grounds keeping crew for over 12 years. After retiring from Crown View, Leon and Ruth Anna went to work for Kercheval Funeral Home for the next 20 years.

Leon was a 1938 graduate of Westfield H.S., past member of the Sheridan Rotary Club and a member of Farm Bureau. Leon was a true man of Faith. He was a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church, where he proudly served as a Deacon for many years. Leon was also a devoted family who loved spending time with his grandchildren.

On April 24, 1942, Leon married the love of his life, Ruth Anna (Barker) Roberts, and they would spend the next 72 years by each others side.

Leon is survived by his wife, Ruth Anna of Sheridan; 2 sons, Paul K. (Janet) Roberts of Sheridan and Rev. Richard L. (Marilyn) Roberts of Heber Springs, Arkansas; his daughter, Debbie R. (Marcus) Wiley of Lebanon; 1 brother Melvin Arnold Roberts of Westfield; 7 grandchildren, Raymond (Susan) Roberts of Cicero, Timothy (Monica) Roberts, Tina (Darrell Birmingham, Tammy (Greg) Sharp and Tonya (Dean) Tucker, all from Arkansas, Brian (Amanda) Wiley of Lebanon and Stephanie (Matthew) Clark of Kirklin; 22 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at the Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan. Burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon. His son, Reverend Richard Roberts, officiated. Visitation was held on Sunday, November 16, 2014, at Kercheval Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be presented to the Alzheimer's Association.

Federal Hill

If city leaders could provide that information, the council would likely consider the plan for approval at its next meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 25. Members of the public would have a chance to share their thoughts at the start of the meeting.

And one of the main concerns could be about anything that increases traffic on S.R. 32, which is typically congested during morning and evening commuting times.

"This would not be a traffic burden," Ditslear contends.

And while no route has yet been determined for a new east-west corridor thoroughfare, city leaders are working to formulate a plan to alleviate the downtown traffic chokepoints.

But the rationale that may ultimately sway the council is not just the beautifica-

tion of the west side of downtown – it's economic development.

The buzzword used to convey the idea is "gateway." And the concept hinges on the idea that a beautiful park and cultural center could spur economic development around it because travelers along State Road 32 would then see the area not as blighted but as a gateway to the city itself.

Hendricks cites the Indiana city of Valparaiso as an example of the growth it would like to see. He said that when Valparaiso built a similar park in its downtown during 2011, it spurred downtown growth – particularly in new restaurants.

And while the park shouldn't have a huge effect on established businesses on the square, the hope is that it will spur development further west in the area between Riverview Hospital and Forest Hill Park.

"Downtown is the heart of Noblesville," Ditslear said. "But it's got to continue to grow to keep downtown vital."

No tax increase or budget cuts would be needed to pay for the park's construction. The city already purchased the land for about \$900,000 and would take out a loan for everything else.

City Attorney Mike Howard said that excess revenue in the city's Logan Street TIF District would be used to pay down a 25-year bond that would have annual payments of about \$400,000 if the city bonded for the full \$6 million Ditslear is requesting.

TIF funds are essentially business property taxes that are made available to repay loans based on a forecast increase in assessed values. The theory is that as commercial property becomes more valuable, taxes increase, and it behooves city leaders

to borrow against future revenues to make necessary infrastructure upgrades.

And while there is little disagreement about that theory between Ditslear and the city council, the main sticking point might just be the part of the plan that calls for an amphitheater – an amenity that if cut would likely get the plan almost all the way to the \$5 million price tag some council members are seeking.

Ditslear said during the workshop, "We've got to have the amphitheater or we might as well not do it."

But he backtracked later saying the plan really called for an event space and that, if the funding needed to be cut, more negotiations would have to occur to come up with a different plan.

"This is something we'll certainly regret if we don't do," he said.

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Abundance Destruction Resurrection

By TAMAR KNOCHEL

Job’s story started out in abundance and surplus but quickly turned to disaster and the loss of everything including his own health. BUT that wasn’t the end of his story, it was only the middle! My Dearest One, no matter where you are in your story, you’re not to the end yet! If you were, well, then you wouldn’t be reading this then would you?

At the end of Job’s story we find words of hope:

“the LORD restored his fortunes, in fact He gave him twice as much as before” “So the LORD blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning”.

While Job had endured a very difficult season in his life, it hadn’t ruined him. In fact, quite the opposite had occurred. The

story of Job establishes for us a pattern that I see as no small coincidence! Job begins his story with obedience and abundance. Then he moves to complete destruction. And finishes with a renewal that is better and more abundant than before the story began.

When destruction hits, it will show YOU your standing with God. Right now you are either looking to God, or away from Him. If you’re looking to Him, then this shaking will prove that. If you’re looking away from Him, then this shaking will prove that and cause you to look to Him again. That’s how this works. And the really amazing part is, that when the shaking is finished the pattern remains consistent to this day – it finishes with blessing!!!

God is NOT ignoring you!!! He sees your troubles. He sees what you’ve been going through – ALL of it! He knows your pain and frustration. He knows and He CARES about it. John 1:4-5 says:

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Who is “the Word”? Jesus! And His life brought LIGHT to EVERYONE.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can NEVER extinguish it!!! That darkness that’s trying to destroy you from the inside out can NEVER destroy the light that shines from a heart that believes!

Read John 10:10, what is Satan’s purpose? And what is Jesus’?

And how about the story of Lazarus in John 11. Take a special look at the wording of Jesus’ statement in verse 4, “This sickness will not END in death.” Yes, Lazarus died and lay in a cold DEAD grave for FOUR days and that STILL wasn’t the END! So don’t you dare tell me that you’re at the end of your story and that there’s no hope left for your dream to find its way to fruition!

Look at verse 14, and you’ll find that there was a purpose for Lazarus’ sickness. Could your “sickness” have the same purpose?

Have you been lying cold and dead for four days in a rock hard tomb waiting for the Savior of the World to come and roll away your stone and say, “Lazarus, come out!” Is it time for your resurrection? Let’s follow Martha and Mary’s eloquent lead and send a message to the One who can do exceedingly abundantly above all that you could ask or imagine, “LORD, the one You love is sick.”

There may have been some destruction in your life as of late, but take heart my friend! For you time of resurrection is just around the corner!!!

Why Sheridan should have a geology club

By RACHEL KUBINA

I could tell you that I really want a geology club for my school because I want one and because I'm looking into geology as a career. Which is true, but I don't think it correct to force my ideas upon you. I could also tell you that you should make your child study more about it because it is a very interesting field of study. But I know that that would make me sound like a control-freak brat who wants everybody to do as she wants. Instead I will tell you why Sheridan should have a geology club for reasons based on fact.

There is a program that started in March of 2013 (us-satellite.net) called STEM. It is

an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This idea was put into place by President Barack Obama. He set a goal for America to get more students and teachers into these subjects. As of 2012 when the last Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) took place, most of our country’s schools placed below average in the world rankings in math and science (npr.org). Not to mention, only 16% of high school seniors were going to college to go into a STEM career. This is a decent number, but we can gain more students by getting our own high school students involved in a club that is a part of STEM. The predicted growth for these careers starts at 16% (ed.gov). The reasons for this increase are mostly because of our need in energy resources and that our country and world need to figure out new sources before our current ones run out.

STEM careers will allow our nation to start to become less dependent on foreign resources for energy. Some of you may think that our dependence and support to other countries is trading for resources, but think about this: if they simply decide to stop trading with us, then what will we have for fuel and other energy supplements? This is just a reason for us to become more independent with our sources for energy.

Now, you may be asking "What does all this have to do with Sheridan and it having a geology club?" Well, that's simple. Geology is the study of earth and its processes and history. If we have just one group that is included in the STEM program, such as geology, then we can get that many more students involved in studying ways for us to gain height in the PISA rankings and to start looking into ways for us to get more energy sources here. That wouldn't be the

only topic that a geology club would worry about though, just to be clear. We would also look at the way the earth works. We would also get to go on awesome field trips to places like Marengo Caves in Southern Indiana or to Turkey Run State Park, where we could look at how different earth events affect local topography. I hope that you agree with me and the evidence that I have presented. I also wish that you will help Sheridan and any other local schools to have a club that closely relates to the STEM program.

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Has your deductible changed without your knowledge?

By BRIAN BRAGG

Bragg Insurance Agency

For the past several years homeowner’s insurance companies in Indiana have been losing money, primarily because of wind and hail claims. Storm patterns in recent years have pelted the Midwest with wind and hail related claims that reach into the \$ billions. In fact many insurance companies are paying out 2 dollars in claims, for every dollar they receive in premium.

This has been the primary reason the industry has seen such an increase in homeowners insurance premiums over the past few years. While this trend is not likely to end any time soon, some insurance companies are also changing the way they pay out claims.

Traditionally a homeowner’s policy has a dollar amount named as the deductible. That amount is subtracted from the amount of the claim. For example, if the policy has a \$1,000 deductible and there is a \$5,000 claim, the insurance company would pay out \$4,000.

However there is a trend in the industry that has some companies changing their deductibles from a dollar amount to a percentage, especially if the claim has been caused by wind or hail.

I recently spoke to a married couple who had damage to their roof caused by the outbreak of tornadoes we experienced in the month of November. They called their insurance company to file a claim, and discovered that their deductible for a wind claim is 10% of their dwelling value. *Their dwelling value is \$360,000 which made their deductible \$36,000.* Needless to say they ended up having to pay for the repairs to their roof out of their own pocket.

Did you catch that? Their deductible was \$36,000 for wind and hail damages!

Unfortunately many other companies are following suit. Some very large and well-known insurance companies are changing their wind and hail deductibles to a % and most of their clients are unaware of the change. Often times clients are only notified of this change within the mountain of paperwork they receive in the mail from the company at the policies renewal.

Let’s face it; most people do not have the time to sift through that much paperwork. They file it away and assume that the coverage have remained the same.

The example given above of a 10% deductible is the most extreme case I have seen. More frequently I am seeing wind and hail damage deductibles changing from a dollar amount to 1% or 2% of the dwelling coverage. 1% or 2% of the dwelling is still a significant amount of money to pay out of pocket at the stressful time of a claim.

Protect yourself.

1. **Review your documents.** Take the time to review the documents when you receive information in the mail from your insurance company. If you do not understand the language or have questions, take the policy to your agent and have them explain the coverage.

2. **Insist on an annual review.** Your agent should be sitting down with you on an annual basis to review your coverage and to answer your questions. There are too many changes taking place in the homeowner’s insurance arena right now to ignore the paperwork and hope for the best.

3. **Educate yourself.** Too often times I hear people say that they paid their premium so the assumed everything was OK. Don’t turn a blind eye to your insurance coverage. Insurance is expensive so you should do you best to make sure that you coverage fits your needs.

Sheridan Community Schools November Students of the Month



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Reynolds family receives Legacy Award

The Legacy Fund Living Legacy Award was given to the children of A.W. "Mac" and Arline Reynolds, including Gary and Cindy Reynolds, as well as Reynolds Farm Equipment for their philanthropic contributions to Fishers and Hamilton County. The award was made during Legacy Fund's Celebration of Philanthropy on Thursday, November 6th. An annual event, Celebration of Philanthropy was held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, and in addition to the award ceremony, featured a showcase of 37 of the county's not-for-profit organizations. Approximately 400 people attended the event.

Created by Legacy Fund, an affiliate of Central Indiana Community Foundation, the award recognizes

Hamilton County residents for their philanthropic contributions to the community. The Reynolds, and the company founded by Mac Reynolds and wife, Arline, in 1955 were the sixth recipients of the Living Legacy Award. Mac and Arline were active in the Fishers United Methodist Church, the church's food pantry (Come To Me), Central Indiana Youth for Christ, Good News Ministries and Third Phase, Hamilton County's largest shelter, food and clothing pantry.

Both were involved in a number of service organizations: Arline Reynolds participated in the Carmel Music Study Club and President and District Officer of the United Methodist Women. Mac Reynolds was a charter member of the Fishers Lion Club and also the Community Volunteer Fire Department and in 1998 received the state's highest service award, The Sagamore of the Wabash. Free to the public, the company's annual Christmas light display raises money for Come To Me Food Pantry,

and annually surpasses \$30,000 in contributions to the pantry.

Mac Reynolds passed away in 2008; Arline died in 2013. In 2014, Reynolds Farm Equipment headquarters were relocated from Fishers to Atlanta, Indiana. Gary Reynolds, now the company's president, is a respected member of the Conner Prairie Board among other groups and not-for-profit pursuits. Previous recipients of Legacy Fund's Living Legacy Award include the Crosser family, Sonny Beck family, Judi Campbell Lowe, M.D. and family and the Jim and Juanita Harger family.

"The Reynolds family and their company represent the best of Hamilton County and our community, and are truly the embodiment of philanthropy," said Terry Anker, President, Legacy Fund. "They have given their time, talent and treasure for people in need now, and also for our community's future and wellbeing. We have all benefited from their dedication and gifts."

Training Center coming soon

By FRED SWIFT

A public safety training center for all police, fire and emergency medical services in Hamilton County is in the works. A meeting on November 20 has been scheduled by county commissioners to hear opinions from officials of the eight municipalities and county government with the intention of creating a consensus on planning such a training center.

A master plan for a state-of-the-art training and education facility has already been written. The administration and education building has been built on 96 acres donated by the City of Westfield. It is manned by Kurt Aikman, a Westfield Fire Department employee.

A countywide cooperative effort will be needed to develop various additional components including a training tower, firing range and an equipped water rescue site on an existing gravel pit. If completed as proposed the complex will be the first of its kind in the state built for a single county.

There are nine police agencies in the county along with ten fire departments most of which have emergency medical services. Police officers get their initial training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and training is also provided for firefighters, but training on localized needs is done on a department-by-department basis.

Costs of the project and a funding formula have yet to be established. Carmel and Clay Township are known to be planning a training center for their fire department, but whether a countywide facility would affect that plan is un-

A life that is good

By JANET HART LEONARD

It was a Monday morning. I sat there in the quiet of the morning, reading and enjoying a cup of coffee. Chuck and I had a few days away and I had no agenda for the day. And so I thought and then I began to write.

That morning my cousin, Kathy, had posted a song on Facebook from the TV show, Nashville. It was titled "A Life that is Good". "By the end of day, I pray, I have a life that is good."

By the end of the song I was wiping "down the cheeks and falling off my face", tears. Because I knew in my heart what that song was saying. The journey to where I am today had been long. The journey took me to many places that I did not want to be. My endurance was tested. My faith, well it was tested too.

I had planned my life so well. I was a good girl with simple dreams. What happened? Life.

My soul had run many marathons. The questions to God ran with me as I found myself facing another crisis. "Why does life have to be so unfair?" I argued. "But I've been a good girl" "Are you hearing my prayers?" "If you are, then why aren't you answering them?" Trust me, my prayers were not always "Sunday School girl" sweet.

I could name that hymn in three notes. I was often sitting in a church pew three times a week. And yet, I didn't see my prayers being answered...so I thought.

But each time I began a new struggle there was someone who I had never known before, arrive in my life, and walk alongside me. Someone who I realize now was meant to be there for a season. And then just as quickly as they appeared in my life...they were gone. As I missed them and the sweetness and comfort they brought with them, I began to realize that they were meant to be there only for that short time. Only in hindsight do I see that they were an answer to my prayer. Not the answer I expected but the answer that was needed at that moment in time.

I've never had the desire to be famous, but just to make a difference. My parents had instilled in me at an early age that making a difference is about the little things. Simply taking the time to show someone that you care that they are hurting, that you recognize that they need encouraged, and that how they are feeling matters to someone.

Often, in my hurting, I did not recognize that I was that someone who so desperately needed someone. I was so used to being the strong one. The one that had it all together. The one who had answers. But when life sucker punches you, you can't catch your breath or see beyond the pain. I am forever grateful to those "friends for a season" answers to my prayers. I am forever grateful for what I learned during those "please let me wake up and this just be a bad dream" times. They both taught me that answers to my prayers may not look like I expected them to be. But...they were answers.

My faith kept me praying and reading the scriptures. My faith kept me believing that what I see as good may not be what God sees as good. But God IS good even in the bad moments, He is good.

And so I sat there that morning, drinking my coffee and watching Chuck read the newspaper, I knew with all my heart and soul, redemption had arrived and...I have a life that is good.

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'Rocks fall to Snider in Regional battle

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Westfield was dealt a tough defeat on a chilly Friday, as Fort Wayne Snider came from behind to beat the Shamrocks 32-24 in a Class 5A regional championship game at The Rock.

After a shaky start, Westfield took control of the game in the second quarter, enjoying a halftime lead of 21-13, and increasing that advantage to 24-13 midway through the third quarter. But a big defensive play by the Panthers changed the momentum late in the third period, and Snider scored three straight touchdowns, including two within 33 seconds of each other late in the fourth quarter.

"They just wanted it more than us down the stretch," said WHS coach Jake Gilbert.

Snider was aggressive from the outset, recovering a Westfield fumble during the opening kickoff. The 'Rocks were able to hold the Panthers to a field goal, then answered that score quickly when Ben Lottfalian caught a Ryan Pepiot pass and ripped down the field for a 64-yard touchdown.

It looked like the game would become a shootout after Snider took the lead back on a two-yard running touchdown with 5:35 left in the first quarter. That made the score 10-7, and that held into the second quarter - but not for long.

Elvin Caldwell then took over the game, scoring a couple quick touchdowns for Westfield. His first was a two-yarder 33 seconds into the second period, and Caldwell then did it again three minutes later, this time on an 11-yard run. Nick Dowd kicked all three extra points.

Dowd also made a 35-yard field goal with 6:56 left in the third; that put Westfield up 24-13. It looked like things would be fine for the 'Rocks, but Snider grabbed the momentum when it forced a fumble, and then got itself in position to score.

It only took three plays, but the Panthers got in when Money Woods ran into the end zone on a three-yard run. An extra point kick cut Westfield's lead to 24-20.

Still, the Shamrocks had the lead well into the fourth quarter. But Snider halted a long Westfield drive, then regained the ball at the 5:37 mark. The Panthers used a couple

big pass plays to get it to the 'Rocks 19, and Neandre Billingsley ran it in from there.

That gave Snider the lead, although Westfield blocked the extra point kick. So the Shamrocks still had a chance, but Snider stopped them on a 4th-and-6. The Panthers took over in Westfield territory, and Billingsley scored again, this time from 13 yards.

But Westfield blocked that extra point kick, which meant there was still hope. Once again, though, Snider made the big play, grabbing an interception to seal the win.

"I think they deserved to win," said Gilbert. "The team that wanted it most won it tonight, and unfortunately that wasn't us. We had discipline problems down the stretch, turnovers and penalties, mistakes, and they didn't."

Caldwell had a good game, with 101 yards and the two touchdowns. Pepiot totaled 156 yards passing.

The Shamrocks finished their season at 7-5, winning a second consecutive sectional championship.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Westfield quarterback Ryan Pepiot completed 9 of 24 passes for 156 passing yards in Fridays regional contest against Ft. Wayne Snider.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

The Noblesville girls basketball team beat Hamilton Heights 103-48 in a county rivalry game Friday at The Mill. Pictured are the Millers' Erin Wood (40), the Huskies' Taylor Boyd (50), Noblesville's Katelyn O'Reilly (34) and Heights' Kayla Kirtley (20).

Young Huskies no match in The Mill ...

Lady Millers win, 103-48

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

The question last evening in The Mill when Hamilton Heights came to visit Noblesville wasn't: How good is this Noblesville basketball team? The Lady Millers in two games this season have played well enough to be in the state's top 20 when the second poll of the young season is released next week.

You think?

Nor, was the question: Will this young Heights team get better with age this season? Of course it will.

The real question was: Should this series, this often labeled rivalry between the Huskies and the Millers, continue.

The two coaches, Donna Keck of Noblesville and Scott Fernung of Hamilton Heights, following NHS's 103-48 win, suggested, strongly suggested, that the series continues.

The game last evening was the most one-sided win in the series, even bettering Noblesville's 73-24 win over the Huskies back in 1990.

Heights has not defeated Noblesville since back-to-back victories in 1984 and 1983.

Dating back to when the two schools first met in 1975, Noblesville holds a

16-4 edge over Heights. In that time period Noblesville has grown to become the 10th largest high school in the state. Currently, Noblesville is 4A and Heights is 3A.

"I like playing Noblesville," said Fernung. "They have one of the top teams in the state. I always enjoy the game. We bring a good crowd and so does Noblesville."

"This game tonight will make our team a better team," Fernung said. "We'll go back at it again tomorrow in practice. We'll learn from this game tonight."

"We have a senior dominated team with lots of physical ability," said Keck. "Hamilton Heights, with two very good freshmen, is young. They have good young talent with a chance, I believe, to win their sectional."

There have been more exciting evenings of basketball in The Mill. Biggest cheer of the night, coming from Noblesville, was when Haley Conway hit a shot to send Noblesville over the 100-point mark.

Keck opened with a press and simply blew away Heights. Noblesville jumped to a 29-0 lead before Caitlyn Hays got the Huskies on the board with a 3-pointer in the last two minutes of the quarter.

That first quarter ended with Noblesville leading 32-7. It was 55-21 at halftime and things never changed in the third period as Noblesville powered to an 87-32 lead.

Junior Alexis Shannon led Noblesville in scoring with 23 points, all but two coming in the first half as Heck unloaded her bench early. Also in double figures were junior Katelyn O'Reilly with 13 points, seniors Erin Wood and freshman Emily Kiser with 11 each and senior Becca Bergman with 10.

Eleven of the 12 Millers Keck played got into the book with points.

Kiser led in rebounds with nine and Shannon grabbed seven.

Bergman dished out nine assists and sophomore Brooke Herron had seven.

Noblesville hit 48-of-85 shots and canned 7-of-21 shots from 3-point range. The Millers were 20-of-24 at the line.

The Millers' strength on the board was far too much for the younger, shorter Huskies to handle. Noblesville collected 51 rebounds and Heights was limited to 32.

One of Heights' promising freshmen, Kayla Kirtley, led her team in scoring with 15 points. Taylor Boyd pulled seven rebounds.

Heights' star picks basketball

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

If Purdue University is down, and recruit Grant Weatherford is buying none of that talk, then the Hamilton Heights senior wants to join with Carmel's Ryan Cline in leading back the Boilermakers to glory in the Big Ten Conference.

Weatherford "officially" signed with the Boilermakers in front of friends and family at an announcement party at Heights Wednesday afternoon.

"I think Coach (Matt Painter) has an excellent plan for the future, and I'm looking forward being a part of it with my good friend Ryan Cline," Weatherford told the Hamilton County Reporter in an exclusive interview.

He hopes another former Carmel player will be around when he and Cline arrive in West Lafayette next fall. A.J. Hammons, is a 7-foot junior with the Boilermakers. He played two years of high school basketball at Carmel before transferring to Oak Hill academy in Virginia.

"But," Weatherford said, "Hammons likely will have a great junior year and take the money and leave for the pros before we get there."

Weatherford's father, Tim, attended Purdue and his mother, Cindie, attended Indiana University. One brother, Austin, played basketball at Rose-Hulman and his sister, Dakota, last year played as a freshman at Evansville. His younger brother is a sophomore at Hamilton Heights.

But, it wasn't a family struggle at home to draw Grant to Purdue or Indiana. The decision was basketball or football.

"He loves both sports," Tim Weatherford said of his son. "But, he got only one offer in football, Ohio University. He received 12 offers in basketball."

Purdue, however, wasn't real sure until catching Weatherford, and Cline, in the Vegas AAU tourney at the end of the summer.

"Purdue had offered him a walk-on and promised him a varsity letter," said Tim, "but after watching him in Vegas they offered him a scholarship."

"You can't turn down a Big Ten offer," said Grant. "It's a great opportunity. It was the month of July when we got all our

summer players with the AAU team and I got a chance to show what I could do as the main ball handler."

Weatherford said the thrill of playing all over the country with his AAU team this summer still left him fired up and ready to return to high school football at Hamilton Heights.

"My senior year in football here at Heights ended a little earlier than we planned, but it was a great year. The thrill of playing high school football was great. Now, we've got some unfinished business in basketball at the Muncie Central sectional. I'm really looking forward to it," said Grant.

"I feel real comfortable with the players recruited at Purdue next season."

Grant, who played for Mitch Street in football at Heights, will play again this season for head basketball coach Chad Ballenger.

He said his biggest thrills in basketball while at Heights so far was winning the 2013 sectional at Muncie Central; winning the 2013-14 Mid-Indiana Conference, and winning the holiday tourney in 2013.

He lettered all four years in football at Hamilton Heights.



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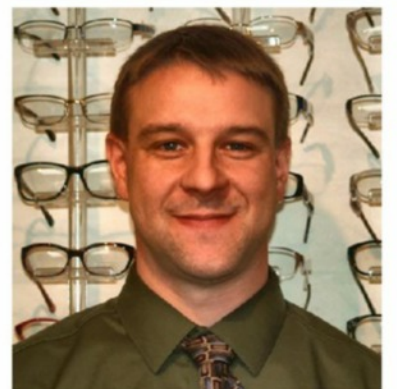
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As Welch explodes for 31....

'Hawks win 3rd straight

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor
Beaten up badly by a much bigger and much stronger Eastern team on the boards, Coach Jeff Guenther found a way for his Sheridan Blackhawks to win their third straight game of the season, this one a 58-51 sizzler Saturday in Sheridan's home opener at Hobbs Memorial Gym.

In fact, Guenther found two keys to victory.

*He turned loose his "Super Soph," sophomore guard Brittany Welch. She poured in 31 of Sheridan's 58 points.

*Then, at halftime, Guenther made an adjustment to his press. Suddenly, Eastern turnovers led to Sheridan buckets.

With Welch scoring seven points in the first period and freshman guard Audrey Reed adding five, the Blackhawks jumped off to a 17-8 start.

But, in the second quarter Welch got just one free throw and Sheridan scored only three points (all on free throws) and the Blackhawks went to halftime trailing 24-20.

All of that changed in the second half as Sheridan outscored Eastern 24-9 in the third period. Welch had 13 points, and she added another 10 points in the fourth frame.

The turnaround happened immediately at the start of the third quarter. Welch scored from the field, Payton Fleener hit a shot and Welch scored again as Sheridan caught Eastern at 26-26. Fleener got another bucket to give Sheridan the lead, and the Blackhawks never again trailed.

"We made an adjustment on our press at halftime," Guenther said. "We put Faith DeVaney in the middle and Rebekah Hopper

to the back. I'm proud of the way our kids handled the adjustment."

Reed, a freshman, and Fleener each scored 11 points.

"You need outstanding guard play to win in high school basketball," said Guenther. "We're blessed to have two good, young guards in Welch and Reed. I feel very comfortable with those two."

Welch was 8-of-17 from the field and hit 14 charity shots as Eastern time after time sent her to the line.

"This was our first test of the season," Guenther continued. "Their size really hurt us. We had some things about us exposed tonight."

Eastern, with 6-2, 6-1 and 5-11 players on the court, collected 37 rebounds to Sheridan's 16. The Lady Blackhawks pulled just two offensive boards.

Sheridan has won three games, all in the first week of the season, and two of those on the road. Last year Sheridan opened its season with five consecutive victories.

Sheridan once again got the job done in easy fashion on the road by gunning down Faith Christian, 55-12 on Thursday.

Sheridan held the host team to single digit scoring in each of the fourth quarters. Faith Christian scored just two points in each of the first an third periods and didn't score at all in the second quarter.

The Blackhawks led 18-2 after one quarter and 39-2 at halftime.

On offense, Sheridan exploded from the field, hitting 25-of-52 shots. The Blackhawks were 3-of-7 from 3-point range, with Brittany Welch leading the way by nailing 2-of-3 boomers.

Welch, the exciting 5-11 sophomore, led all scorers with 21 points, canning 9-of-11

shots. She also dished out four assists and had four steals.

Welch was Sheridan's only double digit scorer in a game which saw Guenther call off the wolves early. Rebekah Hopper, one of only three seniors on the team, scored eight points, as did freshman Audrey Reed.

Reed, Hopper and Faith DeVaney led Sheridan on the boards, each with three rebounds.

Reed had five steals to lead in that department.

Sheridan's young backcourt of freshman Audrey Reed and sophomore Brittany Welch combined for 29 points and senior veteran Rebekah Hooper also exploded for double figures the Lady Blackhawks opened their season in Speedway with a 57-28 victory on Tuesday.

The winners jumped to an 18-11 first quarter lead and went to halftime with a 35-19 margin.

Sheridan's defense allowed the hosts just nine points in the second half.

Reed, playing her first varsity game, collected 16 points to lead all scorers. Welch, coming of an outstanding sophomore season, notched 13 points and Hopper also poured in 13 points.

Eight different Sheridan players scored in the game.

Katie Hybarger, coming off the football season as Sheridan's place-kicker, led the Blackhawks with seven rebounds, while Reed and Welch each collected five.

Sheridan turned the basketball over just nine times.

Welch had six steals and senior Payton Fleener had five. Sheridan collected 19 steals in the game.

All eyes on Heights' world class diver

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

It can safely be said that a new chapter in the Hamilton Heights girls swim program will begin on Monday.

The Huskies have several new faces that are expected to make immediate impacts for the team. Meanwhile, a group of four juniors and a senior will bring the necessary experience to the Heights squad this year.

But all eyes will definitely be on the freshman swimmers. There are of eight of them, and second-year coach Amy Lustig said that they are all club swimmers, and swam during the summer in addition to participating in conditioning.

Among the freshmen expected to swim well are Claire Sloderbeck, Allison Osborne, Lauren Sears and Lucy Uhrick. Lustig said all four are "very competitive" in club swimming.

"Those four girls are going to make up my relays, and we're hoping to break our medley relay school record with them this year," said Lustig. "We have high hopes for them."

Another good thing about the freshman class is its depth. Lustig noted that "they all can swim all the different strokes, so I can pop them in wherever I need them."

And then there's sophomore Brooke Schultz. She's the only sophomore on the Heights team, but she might be the most experienced person in the pool. Schultz is a world-class diver, having won international championships in her career.

"We're very excited about that," said Lustig. "I have not been around while she trains because she trains during the day with obviously her Olympic coaches, but we are very excited to have her starting Monday at our first meet against Oak Hill."

As for the experienced members of the group, there are four juniors and all of them are captains: Sarah Mangas, Mariah Oxley, Mady Rednour and Brianna Schil-dmeier. The lone returning senior is Taryn Dissett; there are also two other seniors, Britt Borger and Micah Kunzer, who are new to swimming.

Heights didn't have anyone reach the sectional finals in any event last year, so one of Lustig's goals for the season is to have at least two of her freshmen do just that. She also hopes to finish in the top three of the Husky Invitational.

"Last year we didn't get to swim in the Husky Invitational because of the bad weather," said Lustig.

Miller swimmers talent spans all four grades

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Since so many swimmers are involved in the sport from an early age due to swim clubs, they don't go into high school swimming as wide-eyed, inexperienced freshmen.

Such is the case with Noblesville. The Millers swim coach said his girls team "will have talent spread across all four grades," including the freshmen.

"The Freshman class comes in with a lot of experience at the championship level," said Wolfred.

The ninth-graders will immediately put their club experience to use, while the older NHS swimmers will be there to guide them - and use their experience to deliver another good season for Noblesville.

Several Miller swimmers competed at the state meet last year. Senior Emily Christophersen is one of them; she placed 20th in the butterfly and swam on the medley and 400 freestyle relays.

Other returning state relay racers are senior Taylor Parrish, juniors Lydia Conner, Amy Hayes, Kate Holtkamp and Leigh Roberts, and sophomores Samantha Cripe and Julianne Kaess.

Several more Noblesville girls reached the sectional finals in their respective events last season: Senior Rachel Mackesey (individual medley), juniors Megan Hays (diving), Maura McBride (500 free) and Caylee McComb (50 free), and sophomores Alexa Akers (backstroke) and Josie Griffin (breaststroke).

Noblesville starts its season Tuesday at Zionsville for a dual meet, then hosts Hamilton Southeastern on Dec. 4, when the Miller boys join them for most of the remainder of the season. Big meets on the Noblesville schedule include the Millers' diving (Dec. 6) and swimming (Dec. 13) invitationals, and the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which is set for Jan. 10 at Fishers.

"We plan to improve in all of our events to have a deeper team," said Wolfred. "All

season long we want to improve so that at the end of our season we will be having our best races. We will be relying on our senior class to provide our necessary leadership that is important to a successful team."

Noblesville roster:
Seniors: Delaney Brake, Emily Christophersen, Erin Decocq, Rachel Mackesey, Tessa Pappas, Taylor Parrish, Sarah Potter, Elaina VerBrugge, Lysny Woodahl.
Juniors: Shannon Burton, Lydia Conner, Amy Hayes, Megan Hays, Katherine Holtkamp, Samantha Mathis, Maura McBride, Caylee McComb, Brianna McDougall, Brianna Phillips, Leigh Roberts, Yasmine Rosales, Jennifer Smith, Katelynn Strader, Anne Yeakey.

Shamrocks have returning experience

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

The Westfield girls swim team has established itself as a consistent producer of state qualifiers over the past few years.

That trend should continue for the Shamrocks this season, as they have five swimmers returning that qualified for the state meet last season. Also, Westfield coach Kyle Messmore has a list of swimmers that are making strides, plus some freshmen who he said "will make a difference immediately" for the team.

The leading swimmer back is Emily Verbrugge, now a senior. Verbrugge qualified for state in the individual medley and the breaststroke, and was a part of the medley and 400 freestyle relay teams. Messmore said that the team looks for Verbrugge "to lead the team in terms of the state caliber performance," as well as by her "actions in practice and in meets."

Senior Carly Ruggles swam with Verbrugge on the medley relay. Three of the four swimmers on the Shamrocks' state qualifying 200 free relay are returning: Juniors Madeline Steele and Zoe Williams, and sophomore Caroline Martin. Verbrugge was joined by Martin and Williams on the 400 free relay as well.

Several sectional finalists are also back for the 'Rocks. They are senior Rebecca Carr, juniors Anna Kraeg and Sarah Zentz, and sophomores Julia Hawkins and Abigail Pate.

Messmore lists Hawkins as one of three sophomores that are making strides, along with Victoria Coy and Emma Oleson. The coach's five freshmen - Ariel Brooks, Molly Ruggles, Sydney Ruggles, Jessica Steele and Ilsa Blansette - are also expected to make an immediate impact.

"We think that our younger kids also have a pretty good chance at not only performing well at the sectional level, but also making it (to state) as an individual or on relays as well," said Messmore.

Westfield begins its season Saturday by hosting the Kristin Rice Invitational.

Westfield roster
Seniors: Rebecca Carr, Carly Ruggles, Emily Verbrugge
Juniors: Anna Kraeg, Madeline Steele, Zoe Williams, Sarah Zentz
Sophomores: Victoria Coy, Julia Hawkins, Caroline Martin, Emma Oleson, Abigail Pate, Julia Stelts.
Freshmen: Ilsa Blansette, Ariel Brooks, Molly Ruggles, Syndey Ruggles, Jessica Steele.



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Westfield senior Emily Verbrugge was a state qualifier in two individual events and two relays last year as a junior. Verbrugge is part of a Shamrocks team that has five returning state swimmers, plus many talented newcomers.



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The Ville From Page 1

The Brooks want their restaurant to be Noblesville-focused as well.

"We're from Noblesville and we wanted to have a business in the community," said Raquel Brooks. "My husband has done the Farmer's Market for three or four years, and his following of customers is in Noblesville. It's a growing community. Noblesville supports its local business. We live in Noblesville, we love Noblesville and this is the community we wanted to make home."

The grand opening featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony right outside the front door. Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear made a few remarks prior to the ceremony, after which Raquel thanked a long list of people for helping her and Keith's dream to come true. Many of the Brooks' family and friends were on hand to join the celebration.

"It feels awesome, actually accomplishing one of your life-long goals is more than a miracle," said Keith Brooks. "All praises to God for helping me to get here. Definitely can't do it all alone."

In addition to being the owner, Keith is also the chef. He has high-quality credentials as a chef for over 20 years, according to his biography on The Ville's Web site (www.dineattheville.com). He holds an Associate in Applied Science degree in Culinary Arts from Kendall College, Chicago's top culinary school. He also interned at the Commander's Palace, a historic restaurant in New Orleans, under the famous chef and Food Network superstar Emeril Lagasse.

The Ville started its soft launch in September, beginning by serving its dinner menu for about a month and a half before switching over to a soft opening of its lunch menu. Raquel Brooks said that the restaurant tried out its dinner menu first because it's the most elaborate menu, and it was necessary "to make sure our staff could learn the menu," she said.

Lunch is casual at The Ville, with menu items that includes sandwiches, soups, salads, barbecue and Jambalaya. The dinner menu is more upscale, with steak, sea bass and halibut among the offerings.

While dinner is fancy, Keith Brooks wants people to know that one doesn't have to wear a suit and tie to enjoy it. Jeans are fine.

"I don't want to call it a stuffy restaurant," said Keith. "It's just a nice place to come and enjoy yourself and have a great evening."

Keith said The Ville is a "family-style restaurant," so children are welcome. The restaurant offers a kid's menu, plus booster seats and high chairs for little ones. (There is a bar area, and you must be at least 21 to sit there.)

Business has been going well so far at The Ville.

"So far it's been pretty decent," said Keith Brooks. "The customers that are coming in, I'd say 95 percent of them have been very well pleased. I see them coming back as repeat customers, and they are also bringing friends."

Raquel Brooks said that weekends are the busiest, and that dinner is going very well. She noted that The Ville is on Open Table, which allows customers to make online reservations.

"We have event space upstairs, so we can have a party of 10 and they can all sit together at a big table, and I think that's attractive for people," said Raquel.

The Ville is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The restaurant also hosts a Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - \$18 for adults, \$10 for kids. It is closed on Mondays.

For more information, visit www.dineattheville.com

Heck and Peck tie for Schwartz's Fish of the Year

Six year old Brody Heck and eight year old Alex Peck will both receive the Schwartz's Bait and Tackle Fish of the Year award. With hundreds of votes cast Heck and Peck tied for first place.

"Voting was extremely close throughout the entire promotion," said Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison. "Heading into the final day of voting very few votes separated the top four candidates. A stringer full of votes received late in the day on November 6 pushed Heck and Peck to the top."

Alex Peck is the son of Monica and Darren Peck. Alex is a 3rd grader at the Legacy Christian School in Noblesville. "Alex absolutely loves to fish. I can't ever drive past Schwartz's without Alex asking me to stop and pick up bait," said Alex's mother, Monica. In addition to fishing Alex enjoys baseball, basketball and golf.

Brody Heck is kindergarten student at Sheridan Community Schools. Brody is the son of Brian and Tara Heck. In addition to fishing Brody enjoys hunting and riding his four wheeler.

The Fish of the Year award is the culmination of 11 weeks of Fish of the Week photos published by the Hamilton County Reporter and sponsored by Schwartz's Bait and Tackle. Readers then had the opportunity to submit their vote for Fish of the Year.

"This has been a very popular promotion. Each of the 11 Fish of the Week photos received votes. I was surprised at how close the voting was throughout the contest," said Jellison.

Both Heck and Peck will receive Fish of the Year plaques provided by Noblesville Trophies

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