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Indiana legislators learn day in the life of a firefighter

The Professional Firefighters Union of Indiana (PFFUI) put eight Indiana legislators from around the state through a rigorous day in the life of a firefighter.

Held at the Hamilton County Training center in Noblesville, the group came face to face with the hands on, often hazardous and difficult work that firefighters encounter as they serve and protect their communities. The day started at 9 a.m. with a breakfast, gear sizing, medical checks, mask fit and group assignments. Opening remarks from PFFUI President Tom Hanify were followed by a flashover classroom session and an initial briefing of the day’s activities. Hanify stated that his objective in making this opportunity available was to “Give the decision makers in Indiana a better understanding of the challenges that firefighters face every day. To stress the importance of up to date and advanced training opportunities for all firefighters ...so they can keep their communities safe and themselves safe. It is imperative that at the end of every shift...every firefighter goes home safely to their family.”



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Left to right: Senator Brandt Hershman, Representative Peggy Mayfield, Representative Chuck Moseley, Representative Cindy Kirchhofer, Representative Donna Schaibley, Representative Sue Errington, Senator Jeff Raatz.

Noblesville has a parking problem?

Think about it; that’s good

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Noblesville has a downtown parking problem.

That’s good.

I’m not trying to be a wise guy and I do understand the need for more and better parking in the downtown area.

But, think about this.

How about driving with me to Marion, a city located approximately 40 miles north of Noblesville. Come take a look with me at the courthouse square in Marion. Folks with businesses or folks renting apartments in the Marion would love to have a parking problem. It’s a ghost area.

We should stop by Elwood and Tipton on our way to Marion.

Same situation to the east of us. You think Anderson wouldn’t love to have a downtown parking problem? How about New Castle? There are more parking spaces in downtown New Castle than businesses.

Noblesville has a downtown parking problem because people love coming to Noblesville. Coming to Noblesville to shop in the downtown. Coming to Noblesville to eat at restaurants in the downtown.

Even so, Noblesville does have a downtown parking problem.

I believe the parking task force put together by Mayor John Ditslear is a good



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear’s special committee on parking in downtown Noblesville held its first meeting Wednesday afternoon at City Hall. Pictured above, left to right, are Christi Crosser, Nova 29; Chris Owens, Main Street Director; Alaina Shonkwiler, Downtown Specialist; Kelli Yates, Noble Coffee; Jeff Zeckel, Common Council member; Bob DuBois, Chamber of Commerce; and Mayor Ditslear.

one. Lots of smart folks sitting around that table. Lots of folks dedicated to Noblesville. Lots of folks with great interest in the downtown area.

I think the committee got off to a great start. It’s going to be a slow process, but their agenda runs from now until the end of the year.

No quick fix to this problem.

Hamilton County Reporter columnist Fred Swift a couple of weeks ago wrote about “another parking study.” He’s right.

There have been many with very little results throughout the years.

Noblesville always has fought downtown parking issues. Forever.

No, I wasn’t around when years ago farmers from all over the county would drive their horse and buggies to shop in Noblesville. I’ve read about it.

They would tie their horses to hitching posts all the way around the courthouse square. That area hasn’t changed.

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Heights drama department to perform “The Magnificent Plan”

The Hamilton Heights drama department will be performing “The Magnificent Plan” by Hoosier Playwright Nancy Kierspe Carlson at 7:30 p.m. March 13 and at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 14 at the Hamilton Heights High School auditorium.

This is a musical comedy based on "The Three Pigs" and is a family friendly show. It is funny to adults, and fantastical for children (like a good Pixar)! A "Wolf Zone" will be an area of seats that guarantee contact with the wolf during the play.

Students 10 and under can visit an arts area to make an animal muzzle mask before the show. There will also be "selfies" with a cast member for 1\$ to benefit Riley. The cost for the show is \$3 for students 12 and under and \$5 for 13 to adult. The proceeds will go to Riley Children's Foundation. The cast will also perform again at Riley on the new Child Life Stage later in March.

There are over 30 Hamilton Heights students in this production. A historical barn in the Hamilton Heights District is featured in the painted backdrop and there will be a \$10 prize to the individual who guesses the barn. The drawing for the winner will be pulled at the Saturday night show.



Stacy London, Recreation Program Coordinator for Washington Township Parks and Recreation and Dale McCullough, Sheridan Rotary Programs chair.

Sheridan Rotarians hear about McGregor Park

Stacy London, Recreation Program Coordinator for Washington Township Parks and Recreation, recently visited with Sheridan Rotarians. The focus of her presentation was the new McGregor Park, a township park located at the northeast corner of the US 31 and State Road 38 intersection, just north of Westfield.

London has been with the Parks and Recreation organization for several years and was deeply involved with the development of the park which comprises over 100 acres of mostly wooded terrain. McGregor Park does not have ball diamonds, swing sets and extensive picnic facilities; it does have shelter facilities and

restrooms onsite for groups as well as extensive footpaths wandering through the woods and grasslands.

It is more of a nature preserve than a recreational park. The park has been the location for several nature programs since its opening a couple of years ago. London noted that she and the others on the Parks and Recreation staff work and cooperate extensively with multiple outside agencies to present informative nature programs.

On the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month the Sheridan Rotary Club presents interesting programs like this. These programs are not just for club members but are open for public attendance also. If you are interested in attending a meeting or coming to one of the programs, please contact any Sheridan Rotary member or talk with club secretary Steve Martin 317-758-5201.



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Obituaries

Betty Ruth Bloom

September 12, 1925 - March 2, 2015



Betty Ruth Bloom, 89, Lapel, passed away Monday, March 2, 2015, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville following a brief illness surrounded by her six children, her sister, and other family members.

She was born on September 12, 1925, in Kendallville, Indiana to Harry and Rachel (Coats) Savoie.

Betty was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church; the Ford Street Nomads; and the Lapel American War Mothers.

She is survived by six children, Kay (husband, Roy) Collins of Wawaka, Cheryl (husband, Jim) Cross of Fortville, Gale (fiance, Sandy) Bloom of Lapel, Tim Bloom of Lapel, Penny McDole of Lapel, and Melanie (husband, Jon) Gunn of Anderson; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Dorothy Kay of Bessemer, AL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Melvin Bloom; one grandson; two brothers, Kenneth and Max Savoie; and three sons-in-law, Bob Shannon, Jimmy McDole, and Gene Weber.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 6, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Pastor Jim Gilbert officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation was Friday, March 6, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Baptist Church or Riley Children's Hospital.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

Richard (Dick) T. Davis Sr.

March 2, 2015

Richard (Dick) T. Davis Sr., 95 died at home on March 2, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife and son Christopher.

Dick and Mary were married 69 years with 68 of them as longtime residents of Carmel. Dick is survived by his sons Arthur "Thom", James (Jan), John (Dee), Robert (Leslie), and Richard Jr (Terri).

Grandchildren include Geoff (Heather), Mindy (Todd), Jimmy, Jessica, Samantha, Josh, Bessie (Dustin), John Paul (Dana), Tiffany (Andy), Matthew (Jerica), Christopher, Kristen (John) and Amy.

Great Grandchildren include: Madison, Taylor, Logan, Bailey, Bentley, Britney, Savannah, Lillian, Landin, Leah, Kennason, Locklyn.

In 1941, he gave up farming and entered the Army Air Corp and was stationed in Greenville, SC where he met his future wife Mary Lowe at a USO dance.

Richard and Mary were founding members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (OLMC) in 1955.

He worked for Eli Lilly for 36 years as a materials supervisor, and was a 15 year volunteer fireman who helped build the first dedicated fire station. He was also the first department Chaplin.

His volunteer spirit was not only with the Carmel Clay Historical Society, or the Home Place Area Lions Club, but helping his wife at her many philanthropic endeavors. He also was very active behind the scenes at OLMC such as building the first Christmas Nativity scene to be installed on the lawn of the church.

Visitation was Friday, March 6, 2015, in Leppert Mortuary – Smith Carmel Chapel, with a Rosary Service preceding the visitation.

The Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, March 7, in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

Burial with Military Honors followed in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Carmel Clay Historical Society.

Thoughts may be shared with the Davis family by visiting: www.leppertmortuary.com

Republican party Lincoln Day Dinner

Hamilton County Republicans will rally for their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, April 23. The gala event will be held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel and feature Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann as the speaker.

Sponsored by the county Republican Party Central Committee, the program will begin with a reception for the guest of honor at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7.

Lincoln Day is the place where candidates in this year's municipal elections will mingle with party leaders and hardcore party members in hopes of garnering support.

Ticket information available from GOP headquarters, 849-9600.

Sherry (Johnson) Overdorf

May 6, 1934 - March 2, 2015

Sherry (Johnson) Overdorf age 80, of Sheridan; passed away on March 2, 2015. Sherry was born on May 6, 1934 to the late Harry and Freedia (Edwards) Johnson in Logansport, Indiana. Sherry graduated from Westfield High School, Class of 1954. She enjoyed gardening; traveling but she especially loved her family. Her husband Jon of 46 years, they were married on July 20, 1969 in Sheridan. Her three devoted children Terry (Glenda) Hutchens, Larry (Anna) Hutchens and Alisa (Joe) Bagby. Sherry was a proud grandmother to six loving grandchildren Shannon Gilbert, William (Dana) Hutchens, Crystal Hutchens, Laty Holler, Dan (Julie) Hutchens and Bailey Bagby. She was a great-grandmother to ten.

Funeral services were held on Saturday March 7, 2015 at Fisher Family Funeral Services; where friends and family gathered prior to the time of services. Burial followed at Eagle Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hamilton County Humane Society 1721 Pleasant St. Noblesville, IN 46060. Online condolences may be made to fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services have been entrusted with Sherry's arrangements.

Huberta Auger

November 23, 1922 - February 27, 2015

Huberta Auger, 92, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2015 surrounded by her family. She was born on November 23, 1922 to George and Clara (Pawlowski) Squires in Detroit, Michigan.

Huberta was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, and was formerly a purchaser for Bundy Tubing in Detroit. She loved to travel the world, making many trips abroad. Huberta also enjoyed bowling & golf, was an avid reader, and loved watching old movies. She was a very fashionable and well-dressed lady.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Adrienne (John) Rogers; two grandsons, Ian Gross and Justin Gross; six great-grandsons, Travis, Jonathan & Paul Rogers, and Trevor, Kevin & Ryan Gross; one great-great-grandson, Silas Rogers; sister, Norida Pierce; niece, Amy Bradley; and nephew Brian Bradley.

In addition to her parents, Huberta was preceded in death by her daughter, Marcia Gross.

A private family service will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 East 191st Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Loral H. Mahan

September 18, 1917 - March 3, 2015

Loral H. Mahan, 97, of Indianapolis, passed away on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Rittenhouse Senior Living of Indianapolis. He was born on September 18, 1917 to Loral and Flossie (Ruffner) Mahan in Anderson, Indiana.

Loral was a World War II veteran in the European Theater, where he was a Motor Pool Staff Sergeant in the Combat Engineers; he was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, two Bronze Stars and the World War II Victory Medal. He retired from Railway Express Agency (REA) after 35 years, where he had been a Delivery Services Supervisor; was a lifetime member of Bellaire United Methodist Church in Indianapolis; and was a 25-year member of Central Indiana Bicycling Association (CIBA), where he completed 22 Hilly Hundred bicycle events.

He is survived by daughter, Dorothy (Edgar) Pierce; son, Dennis (Tanya) Mahan; and granddaughter, Britt Mahan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Glendon Mahan, who passed away in December 2013.

The family would like to thank Rittenhouse Senior Living for their care and kindness over the past many years.

Services were private. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Indiana Bicycling Association Foundation, at www.cibafoundation.org.

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Lara Lee Pickett

December 9, 1976 - February 27, 2015

Lara Lee Pickett, age 38, of Albany, Ohio, formerly of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Friday afternoon, February 27, 2015, surrounded by her loving family, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, after a courageous and hard fought battle with breast cancer. Born December 9, 1976 at Irwin Army Hospital in Ft. Riley, Kansas, Lara was the daughter of Gordon Lee and Jacqueline "Jackie" M. (Whiteman) Pickett. Lara grew up in Sheridan, Indiana, and was a 1995 graduate of Sheridan H.S. After graduation, Lara set her sights on Ball State University, attending for 2 years. She left Ball State to pursue Chemical Engineering at Purdue University, earning her B.S. in 2000.

After graduation from Purdue, Lara went to work for various companies throughout the United States, including Kimberly-Clark in Little Rock, AR and Neenah, WI for 6 years, and AET Films in Terre Haute, IN. Since 2009, Lara has been employed with General Mills in Wellston, Ohio.

Lara's church family was very important to her. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Athens, Ohio, where she served as a board member. She was very active within her church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the chancel choir and performing with the handbell choir. She also was a member of the Hocking Valley Chorus. An avid crafter, Lara loved woodworking and sewing. She was well known for her teddy bears and baby blankets.

Lara belonged to the Young Survivors Coalition. She was a passionate activist for Breast Cancer Awareness, speaking at numerous events throughout the years to promote awareness, early detection and to let others know that they aren't alone in this fight.

Lara is survived by her parents, Gordon and Jackie Pickett of Sheridan, Indiana; her two sisters, Kristin Pickett-McMullan of Sheridan and Erica G. (Daniel) Knuckles of DuBois, PA; 3 nieces and 2 nephews, Raegan, Rylan and Abigail McMullan and Lillian and Remington Knuckles; paternal step grandmother, Mary Grace Pickett of Sheridan; maternal aunts, Michelle Spahr and Virginia Fennig; paternal uncles, Richard (Connie) Pickett and Brad Pickett; paternal aunts, Cheryl (Ron) Dennison, Paula Jo Pickett-Arbuckle and Jeannine (Charlie) Pickett-Sample and many, many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Bryce and Betty Jo Pickett; maternal grandparents, John R Hodgson and Paulette Whiteman; and her maternal step grandfather, Burl V. Whiteman.

Services were held on Friday, March 6, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church of Sheridan, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Carol Fritz officiated. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church Choir, 207 E. 2nd Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069, or to the Athens First United Methodist Church Choir, 2 South College Street, Athens, Ohio 45701. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Gloria Gorski

August 18, 1934 - March 4, 2015

Gloria Gorski, 80, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. She was born on August 18, 1934 to Charles and Velma (Narcy) Swanson in Hinsdale, Illinois.

She is survived by her daughter, Gail (William) Dean; son, Gary Gorski; and six grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Gorski; son, Glenn Gorski; and brother, Robert Swanson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Gloria's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Westfield schools to install seat belts on buses

Westfield has announced plans to become the first school district in Hamilton County to have students wear seat belts on school buses.

Mayor Andy Cook, along with Westfield-Washington school officials and city leaders announced the program at 10 a.m. Friday. The goal is to provide better safety for students traveling out of town on their school buses.

"The most valuable asset in the Westfield community is our children," Mayor Cook said. "We are proud to partner with IMMI to help keep our kids safe."

"Today we use our school buses for more than traveling short distances to and from school. We use them to take our athletic teams, performing arts groups, and students on field trips where we are traveling on interstates for long amount periods of time. "We hope this pilot program will allow us to better evaluate seatbelts on buses," said Nick Verhoff, Westfield-Washington schools.

"School buses are the only vehicles traveling down our highways at 65 miles per hour that don't offer the protection of seat

belts for our kids. We can do better, and in Westfield, we will," said Tom Anthony, president and owner of Westfield-based IMMI, which is the leading provider of seat belts for school buses. "We're thrilled to partner with the city and the school district. Their commitment to take the next step to better protect kids on school buses is just one more reason why Westfield is one of the best cities to live for families."

Friday's announcement was held at the Center for Advanced Product Evaluation (CAPE), on IMMI's campus at 18881 IMMI Way in Westfield. CAPE has safety tested more school buses and school bus seats every test facility in the world combined. Just last month, ABC News featured IMMI and CAPE on Good Morning America, World News Tonight, and Nightline for their work on seat belts on school buses. As a result of those stories, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is re-evaluating whether seat belts on school buses should be mandated.

Indiana legislators are currently considering a bill that would mandate seat belts on all new school buses.

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League of Women Voters to sponsor candidate forums

By FRED SWIFT
Candidates in this spring's primary election will soon be facing voters in a series of candidate forums sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Participation by the public in the past has not been great at these forums. Many folks feel they can't be bothered, but have to admit later they don't know anything about the candidates. Many of the folks who do attend these events are already aligned with one candidate or another and simply attend the lend moral support.
Everyone is usually very polite, and questions are generally "soft". But, this year there is a chance for the public to find something of where the candidates stand on the



important question of where their city is headed.
In Noblesville there are definitely differences between candidates for mayor and city council. There is, of course, incumbent Mayor John Ditslear and council candidates who support his policies. If successful they will continue on the current track for the city, and will point to a number of accomplishments and plans for the next four years.
Challenging Ditslear is Mike Corbett and some council candidates who seek a change. As challenger, Corbett must offer his specific plans. This is where the candidate forums come into play. It is up to the voter to ask the candidates for mayor and council where they stand on specific issues facing the city.
The public should not be timid about asking questions

on April 22 when the League of Women Voters hold their candidates night at the City Hall, 7 p.m.
A similar situation exists in Carmel where Mayor Jim Brainard faces a challenge from Rick Sharp, currently a city councilman. He and some fellow council members oppose Brainard on a number of issues. Brainard and candidates he favors feel the city should continue on its current path.
The public deserves to learn where the candidates stand on guiding the city's future, and it's up to the voters to ask hard questions in order to learn where their public officials want to take them. The League's forum is March 25 at 7 p.m. in the city hall.
Carmel voters will have a second chance on April 29-30 when the Carmel Clay Republican Club holds a forum

at the American Legion. There is also competition in the Westfield city primary. A League forum is scheduled there on March 26 at city hall.
County citizens are going to be exposed to a lot of paid advertising by all candidates between now and May 5. But, these political ads, yard signs, etc., should not be what determines the outcome. An informed electorate should make the decision on where their community leaders are taking their city.
And, as always in Hamilton County, the differences in candidates' positions in the Republican primary will give voters their chance to express their choice because there won't be many, if any, choices in the November general election.

A traveling story...

By JANET HART LEONARD
It was 2:30 a.m.. At that time of night my body says that it is way too late to be going to bed and WAY too early to be getting up.
Chuck had set the alarm to give us plenty of time to make our 6:50 flight to Tampa. We knew that an icy rain was headed our way about the time we needed to head to the airport.
He can get ready in a few minutes. He said we would leave the house at 3:15. I knew we would leave the house at 3:30 as my few minutes takes longer than his. I tell him that he is just naturally handsome and I am just naturally "challenged" when it comes to getting ready.
When Chuck packs, he walks to the closet and chooses random pieces. He then places them in his carry on and grabs his shaving bag and he is ready. Thankfully, he always leaves room for my makeup because if it would be lost with my luggage that I check in, there would be a major meltdown at the baggage claim. No one would recognize me as the woman on my driver's license without my seven make up products, 3 brushes and my eyelash curler.
About three days before we were to leave I put a few chosen items in my suitcase. Then, I changed my mind and put a few back in the closet and drawers. This process goes on for several days. Inevitably, I will need something that I do not pack.
Chuck packs two pair of shoes. I pack...well several.
I decide what to wear to travel the night before and then I change my mind. And then I change my mind again. When undecided I go to my traveling version of the little black dress...a long sleeve white shirt and jeans.
When I leave in weather that is below freezing and I am headed to where it is 80 degrees, I am going to look ridiculous at one of the two places. Chuck always tells me that I am going to be cold. I tell him that fashion outweighs comfort. Even if I am cold I will never complain and prove him right.
Apparently wearing an underwire bra sets off the sensors at the security check so here comes the lady wearing latex gloves to "check me out".
When we arrive in Tampa we see wheelchairs lined up three across and several rows back at each gate headed north. It looks like the snowbird 500. They apparently had not seen the weather report for any state north of Florida.
Chuck informed me as I am writing this, that he always tells me that we are leaving fifteen minutes before he actually intends to leave. Hmmm. I think the man has figured me out...well, somewhat. Maybe I'll get ready earlier and have to wait on him sometime...and then maybe not.
I will have a few stories to tell next week as Emily, Drew, Aiden and Leah have arrived to share our vacation. Let the chaos begin!



Outlook for today's investors: less certainty - but potential opportunities

By COREY SYLVESTER
The world of today is vastly different from the one that existed in, say, 1974. Innovations such as the Internet, smartphones, tablets, Facebook, Twitter and so on have made our lives more enjoyable, efficient and productive in many ways, and have vastly improved our access to the world's knowledge. Yet when it comes to one important area of our lives — investing for the future — many of us may actually face more challenges today than we might have in the past.
At least two main factors are responsible for this apparent regression. First, following a quarter century during which U.S. workers' income rose fairly steadily, "real" wages — that is, wages after inflation is considered — have been flat or declining since about 1974, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Secondly, during this same time period, we've seen a large drop in the percentage of private-sector workers covered under a "defined benefit" plan — the traditional pension plan in which retired



employees receive a specified monthly benefit, with the amount determined by years of service, earnings history and age.
So unlike your counterparts in the 1950s and 1960s, you may not be able to count on a rise in real wages, and you may not have the promise of a regular pension. What, then, can you do to improve your prospects for eventually achieving a comfortable retirement?
First of all, in the absence of a formal pension, you will need to create your own retirement plan. That means you will need to consider all the opportunities available to you. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar account, such as a 403(b), contribute as much as you can afford — at the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. And even if you participate in your employer's plan, you may also be eligible to open an IRA. If you're self-employed, you still have options such as a SEP IRA or a "solo 401(k)." While these accounts may differ from each other in terms of eligibility, income restrictions and contribution limits, they both offer the same key benefit: the ability to defer taxes on your earnings for many years, typically until retirement.

As for your next main challenge — the need to compensate for stagnant real wages and the subsequent difficulty of boosting your savings — what can you do? For one thing, you will need a reasonable percentage of your portfolio — both inside and outside your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans — devoted to growth-oriented investments. It's true that the value of growth vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based instruments, will always fluctuate. But you can help control this risk by owning a mix of investments, including stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other securities. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings, it can't guarantee profit or always protect against loss.
As far as attaining rising wages and enjoying guaranteed retirement payments, we don't have the "certainties" that many people had in the 1950s and 1960s. But you can still help brighten your future — through diligence, discipline and the determination to explore the opportunities available to you.

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NHS student selected for All-State High School Band Festival

Noblesville High School band member Wyatt Searcy has been selected to participate in the 55th annual Indiana All-State High School Band Festival, sponsored by the Indiana Bandmasters Association.
Searcy earned this honor by participating in a highly competitive audition held early in January at nine centers across Indiana. Over 600 talented young musicians applied to audition. A selection committee then reviewed recordings from each center.
In all, 167 students from 56 high schools were selected to participate in the 2015 Festival. Dr. Andrew Mast from Lawrence University will direct the 84-piece Indiana All-State Band. In addition to the regular All-State Band, there is a select

Honor Band. Dr. Kristin Tjornehoj of the University of Wisconsin - River Falls will direct the 83-member All-State Honor Band.
All members will participate in a series of activities, including seating auditions, sectionals and full rehearsals from Friday, March 13 through Sunday, March 15. A free grand finale concert will be presented to the

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Not the perfect mom...

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By TAMAR KNOCHEL
One morning God gave me the following vision of a jewelry store. As I walked into the store the first thing I saw out on display was some costume jewelry. Out. Where anyone could look at it, touch it, or take it if, and whenever they wanted. This jewelry was not special, it was not expensive and it was definitely not something you would hand down to your children. This jewelry was not valuable. It would be pretty at first, nice to look at, but it would tarnish quickly, and could easily be replaced or thrown away.

As I continued into the store I came to some nicer jewelry. This kind of jewelry took up the majority of the store. It was still on display where anyone could see it, however, it was locked in a glass case where you had to ask permission from the jeweler to open the case and take the jewelry out before you could touch it. This jewelry was nicer and more expensive than the costume jewelry, however, pretty much anyone



who walked into the store could ask to touch it and be granted permission. ANYONE could come and look. And stealing it would take a minimal amount of effort.

Finally I came to the priceless jewels; 4+ carat diamonds, huge and rare rubies and sapphires, and heirloom collector's items. THESE were NOT on display. These priceless jewels were hidden, locked up in a safe with a combination that only the "high up" jewelers knew and only the special customers, that had enough money and intent, could see them let alone touch or buy them. These items were SO special that they were NEVER advertised, they were never on display, they were a secret, because they were so precious.

Ladies, WE are that jewelry; our bodies. The way that we see ourselves, and treat ourselves, are the different levels of jewelry and display. How do you view yourself?

That day God told me, "I see them as the priceless jewelry, even if that's not how they see themselves." My friend, You. Are. SO. Beautiful to Him! You are priceless, covered in priceless jewels

set with gold! YOU! He is talking to YOU! YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL! Start believing it for goodness sake!

OK, I have a challenge for you today. It is something that you will probably read this and say "No way am I doing that!" But, that's why I'm double dog daring you to do this! Look up and then write Psalm 139:14 down on a note card. Take it into your bathroom and stand in front of your mirror, full length if you've got one. Then start at the top of your head with your hair, and work your way down to your toes.

Study your body and as you study it say to God "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful and I know that full well." Then, I triple dog dare you to do the exact same thing naked! The effect is amazing, believe me! Our bodies are amazing and full of "proofs" of a life filled with happiness, hard times and mistakes that we've survived and God has turned into "glittering rainbows".

This has been an excerpt from Tamar & S. Christian Knochel's book True Intimacy which can be found on their website: TamarKnochel.com, Amazon or Living Truth in Noblesville.

Enforcing dress code

By ROBERT BURNELL
Would you go to a job interview with holey jeans and a cut off t-shirt? Would you meet your girlfriend's or boyfriend's parents with yoga pants or sweat pants on? Of course not! Heart-warming people will tell you that it's the inside that counts. Although that may be true, that interviewer or your girlfriend's parents can't see your insides. The first thing they see is your clothing attire. And you want your attire to show your personality, that you are able to work that job or be a gentleman to your girlfriend. Dressing like you just woke up from a nap won't show that you are ready to prove yourself. School should be under the category of "a place to dress for success," and I feel as though some students do not follow the dress code.

I walk around school and everywhere I look I see girls and boys in either inappropriate clothing or clothing that is displeasing to the public eye. These people, at first glance, are people I wouldn't take seriously or want to converse with as they do not seem like the type of people who would even care about what we were talking about. I am not pointing fingers at anyone or even saying that these people are terrible, inconsiderate humans, but I am saying that something must be done to encourage them to dress more appropriately. People don't see or hear what others think of them, and although some might say that they don't care what others think...they really do.

If I saw my girlfriend wear something that was against school dress code I would think that she didn't care or even respect herself. Some girl fashion is revealing, showing too much of a girl. I would not respect the decision of her wearing such clothing. Not only because other people would see, but it would give off the sense that she would want others to see. When other people dress this way that's what I think. I see people trying to grab attention by showing their body. This is not a respectable way of grabbing attention.

I'm not saying that everyone must reform themselves due to the way others see them, but I do believe that something must be done to keep these dress code violations under control. Why else would they be in the school handbook? The rule is not there just to be laughed at. It's there to keep the common good at peace. Many others and I believe the school should enforce this rule with more diligence.

With a professional attire on, your potential boss or in-laws would have a positive outlook on you even without knowing your personality. Going to school with a more appropriate look would give your teachers and peers the sense that you know what you're doing! So go out there and wear a fancy suit! Show your girlfriend's parents that you're not some bum who slept until 2 p.m.! Show your interviewer that you're ready to take on the responsibilities of a real worker with a good pair of khakis!

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Huskies are champs after double OT

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor
The Sectional 24 championship game at Muncie Central was short on style points, and long on melodrama.

And no one that was there will ever forget it. Especially if they were Hamilton Heights fans.

The Huskies held off Yorktown 55-52 in double overtime to win Class 3A Sectional 24, reclaiming the trophy they won in 2013 but lost to the Bearcats last season. Heights advances to the Blackford regional, where it will take on Bishop Dwenger in the 10 a.m. semi-final.

The Huskies actually never trailed in the second half and both extra periods. But the Tigers kept making huge baskets to tie the game, including a 3-pointer at the end of the first OT to tie the game at 42-42.

"They hit big shots and they're a good basketball team," said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. "They won 17 games for a reason. They were able to make some big shots."

The Huskies finally took control in the second overtime, scoring the first six points. That run ate up three minutes of clock time. Hunter Crist scored first, then Grant Weatherford made probably the most patient driving layin in the history of Hamilton Heights basketball, waiting for the right time before taking the ball in to score.

"Once we got a lead, we controlled it," said Ballenger. "That's what we were trying to do, we were just trying to play control basketball. For the most part we did, and we hit free throws. We made a few mistakes on it. We got stops when we needed it. We made free throws when we needed to."

Indeed, Crist made a couple free throws to make the score 48-42 with 58.8 seconds left. Yorktown used those big baskets to get back to 52-51 with 5.6 seconds to go, but that's when Weatherford hit a pair of foul shots. The score was now 54-51.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

After battling a tough Yorktown team through two overtimes Hamilton Heights was Sectional Champions Saturday night at the Muncie Fieldhouse.

Heights fouled to stop any chance of Yorktown making another game-tying 3, and the Tigers made one free throw. Crist answered that with a foul shot, and Yorktown's last attempt didn't go.

"We made some mistakes defensively, but our guys persevered, man," said Ballenger. "I mean, we left it out there and we made some bonehead plays. But the bottom line is, the will to win and our kids competed and got us there."

The first half of the game was a relatively defensive affair, with the score tied at 7-all after the first quarter. Yorktown led 15-13 late in the second quarter, but Heights made three 3-pointers in a row - two by Crist, one by Garrett Paull - to take a 22-15 lead into halftime.

The Huskies led by nine points twice early in the third quarter, but the Tigers

whittled the lead down to two points a couple times, including 29-27 late in the period. Paull's free throw and a layin by Weatherford moved Heights ahead 32-27, which was the third quarter score.

Another Weatherford layin got the Huskies' advantage to 36-29, but Yorktown scored seven unanswered points after that. The last two were on free throws with 4:01 left, and neither team would score again in regulation, setting up the first overtime. Heights led by as much as 40-36 in the first extra period before Yorktown made yet more big baskets.

Weatherford wound up with 22 points, while Paull reached double-double territory with 14 rebounds and 13 points. Crist scored 14 points.

Heights gets revenge on Bearcats

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor
Even though the Hamilton Heights boys basketball team led by double digits for the majority of the Friday Sectional 24 semi-final game, that advantage never felt safe.

That's because the Huskies were playing Muncie Central, in the historic Muncie Fieldhouse. The intensity level was high for the entire game, which eventually ended in Heights' favor by the score of 75-58.

"With the team that they have, and the speed and the quickness and they way that they trap, no lead was safe with them," said Huskies coach Chad Ballenger.

Central actually scored the first five points of the game before Grant Weatherford got Heights on the board with a basket. That started a 9-1 run, with Weatherford scoring seven of those points. Kurry Miller had the other two, a pair of free throws which tied the game at 6-6.

Grant then hit a 3-pointer to get the Huskies ahead 9-6, and Heights never trailed again.

Weatherford's putback basket with under six minutes left gave Heights its first 10-point lead, at 27-17, then Miller's jumper got the Huskies up 12. Weatherford later hit a free throw to give HH a 31-21 lead, and the Huskies would remain ahead by double digits for the remainder of the game. Sterling Weatherford made a 3-point play to push Heights ahead 36-23 at halftime.

"It was a fight," said Ballenger. "We played extremely well and I couldn't be more proud of our guys."

The Huskies' lead stayed around 12 to 16 points for most of the second half, until Heights pulled away in the final three minutes. Most of that was attributed to the Huskies' free throw shooting: Grant Weatherford was 6-of-8 in the final 3:17, with Hunter Crist making a couple of foul shots as well. Crist scored all of his 13 points in the latter three quarters, including a big 3-pointer early in the second period.

Everybody had some good minutes. Sterling Weatherford reached double-double territory with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Caymn Lutz came off the bench to score eight points in the second half, including a couple layins that halted any momentum that the Bearcats may have been getting.

No. 10 Tipton rolls over Sheridan

After defeating Elwood in the first round, the odds didn't exactly favor Sheridan going into the semi-final round of the Tipton Sectional last evening.

The Blackhawks played Tipton, the host school. Tipton came into the sectional as the

heavy favorite with a 16-4 record. Tipton ended the regular season ranked No. 10 in Class 2A. And, Tipton had defeated Sheridan by 44 points in a regular season game.

Get the picture?

The Blue Devils advanced to the championship game by handling the Blackhawks again, this time by a 62-17 count.

Tipton took care of business early, leaping to a 19-8 first quarter advantage. The Blue Devils led 34-12 at halftime

Jake Chesney led Sheridan in scoring with six points. Chris Roberts led in rebounds with five.

Sheridan ended its season with a 7-17 record.



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Hamilton County Reporter All-County Girls Basketball Team

Player	School
Katelyn O'Reilly	Noblesville
Brittany Welch	Sheridan
Kara Gerka	Fishers
Alexis Shannon	Noblesville
Bre Lloyd	Southeastern
Allison VanDyke	Westfield
Becca Bergman	Noblesville
Sarah Yount	Guerin Catholic
Erin Wood	Noblesville
Adrianna Murphy	Fishers
Emily Kmec	Carmel
Amanda Shaw	Carmel
Kayla Kirtley	Heights
Audrey Reed	Sheridan
Brooke Sugg	Fishers

Honorable Mention: Megan Walton, Southeastern; Haliegh Reinoehl, Westfield; Caitlyn Hays, Heights; Cyan Cosby, University; Amy Dilk, Carmel; Taylor Graham, Southeastern.

Millers fall to Eagles

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

The Noblesville boys basketball team fell in the first round of the Carmel sectional on Wednesday, by the score of 47-41.

Noblesville lost to Zionsville 55-41 during the regular season. Noblesville's sectional game was a mirror of the regular season contest, played in The Mill. Noblesville got behind early; battled back and then had to send Zionsville to the charity line for the Eagles to defend their lead.

At the Eric Clark Activity Center Zionsville outscored Noblesville from the line, 20-3.

"We trailed by 12 at the half and then cut their lead to four points late in the game," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley.

"I'm proud of this team and I'm proud of the seniors. They are a group of battlers. We have kids who never quit."

Noblesville started the night down 10-4 at the end of the first period, and the Millers trailed 24-12 at halftime. Zionsville still had a comfortable 31-21 lead entering the fourth frame, and near the end of the third period the Eagles held the game's biggest lead at 31-28.

Noblesville made its run with a 20-point (one point fewer than the Millers scored in the first three periods) fourth quarter. John Kiser netted 10 points in the quarter; Jake Mills hit a couple of 3-pointers, and Sean Wilson added another 3-pointer. Mills' second shot beat the game's final horn.

Kiser finished with a team-high 16 points and Mills also was in double figures with 11. Wilson added nine points. The trio of Kiser, Mills and Wilson notched 36 of Noblesville's 41 points.

"Our shots weren't falling in the first half," said McCauley. "We did a better job in the second half. We did a good job on the boards. In the earlier game they beat us 17-6 on the boards and we outrebounded them tonight 26-20," the coach said.

Kiser led Noblesville with seven rebounds.

Zionsville socked away the victory at the free throw line in the final 2:42. Leading 38-30 at the time, the Eagles went to the line 14 times in that final 2:42 and hit eight of those charity shots.

The closest the Millers got was 42-38, coming off a 3-pointer by Wilson.

"Zionsville is a good team with a frontline of 7-0, 6-9 and 6-6," McCauley said.

Hamilton County Reporter Girls Basketball Player of the Year

Katelyn O'Reilly,
Noblesville

Katelyn O'Reilly did it all for the Lady Millers this season, and was an integral part of Noblesville's run to the regional final. She is this year's choice for the Hamilton County Reporter's Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

O'Reilly scored 15.1 points per game, leading the county in field goal shooting (164-of-285, 58 percent) and free throw shooting (75-of-89, 84 percent). O'Reilly's other numbers are just as strong: She averaged 5.0 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.9 steals and 1.2 blocks per game.



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PARKING

From Page 1

No less, no more parking spaces today than in those days.

The time period I know best was back in the 50's, 60's and 70's. I worked in the downtown, at The Ledger on Logan Street. You talk about downtown parking spaces in Noblesville. Drivers would kill for a spot.

There were four major super markets in the downtown area.. The A&P, Standard, Kroger and IGA.

Noblesville had three drug stores. That's what they were called in those days. They were the only drug stores in town.

Several doctors had their offices in the downtown.

In fact, early in that period the local hospital was located downtown

I remember two furniture stores. They were the only furniture stores in town.

Clothing stores and shoe stores. Must have been four or five. Also, two 5&10 stores.

There were four restaurants in the downtown.. They were the only restaurants in town. At one point, my Dad and I purchased one of those restaurants. Can you picture me as a waiter? It was great fun, especially on Saturday evenings after Syd's closed and everyone came to our restaurants to eat, and to sober up.

A couple of banks.

A feed and grain store.

Two cleaners.

Three barber shops. The only ones in town.

All of the auto dealers were located in the downtown. I remember four.

There was a paint store.

There was a dairy and a fleet of two horses which was used for home delivery.

The ice house and Red Cross office were in the area today we call the downtown.

The local newspaper was located on Logan Street.

We had three hardware stores

A hotel was located on the corner of Maple and 8th.

Three bars.

A library.

I almost forgot. Folks also came to downtown Noblesville for business at the courthouse and the jail. The police station, fire station and post office were in the downtown.

At least four churches, I can recall.

At night, people attending two movie houses looked for parking spaces in the downtown.

I don't remember how many, but there were lawyers in the downtown. Had to be lawyers near the courthouse and the jail.

The National Guard Armory was located on 9th Street. Sometimes there were four of five high school basketball games played in the Armory.

You think the Noblesville downtown has problems today? Back then, as I recall, Noblesville had one public parking lot.

Whenever I write about parking problems 50 some years ago, the young people of today talk about how Noblesville's population is so much larger today. True, but in those days people from all over Hamilton County came to Noblesville to shop. When all those folks came to Noblesville to shop, they shopped in the downtown. No shopping centers back then.

Back in those days people actually did erase the chalk marks put on their tires by the local police department people, drivers who parked too long in spaces in the downtown. I'm not sure how the police kept track during the horse and buggy days. I would think the city's street cleaning people would have been more important than the police marking tires.

If you've had enough of winter - and a lot of people have - maybe it's time to start thinking about a vacation.

The Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville is offering a chance to take a grand getaway, with its "Trip of a Lifetime Raffle." This is the second year for the raffle; the first year sold just over 1,000 tickets and sent its winner to a fabulous time at St. Thomas.

"We're looking to sell more than that this year," said Becky Terry, the executive director of the Club. "Our goal's 1500, but we will max out at 2,000. So really good odds.

Terry said the purpose of the raffle "is to raise funds to help us support the programs

here at the Boys and Girls Club for the youth that we serve." Tickets cost \$20 each, so selling that many tickets meant \$20,000 in funds for the Club.

"It's really cool, a lot of options, and just for \$20, you can win an amazing trip and support the Boys and Girls Club and the youth of our community," said Terry.

The "options" part refers to the winner's ability to choose his or her destination. There are 20 different options, the majority of which are sports-related. The raffle winter has the chance to attend the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, The Masters golf tournament, the Kentucky Derby or the Daytona 500 - there's something for everyone.

There are some non-sports options as well, such as a vacation to Hawaii, Walt Disney World, Disneyland, St. Thomas and cruises to the Caribbean or Alaska. Terry said the trip is for two people, and includes air fare and car rental, plus either tickets to the sporting event, or a four to seven night stay at a hotel, depending on the trip.

The tickets went on sale around Christmas time, and are available at the Club's main building (1448 Conner St.), the Community Center (150 N. 17th St.) and Ginger's Cafe.

The drawing will take place at 12:30 p.m. March 21, during the Boys and Girls Club's Basketball Spectacular at NHS.



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