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# Hamilton County Reporter

Hamilton County plans for...

# Severe Weather Preparedness Week

March 15-21 has been declared as Severe Weather Preparedness Week for Indiana by Governor Pence. Severe weather can take many forms including hail, lightning, thunderstorms, tornadoes, flooding, and strong winds. Hamilton County Emergency Management encourages area residents to stay educated about severe weather as knowing what to do in the event of a severe weather incident may be a lifesaver.

As part of Severe Weather Preparedness Week, two (2) statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, March 20. The first drill will be around 10:15am and an evening drill will occur around 7:35pm. During both tornado drills, outdoor warning sirens will activate around Hamilton County. Area residents are encouraged to practice severe weather safety drills at work and at home. This is a perfect time to discuss safety with co-workers and family members. The tests will be postponed to Friday, March 20 if weather conditions warrant.

Severe weather can happen at any time as Hamilton County residents have found out over the past few years with record cold, heavy snow, high winds, drought, flooding, and other weather extremes. Hamilton County EMA and the Sheriff's Office utilize Nixle ([www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)), Facebook, and Twitter to help keep area residents informed of severe weather events. Be alert by listening to weather forecasts and signing up for cell phone weather warnings. Take steps ahead of time by developing a family communication plan and putting together emergency kits for the home and each vehicle. More ideas on creating emergency kits and supplies can be found at <http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>. Educate yourself and your community by researching what to do before, during, and after severe weather events that can occur in Indiana.

Daily educational information will be available during Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Topics include:

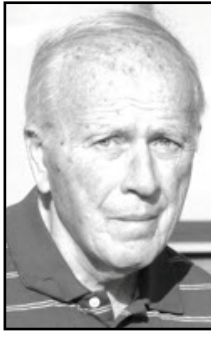
Monday: "Severe Weather Outlook" – how forecasts are made

Tuesday: "Watch" – what is a Watch and what should you do during a Watch

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## Palm Sunday tornado will never be forgotten

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor



Reading the Severe Weather Preparedness material from the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency (elsewhere on page 1) shook my memory a little. Maybe, you too.

April 11 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worst disaster ever to hit Hamilton County. The Palm Sunday tornado of 1965.

It shook northern Hamilton County like, well, like a tornado.

Sheridan was hardest hit. The tornado then moved west to the Arcadia area and then a little north of Walnut Grove.

When it was over, the Red Cross said damages reached nearly \$900,000. West Adams lost 30 homes and seven barns. In East Adams three homes, four

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## Westfield's WeConnect helping with potholes

The Westfield customer service tool, WeConnect, is successfully helping the city focus their efforts on what matters most to citizens, and currently that is filling potholes.

"Now that the winter season is coming to an end, the Public Works Department has shifted its focus from plowing snow to filling potholes," says Mayor Andy Cook. "The new customer service tool is user friendly and notifies crews immediately when a request is made.

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Photo courtesy Sheridan Public Library

The Lettermen show off their Winner buttons from the March Madness Spelling Bee at the Sheridan Public Library. Pictured are: Mathew Hewitt, team captain Abby Linville and Lisa Sarjeant. Master of Ceremony Parvin Gillim is on the far right.

# March Madness in Sheridan

It is March and that means a little March madness has happened at the Sheridan Public Library. More accurately, it means the annual March Madness Spelling Bee took place on Saturday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the public library in uptown Sheridan. The library was a hive of activity as the teams voiced their homemade cheers and, yes, there was even a stare-down.

As in past, there were no true losers. Just by showing up with their team, all the participants showed the world they were winners. But, alas, only one team went home with the knowledge that on this particular evening they were the best of the best.

This year saw participation from 3 teams from Sheridan High School: The Lettermen (Abby Linville, Mathew Hewitt and Lisa Sarjeant), Spellabrate (Victoria Zetterberg, Heather Battnich and Rachel Kubina) and Spectacular Soccer Spellers (Emily Roberts, Alexis Smith and Mattie Woodworth). The Sheridan Historical Society once again fielded their regular team, aptly named Sheridan Society

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## Noblesville Main Street, Apprentice University announce partnership

Noblesville Main Street has entered into partnership with Apprentice University, a competency-based, apprenticeship program, headquartered in Hamilton County. Through Apprentice University, students benefit from on-the-job training, as well as online courses from some of the world's leading higher-education institutions. This provides a student with a unique alternative to a traditional university learning experience for careers in business, technology and entrepreneurship. The partnership has provided Noblesville Main Street with an Apprentice University student who has tremendous enthusiasm for this community.

"My goal is to create greater awareness in Noblesville of the opportunities at Apprentice University and, as such, create a draw for prospective students and companies to our university. We offer a true difference-making option for launching the careers of future leaders," said Ron Brumbarger, founder and president of Apprentice University. "Partnering with Noblesville Main Street is a unique way for us to enhance brand awareness of our program. The unique blend of community-minded programming and events of Main Street exposes our work to families and students for whom our hands-on, apprentice-based learning experiences are a better fit than the traditional college route."

"Noblesville Main Street has seen tremendous development over the last few months and this partnership is another example of following our mission through non-traditional avenues," said Chris Owens, executive director of Noblesville Main Street. "I'm looking forward to being directly involved in workforce development with Apprentice University. More important, we are pursuing additional ways to create opportunities for non-traditional college students to impact Noblesville."



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Obituaries

George E. Wilczek

November 8, 1937 - March 15, 2015

George E. Wilczek, 77, of Indianapolis, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2015, surrounded by family and friends, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born November 8, 1937 to Mike and Mary (Samchuck) Wilczek in Freedom, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Monaca High School and attended Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA.

George was the owner and operator of GMR Associates, a manufacturing rep company. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish at Geist Catholic Church and the Noblesville Elks. He honorably served with the U.S. Army Chemical Corps and Military Advisory Commands in Vietnam and also during the Berlin Crisis (1958-1962).

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Sue Wilczek; daughter, Paula (Mike) Klipsch; sons, Mark Wilczek and Rich (Angelita) Wilczek; grandchildren, Ryan, Matthew and Erin Klipsch; sisters, Delores (Tom) Columbus and Carol (Frank) Otto; and many nieces & nephews.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Mike Wilczek.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the funeral service will be at 11:00 am on Friday, March 20, 2015, both being held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church at Geist, 10350 Glaser Way, in Fishers, IN 46037.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674; American Cancer Society, 5635 W 96th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278; The Endometriosis Foundation of America at <http://www.endofound.org/donation>; or, The Noblesville Elks, Lodge 576.

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James M. ‘Jim’ Vernon

September 8, 1926 - March 15, 2015

James M. ‘Jim’ Vernon, 88, of Noblesville, Indiana, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2015 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. He was born September 8, 1926 to William ‘Bill’ and Edith (Lehr) Vernon in Clarksville, Indiana.

Jim was a 1944 graduate of Noblesville High School and served in the US Army post WWII. Before retirement, Jim was owner and operator of Vernon Oil Company, Inc. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, as well as a 50 year member of Noblesville Masonic Lodge # 57.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret A. (Maggie) Vernon of Noblesville, IN; son and daughter-in-law, Butch and Nancy Vernon of Bradenton, FL; daughter, Candy Williams of Noblesville, IN; daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Dan Chase of Dallas, TX; son, Tom Vernon of Huntingburg, IN; daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Lee Barnes of Overland Park, KS; son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Mandy Vernon of Noblesville, IN; grandchildren, Carrie Tipton, Celli Williams Spencer, Sarah Fannin, Chandler and Ryan Barnes, Mila and Maddie Vernon, Ivy and Zoe Vernon and Chalynne Johnson; and great grandchildren, Brady and Briana Spencer and Isla Fannin.

In addition to his parents, Jim is preceded in death by his sister, June Shirley.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, March 23, 2015 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with Pastor Steve Fair officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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DAILY BIBLE VERSE

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- Isaiah 41:10

50 Years Ago

March 14, 1965

News: Julie Stevens won the spelling bee at Fall Creek School.

Sports: Eddie Grissom named as one of the state's Top 100 basketball players.

Deal of the Day: Falveys was holding a sale for boys Easter outfits.

Maria A. Collins

July 19, 1949 - March 10, 2015

Maria A. Collins, 65, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at her home. She was born on July 19, 1949 to Wilbur and Clara (Minet) Morris in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Maria proudly served her country in the United States Army, and for over 20 years worked as a military nurse. She was a very loving, caring, and selfless person, taking care of everyone else. Maria had a deep love for roses and cats.

She is survived by her sister, Cara Morris; brothers, Martin Victor Morris, and Melvin Stanley Morris; nieces & nephews, Derrick Lee Rist, Kelly Marie Rist, Tiffanie Lorraine Morris, Robert Paul Conrad Jr, Barbara Ann Conrad, Michael Charles Conrad, Russell Steele, Eric Steele, Matthew Steele, Curtis Steele, Joel Steele, Clint Morris, Maria Morris, Katrina Morris, Chad Morris, Taran Morris, Noah Morris, and Nicholas Morris.

In addition to her parents, Maria was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Collins, in 1999; siblings, Edward Steele Jr, Bruce Morris, & Sandra Morris; niece, Shanell Rist; and nephew, Clayton Morris.

Services will be held at 4:00 pm on Friday, March 20, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with visitation from 2:00 pm to the time of service. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made, in memory of Maria, to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Tom Phillips

September 26, 1933 - March 14, 2015

Tom Phillips, 81, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at his home. He was born on September 26, 1933 to Lawrence and Sally (Johns) Phillips in Iron City, Tennessee.

For 42 years, Tom worked at Firestone Industrial Products. He loved fishing with "the boys", and working around the house.

Tom is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rose Phillips; daughter, Deborah (Thomas) Coate; grandson, Isaac Coate; and sisters, Kaye Cochran and Faye Young.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Rubye Jean Tucker.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 20, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation from 11:00 am to the time of service. Pastor Jim Dillinger will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

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# Martha A. Godby

November 21, 1934 - March 15, 2015

Martha A. Godby, 80, of Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on November 21, 1934 to Walter Sr. and Alice (Castator) Hoover in Laketon, Indiana.



Martha attended Marion College, and was a member of Lakeview Wesleyan Church of Noblesville. She enjoyed sewing and was an exceptional seamstress, doing alterations as a side business. Martha was a passionate gardener and especially loved her roses. She was a devoted grandma to her grandkids and active in their activities. Most of all, Martha loved family time.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Dale Godby; daughter, Jorretta Abraham; daughter, Lucinda (Dean) Scherer; son, Steven (Marcie) Abraham; daughter, Brenda (Shane) Garringer; son, Bryan (Glenna) Godby; daughter, Janell (Robert) Mountcastle; brother, Walter (Linda) Hoover, Jr.; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Martha was preceded in death by her son, Larry Godby; and brother, Donald Hoover.

Services will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with Chaplain Derek Hansen officiating. Visitation will be Friday, March 20, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to China Little Flower, PO Box 1235, Kearney, NE 68848; or at <http://chunmiaolittleflower.org/donate>

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# JELLISON

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barns and a mobile home were destroyed. The tornado then destroyed 12 homes, a mobile home and 15 barns while crossing Highway 31 onto Highway 19.

That \$900,000 figure was for real estate only. Also destroyed was farm equipment, livestock, cars and tractors.

The day of the tornado, 11 were reported dead and 30 were taken to Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

Nothing was left in the little village of Curryville, located on the outskirts of Sheridan. Fourteen homes were wiped out.

Living in Noblesville I was not in the tornado's path. But, working at The Daily Ledger, I quickly became connected with the story. Everyone on our small staff was expected to go out and report on what had happened.. Even the sports editor.

I was assigned to covering Riverview Hospital. Even as a 28-year-old and in the newspaper business for almost 10 years, I've got to tell you that when I reached the hospital I was scared to death.

The waiting room was, shall I say, crowded. It was that way when I arrived and still that way when I left Riverview at 1 a.m.

My story came from an interview with a Sheridan farmer. His wife and one of his young sons were killed in the tornado.

"It happened so quickly," the man told me. "My wife had just commented how

strongly the wind was blowing. Next thing I knew I was on the floor with my son and my wife was dead."

Another son later died at an Indianapolis hospital.

There were many stories.

A poultry farmer lost 200 chicken, his home two barns, vehicles, farm machinery and a new \$17,000 automatic chicken brooder barn.

One report described an area in Sheridan as looking like Hiroshima during World War II.

A cemetery, Crown View, north of Sheridan suffered heavy damage.

There even was a case of looting of a Jackson Township farm house.

Cleanup was massive. Volunteers gathered at the Sheridan farm owned by the man I had interviewed at Riverview. Another large group met at the Cicero Legion.

I know that many of you readers were around, likely as teenagers, during that Palm Sunday assault by Mother Nature. I would like to hear your stories and see the photos you may have saved. Drop me an email at [hoosiermaba@aol.com](mailto:hoosiermaba@aol.com) and include your name, telephone and address. There are lots of stories to be told, not just mine.

# SEVERE

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Wednesday: "Warning" – actions to take when a Warning is issued

Thursday: "Response" – how public safety and the community respond to a disaster

Friday: "Wrap-Up" – the importance of preparedness and action during threatening hazards

The Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency is available to assist area residents in planning for and responding to severe weather events. More information can be obtained by contacting Emergency Management at (317)770-3381 or on the web at <http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/departments/index.php?structureid=16>.

Hamilton County outdoor warning sirens will resume testing each Friday at 11:00am when temperatures remain above freezing.

# POTHOLE

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This instant notification means citizen requests, such as filling potholes, will be completed more efficiently."

The Public Works Department has divided Westfield into four quadrants. Three crews will be filling potholes in those quadrants.

WeConnect was launched in February as a new tool, allowing residents to report potholes, fill out permits, pay bills and much more.

To visit WeConnect, simply go to [weconnect.westfield.in.gov](http://weconnect.westfield.in.gov)

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MADNESS

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Spellers (Marty Hudson, Vicki Remsen and Ginny Tackitt). For the third year in a row, the show was MC'ed by Sheridan's very own Parvin Gillim.

When it was all over, The Lettermen prevailed and took home their first place buttons by defeating Spectacular Soccer Spellers. But more than that, everyone in attendance had a great time spelling some rather difficult words and enjoying a little spirited fellowship.

According to library director Steve Martin, the next year's 4<sup>th</sup> annual March Madness Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday evening, March 12, 2016 at the library. As he says, it is not too early to begin picking your 3-person team and practicing your words. Further information about next year's bee, including rules and entry forms, will become available by mid-February of next year at the library.

**Photo courtesy Sheridan Library**

The Spectacular Soccer Spellers show off their Runners-Up buttons: team captain Emily Roberts, Alexis Smith and Mattie Woodworth. Master of Ceremony Parvin Gillim is on the far right.



Prairie Lakes Health Campus hosts *Make the Pieces Fit* event

Navigating the financial world can be puzzling for those of any age, but it is seniors whose financial puzzles are the most complex. Finding where the pieces fit, and how they affect the larger picture, are important in ensuring that your golden years are spent happily, and with the peace of mind that things will be taken care of after you are gone.

Not everyone has an attorney on hand to help them fit the pieces of their financial puzzle together. Thankfully, Prairie Lakes Health Campus is hosting an event titled *Make the Pieces Fit*. Attorney Susan Hunter will be on hand to answer questions on a range of topics, from estate planning, to protecting your assets and affording long-term care.

This free event is open to the community, and will take place from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Prairie Lakes Health Campus on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Come with questions, and leave with answers.

For more information call (317) 770-3644.

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Letters to the Editor

Westfield Chamber of Commerce affirms strategies

With the upcoming primary election on May 5, it is important to note this is the determining election as the candidate pool is dominated by one party. Many of the candidates run unopposed in the November election. So it is imperative that Westfield residents get out and vote in the primary to have your voice heard. Note the deadline for voter registration is April 6, 2015. Please visit [www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov](http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov) for current election information.

The mission of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce is to promote a positive business environment in the Westfield community. While it is policy of the Chamber not to endorse specific political candidates, the Chamber does affirm the following strategies and encourages residents to support candidates who advocate for the following:

- A business-friendly growth policy coupled with a “Quality-of-Life” strategy for residents.
- Public/private partnerships in community development when deemed advantageous to positive economic growth.
- Continued economic development in and around the Grand Park Complex.
- Managed residential growth with necessary infrastructure needs, both for single-family development and multiple dwelling units.
- Extended workforce development of the necessary skills needed for tomorrow’s Westfield, including programs in local schools with private sector collaborations.
- Redevelopment of Downtown Westfield, known as the Grand Junction Initiative, enhancing the quality of life and providing community space for Westfield residents to enjoy.
- A sensible transit policy that provides services for Westfield while aligning with a broader Regional Transit Strategy.

*Westfield Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors*

Dissolving Jackson Fire Territory not in best interests of community

My name is Audra Shock, and I write this letter as a concerned citizen, not as an employee, on a matter of extreme public importance – public safety. With parents and a child in this community, I feel a civic duty to speak out against the potential of Jackson Township leaving the Jackson Fire Territory, which consists of the Town of Atlanta, the Town of Arcadia, and the unincorporated area of Jackson Township. I believe dissolving the Territory would not be in the best interests for the safety of our schools, students, and entire community.

I question where Christina Miller, the Jackson Township Trustee, stands on this issue. At recent Board meetings, Trustee Miller claimed that the potential need for cuts and/or dissolution was due to the Towns of Arcadia and Atlanta not providing their COIT money to the Territory. On its face, this may seem like a valid reason, but when digging deeper, I, along with other citizens and Board members, question whether this is the true motivation of Trustee Miller.

For example, it is not clear whether the original 5 year budget even included the COIT money. Further, the COIT money that Trustee Miller allegedly needs to continue the Territory is “not” just due to Arcadia and Atlanta being members of the Territory. It is due to the increase in property taxes. Trustee Miller may have personal issues with certain individuals and/or leaders of Atlanta and Arcadia, but as an elected official, she is required to put aside her personal feelings and act in the best interests of the citizens and members of the Territory.

I urge Trustee Miller, and the Jackson Township Board, to put aside any personal conflicts and make all efforts to keep the Territory alive so that our schools and citizens can continue to receive the high level of public safety currently being provided.

*Sincerely,  
Audra Shock*



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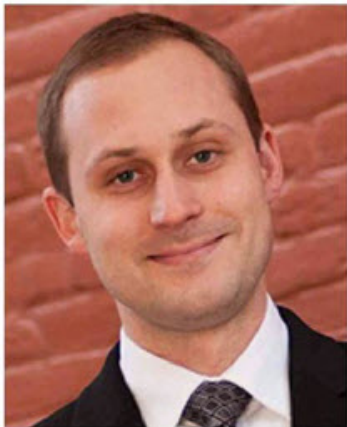
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According to new report...

# Indiana’s ag industries account for \$31 billion, 190,000 jobs

**Press Release**  
Agricultural industries in Indiana account for more than \$31 billion in direct sales and nearly \$13 billion more in ripple effects such as related supply-chain purchases and spending by workers, according to a new report from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

The new report, "Beyond the Farm: A State and Regional Report on the Economic Contribution of Farms, Forests and Related Industries," also said that the state's agricultural output supports nearly 190,000 Hoosier jobs. Of those jobs, 107,500 are directly involved in agricultural production and processing.

Using the most recent census data available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, researchers at the Indiana Business Research Center found that agriculture creates \$14.9 billion in value added -- an amount equal to nearly 5 percent of Indiana's gross domestic product.

"Keep in mind that Indiana's farmers and agriculture-related manufacturers generated these impressive numbers during a tough year plagued by severe drought. These impacts would likely be higher in a more typical year," said Matthew Kinghorn, economic analyst at the IBRC.

"The findings in this report demonstrate that efforts to support, or even expand, Indiana's agricultural production and processing can have positive ripple effects throughout the state's economy," Kinghorn added. "This is especially true in regions of the state that are facing declines in other key industries. Therefore, the degree to which agriculture is able to contribute to Indiana's economic growth going forward will be an important economic indicator for the state."

"Agriculture is a major driver of economic development in our state, and this study helps tell that story," said Jane Ade Stevens, CEO of the Indiana Soybean Alliance, which provided funding for the study. "In addition, this study highlights the stability of agriculture as it was able to contribute \$44.1 billion to Indiana's economy even in the devastating drought of 2012."

In addition to providing an overview of agricultural activity for Indiana, the report also highlights its impact in different regions of the state and by congressional district.

Central, north central and northeast regions of Indiana generate the greatest contributions to the Indiana economy. Southwest Indiana also is a strong contributor, particularly in agricultural processing and manufacturing industries. South central and southeast areas of the state are the least agriculturally productive, due to a lack of high-quality farmland.

In the 4th District (represented by Todd Rokita), the combined effects of agriculture produce nearly \$2.7 billion in value added and support about 33,600 jobs. By comparison, the 1st and 7th districts (represented by Pete Visclosky and Andre Carson, respectively) rank near the bottom in both categories because they largely are urban districts. However, the manufacturing-heavy nature of agricultural activities in the 7th District produces a large employment multiplier, the report said.

Indiana's agricultural output is heavily concentrated in corn and soybean crops, which together account for 63 percent of the state's total agricultural production. The Hoosier state also was a national leader in hog and pig production, generating nearly \$1.3 billion in sales -- the fifth-highest total in the United States.

Poultry and egg production was the only other agricultural industry in Indiana to exceed \$1 billion in sales in 2012 -- totaling

## Ellspermann announces new dairy strategy

**Press Release**  
Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann today announced a new dairy strategy for Indiana agriculture in remarks to the Indiana Livestock, Forage and Grain Forum hosted by the Indiana Soybean Alliance. The strategy was commissioned by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture with the assistance of a national agriculture consultant who conducted research and market analysis working with the Indiana dairy industry.

Key elements of the strategy focus on expanding Indiana's current dairy processors, attracting new dairy processing facilities to Indiana and adopting policies that support and improve dairy farming operations.

Lt. Governor Ellspermann noted, "Each day four million pounds of milk produced in Indiana are shipped to processing facilities outside of Indiana. Our goal is to add value to that product before it leaves our borders by increasing our dairy processing capacity in our existing 23 plants as well as by attracting new facilities. As the strategy notes, Indiana's geographic location and transportation infrastructure provide a competitive advantage for Indiana-based plants shipping dairy products to East Coast markets."

"With a renewed and united focus, we can make Indiana an even more productive dairy state," said ISDA Director Ted McKinney. "ISDA staff, along with our key partners from around Indiana, will help inform the public and dairy industry on the long term benefits of investing in milk production and dairy processing in the state of Indiana."

The report also suggests that Indiana continue to protect and support the ability of dairy farms to operate productively with reasonable environmental guidelines that protect Indiana's land and water. Furthermore, it identifies the need for Indiana to maintain both the transportation infrastructure and transport policies that facilitate moving milk from the farm to the processor and then out to the broader markets, including such issues as weight limits on tanker transports.

For more information on the Indiana Dairy Strategy, please visit ISDA's website at [www.isda.in.gov](http://www.isda.in.gov).

\$1.3 billion and ranking 13th-best among all states.

Researchers compared the volume of corn production from 2007 to 2012 (the last two USDA Census of Agriculture years) and found nearly a 40 percent decline in the volume of corn produced for grain. This drop was attributed to the historic drought in 2012.

"Other Midwestern states like Missouri and Illinois saw even sharper declines in grain corn production over this period,"

Kinghorn wrote. "It is important to point out that Indiana rebounded to tally two consecutive record years for grain corn production in 2013 and 2014.

The report also highlights how the state's agriculture and forestry industries provide revenue for federal, state and local governments in the form of corporate profits, indirect business taxes, personal taxes and contributions to social insurance.

*Lebanon favorite since 1980...*

# Titus Bakery to open Westfield location

Titus Bakery, a local favorite of Lebanon residents since 1980, has announced its first-ever expansion with the planned opening of a second location near Westfield, across from the entrance to Grand Park.

The bakery will be situated in a new retail center to be named Monon Marketplace, with excellent accessibility at the southeast corner of SR 32 and Wheeler Road just west of US 31.

A press release by the bakery reads as follows"

"We have been fortunate to become somewhat of a destination for donut aficionados across several counties and look forward to serving our existing customers from Westfield, Carmel, and Noblesville more conveniently. At the same time we hope to instill the same devotion in new patrons by serving the broad array of donuts, pastries, pies, cakes and other baked goods for which we are currently known. As in Lebanon, we will also feature Boar's Head deli meats and cheeses and sandwiches made with our own hoagie rolls.

"Our focus will continue to be on customer satisfaction, offering quick yet friendly service, as well as a full array of delicious products maintained throughout extended hours, a convenient drive-through, and limited seating in an inviting setting. We hope to see you this Fall and can't wait to extend our tradition of 'baking up family goodness' to this growing area."

# Three big events this week for Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools has three activities coming up this week:

On Thursday, Noble Crossing Elementary will host the Musicfest Choir Expo from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Five elementary school music groups - three choirs, two ensembles and a hand chimes group - will perform together.

On Friday, Noblesville High School will host the elementary volleyball fundraiser from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Staff from each of Noblesville's elementary schools, including the principals, will play each other in a fundraiser tournament. Different schools will play each other at different times. The proceeds go to support the Promise Road Elementary Sparrow Charity.

Finally, Coopers Stardust Bowl will host the Special Olympics Bowl-A-Thon from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Approximately 150 staff members from all Noblesville schools will participate. Proceeds go to support Hamilton County Special Olympics.

## Indiana State Fair now accepting online entries

A new online system for entering competitive exhibits at the Indiana State Fair is now available. Beginning today, Exhibitor's Corner is live and accepting entries for the 2015 Indiana State Fair Year of the Farmer presented by Dow AgroSciences.

Exhibitor's Corner is a custom application that, for the first time, will allow exhibitors to enter nearly every competition at the Indiana State Fair online. For a complete listing of competitions, to view terms and conditions, or to enter a competition please visit the competitions page on the Indiana State Fair Web site.

Exhibitor's Corner offers competitors the opportunity to enter multiple exhibits in all 4-H and/or Open Class competitions. Additionally, exhibitors can enter contests in Agriculture & Horticulture, Home and Family Arts, the Brewer's Cup, and more. In an effort to streamline the process, this new platform offers easy registration and customer accounts, improving the overall customer experience.

Another new feature includes "early bird" registration, providing the lowest entry fees for those who sign up early. Entry Fees vary by competition and all details can be found at the Exhibitor's Corner. Any questions concerning the entry process may call (317) 927-7515 or email [entry@indianastatefair.com](mailto:entry@indianastatefair.com).

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# Guerin, Heights are good

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

If this Saturday the IHSAA folks get tired of watching high school basketball and they are anywhere near West Lafayette they might want to drop into the Purdue University Fieldhouse .... to learn a thing or two.

That’s where the Hoosier State Relays will be held, an event which will wrap up the indoor track and field season in the state.

The HSR, boys and girls, unlike the IHSAA’s outdoor championship in June, is divided into classes. Using school enrollment numbers from football, the Hoosier Relays will have two classes. The Large School Division is for Class 4A, 5A and 6A schools. The Small School Division is for 3A, 2A and 1A schools.

Track and field could really benefit for a class tournament. There is no chance in the world that the smaller schools can compete for a team championship at the IHSAA State Finals.

At Purdue Saturday, fans will see some very good small school teams compete for a championship.

Two of those good small schools are Hamilton County’s own Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights. Both have some outstanding athletes. Guerin Catholic, in both the boys and girls division, could make a run for the marbles.

“Both of our teams are looking great so far this season,” said Guerin coach. Tom Gallagher. “Unfortunately, spring break is our biggest competitor right now

In the boys division in the high-scoring relays, Guerin Catholic has the second-best qualifying time in the distance medley relay and the fifth best in the 4x800 relay. Distance standouts for the Eagles are seniors Nick Young and Kip Curtis and freshman breakout Matthew Finley.

Hamilton Heights is real good in the 4x200 relay, the Huskies holding the second fastest time entering the meet.

In the running event, Hamilton Heights has one of the best high hurdlers in the meet. Michael DeFoe has the second fastest time in the 60 hurdles and the 13<sup>th</sup> best clocking in the 60 dash.

Heights coach Mike Hippensteel points out that DeFoe is no newcomer to this type of competition. “He finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the 110 hurdles at the outdoor state meet last year,” the coach said.

Guerin Catholic’s strength in the running event is with Khalid Hunter, who is only a sophomore, and senior teammate Nick Sarpa in the 60 dash. They are tied for the event’s eighth best time. Hunter, who shares the school record in the 60 with his teammate, is in town and not on spring break

Guerin Catholic also has speed in the girls division with freshman Cassidy Lindley and sophomore Lily Hess ranked 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, respectively, in the 60 dash.

“Trace Bulger is throwing his best right now and will try to better his top eight finish from last year in the sot put,” said Gallaher.

“This is our strongest girls team ever,” Gallaher said.

The Lady Golden Eagles are good in the distance events, too. Sophomore Megan Stamkowski has the third best clocking in the 3200 and senior teammate Rachel Yuska is ranked 9<sup>th</sup>.

In the 60 hurdles, Hamilton Heights sophomore Macey Policka will enter the meet with the second fastest time.

Guerin Catholic’s solid strength in a run for a girls team title is in the relays where the Lady Golden Eagles are second in the distance medley relay, fourth in the 4x200 and eighth best in the 4x400

“Our 4x200 with Kiana Hunter, Cassidy Lindley, Lily Hess and Isabel has a great chance to walk away on top,” said Gallaher.

# Small School Qualifiers

Following is a list of the top qualifiers in each event and the Hamilton County qualifiers in the Small School Division in the Hoosier State Relays at Purdue University this Saturday.				4x400: 1. Bowman, 3:30.63; none from Hamilton County. <b>Top 50:</b> 31, Guerin, 3:54.83			
Following a series of meets held throughout the state, the top 24 qualifiers in each event (18 in high jump and pole vault will compete at Purdue.				4x800: 1, Brebeuf, 8:19.80 5, Guerin, 8:42.50; 20, Heights, 9:06.61. <b>Top 50:</b> none from Hamilton County.			
The Small School Division (using football enrollments) consists of schools from Class 3A, 2A and 1A. Representing Hamilton County are Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights.				4000 Distance Medley: 1, West Lafayette, 10:56.64; 2, Guerin, 1:100.88. <b>Top 50:</b> 32, Heights, 12:05.72			
				<b>Girls</b>			
				<b>60 Dash</b>			
				1. Devin McDuffie	Brebeuf	Jr.	7.87
				10. Cassidy Lindley	Guerin	Fr.	8.16
				14. Lily Hess	Guerin	So.	8.22
				22. Macey Policka	Heights	So.	8.35
				<b>Top 50:</b> 28, Kiana Hunter, Guerin, 8.40; 47, Bri Henson, Heights, 8.51.			
				<b>3200 Run</b>			
				1. Lauren Johnson	West Lafayette	Jr.	10:54.49
				3. Megan Stamkowski	Guerin	So.	11:35.62
				9. Rachel Yuska	Guerin	Sr.	11:59.34
				<b>Top 50:</b> none from Hamilton County.			
				<b>60 High Hurdles</b>			
				1. Jessica Miller	Fairfield	Jr.	9.60
				2. Macey Policka	Heights	So.	9.67
				23. Lindsay Wisdorf	Guerin	Jr.	10.34
				<b>Top 50:</b> none from Hamilton County.			
				<b>High Jump</b>			
				1. Janae Moffit	Oak Hill	Sr.	5-10
				None from Hamilton County.			
				<b>Top 50:</b> none from Hamilton County.			
				<b>Pole Vault</b>			
				1. Emily Brady	Brown County	Sr.	10-7
				None from Hamilton County.			
				<b>Top 50:</b> None from Hamilton County.			
				<b>Long Jump</b>			
				1. Yanani Hunter	Evansville Bosse	Sr.	16-1.75
				None from Hamilton County.			
				<b>Top 50:</b> Kiana Hunter, Guerin, 14-11; 35, Lily McCormick, Heights, 14-8.50.			
				<b>Shot Put</b>			
				1. Kloee Fitch	Lakeland	So.	39-0.50
				19. Emily Schneider	Guerin	Sr.	33-5
				25. Hannah Reecer	Heights	Jr.	32-3.50
				<b>Top 50:</b> none from Hamilton County.			
				<b>Relays</b>			
				4x200: 1, Bowman, 1:48.54; 4, Guerin, 1:50.21; 12, Heights, 1:54.13.			
				4x400: 1, Yorktown, 4:10.18; 8, Heights, 4:23.81; 18, Guerin, 4:33.07.			
				4x800: 1, West Lafayette, 9:37.12; 7, Guerin, 10:31.93. <b>Top 50:</b> 32, Heights, 11:24.45.			
				4000 Distance Medley: 1. West Lafayette, 12:32.66; 2, Guerin, 12:58.88			

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Time Out...

# Post-season not fun for me

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

I do not like high school post-season basketball tourneys. Yes, including the sectionals.



That may be a shock to you. I don't know how many times during the recent sectional at Carmel that I was asked how many sectionals I have covered.

In answer to the question, a bunch.

But, that's my job, not my entertainment.

Even when the team I'm rooting for wins, covering that tourney isn't all that much fun.

Okay, maybe the front row seat in the press box. Okay, maybe the great hospitality rooms. This year Carmel High School served the folks from the media. We've probably eaten too much in the past when going to the regular hospitality room. Same thing happened at the Marion Regional. We got served at our press table.

Yes, I admit, during my much-younger days I enjoyed watching the cheerleaders at the post-season tournaments. I was

fortunate. I married one. Mattijane was a cheerleader at old Fishers High School. She had the honor in one sectional cheering for a Fishers team which was shutout in the first half by Sheridan. Don't tell her you read that in The Reporter. She doesn't like me to tell that story. She loves reading The Reporter but she never much has followed my writing, no matter which paper I was writing for.

The reason I don't like the post-season is because it's the end of the line. The end of the line for nearly all the players I've followed during the season, and some for three or four seasons. For the seniors, the end of line of their playing careers.

Coaches, too. These are the guys who for the past three months or so have fed me lots of material, lots of story information. And, now, it's over.

It's the end, even for the very best players.

That was my problem again this year as I covered all the games at the Carmel Sectional. The problem, for me, carried over to the Marion Regional, where Carmel played.

I nearly left the championship game at Marion when with 4-plus minutes remaining Carmel coach Scott Heady called a time out. The game was over. I was ready, after a long

day, to jump in my car and head south on Highway 37.

Carmel had a six-point lead. Heady was ready to play a little cat and mouse.

This time it didn't work.

It didn't work not because Carmel did lots wrong. It didn't work because Homestead is one heck of a good basketball team. In those final four-plus minutes, Homestead simply took away a championship from Carmel.

Homestead, in my opinion, will win the state. They have the best big man I've seen this season in 6-9 Caleb Swanigan. Another 6-9 starter, Dana Batt, is good, too. Both are seniors. And how about that senior guard, Jordan Geist. In those final minutes Geist outscored Carmel 10-0.

I don't see any way a 12-14 South Bend Riley team can handle 27-2 Homestead Saturday at the Huntington Semi-State. Homestead will have a little more trouble when facing either Evansville Reitz (28-1) or Richmond (26-3) the next week at the State Finals.

This is a senior-loaded Homestead team, which, by the way, Carmel was not.

If all you Hamilton County (sectional) fans have written off the Greyhounds next season after the graduation of Ryan Cline and Keegan Culp, forget it.

No question, the loss of Cline and Culp must be giving Heady a few nightmares.

But, there is lots of talent returning from this team, including starters in juniors Trenton Richardson and Preston Flamion and sophomore Ethan Merriweather.

For Merriweather and reserve Sterling Brown to gain the type of experience they gained in the post-season as sophomores, money can't buy.

There were four other sophomores, and a freshman, on Carmel's tourney roster.

Carmel, I predict, will be tougher as nails with Heady at the controls next season.

But for now, I'm sad, about seeing all the seniors gone. From all the county teams.

I think in basketball we fans get closer to the players than in any other sport. There they are on the court, so close we could touch them. No helmets nor shoulder pads. Just a pair of short pants, a uniform shirt, a pair of tennis shoes and another item or two.

We know these kids like we know our own kids.

Now they're gone. Off to play college basketball. Off to make more money than I've ever made working for three or four newspapers.

Oh, well, it was another fun season, until the post-season.



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## Southeastern Swim Club evaluations begin next month

Are winter sports wrapping up? Are you looking for a new activity for your kids to stay in shape in the spring and prepare for their summer sports?

Southeastern Swim Club is the answer. Don't let your young athlete get bored this spring. Southeastern Swim Club offers multiple practice groups for all age levels and there are lots of practices offered so that your child can stay fit.

Southeastern Swim Club is offering the opportunity for evaluations for all interested new swimmers.

Come join the fun with Southeastern Swim Club of Fishers in its beautiful new 50 meter pool. Interested swimmers should come prepared to swim a minimum of 25 yards freestyle with breathing to the side and backstroke. The evaluation and consultation should take approximately 15 minutes.

Please bring a swimsuit, goggles and towel.

Evaluations take place at the following dates and times:

Tuesday, March 24th: 6:00-8:00p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 25th: 6:00-8:00p.m.  
 Thursday, April 16th: 6:00-8:00p.m.  
 Saturday, April 18th: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The Hamilton Southeastern High School Natatorium is located at 13910 E. 126th St. in Fishers. Please park in the Athletic parking lot and enter through door # 9.

If you would like more information regarding Southeastern Swim Club, please check out our website ([www.southeasternswim.org](http://www.southeasternswim.org)), e-mail us at [joinsoutheasternswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:joinsoutheasternswimclub@gmail.com) or contact the SSC Swimmer Hotline at (317) 579-0164 and leave a message for the SSC Coaching Staff.

## Southeastern Swim Club offering lessons at new HSE Natatorium

Southeastern Swim School is excited to announce that it will be offering swim lessons at the brand-new Hamilton Southeastern High School Natatorium for Spring 2015.

Daytime and evening lessons will be offered in April and May. Hamilton Southeastern High School is located at 13910 East 126th Street. Group lessons will be offered for children ages 3 and older. Children must be toilet-trained or wear swim diapers to participate in swim lessons.

Openings are available for both daytime and evening classes in April and May. Registration for Spring 2015 classes is now

open. Summer 2015 class schedules will be released soon. In addition, daytime lessons from September 2015-May 2016 are open. Spaces are limited and will fill up quickly, so reserve your class now.

For additional information regarding our lesson program, please check out our website dedicated to the Southeastern Swim School. The Web site address is: <http://www.hseswimlessons.com>. You can also e-mail the Southeastern Swim School Director Heather Streett at [hstreett@gmail.com](mailto:hstreett@gmail.com) or call (317) 579-0164.

## Guerin Catholic game at 8 p.m...

## TV-40 to broadcast Southport semi-state

WHMB-TV 40 will televise the Southport boys basketball semi-state on Saturday. TV40 will air the Class 2A game between Linton-Stockton and Park Tudor live at 4 p.m. The 3A game between Guerin Catholic and Vincennes Lincoln will be aired tape-delayed at 8 p.m.

Howard Kellman and Dave Nicholson will be your announcers.

## Coaching staffs announced for Girls All-Star games

The coaching staffs for the IndyStar.com Indiana Girls' All-Stars and the IndyStar.com Indiana girls Junior All-Stars have been set.

Mark Holt, coach at Barr-Reeve, will lead the 2015 Indiana girls All-Stars as the seniors face Kentucky in the annual series that dates to 1940 for boys and 1976 for girls. He will be assisted by Jane Schott of West Lafayette and Carrie Shappell of Leo.

Rod Parker of Homestead is the head coach for the 2015 girls Junior All-Stars. He will be assisted by Doug Laker of Greenfield-Central and Kevin Moore of East Central.

The Indiana All-Star seniors will play four games and the Junior All-Stars will play two games in June.

The All-Star seniors will face the Junior All-Stars on June 8 and June 10 at sites to be determined. The All-Star seniors also will play the Kentucky All-Stars on June 12 in Lexington, Ky., and June 13 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Holt is a 1979 graduate of Shoals High School and a 1983 graduate of Ball State. He began his coaching career as a boys' basketball assistant for 20 years at Barr-Reeve before taking over the BR girls' program. In 12 seasons, he has guided the Vikings to a 196-77 record, including a 28-1 mark and Class A state runner-up finish in 2015.

Schott is a Tipton High School graduate who went on to play at Purdue University. She has compiled a 96-79 record in eight seasons as coach at West Lafayette, including a 13-9 mark this past season. Schott has a 164-167 ledger in 15 total seasons as a varsity coach. She previously was coach for seven seasons at Harrison (West Lafayette).

As a player, Schott (then Jane Calhoun) was named an Indiana All-Star in 1987 after totaling more than 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds for Tipton's Lady Devils. At Purdue, she was a five-year player because of injury, a full-time starter in 1991-92 and a three-time Big Ten All-Academic selection.

Shappell has compiled a 143-82 record in 10 seasons at Leo, her alma mater.

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# NHS Miller Girls Dance team gets two top five places at state

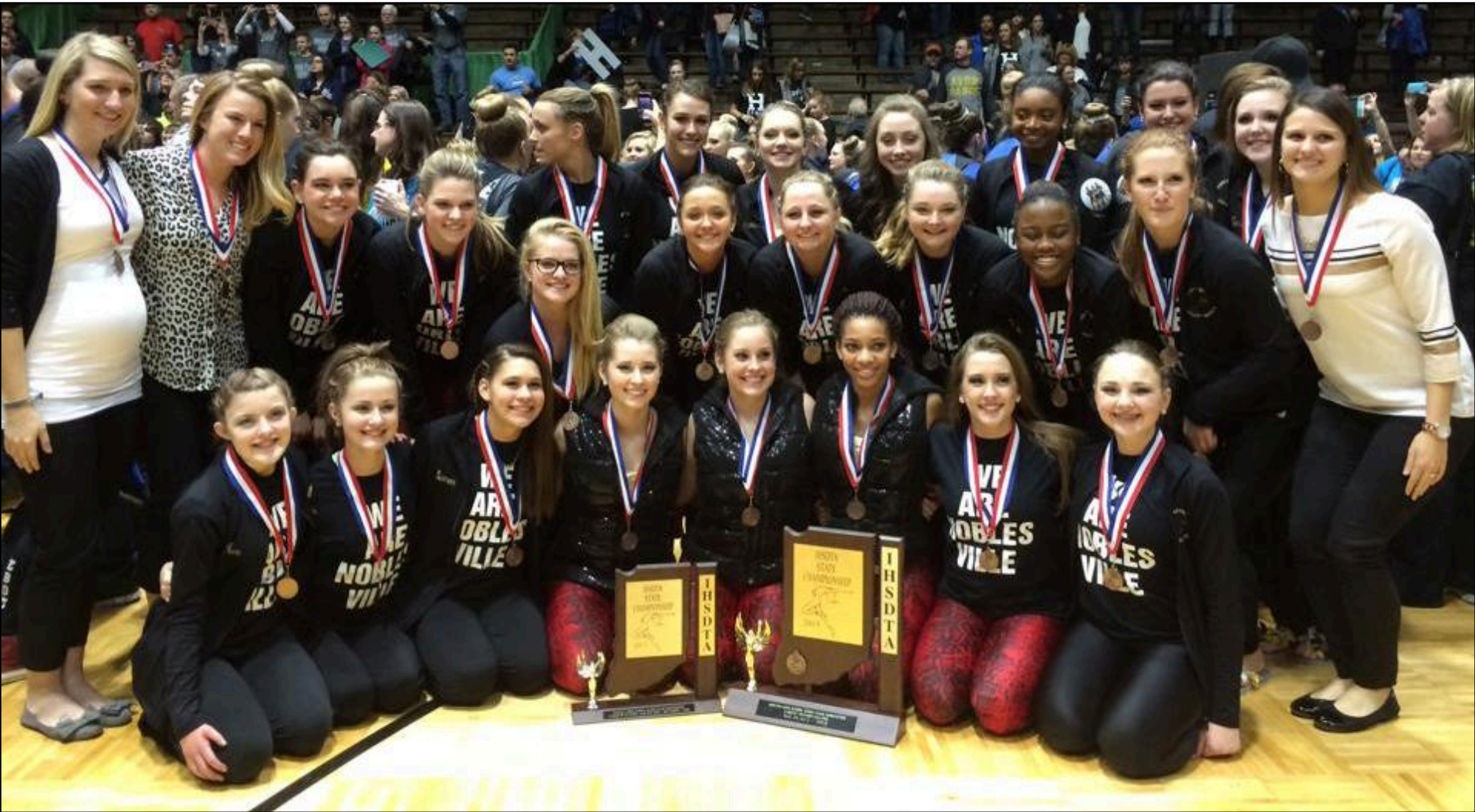


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Returning to competition for the first time in five years, the Noblesville High School Dance Team took third place in AAA Pom and fourth in the AAA Hip Hop competition at the State Finals in New Castle on Saturday, March 14. The team’s head coach is Kaitlyn McAfee, with assistant coaches Sara Clements and Danielle Edgeworth.

## Three big tournaments highlight Grand Park baseball schedule

The baseball fields at Grand Park Sports Campus are packed with activity for 2015. Currently, there are over 50 events scheduled, which are projected to attract more than 2,500 teams and 100,000 visitors to Grand Park.

The first baseball tournament is the Play the Turf on March 27-29 featuring 20 teams and more than 800 visitors. Teams playing in the tournament are from three states: Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Below is a list of highlights of the largest baseball tournament weekends for 2015. The full calendar can be viewed online at <http://www.grandpark.org/page/show/1112662-full-gp-calendar>.

**2015 Baseball Tournament Highlights:**  
**May 8-10 Weekend**  
**Events:** TBS Crossroads Qualifier, LIDS Dreams Spring Invite, Grand Val-

**ley Conference of DII Collegiate Athletics and North Central Conference Baseball and Softball Tournaments**  
**Total teams: 90**  
**Est. participants: 1080**  
**Est. spectators: 2700**  
**Est. park visits over the 3 days: 3781**

The weekend of May 8 – 10, Bullpen Tournaments will be hosting a number of baseball/softball events at both the amateur,

high school, and collegiate levels of competition. On the junior side of the complex, Bullpen will host the TBS Crossroads Qualifier – a travel baseball tournament for the 9u – 14u age groups. The winner of each of these age groups earns a bid to participate at the East Cobb National Championship in Georgia. In addition to the travel tournament, Westfield Youth Sports (WYSI) will be playing in their fourth weekend of league competition. On the softball fields, Bullpen Tournaments will host their very first travel softball tournament. The LIDS Dreams Spring Invite will hold competitions at the 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u age brackets.

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- IPV/OPV – 4 doses (if the 4 doses are administered prior to age 4, a fifth dose must be given)
- MMR – 2 doses
- HEPATITIS B – 3 doses
- HEPATITIS A – 2 doses
- CHICKEN POX - 2 doses that are given on or after the first birthday OR written documentation of history of chickenpox disease (including the month and year) **from a PHYSICIAN**

3. ANY PERTINENT OR SAFETY INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHILD (change of guardianship papers, restraining orders, etc.)

4. PROOF OF RESIDENCY: Ex. Gas bill, electric bill, cable bill.

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## COACHING

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Her squad went 15-8 in 2014-15. Shappell, then Carrie Lightfoot, was a standout player for the Lions in the mid-1990s while playing for coach Mike Hey. She went on to a strong basketball career at IUPUI and was named the school's top female student (top overall female student, not top female student-athlete) in 2000.

Parker will direct the 2015 Junior All-Star girls after guiding Homestead to a 26-3 record this season, including a Class 4A state runner-up finish.

A 1989 graduate of Fort Wayne Snider, Parker played basketball and baseball in high school and baseball in college at IP-FW. He has compiled a 216-107 record in 14 seasons as the Spartans' coach with three sectional titles, one regional crown and one semistate crown during his tenure. Parker previously was a boys' basketball assistant for six seasons at Homestead prior to moving to the girls' program.

Laker recently completed his seventh season at Greenfield-Central, where he has led the Cougars to an 89-61 mark. That includes a 17-7 finish in 2014-15.

Laker is a 1987 graduate of Rushville High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from IUPUI in 1991 and a master's degree from Ball State in 2003. He began coaching in the boys' basketball program in Rushville in 1991 and assisted there through 2007. Laker came to Greenfield initially as an assistant athletic director, then became the GC varsity girls' basketball coach beginning in the fall of 2008.

Moore has been the girls' head coach at East Central for six seasons, directing the Trojans to an 88-41 mark, including a 21-4 record and Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference championship this season. Moore is a 1998 graduate of Franklin County High School and received his bachelor's degree in 2004 from Ball State.

Moore began his coaching career as a boys' basketball assistant at Franklin County. He moved to East Central as a girls' basketball assistant for three years before being promoted to girls' varsity coach for the Trojans in the fall of 2009.



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# Greensburg’s Welange joined by Berger, Neese as IBCA recipients for week of March 9-14

Greensburg senior Ryan Welange poured in 38 points to headline a trio of 30-point scorers who claimed honors in the IBCA/Subway Player of the Week program.

The 6-9 Welange is joined by Cloverdale sophomore Cooper Neese and LaVille senior Blake Berger as recipients in the awards program overseen by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

Berger was cited for boys' District 1, while Neese is the boys' District 2 winner and Welange received accolades for boys' District 3 for the week of March 9-14. Berger and Neese were cited for the first time this season, while Welange is a fourth-time winner.

Welange, a San Jose State recruit, scored 38 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Greensburg, but the Pirates dropped a 64-57 overtime decision to Vincennes Lincoln in a Class 3A regional semifinal at Washington. Welange was 14-of-22 from the field, 1-of-2 on 3-pointers and 9-of-14 on free throws as the two-time defending Class 3A state champs closed with a 21-4 record. He previously

captured Player of the Week honors for the weeks of Nov. 24-29, Dec. 22-27 and Jan. 19-24.

The 6-3 Neese tallied 34 points with nine rebounds, but it was not enough as Cloverdale lost 84-77 to Indianapolis Attucks in a Class 2A regional semifinal at Greenfield-Central. Neese sank 11-of-21 shots, including 7-of-14 3-pointers, plus 5-of-7 free throws in his effort. The Clovers completed their season at 22-6.

Berger averaged 26.0 points over two games as LaVille finished as runner-up in the Class 2A regional at North Judson. The 6-0 senior opened with 30 points, including 21 in the fourth quarter, as the Lancers defeated Winamac 73-59 in their regional opener. He followed with 22 points in the regional final against Hammond Noll, a 43-39 set-back. LaVille finished its season with a 21-7 record.

This is the seventh season for the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week program and the third season it is presented by Subway Restaurants of Indiana, a banner sponsor of the IBCA. Subway, in its fifth

season as an IBCA sponsor, encourages athletes to "train hard and eat fresh."

Player of the Week winners are chosen each week from each of the IHSAA's three districts. Boys winners will be chosen from now through the week following March 28. Girls' honors concluded last week.

Other nominees for Week 18 (2014-15) District 2 boys -- Matt Anderson, Franklin Central; Jackson Anthrop, Lafayette Central Catholic; Brady Ashton, Frankton; Desmond Bane, Seton Catholic; Tre'Shon Heard, McCutcheon; Dane Holmes, Twin Lakes; Clayton Howard, Rossville; Elijah Legler, Tri-County; Michael Montgomery, Indianapolis Tindley; Bryce Moore, Park Tudor; **Christian Munson, Guerin Catholic**; Franklin Nunn, Liberty Christian; Joel Okafor, Richmond; Aaron Patton, Madison-Grant; **Garrett Paull, Hamilton Heights**; Trevor Waite, Tri-West; K.J. Walton, Brownsburg; Isaiah Ware, Indianapolis Attucks; Ethan Woodrow, Fountain Central.

## BASEBALL

On the High School side of Grand Park, Bullpen Tournaments is pleased to welcome the Great Lakes Valley Conference of DII Collegiate Athletics. The GLVC will be hosting their Conference Baseball Tournament over the May 8-10 weekend and are anxiously anticipating crowds nearing 200 spectators per game.

Similarly, Bullpen is pleased to be hosting the North Central Conference Baseball and Softball Tournaments over the May 8 weekend. Indiana High Schools that will be represented this weekend include Anderson, Harrison (West Lafayette), Huntington

North, Kokomo, Lafayette Jeff, Logansport Community, Marion, McCutcheon, Muncie Central and Richmond.

**June 11 – 14 Weekend**  
**Events: Midwest National Championships Qualifier, ASA State Games and Freedom Classic**  
**Total teams: 216**  
**Est. participants: 2592**  
**Est. spectators: 6480**  
**Est. park visits over the 3 days: 9072**

Starting June 11 and ending June 14, Grand Park will be one of the busiest locations for youth travel baseball tournaments in all of the Midwest. Bullpen Tournaments has secured the rights to host the PGSuper25 Midwest National Championships Qualifier of Perfect Game. This event will take place at the 13u – 17u age groups and boasts roughly 24-30 teams per age level. Teams are traveling from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Missouri, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Tennessee all in hopes of qualifying for the PG

National Championship being held in East Cobb, GA.

On the junior side of the complex, Grand Park looks forward to hosting the final week of competition for Westfield Youth Sports (WYSI) as they eagerly anticipate the crowing of each age group’s league champion. After the completion of WYSI’s competition, Bullpen Tournaments will vamp back up for the 2015 Freedom Classic for ages 9u – 12u. Registration for this event closed a full four months before competition is set to begin.

Finally, on the softball field locations, Bullpen is pleased to welcome Amateur Softball Association of America as they host their 2015 USA Regional Tournament. This event is expected to draw elite softball programs at the 12u and 14u age groups from all over the surrounding Midwest states.

**June 19 – 21 Weekend**  
**Events: Midwest Prospect League (MPL) Tournament, MPL Showcase and ASA Gold Games**  
**Total teams: 119 teams**  
**Est. participants: 1,428**  
**Est. spectators: 3,570**  
**Est. park visits over the 3 days: 4,998**

Garnering much momentum from 2014’s successful Midwest Prospect Tournament that featured roughly 60 College Programs from around the country, Bullpen Tournaments is pleased to introduce the MPL Tournament taking place on June 19-21. The MPL Tournament will feature many of the most prestigious travel organizations from around the Midwest at the 13u – 17u age divisions. Teams are traveling from: Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Missouri. This event will attract elite Division I Baseball programs from around the country with total scouting numbers anticipated well beyond the mark set in 2014.

On June 19-21 the Amateur Softball Association of America will once again utilize the premium softball diamonds at Grand Park for a final week of their USA Regional Tournament. This event will highlight the 16u age divisions for girls softball and will likewise attract the scouting eyes of programs across the country.

**July 1 – 5 Weekend**  
**Events: Premier Girls Fastpitch (PGF) Showcase, Grand Championship and Firecracker Classic**  
**Total teams: 296**  
**Est. athletes: 3,552**  
**Est. spectators: 8,880**  
**Est. park visits over the 5 days: 12,432**

Bullpen Tournaments is pleased to welcome Premier Girls Fastpitch to the fold in 2015. PGF will be hosting a number of events at Grand Park in 2015, but none will be as coveted as much as the PGF Midwest Firecracker over the July 1-5 weekend. Competition will begin with a showcase on July 1 – highlighting competitor’s fundamental skills on an individual basis for area scouts in attendance – and will conclude with a four-day tournament of elite competition. Teams in attendance are traveling as far as Texas and will include others from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Tennessee and more to come!

Transitioning to an outlook for the baseball side of the complex, Bullpen looks forward to hosting the 2015 Midwest Grand Championships at Grand Park. This event will be in its second year of existence and already includes over 70 teams at the 13u, 15u and 18u age divisions.

Game Day USA Baseball Tournaments has agreed to rent Grand Park’s junior baseball facilities for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and will host competitions at the 8u – 12u age divisions.



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# NBA standings

<b>Tuesday's scores</b>		Houston 107, Orlando 94
Detroit 105, Memphis 95		New Orleans 85, Milwaukee 84
New York 104, San Antonio 100		L.A. Clippers 99, Charlotte 92

Eastern Conference				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	40	27	.597	-
Boston	30	36	.455	9.5
Brooklyn	27	38	.415	12.0
Philadelphia	15	52	.224	25.0
New York	14	53	.209	26.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	43	26	.623	-
Chicago	40	28	.588	2.5
Milwaukee	34	33	.507	8.0
Indiana	30	36	.455	11.5
Detroit	24	43	.358	18.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	53	14	.791	-
Washington	39	28	.582	14.0
Miami	30	36	.455	22.5
Charlotte	29	37	.439	23.5
Orlando	21	48	.304	33.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	44	21	.677	-
Oklahoma City	37	30	.552	8.0
Utah	30	36	.455	14.5
Denver	26	42	.382	19.5
Minnesota	14	52	.212	30.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	53	13	.803	-
L.A. Clippers	43	25	.632	11.0
Phoenix	35	33	.515	19.0
Sacramento	22	44	.333	31.0
L.A. Lakers	17	49	.258	36.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	47	21	.691	-
Houston	45	22	.672	1.5
Dallas	43	25	.632	4.0
San Antonio	41	25	.621	5.0
New Orleans	37	30	.552	9.5

# K-Wings slip past Fuel, 5-3

In the fifth of six head-to-head meetings between the two teams this season, the Indy Fuel were defeated by the Kalamazoo Wings on Tuesday at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo, Michigan by a final score of 5-3. With the loss, the Fuel fell to 25-26-4-5 overall this season and with 59 points, fell to sixth place in the ECHL's North Division standings.


An even-strength Justin Taylor goal at 6:10 of the first period, the opening frame's lone score, gave Kalamazoo a 1-0 lead. In the second, the Wings made it 2-0 early on, as Michael Neal poked home his 17<sup>th</sup> of the season at 5:26. The Fuel responded with a Nick Jones score just over a minute later, as the former Mercyhurst Laker finished a transition play set up brilliantly by Fuel

captain Mike Duco and Pete Massar. Indy then leveled the score at two apiece at 11:43 when Nicklas Lindberg and Garrett Bembridge combined to deliver Chris DeSousa his fifth marker of the season, a back-door, power-play tally, before Kalamazoo's Gergo Nagy benefitted from a bounce off the end glass at 13:54 to make it 3-2 Wings.

A spectacular individual effort from Bembridge tied the game at 13:14 of the third, but back-to-back Kalamazoo markers late, from Patrick Kennedy at 14:19 and Ludwig Blomstrand at 14:34, delivered the Wings a 5-3 victory in Kalamazoo's 34<sup>th</sup> annual "Green Ice Game" at Wings Stadium. Mac Carruth made 17 saves in defeat for the Fuel while veteran goaltender Joel Martin claimed victory for the K-Wings by virtue of a 21-save performance.


Next up for the Fuel, it's a Wednesday night clash vs. the Fort Wayne Komets with the opening faceoff set for 7:05 pm on "Women, Wine and Hockey Night" at Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Meet Community Health Network women's health experts for tips to keep you and your family healthy and all women in attendance will receive a commemorative Indy Fuel wine glass. For tickets, visit any Ticketmaster location, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or swing by the Indiana Farmers Coliseum box office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Television coverage of Wednesday's game begins at 7:00 pm on HTSN with Jim Mirabello on the call while full radio coverage starts with the "Jose Cuervo Pregame Show" at 6:50 pm on CBS Sports 1430 WXNT-AM, online at [www.cbssports1430.com](http://www.cbssports1430.com) and on smartphones everywhere via the free "TuneIn" Radio app with Fuel broadcaster Tony Brown providing the play-by-play.

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