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Lots of “big brass” add support too....

Building a training center

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

United we stand; divided we fall.

There were little doubt Thursday evening at the Hamilton County Judicial Center that most of the folks who came out on a cold evening were united in their desire to move forward on a proposed training center for Hamilton County firefighters, police and other public servants who put their lives on the line to protect the citizens of this county.

Minus, it must be added, dotting a few “T”s and crossing an “I” or two.

It was an impressive gathering of Hamilton County government leaders, perhaps the most impressive gathering of county

leaders ever to turn out for a government meeting.

“Very impressive,” said Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman as she opened the evening.

Altman said the meeting had been called to promote public safety in Hamilton County.

“Westfield has offered 96 acres for this project,” Altman said. “The location is in the center of the county and is in the center of the state.”

Altman pointed out that the land includes a gravel pit and a river, which will better aid in rescue training.

Steve Nation, Superior Court 1 judge, talked about the history of the project.

“We first started talking about this in 1980,” Judge Nation said.



Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison



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Superior Court 1 Judge Steven Nation opened Thursday’s meeting by expressing his support for the training center.

“Every (fire, police, etc.) department wants it. We didn’t have the land in 1980. We do now. It is time.”

Altman was joined by fellow commissioners Steve Dillinger and Mark Heirbrandt, both announcing their support of the project.

Also in the audience were Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook and recently elected Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. Also present were four township trustees; members of the

Left to right – Hamilton County Council members Jim Belden and Amy Massillamany seated next to Hamilton County Commissioners Steve Dillinger and Christine Altman. All four county officials spoke in support of the proposed Hamilton County Public Safety Training Center.

Hamilton County Council and members of city and town councils.

The absence of some County Council members led to this remark by Councilman Steve Schwartz. “This is a no-brainer. You need to lobby your council.”

The goal is to build a first-class training facility for Hamilton County firemen, police and other rescue people.

The current price tag is \$3 million, although some in the gathering suggested it should be

“Hamilton County like,” with a \$13 million projection.

The Hamilton County Commissioners would raise money by capital funding and purchasing of bonds, a move which sparked the interest of most in attendance.

All Hamilton County taxpayers would participate.

Various units in the county will be asked to fund a share of the cost.

“Some of you,” Dillinger reminded those units, “already are paying more for having your

people trained in other areas of the state.

“But,” Dillinger added, “it’s all about setting priorities. We at the county level, like you with your city budgets, have only so much money. We’re looking at adding on to this building (the Judicial Center); adding on to the jail, and trying to get the 37 Corridor going.. We, too, will need to set priorities.”

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Sheridan Chamber annual toy drive to raise money at holiday luncheon

Many years ago, Sheridan Town Marshall Jed Griffin recognized the community had children who were going to go without at Christmas. He reached into his own pocket to supply some toys. Each year his efforts grew and others began to donate. When Marshall Griffin retired, he handed this responsibility to another officer, Bill Curl. Bill, who retired from the Sheridan Police Department earlier this year after 30 years of service, continues to host a holiday party for the children of Sheridan, and to supply Christmas for those in greatest need. Bill raises money all year through car shows and donations.

At the Sheridan Chamber Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 4, the Chamber will hold a blind bottle auction to raise money to support Bill’s efforts. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to his fund and stay in the Sheridan community. “We always try to make our holiday luncheon a fun event. We hope this will be fun for the attendees while we raise money for a great, local cause.”, says Sheridan Chamber President Erin Merrill, owner of Creekside Chiropractic.

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Police pursuit ends in Westfield

By JEFF JELLISON

A police pursuit of a suspect involved in a domestic battery incident at 56th Street and I-465 on Tuesday resulted in the lockdown of Noblesville and Westfield Schools.

Sgt. Rich Myers of the Indiana State Police said, “We received a report of a lady that had jumped out of a vehicle at I-465 and 56th Street.” Myers stated Trooper Corey Berfield located the female and determined that she had been involved in a domestic disturbance inside a vehicle driven by Jemel Young. Berfield reported Young fled the scene of the dispute in a white Chevrolet Impala.

Noblesville Police Sgt. Bruce Barnes said his department was contacted by the Indiana State Police at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday morning indicating Young potentially worked at Harbour Trees Beach Club. Barnes also indicated officers believed Young was armed with a handgun.

At 11:08 a.m. Noblesville officers located a vehicle matching the description provided to them by Indiana State Police in the parking lot of North Harbour establishment. Barnes said when officers arrived the vehicle left the parking lot and a pursuit began.

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Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

A pursuit that began in Noblesville ended with the suspect crashing his car in Westfield.

Thanksgiving “Turkey Trot”

The Michael Treinen Foundation (MTF) will host its seventh Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day on the “Hipstoric” Noblesville (Indiana) Courthouse Square. The Foundation was formed following the death of Michael Treinen, who contacted acute myeloid leukemia (AML) during his senior year at Noblesville High School. His fighting spirit galvanized community support and he struggled with his cancer before passing away in 2008, the year following his high school graduation.

Growing every year from 50 to over 1,200 participants, the Turkey Trot offers a “close to home” opportunity for residents and out-of-town visitors to participate in a family oriented event while supporting great causes and is rapidly becoming a Thanksgiving Day tradition for many.

The Turkey Trot, steps off at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving morning on the courthouse square, 9th and Conner Streets, Noblesville. The event includes a timed 5km run and 3km family fun walk.

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Obituaries

Kevin M. Fasick

February 19, 1955 - November 14,

Kevin M. Fasick, 59, of Noblesville, IN passed away on Friday, November 14, 2014 at Riverwalk Village. He was born on February 19, 1955 to Carl and Erma Jean (Chilcote) Fasick in York, Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1977, Kevin moved to Indianapolis. For many years, he worked in the Marion County Property Assessor's Office as a deputy property assessor. He had a deep faith and served his church and fellow parishioners tirelessly. Some of Kevin's happiest hours were spent singing in the East 91st Street Christian Church choir. He also loved to put pen to paper. His artistic calligraphy was admired by all who received his warm greetings. He will be missed greatly and well-remembered.

He is survived by his sister, Lynda (Fritz) Neal; uncle, Jack (Tryphena) Fasick; and aunt, Jean (Marlet) Loucks.

There will be no services.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Robert L. Sauer

November 5, 1925 - November 14,

Robert L. Sauer, 89, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, November 14, 2014 at Riverwalk Village. He was born on November 5, 1925 to Louis and Pearl (Miller) Sauer in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Robert received his Masters of Science degree from Purdue University, and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville. He was formerly of Downers Grove, Illinois, where he was a member of the Lyons Club. Robert was an Eagle Scout and also a past member of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by sons, David, Roger, and Philip Sauer; grandson, Neil Sauer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Sauer; and cousin, William Miller.

There will be no services.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.



Anthony “Tony” Jacob Brock

October 18, 1993 - November 20, 2014

Anthony "Tony" Jacob Brock, 21, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on October 18, 1993 to Daniel and Darlene (Murray) Brock.

Tony was a 2012 graduate of Noblesville High School, and worked in maintenance/welding at ID Casting. He attended Fellowship Baptist Church and loved reading his Bible. Tony was an avid hunter, and enjoyed collecting knowledge of construction equipment.

He is survived by his fiancé, Nicole Turner and their unborn daughter, Callie Rae Brock; sisters, Twila (Joseph) Ploutz, Stacey Catron, and Buffy (Terry) Trout; brothers, Tracy (Maggie) Brock and Daniel James Brock; aunts, Evelyn Harris and Sissy Perkins; uncles, Lonnie (Lisa) Brock and Rufus Brock; in-laws, Ted & Cindy Turner; brother-in-law, Josh Turner; sister-in-law, Hailey Turner; and several nieces, nephews, & cousins.

In addition to his parents, Tony was preceded in death by his grandparents, John & Margaret Murray and Steve & Callie Brock; and uncle, Frank Harris.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with Pastor Danny Scott officiating. Visitation will be Monday, November 24, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In memory of Anthony Jacob Brock, contributions can be made to his daughter, Callie Rae Brock, at the Anthony J. Brock Memorial Account online at <http://www.gofundme.com/hkwcwc>.

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The Chamber is collecting donations of items that are packaged in a bottle or canister. The items might include a bottle of quality olive oil, a candle, body lotion or perfume. It could be something silly such as colored pasta in a tall canister or M&M's in a baby bottle. During the auction only the name of the donor will be revealed. The item will be concealed in wrapping.

In addition to the blind bottle auction, the Holiday Luncheon will feature a performance by the Sheridan High School choir and an update from Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 11:30 am at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. Sixth St., Sheridan. Reservations are required.

If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact the Sheridan Chamber office at 317-758-1311 and they will arrange for a volunteer to collect the item. All donors will be recognized verbally at the event.

If you would like to attend the luncheon, please contact the Chamber office at 317-758-1311 or chambermail@sheridanchamber.org. Reservations are also available online at www.sheridanchamber.org. The cost is \$14 for members of the Chamber, \$18 for guests.

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Both courses start on the courthouse square and travel through scenic Forest Park with the run continuing through old town Noblesville finishing at the courthouse square. Registration is \$25 per person.

The Michael Treinen Foundation, a 501C3 not for profit charitable organization, supports hospitals and research helping children with cancer including Riley Children's Hospital, American Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Sparrow Club of Indiana as well as individual families struggling with childhood cancers.

To register for the Turkey Trot visit: michaeltreinenfoundation.org. Walk-up registration is available the day of event starting at 7:30 a.m.

Paul D. McGlinch

August 22, 1935 - November 17, 2014

Paul D. McGlinch, 79, of Noblesville, went to be with our Lord on Monday, November 17, 2014, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 22, 1935 to Robert and Vergie (York) McGlinch in Greenville, Ohio.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Mary Kay; children, Elaine (Jon) McGlinch-Kennedy, Jeff McGlinch, Scott (Lori) McGlinch, LuAnne (Rich) Hubbard, and Mike McGlinch; and four grandchildren, Mike Lee, Justin & Katie Hubbard, and Chelsea McGlinch.

For 29 years, Paul & Mary Kay owned the Uptown Cafe in Noblesville, and he was a former president of the Noblesville Merchants Association. Paul was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, where he served as an elder and sang in the church choir; his faith was most important. In his free time, Paul enjoyed many hobbies but mostly delighted in his children and grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville. Services were held on Friday, November 21, 2014, at Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville, with Pastor Adrian Piazza officiating. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 East 186th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Louise Keeling

March 20, 1928 - November 17, 2014

Louise Keeling, age 86, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Monday afternoon, November 17, 2014, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Louise was born in Hamilton County on March 20, 1928. She was the daughter of the late David and Sara Jane (Rude) Graham. Louise was a 1946 graduate of Sheridan High School. It was during those years at Sheridan that she, along with her twin sister Louiva, became 2 of the first girl cheerleaders in Sheridan Blackhawk history, leading her down the lifelong path of being and avid Blackhawk fan. She was also a devoted fan of her Indianapolis Colts and Pacers. During her life, Louise worked for many different companies around the area including Kraft Foods and Tony's Restaurant on Main Street in Sheridan. She also worked for over 6 years as the Secretary for Sheridan Elementary School before going to work for Curtis Dyna-Fog in Westfield, where she would retire in 1990.

On June 27, 1947 Louise married John Oliver Keeling. He preceded her in death on December 5, 2001. Louise was a loving mother, a wonderful homemaker, a devoted grandmother, and a caring and dedicated neighbor and friend to many. Most days, you could catch her sitting on her porch visiting with whoever stopped by to see her, talking on the phone with her twin sister, or sometimes just relaxing and taking a nap with her cats. Louise never met a stranger. She treated everyone like she had known them their whole life. She was also an avid animal lover, taking care of any critter that would wander onto her porch or into her back yard.

Louise was a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church and the K.V. Elloit American Legion Post 67 Ladies Auxiliary.

Louise is survived by her 2 sons, David L. (Barbara) Keeling and Mark A. Keeling, both of Sheridan; her daughter, Rita (Allen) Steele of Sheridan; her twin sister, Louiva Wallace of Thorntown; 4 grandchildren, Lance (Nelly) Steele of Carmel, Brenna (Ralph) Perez of Indianapolis, Maureen (Jesse) Brazzell of Sheridan and John (Nicole) Keeling of Sheridan; 4 great grandchildren, Cory, Carter, Drew and Murphy; her cat Sheba and Bo, the neighborhood porch kitty.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John, her brother Floyd Graham and her sister Juanita Donaldson.

Services were held on Friday, November 21, 2014, at the Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, Indiana. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend V.J. Stover officiated. Visitation was on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Kercheval Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be presented to the American Diabetes Association.

Colette Redd

March 8, 1937 - November 20, 2014

Colette Redd, 77, of Arcadia, passed away on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at IU Health Tipton Hospital. She was born on March 8, 1937 in Sheridan, Indiana.

Services were held on Monday, November 24, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Burial was at Arcadia Cemetery.

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Noblesville Police officers chased the vehicle eastbound on Carrigan to Hague Road, then southbound on Hague to 206th Street, then south on Cumberland to Monument Street, eventually traveling west through downtown Noblesville on Conner Street. The pursuit continued west on State Road 32 into downtown Westfield.

A Westfield School District spokesperson stated schools were placed on lockdown after receiving a call from police informing them a pursuit was entering Westfield. Noblesville also placed schools on lockdown for a short period of time during the pursuit.

The pursuit ended in a crash and short foot chase at Jersey and Poplar Street, just one block south of Westfield School property.

Jemel Young was taken into custody and is being held on a \$10,000 bond in the Hamilton County jail on charges of criminal recklessness, resisting law enforcement, reckless driving and leaving an accident scene involving injury. Myers indicated additional charges may be filed as a result of the domestic battery in Marion County.



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Commissioners are not just concerned about the cost of building the facility, but also operating it.”

All of the mayors present said they favor the project, but, like the Commissioners in their attempt to get the County Council on board, the mayors will need to sell the project to their city councils.

“I support the training center,” said Mayor Ditslear. “Now I’m praying I can get four votes from my council.”

The County Council appears to be where the final vote is headed. It is difficult seeing a future for the training center without the County being on board. Some members of the County Council, it is believed, do not support the project.

One selling point supporters of the training center have is that the facilities can be used by other counties, thus creating a revenue flow in maintaining the facility.

Commissioner Heirbrandt said he believes this will happen. Heirbrandt said his “eyes were open” after participating in a fire training exercise.

Fishers Fire Chief Steve Orusa, a 28-year public service veteran and a 15-year member of the Fishers Department, talked about on the job training.

“It is better to train together before facing the emergency of fighting a fire in a burning building,” Orusa said.

Hamilton County Sheriff Mark Bowen said other areas in the state are being used to train Hamilton County law enforcement people, at a cost to Hamilton County.

Dillinger touched on the theory that ‘if we build it, they will come.’

“That’s what all the studies on our Juvenile Center indicated,” Dillinger said. “Well, we built it and they (juveniles) haven’t been sent to us from other counties.”

The next step, it appears, is for all the county government units to jump on board with a financial commitment and then for the Commissioners to be able to convince the County Council to move forward.

Noblesville holiday events to begin soon!

The City of Noblesville, Noblesville Main Street, the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, and Hamilton County are finalizing plans for the upcoming holiday activities and would like to invite the public to attend. The season will kick off on Friday, November 28 at 7 p.m. with the annual Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. This event, held at the Hamilton County Judicial Center, is always a hit with families and includes special holiday music, a reading of The Night Before Christmas by Mayor John Ditslear, and of course, the lighting of the beautiful downtown lights. In conjunction with the Lighting Ceremony, Noblesville Main Street will debut the 2014 Ice Festival that same evening.

The holiday festivities will then continue on Sunday, November 30 at 2 p.m. with the annual Christmas parade. This year, Jim Wafford will be leading the parade as the 2014 Grand Marshal. As always, the holiday parade will mark the debut of Santa Claus to

Noblesville for the season! Boys and girls are invited to stop by Santa’s house on the courthouse square after the parade or during the hours listed below and tell him what they would like for Christmas. There is no charge to visit with Santa and parents are welcome to bring their own camera.

The fun then continues on Friday, December 5 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the First Friday event, sponsored by Noblesville Main Street. The downtown shops and restaurants will be featuring special sales, Santa Claus will be in his house, and other fun events will be taking place.

For information about the Lighting Ceremony, contact the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce at (317) 773-0086. For information about the parade or Santa’s house, call (317) 776-6367. For information about the Ice Festival or the First Friday event, call Noblesville Main Street at (317) 776-0205.

2014 Santa’s House Hours

Sunday, November 30	3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Friday, December 5	4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 6	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, December 7	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, December 13	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, December 14	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, December 18	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, December 20	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, December 21	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesday, December 23	12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday, December 24	12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

NHS canned food drive

My name is Sara Sigman, and I am a senior at Noblesville High School. As student body president, I wanted the student government, and the high school as a whole, to encourage the message of giving back and living to serve. We wanted Live2Serve not just to be the high school’s way to give back, but a schoolwide movement that will hopefully stretch into the community. We have partnered with the Fire Department in their food drive, and thank all of you for sending in canned goods.

Starting December 1st - 12th, we will be opening up a schoolwide coat drive throughout the high school, middle schools, and elementary schools. We have bright blue wristbands with a lime green ‘Live2Serve’ on them that will be given to any student who brings in one or

more new/gently used coats (while supplies last). We want these bracelets to be reminders of how we all should be living and serving our community.

As for the high school, along with a coat drive we will also be hosting a canned food drive in which all the proceeds will be picked up by the Good Samaritan Network and distributed locally throughout Hamilton County. Any student who brings in five cans will receive a Live2Serve bracelet. This canned food drive is not limited to just the high school though. If any elementary or middle schools would like to participate as well, they can join the Live2Serve movement and donate to receive a bracelet and the proceeds of cans from the elementary schools will still go to the Fire Department as already coordinated.

Hamilton Heights backs long time volunteer and cancer patient

By BRIAN REDDICK

Ken Pickett and his family have been through some tough times. In March of 2004, Ken was diagnosed with stage 4 Renal Cell Carcinoma. Since then he has withstood six operations to remove cancer in his kidneys, lungs, heart, bone, and brain. These include removing the left kidney, removing the lower lobe of his right lung, open-heart surgery to remove a tumor from inside his heart, wedge resection in the left lung, and two Craniotomies. Along with the major surgeries, he has also endured countless scans, multiple radiation treatments and chemo therapy to treat cancer currently in the liver, brain and lungs.

In the spirit of rallying round this family who has been such an integral part to the Hamilton Heights’ athletics family the past 8 years, Tod Windlan, ex Lady Huskies coach and now the Carmel head coach and current lady huskies head coach, Scott Fernung, have teamed together by spear-heading the collection of donations which will go directly to the Pickett family to help pay for past and future medical bills and everyday living expenses.

Combined generous donation from the Carmel and Hamilton Heights’ communities is now in excess of \$1,600.

If you would like to donate to the Pickett Family, contact Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden at 984-3551.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Ken Pickett along with wife Angie and daughters Steffanie, Kari and Olivia.

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Moderation is key for holiday consumption

By SHARON MCMAHON

"Water is the only drink for a wise man." - Henry David Thoreau

Consider this "part II" of my last article, "Holiday Indulgence" but really who in the world wants to be reminded about that at this time of year?? Please recall that I mentioned last week that I, too, have to remind myself to keep in mind the various delicacies we are bombarded with this time of year and how we respond to those goodies!

However, let us move on to a more potentially serious indulgence, that of alcohol. The obvious and most important reasons aside, that one should not over-indulge in alcohol (breaking the law and endangering lives) leaves us with the potential damage to our bodies and overall health. Many times during the holiday

festivities we are faced with more opportunities to imbibe at holiday dinners, parties, and other social gatherings. An extra glass of wine or cocktail here and there is usually prevalent during these festive occasions.

I am sometimes asked by my clients about the health benefits we hear relating to red wine or more recently, beer. While much has been put forward regarding this it is important that we remember that we are talking about moderate alcohol consumption, not more than one drink per day, according to the U.S.D.A. Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

The holidays can bring on a certain level of stress on their own: schedule changes, dietary changes, financial issues, etc. Alcohol consumption can rise easily. There are several repercussions from over-indulgence of alcoholic beverages. Dehydration is a problem and one should remember to drink plenty of water when drinking alcohol. Many people think that a glass of wine, in particular, is helpful for a good night's sleep. You may fall asleep

faster, but the sleep will not be as deep as what you require. Alcohol can prevent restorative deep REM sleep, which is needed to regenerate cells and allow you to feel rested. Excessive calorie intake is another issue; alcohol is not calorie free!

Finally, your body is left hungry. "When consumed excessively, alcohol can have detrimental effects on how your body uses, stores and excretes nutrients," according to Sara Haas, R.D.N. L.D.N. a registered dietician and spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Additionally, it can interfere with the absorption of nutrients, including vitamins B, A, and C which are all critical for metabolism, antioxidant use, bone growth, and vision.

Moderation is the key in your holiday consumption of both food and beverage. Make sure that you are consuming nutritional and filling items when you are enjoying your wine, beer, or eggnog. Hydrate your body with water along with your "adult beverages" and make sure that you are socializing responsibly with these

items. You will feel better, look better, and *be* better if you practice moderation. Regarding the quote at the beginning of this article, water really *is* your best choice for a "go to" drink at any time of year! However, I plan to enjoy a glass of wine here and there during the holiday season, along with dinner or hors d'oeuvres, of course. And refreshing eggnog will be a delicious addition to my palate along with some special Christmas cookies.

So – enjoy, my friends. If you plan to indulge in any alcoholic beverages, please plan ahead and be safe, be happy, and be well!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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The County Line...

County has growing need for affordable housing

By FRED SWIFT



Although the general public doesn't hear much about it, there is a growing need for providing affordable housing and related services for the lower income families in Hamilton County. In what is considered the state's wealthiest county, there is real need for housing because, contrary to popular belief, there are many folks who might be classified as the working poor or in many cases retired people with very limited income.

Trying to supply homes for these folks are such agencies as the Noblesville Housing Authority, Hamilton Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) and Habitat for Humanity. They all get at least some public funds ranging from federal subsidies to county grants.

The Noblesville Housing Authority is actually a countywide agency, not limited to Noblesville. Two of its major functions are administration of a Section 8 housing subsidy program and the handling and disbursement of Community Block Grant monies. The authority operates from an office in the Noble Manor apartment complex on East Monument Street near Cumberland Road.

There is technically no public housing in Hamilton County. But the Section 8 program provides housing vouchers for 185 family units in the county, There is a long waiting list

for these housing units so the addition of affordable housing is now also being done by HAND and Habitat, both of which get some assistance from the housing authority and other sources.

The Housing Authority each year also receives a federal block grant of about \$856,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. With the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, this money is disbursed to nearly 20 agencies, municipalities and organizations some of which put the money into housing and others which provide social services for the needy throughout the county.

The authority this year dedicated \$100,000 for home repair grants largely going to homes of elderly residents so these folks can remain in their homes. The cities of Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield and Fishers each got money for infrastructure improvements in aging neighborhoods, and HAND got \$65,000 toward a new phase of its popular Spicewood Gardens Apartments for senior citizens with limited income

A dozen social service agencies received grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 for such things as free clinic treatment, free legal service, sheltering for abused women and daily meal delivery for the elderly or confined.

Meanwhile, Habitat for Humanity is working on eight homes for those in need with some funds for land acquisition coming from county sources. Habitat while working with the Housing Authority, is a private non-profit organization with its own headquarters in Westfield. HAND also now has its own offices in Noblesville.

While the Housing Authority is essentially a government agency, Habitat and HAND are private, non-government organization that can always use donations and volunteers for their good work.

Sheridan vs. Westfield

By HAYLIE TURPIN

Your high school years are not the best four years of your life. You will be humiliated. You will have a couple break downs about how hard your classes are. You will count down the days until the next break. You'll most likely think you're in love with the one.

Besides being free of adult responsibilities, life as a maturing adolescent is kind of tough. We are expected to raise our hands to use the restroom, but also to know what career we will do for the rest of our lives. These four years are inevitably vital, which leads us to the questions: Does the type of school you go to affect your success in life? Will a big school better prepare you for a successful future than a smaller school? Having been a student at both schools, I also want to know, is Westfield a better school than Sheridan?

As most people know, Westfield is a great school with wonderful opportunities in academics and great athletic options. Sheridan, on the other hand, is in a little town twenty minutes north with about one fifth of the kids, a football team with a history of state championships, and a smaller amount of classes. Is less not as good, however? From personal experience, as a student who has gone to both schools, the basics are what is necessary. No matter the size of the team and their record, the kids are still going out there and playing the game. Academics however, is a different story. Westfield does offer more to their students with more AP and dual credit classes. Although this does offer more options to their students, Sheridan still has the classes. The students are offered less, but still getting the same experiences. Sheridan schools' agenda for their students offers the students opportunities in extracurricular's, more challenging classes, and sports, without the competition to get in because of the size of the school. Because of its smaller

size, every student at Sheridan gets to do what only a select group of kids gets to do at Westfield.

Besides academics and athletics, the people and the culture are extremely different between Sheridan and Westfield. The benefits of Westfield include that everyone can find a group of friends to fit into to because of how big the school is. On the other hand, Sheridan is so small that everyone knew who I was when I moved here before I knew them. Sheridan is also so welcoming. From my personal experience, Sheridan people are quite nice. I found a bigger school to be less welcoming. I think there is more opportunity for bullying in a bigger school. The culture is completely different. Westfield is a big school, where you can get lost in a crowd and thrown to the curb if you aren't the best of the best. My brother had issues with his eyes, ears, and struggles with ADD. At Westfield, my mother had to work hard to be sure he got the help he needed. Sheridan offered summer school, and even gave my brother, Spencer, back to back math classes so he could have more time with his teacher. Sheridan may be known as a small town, but Sheridan Schools offers more to the kids who are left behind. Sheridan offers a warm home feeling that bigger schools could never offer.

Overall, Westfield and Sheridan are both great schools for a student to go to. You can be successful with a small school even if it offers the basics. What matters is the students are playing the game and taking the classes they need. Some may argue that a bigger school will better prepare you for college, but it all depends on if you want to take those same courses in high school or college. But is one school better than the other? In conclusion, I would like to believe both schools are fit to prepare their students for a successful and comfortable life.

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Dear Alecks...

By JANET HART LEONARD

On November 29, 1998 a tiny five pound premature baby girl entered my world. I found myself tucked into the corner of the delivery room and heard her very first cry. As I held her and looked into her eyes, I promised that I would always be there for her...and I

have been. Next week my granddaughter, Alecks, turns 16 years old. At 4 feet 10 inches and barely 100 pounds she still seems tiny.

On Sunday mornings we are usually found in the car, chatting, on the way to church. We discuss school, her friends and of course, clothes. I have always felt that a grandparent's ear should be a safe place for a child to share their thoughts and feelings. I try to let her do most of the talking while

I listen. I found that with my own kids, my mom and dad could tell them the same thing that I did BUT they would listen to them. And so I weigh my words as to how they will sound to Alecks before I speak.

I want her to know... First and foremost she is loved, no matter what. She will make mistakes. She will cause her parents grief. She is a teenager. Her parents will struggle to measure equal parts of punishment and mercy. But at the end of lectures and the groundings, they love her, unconditionally.

Mistakes will not define who she is but refine her into the kind and compassionate woman that she will grow up to be.

She will wrestle, in so many ways, to find her place amongst her friends. Peer pressure will often consume her thoughts.

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Newly renovated NHS



By RICHIE HALL

It's been a year-and-a-half in the making, and the Millers have been enjoying it since the school year started.

Now, the public got a chance to see the renovations and additions at Noblesville High School on Wednesday afternoon. Noblesville Schools conducted a new construction dedication at the brand new entrance to NHS. The event celebrated a \$36 million investment into the school, which was designed to address the continued growth of Noblesville Schools.

Approximately 10,000 students are in the Noblesville Schools system, with 2,700 of them attending NHS.

Many dignitaries were there, including Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear, who was the first of four people to make remarks at the event. Also speaking were Noblesville Schools superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer, NHS principal Jeff Bryant and Noblesville East Middle School principal Ryan Rich - NEMS received some renovations as well, not to be forgotten.

After that was a ceremonial ribbon cutting, then Bryant and Jeff Bragg, Noblesville Schools Operations Director, took the public on a tour of the new construction and renovations.

"We're glad that the project's complete," said Bragg. "It's always nice when you can come together and celebrate the success of a project. When you're in the middle of something, you're not always celebrating successes, you're just moving along and working really, really hard."

The renovations and additions include a new freshman center and main office complex, along with a secured main entrance. Visitors must first check in to the main office, and once they are approved to enter, they are led into the main office space.

Nine new classrooms are a part of the renovations, along with a bright, new multi-purpose athletic facility. A big highlight is the re-organized performing arts space, which includes a new band addition. Bryant said that's "probably one of the areas I'm most proud of," because he believes the performing arts program deserved to have a space that fit it.

"It was time," said Bryant. "Those kids put in a lot of hours and work hard. We're very proud of them as a school, and I think the community and the school showed that by giving them a better space."

Just to back up that point, Bryant mentioned the NHS Performing Arts Department's recent presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof" during his remarks, giving it a rave review.

"So of this whole project, as a principal, that's what I'm probably most proud of is we re-modeled almost the entire performing arts area, plus we added on three classrooms that we walked through, and then the band room," said Bryant. "That's probably, to me, maybe the biggest accomplishment of this project."

Noblesville East Middle School received 26 new classroom spaces that will accommodate sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes, and athletic renovations that will accommodate middle school programming.

Bryant said the project broke ground "about a year ago," and the planning stage lasted "for about six or eight months before that." Bryant said that the conversations "about what we wanted the high school to be like, and what we thought the learning experience needed to be like for kids" started about three years ago.

This project and the subsequent move out of the former NEMS led to Ivy Tech's new Noblesville campus, which opened this past summer.

And, the project was completed on time, on budget, by 180 people working through one of the worst winters in recent memory.

"It's nice to sit back and take a big, deep breath and go 'Wow, look what we were able to accomplish in such a short amount of time in some of the worst weather most of us have seen in our lifetime,'" said Bragg. "It was a pretty good accomplishment."

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville Schools conducted a ceremonial ribbon cutting for its new construction dedication Wednesday afternoon at Noblesville High School. The dedication celebrated a \$36 million investment into NHS, along with renovations at Noblesville East Middle School.

ALECKSA

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Her reputation will be under the influence of her friends. She will be both guilty and innocent by association.

She needs to listen to what her gut feelings are telling her. If she has to rationalize why it is ok to do something, if she has to make excuses for her friends, if she has any hesitation on doing something...Don't do it.

Walking away from something that "everyone" seems to be doing is not easy. I pray that she has both the wisdom and the strength to do so.

True friends will allow her to be herself. They will make her a priority. They are not offended when she says "no". True friends will never make her feel "less than".

Never allow someone to guilt her or pressure her into doing something. She does not have to have an explanation or an excuse to say "NO".

When she is driving, be smart, be aware and drive as if her Grandma Janet is in the car with her. That should take care of all the "driving don'ts".

She does not have to be drawn into the drama of others. She can simply say, "I have to go. I hear my Grandma saying...not my circus, not my monkeys".

The best way not to argue with someone is simple. Silence, a smile and walking away. No one can argue with your silence.

And the smile? Well, that says "no way am I going to allow you to get to me". Walking away tells the person, I'm done.

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Millers win big, once again

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

It's going to be a fun evening, for all involved, next Tuesday when Coach Donna Keck takes her undefeated, powerhouse Noblesville basketball team to the Eric Clark Activity Center in Carmel to face new coach Tod Windlan and his Lady Greyhounds.

The Lady Millers blew out still another opponent Saturday evening in The Mill with a 64-39 romp over visiting Warsaw. Noblesville now has defeated Tech, Hamilton Heights, Lebanon, Brownsburg and Warsaw. Carmel is 2-1 with wins over Cathedral and Hamilton Heights and a lost to Roncalli, which at the time of the game was ranked No. 7 in the state. In a comparison of scores, Carmel beat Heights 91-30 and Noblesville knocked off the Huskies 103-48.

"We both like to press and we both like to run," Keck said when asked about the upcoming contest.

Noblesville, with nearly the same players Keck will take to Carmel on Tuesday, got a monkey off its back when beating Carmel last year, 64-56. Carmel had defeated Noblesville 11 consecutive times.

Last evening, Noblesville allowed an average (1-4) Warsaw team to stay in the game for a half, only because the visiting Tigers got Noblesville into a half-court contest, and the Millers lost it.

Noblesville, after racing to a 16-6 first quarter lead, was outscored by Warsaw 20-11 in the second quarter. Warsaw in the period actually took the lead at 24-23 with 48.8 seconds left. Noblesville got back the lead on a bucket by Alexis Shannon, and the Millers went to halftime with a 27-26 advantage.

In that second quarter Noblesville lost its running game and settled for 3-pointers. After going 4-of-19 from long-range in

a Friday victory at Brownsburg, the Millers hit 3-of-18 3-pointers against Warsaw. From two-point territory, mainly from shots off the defense, Noblesville was 23-of-49 last evening.

Noblesville found its track shoes, and its defense, at halftime and came out in the second half and blew away Warsaw. Noblesville scored the first 14 points in the third quarter to again take charge of the game. Warsaw didn't score in the period until hitting at free throw at the 2:11 mark. The Tigers scored just four points in the quarter and just 13 points in the second half.

The "twin junior bombers, Katelyn O'Reilly and Shannon, again led the attack for Noblesville, each with 24 points.

Becca Bergman dished out 10 assists. Noblesville lost the boards, 42-36. O'Reilly had 11 rebounds and Erin Wood grabbed seven.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Erin Wood had seven rebounds for Noblesville in its Saturday win over Warsaw.

"It was a little ugly at times," thought we played a little tired Keck said. "After the game last night and the long bus ride, I Noblesville had just six turnovers and Warsaw had 26.

Huskies edge Millers, 36-35

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

It has taken Coach Tom Knotts and his Noblesville Millers just one meet into the 2014-15 wrestling season to understand that winning a sixth straight sectional crown later this season will be a challenge.

Participating at Hamilton Heights' Super 6 on Saturday, Noblesville lost to Pendleton Heights 44-26 and to Hamilton Heights 36-35.

Pendleton and Hamilton Heights will wrestle in the same sectional with Noblesville.

"This is the first time we've defeated Noblesville in 10 years,

maybe 15 years," said a happy Heights coach, Gary Myers.

"The results of this meet will mean a lot when seedings are made for the sectional. Also, the County Meet later this season will mean a lot, too."

"Lots can happen between now and the sectional," Knotts said. "Some kids will get better; some won't. Some may even change weight classes before then.

"We're in the ballpark," Knotts added.

Pendleton Heights, which defeated Hamilton Heights 42-33, won the six-team event, finishing 5-0. Noblesville and Hamilton Heights tied for second with 3-2

records. Heights won the tie-breaker and was awarded second place. North Central was 3-2, Lawrence Central 1-4 and Decatur Central 0-5.

Heights was its strongest at the lower and middle weights. Trezdon O'Neal finished a perfect 5-0 at 126 points. Finishing 4-1 for the Huskies were Tyler Kiggins at 106, David Bryant at 113, Hunter Haynes at 132, Bailey White at 138 and Isaac Ray at 170 pounds.

Noblesville won four different weight classes with undefeated records ... Jack Wishart at 120, Matt Smith at 138 Stephen Kitko at 145 and Derek Noon at 152. Josh Marlo was 4-1 at 160.

'Hawks to face former coach

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Not many coaches; not many teams have opened a basketball season facing a situation which Sheridan is facing next week.

On November 26, on the road, Sheridan will begin against Rossville. It's a Hoosier Heartland Conference game. It's a game against the Rossville team which won the conference last season.

And, sitting on Rossville's bench will be the man, Cory Dunn, who coached the last eight years at Sheridan. "It's an interesting way to begin," said new Sheridan coach Chris Schrank

"It will give us an opportunity to see where we are. I like that." Gone from the Sheridan attack is the Blackhawks' leading scorer from last season, Cort Christy and his 18.7 scoring average.

"We all, coaches and players, are looking forward going out and playing someone," Schrank said. "Rossville is a tough place to play, but we just want to play."

Sheridan is not playing a preseason scrimmage this season. "We couldn't find a team to play," Schrank explained. "So, we'll having an intra-squad night."

Tonight, Thursday, the session will begin at 6:30 p.m. Seventh graders will play first, followed by eighth graders, ninth graders, junior varsity and the varsity."

This appears to be an interesting Sheridan team, a team consisting of four seniors, four juniors and three sophomore. Schrank believes his first eight will be seniors and juniors, although he isn't ruling out playing time for the three sophomores.

Two Blackhawks return who averaged in double digits last season, junior Chris Roberts at 10.3 points a game and senior Brock Kitchel at 10.1. Jacob Chesney, a returning junior, scored at an 8.2 clip.

Kitchel is a 3-point shooter. He hit 37-of-93 from long range last season. Chesney is the point guard.

No one Blackhawk played in all 21 games last season. Kitchel and Roberts each played in 19.

Elliott Barker, another senior, got into 10 varsity games and Taylor Ly, a junior guard, played n 17 varsity tilts. A fourth senior, Garrett Chesney, is coming off a season quarterbacking the football team. A junior, Patrick Weitzel, is 6-2 and played in just four varsity games last season.

Roberts was the leading rebounder on the team, averaging 7.5 as a sophomore. Chesney was third, averaging 3.3 boards a contest.

Roberts and Robert Sizemore are the tallest Blackhawks in that top eight. Both stand 6-3. Sizemore, a football player, didn't play basketball last season.

"The kids have been working hard," said Schrank. "There has been only one day in practice that I had to get on them. They're hungry for some basketball success at Sheridan."

The Blackhawks will play three consecutive games on the road at Rossville, Anderson Prep and Faith Christian before finally playing in Hobbs Memorial Gym in a second conference game, this one on Dec. 12 against Clinton Central.

"We are all looking forward to our first game," said Schrank. "We can't wait to get started."

Sheridan will play 20 games this season. Faith Christian and Bethesda Christian are new opponents, replacing Manual and

Sheridan Roster

Player	Class	Height
Brock Kitchel	Senior	6-2
Elliott Barker	Senior	6-2
Robert Sizemore	Senior	6-3
Garrett Chesney	Senior	5-11
Taylor Ly	Junior	5-9
Jacob Chesney	Junior	5-11
Patrick Weitzel	Junior	6-2
Chris Roberts	Junior	6-3
Aidan Roaten	Sophomore	6-3
Tommy Glidden	Sophomore	6-1
Austin Sexson	Sophomore	6-0

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Miller boys, a work in progress

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

When Noblesville’s Millers trot onto the court in The Mill this Thanksgiving weekend, Miller Nation will immediately notice two things:

- *Lots of familiar names.
- *New coach.

It’s a combination which takes time to produce results. Players getting to know the new coach. A new coach getting to know the Millers. Fans adjusting to both the players and the new coach. It’s a work in progress.

It won’t take new mentor Brian McCauley long to see what he has. The first two opponents – Northwest on Wednesday and Howe on Saturday – are good IPS basketball teams.

“Our schedule is loaded,” said McCauley, who comes to Noblesville after a successful nine years coaching career at Kokomo.

“I got to work with the kids last summer, and the summer went well,” McCauley continued. “But summer ball is nothing like the regular season.”

While others were part time starters and or role players, the varsity experienced players McCauley has include good-shooting senior guards Jake Mills and Sean Wilson and 6-5 junior forward John Kiser.

Kiser is someone special. He averaged 9.3 points a game and pulled 4.8 rebounds a contest as a sophomore last season. He scored 16 points and yanked four rebounds in Noblesville’s scrimmage earlier this week at North Central.

“Kiser did a nice job on the boards tonight,” said McCauley.

Actually, Kiser was most of Noblesville’s show at North Central.

The Millers were beaten badly on the boards. Noblesville’s only scoring except what Kiser did was a 3-pointer by Mills and a bucket by Brandon Barthel. A 6-3 junior who played junior varsity last season, Barthel also had a couple of rebounds in the scrimmage.

On the North Central scoreboard, it wasn’t a pretty sight for the Millers. The Panthers won each of the first three quarters, 13-4, 6-3 and 17-2. With Kiser scoring 10 points, Noblesville won the fourth quarter 12-10.

“We have lots to work on,” said McCauley. “We had good shot selection, but didn’t hit our shots. Some of that was because the speed of the game.”

Mills and Wilson bring lots of experience. Mills was the only Miller to average in double figures last year (11.5). He hit 45-of-113 shots from 3-point range. Wilson finished with an 8.8 scoring mark. He was 43of-94 from long range.

Although the coach hasn’t announced a starting lineup for the opener, at the scrimmage he opened with Kiser, sophomore McGwire Plumer, 6-3 senior Joey Brewer, Mills and Wilson. Off the bench McCauley used senior guard Brady Resch, 6-1 senior forward Josh Gentry and Barthel



Kent Graham/File photo

John Kiser averaged 9.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per game for the Noblesville boys basketball team last season.

guards,” said McCauley. “Cory had a great football season and then he hurt his knee (in basketball practice) and now will be out for about three weeks.”

Also currently injured is 6-2 senior forward Joey Herron, who played some varsity basketball last season.

Rebounding is a concern. Kiser is the tallest Miller at 6-5.

Plumer is one of two sophomores on the roster. The other is 6-0 guard Max Flinchum.

McCauley said other sophomores might be in the varsity picture later in the season.

“It’s a long season,” the coach said. “We want to play smart basketball and we want to play together as a team. We want to be playing our best basketball going into the tourney.”

With the IHSAA allowing two extra games this season, the Millers will play 20 regular season games and host the Dec. 29-30 holiday tourney. Twelve of the 20 regular season games will be played in The Mill, including the first four against Northwest, Howe, Fishers and Peru.

Peru is one of five new foes for the Millers. Others are Bloomington South, Columbus North, Pike and Park Tudor. A late add to the schedule, the Park Tudor game will be on Jan. 8 at Bakers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Huskies have depth, talent

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Combine what is perhaps the most exciting schedule ever with a bundle of returning talent on the court, it appears that Hamilton Heights basketball fans are ready for a good ride to the 2014-15 net season.

The special events on the schedule will begin on Dec. 6 when Hamilton Heights will welcome back Doug Mitchell and his sectional winning teammates as Mitchell brings his North Central basketball team to the Hamilton Heights community. The game will be played in the old Jackson Central gym.

On Dec. 1-2-3, the Huskies will play at the 16-team Richmond Tourney, which will be played at Richmond High School and at Earlham College.

Heights will take part in the Hall of Fame Challenge at New Castle on Dec. 10, taking on a powerhouse team and basketball program out of Wayne County High School in Monticello, Kentucky.

“It’s going to be a fun season and a tough schedule,” said Husky coach Chad Ballenger.

Ballenger will return eight lettermen from last year team, led by Purdue recruit and Indiana All-Star candidate Grant Weatherford. He averaged 11.2 points, 5.0 assists and 45 rebounds a game last season.

It’s a talented, experience group of Huskies returning.

Junior Hunter Crist led the team in scoring while a sophomore with 14.2 points a game. Crist is being recruited by a number of D-1 schools.

Versatile 6-6 senior Garrett Paull returns after

averaging 12 points and eight rebounds a game. Paull is being recruited by a number of D-3 and NAIA programs.

“We’ve got a deep roster,” Ballenger said.

Other lettermen returning are 6-3 senior Jadon White, also a NAIA recruited player; 6-6 senior Kurry Miller, 6-1 senior Ian Nicholson and 5-11 senior Noah Whyde.

White averaged 8.3 points a game and Miller scored at a 6.9 clip and pulled down 4.7 boards a contest.

Newcomers capable of helping are 6-2 junior Alex Trachtman, 5-11 Dustin Williams, 6-4 junior TJ Freeland and 6-5 sophomore Sterling Weatherford.

“We’re not a big team,” said Ballenger, “but we are athletic. We’ve got kids who can shoot the basketball.

“We want to play an up-tempo game, and I think we can with the depth we have. We want to be able to score points off our defense,” said Ballenger.

The concerns are rebounding and defense.

Miller and Paull are the tallest Huskies and strongest rebounders.

“We can shoot it, and we’ll have to rebound.

“The kids are working hard and are getting better each week,” the coach said.

Heights had an 18-4 record last year but after winning the sectional the previous year the Huskies lost to Muncie Central, 53-47.

Heights will begin Wednesday at Lebanon and will play Saturday at Mt. Vernon. The first home game is Dec. 5 with Guerin Catholic, the night before Mitchell and North Central come calling.

Noblesville Roster			
Varsity Roster			
Player	Class	Height	Weight
Sean Wilson	Senior	5-10	180
David Cory	Senior	5-10	185
Jake Mills	Senior	5-10	195
Brady Resch	Senior	5-10	150
Josh Gentry	Senior	6-1	165
Joey Brewer	Senior	6-3	235
Joey Herron	Senior	6-2	170
Christian Johnson	Junior	6-1	150
John Kiser	Junior	6-5	200
Brandon Barthel	Junior	6-3	165
Ryan Ogden	Junior	6-2	165
Max Flinchum	Sophomore	6-0	160
McGwire Plumer	Sophomore	6-0	160

Chemistry is key for ‘Rocks

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

The numbers aren’t awesome. There aren’t any super stars who’ll jump out at you. Still, Coach Eric Rauch likes what he sees from his young Westfield basketball team this season. For a lot of reasons, the biggest of which Rauch sums up in one word: chemistry.

“I like the chemistry of this team,” said the coach, who will be entering his sixth season as head bossman of the Shamrocks. “Every good team I’ve coached had good chemistry. This team has good chemistry.”

It also is a team with good talent.

It also is a team with only three seniors.

Two of the three seniors, Spencer Tebbe and Connor Osswald, return with solid varsity experience. Westfield went just 2-19 last season, and gone from that team are leading scorer Ty Osswald (12.8) and team leader Nick Ferrer.

“Those were two big losses,” said Rauch.

The leading scorer returning from last season, Charlie Warner, is a 6-5 junior who as a sophomore averaged 6.5 points a game.

Warner represents most of the size returning. Newman Ward, a 6-7 move-in from Tennessee, makes Westfield bigger. Ward moved to Westfield just three weeks ago.

“Ward is new to us. We didn’t have him in summer ball,” said Rauch. “We’re asking him to play the post, a position at which he never has played.”

Rauch said his biggest concern going into the season is a lack of rebounding size.

“We don’t have a guy who will get us a lot of rebounds,” said the coach. “Our rebounding will be by committee. Everyone will need to go to the boards. Everyone will need to get 5-6 rebounds a game.”

Others, along with Tebbe, Osswald and Warner, who saw varsity action last year are Kyle Nicole and Ian Kristensen.

Nicole, Kristensen and Sawyer Olsen are all from a very talented sophomore class. Another sophomore, Aaron Bennett, is sitting out with an injury.

Rauch, at this point, said he is no where close to naming a starting lineup

“We’ll go eight deep,” he said. “We want to put the best eight people on the court.

“What we’ll be trying to do is win every possession. We need to win possessions and string them together,” Rauch added.

“We are much better than last season. This is a team which shoots well and this is a smart team. The kids are close to each other.”

Westfield will start the season against three tough teams, at Plainfield, at home against Kokomo and then at Pendleton Heights. Then will come the Shamrocks’ first Hoosier Crossroads Conference tilt of the year, at Zionsville.

The opener will be Nov. 25 at Plainfield, a new opponent for the Shamrocks. With the IHSAA allowing teams two extra games this season, Westfield has picked up Plainfield and Frankton. Westfield will play 20 games, plus play at the Shelbyville Tourney in December.

Heights Roster			
Varsity Roster			
Player	Class	Height	Weight
Garrett Paull	Senior	6-6	200
Noah Whyde	Senior	6-0	145
Jadon White	Senior	6-3	185
Kurry Miller	Senior	6-6	250
Grant Weatherford	Senior	6-2	195
Ian Nicholson	Senior	6-1	170
Hunter Crist	Junior	6-2	180
Dustin Williams	Junior	5-11	145
Alex Trachtman	Junior	6-2	185
TJ Freeland	Junior	6-4	175
Sterling Weatherford	Sophomore	6-5	185
Caymn Lutz	Sophomore	6-1	170

Westfield Roster		
Varsity Roster		
Player	Class	Height
Donovan Watson	Senior	5-10
Spencer Tebbe	Senior	6-0
Connor Osswald	Senior	5-11
Robbie Lynch	Junior	6-2
Andres Hargrove	Junior	6-0
Charlie Warner	Junior	6-5
Newman Ward	Junior	6-7
Jordan Grimes	Junior	5-11
John Mendoza	Junior	6-1
Aaron Bennett	Sophomore	5-9
Kyle Nicole	Sophomore	5-10
Ian Kristensen	Sophomore	6-3
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Arcadia's Girl Scout Daisy Troop 1013 donated a special thanksgiving basket to WWII veteran Bud Moore last tuesday evening. Moore is the 94 year old Arcadia resident that suffered a devastating beating during a home invasion over the summer. At their meeting Moore stressed to the kindergarten aged scouts the importance of staying in school and making good choices in life. Pictured with Mr. Moore is Ashley Adams, Hayden Doss, Ellie Engle, Hattison Graham, Jolene Grubaugh, Lillie Hooper, Johanna Lecher, Lana Marcial Ottinger, Nora Privett, Kali Richards, Kamryn Rhoton, Laila Sanders, Samantha Powers, Olivia Cosand, Hazel Lynch.

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After the parade, boys and girls are invited to visit Santa Claus from 3pm-5:30pm at his house on the Noblesville courthouse square and tell him what they'd like for Christmas! Families are welcome to bring their camera and take photos at no charge.

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Free parking in Noblesville

Mayor John Ditslear announced today that the December free parking initiative for the City Hall metered parking lot (Lot 2) will return again this year. Offered each holiday season since 2007, this initiative's goal has been to encourage downtown holiday shopping since the parking lot is located just one block away from the courthouse square. The City Hall public parking lot/Lot 2 is located immediately east of City Hall and is situated between Conner and Maple Streets. On Wednesday, November 26, the Noblesville Street Department will be placing covers over all of the meters in this lot (weather permitting) which will then remain until the end of December.

"Each holiday season, we've offered this program as a way to inspire people to explore the many shops, restaurants, and arts venues that downtown Noblesville has to offer. I hope many people will take advantage of free parking in the City Hall lot and help support the local downtown businesses," said Mayor Ditslear.

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