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Bed Race is June 5 in downtown Noblesville

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Noblesville Parks Department and Noblesville Main Street are partnering together to present the 2015 Darlington Bed Race through the downtown square beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5.

"It's family-friendly and fun for a good cause," said Abigail Rinehart, bed race organizer and unit director at the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club. "Each year families feel a pinch from summer costs. Every child should be able to participate in a summer activity regardless of finances."

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Sheridan Schools receive reading grant from Duke Energy

By JEFF JELLISON

On Wednesday Mark LaBarr, North Central Area Manager for Duke Energy, presented Sheridan Community Schools with a \$25,000 reading grant to be used for Sheridan's 2015 Summer Reading Safari program.

The program will promote reading and language development for students in the incoming kindergarten to 2nd grade.

The grant will allow the district to provide transportation for any student who wishes to attend the two-week opportunity, which starts on July 27 and runs through August 7. Students of all reading levels are invited to participate.

"As of Wednesday we have 62 kids registered to participate," said Sheridan Community Schools Superintendent Dr. David Mundy.

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Photo courtesy Sheridan Schools

Sheridan Elementary students Cayden Knight (left), Emily Will (center) and Trevor Galbraith (right) join Sheridan Elementary Principal Dean Welbaum (second from left) in accepting a \$25,000 grant provided by Duke Energy Foundation. Duke Energy North Central Area Manager Mark LaBarr (second from right) presented the check.

Lineups are set for...

Music & All That Jazz

Noblesville Main Street and Executive Director Chris Owens are pleased to announce that Music & All That Jazz will return to the courthouse square for four shows starting June 19, 2015. Main Street has added Noblesville High School Assistant Band Director Bethany Robinson to secure talent and serve as the onsite host during each of the concerts.

"These Friday evening concerts are a staple in Noblesville during the summer, and I'm excited to work with Bethany Robinson to help us carry this tradition forward," said Owens. "These shows are popular and are funded through memberships and donations. We welcome any additional sponsorship and public support to keep this series vibrant."

"When seeking jazz groups for this series, I looked for talented, personable artists, a few fan favorites from past Noblesville concerts and a few new groups," said Robinson. "In each band, you'll find seasoned musicians with a love for jazz and many different genres, but you'll also see great collaboration among friends, and that synergy really translates to the audience. These bands are not only comprised of very talented musicians but music educators in the form of private instructors, high

school band and orchestra directors, middle school band directors and even associate professors at Indiana colleges. Knowing that these groups not only play with excellence but are passing that knowledge onto their students demonstrates that jazz will continue into the next generation."

The lineup begins on June 19 with Blue Door Jazz (Formerly Blue Dorian Jazz), a piano/vocals/bass/drums jazz group and has been a favorite at past Noblesville Main Street jazz events. Their repertoire includes both jazz standards and jazz arrangements of Coldplay, Radiohead, Genesis, The Beatles and more. Blue Door Jazz features Eric Baker on piano and vocals, Bethany Robinson on bass and Daniel Sterner on drums.

Noblesville Main Street invites the community to the beautiful historic courthouse square for fun evenings this summer. All performances are 7-9 p.m.

NFD Officer of the Year renamed to...

Chief Kenneth L. Gilliam Leadership Award

The Noblesville Fire Department has renamed its annual Officer of the Year accolade to The Chief Kenneth L. Gilliam Leadership Award to honor the recently retired fire chief.

The Chief Kenneth L. Gilliam Leadership Award will be given to the officer who, by their actions, attitudes, professionalism and achievements as a supervisor, best exemplifies the highest standards in leadership.

"This is shown in their ability to motivate and manage stressful situations in a professional manner; in their knowledge and expertise; and in presenting a proper public example to their firefighters in order to fulfill the mission of the fire service in the City of Noblesville," Noblesville Fire Chief Greg Wyant said.



Photo courtesy City of Noblesville

Recently retired Noblesville Fire Chief Ken Gilliam, left, holds the newly renamed Chief Kenneth L. Gilliam Leadership Award plaque with 2014 recipient Lt. Joe Wilson.

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Sheridan Class of 2015

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Members of the Sheridan High School class of 2015 received their diplomas Saturday morning in ceremonies at Larry Hobbs Hall at the high school.



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Horace Hilton Harvey

May 21, 2015



On Thursday, May 21, 2015, the Lord called home our dear father, Horace Hilton Harvey. He went by Hilton, but always initialed things HHH. Dad was a lifelong resident of Hamilton County. He graduated from Sheridan H.S. during the 1930's when times were hard. He worked along side his father, Ervin Harvey, farming with a team of horses on their home place near Baker's Corner. He was raised there with his sister, Geraldine, by his loving mother, Edith Cropper Harvey. His home church growing up was the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Baker's Corner.

The entire family played instruments or sang for enjoyment. Music was part of the common thread that brought our mother, Virginia Moore Harvey, and father together. Mom's father had founded the Landis Moore Music Club, where local musicians would congregate once a month at the shelter house in Sheridan to share music and pot luck dinners. Both sides of our family were involved with this Saturday night affair. We have great memories of all this time.

As a child, Dad had an infection that left him handicapped in one leg. Because of this, he did not qualify for service during World War II. Instead, he was given the opportunity to train as a draftsman. During the war he was employed by a firm that required him to be on call sitting at a desk, sometimes around the clock, to provide specs for government war needs. After the war, he landed a job with Firestone Rubber Products in Noblesville. He retired as supervisor of the drafting department after more than three decades of service.

Our parents married during wartime. He called her Ginny and she called him Hilly. They were married for nearly sixty years before Mom's passing in 2002. Dad joined Mom's home church of Hortonville United Methodist. This loving church environment is where we were nurtured and raised in our Christian faith. They had three daughters: Leonida (passed away at infancy) and us, Alana Lee Harvey Faiz (married to Faiz M. Faiz) and Lenita Jane Harvey Curry (married to Jim Curry). Mom and Dad were both passionate about their family and stood behind each one through thick and thin, good times and bad. We also had a lot of fun!

Their union provided a strong backdrop for the generations that came next. His five grandchildren and their spouses in order of birth: Anisa Clingenpeel (Aaron), Amina Flowers (Rodney), Omar Faiz (Rae Ann), Adam Curry, Amanda Myles (Jason). His nine great grandchildren in order of birth: Luke Flowers, Josiah and Nathaniel Flowers, Jacob Clingenpeel, Abby Clingenpeel, Alea Flowers, Saleh Faiz, Zakir Faiz, Nadine Faiz.

Our father had an insatiable curiosity for life. He and Mom homesteaded their own farm: built their house, raised cows and chickens and sheep and pigs, planted crops, put up hay, harvested apples and pears, planted victory gardens, canned food~and raised us around all this.

As a younger man, Dad coached a local basketball league team, he sang with Mom at revivals, played guitar and banjo at Music Club and worked tirelessly at the Hortonville Church. In midlife, Dad fulfilled his lifelong dream of getting his private pilot's license. He flew as far as he could in his Piper Cherokee. If you said, "let's go flying!" he was ready to go. Dad never really retired. He self-educated himself in computers and Ham radio. He was always busy doing something. There was no idle time in our household. If something needed fixing he could fix it, sometimes with duct tape and bailing twine; but it would be fixed. He spent 83 of his 95 years with a handicapped leg. It never slowed him down. He never thought of himself as handicapped, but instead pushed himself that much harder to achieve because of it. He accomplished much in his long life. What we will remember most though, was his unconditional love for family and for his Savior. Now he has two good legs with which to bow at the feet of our Lord. We will miss him.

We love flowers, but if you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers, we would suggest either the Hortonville United Methodist Church or the Gideons. Dad had the privilege to serve as a Gideon for many years.

Services were held on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the Hortonville United Methodist Church, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery. Reverend Pete O'Hara officiated. Visitation took place on Friday, May 29, 2015, at Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, Indiana.

Norma Jean Odle

August 11, 1939 - May 25, 2015

Norma Jean Odle, 75, of Cicero, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015 at Physician's Regional Medical Center in Naples, FL. She was born on August 11, 1939 to Lester and Mary (Duganich) Randall in Noblesville, Indiana.

Norma Jean was a retired apartment manager, formerly managing Cana Apartments.

She is survived by her son, Louis L. Odle; daughters, Debra S. Campbell, and Kathy L. (Ronald) Dotson; brothers, Glenn Martin Randall, and Stephen D. (Cathy) Randall; sisters, Patty R. (Bill) Stratton, Phoebe Ann Lipps, and Mary Elizabeth (Randall) Taylor; six grandchildren, Julie Campbell, Andrea Campbell, James Campbell, Natalie Elaine Odle, Heidi Leann (Treavor) Bradley, and John Guy Paavola; and three great-grandchildren, PJ, Alexia, and Jordan.

In addition to her parents, Norma Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Louis L. Odle in 2011; children, Larry Eugene Odle and Cathy Odle; and six brothers & sisters.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 3, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Jaswinder Singh

November 13, 1966 - May 23, 2015



Jaswinder Singh, 48, of Fishers, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2015 in Lafayette, Indiana. He was born on November 13, 1966 to Gurswarn Singh and Gurcharan Kaur in Denowal, Punjab, India. His parents preceded him in death.

Jaswinder Singh was a chef for over 20 years, and owned his own restaurant.

He is survived by his wife, Harpreet Kaur; sons, Raman-deep Singh and Prabhdeep Singh; brothers, Balbir Singh and Bekhtawar Singh; and sisters, Jasvir Kaur and Jaspal Kaur.

Services were Saturday, May 30, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

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Joseph Stephen Nowak

December 26, 1917 - May 27, 2015

Joseph Stephen Nowak, 97, of Fishers, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at his home. He was born on December 26, 1917 to Walter and Stella (Zientara) Nowak in Brockport, New York.

Joseph was the original owner of Nowak's Collision Shop on Hudson Avenue in Rochester, NY. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish at Geist Catholic Church.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Evelyn "Betty" Nowak; daughters, Linda "Dolly" Rappleye, and Betty Lou Chappell; grandchildren, Melissa (Chris) Holt, Richard (Timothy Dalton) Chappell, and Jean-Paul Chappell; brother, Walter (Marge) Nowak; sister, Genevieve Crew; and great-grandchild, Charlotte Holt.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Paul Rappleye; and siblings, Viola Butterfield, Josephine Kazmierczak, Ciel Sadowski, Theodore Nowak, Florence Juda, and Eleanor Nied.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, Rochester, NY. Visitation was Friday, May 29, 2015 at Anthony Funeral Chapel, Rochester, NY. Entombment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, 1124 Hudson Avenue, Rochester, NY 14621.

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Nannie G. Dean

May 17, 1948 - May 25, 2015

Nannie G. Dean, 67, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on May 17, 1948 to Dexter and Maxine (Craig) Miller in Cincinnati, Ohio. Nannie was a salesclerk at WalMart, and was a member of Pentecostal Lighthouse Church in Noblesville. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, Clifford B. 'Beany' Dean.

She is survived by her brother, Wayne 'Bud' Miller; sister, Elaine Henderson; and several nieces & nephews.

Services were held on Monday, June 1, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation immediately prior to the service. Pastor Alfred Parks officiated. Burial was at Cicero Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pentecostal Lighthouse Church, 1765 Hannibal Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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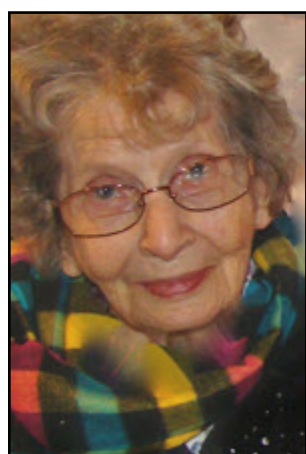
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Berniece Mardelle (Brown) Thistlethwaite

November 9, 1920 - May 22, 2015



On May 22, 2015, Berniece Mardelle (Brown) Thistlethwaite, 94, went to be with her Lord and with the love of her life for 71+ years, Paul Eugene Thistlethwaite. After graduating from Westfield High School in 1939, they were married on July 4th and lived for 71 years on a 10-acre farm near Hortonville. Since 2011 she had been a resident at Summer Trace/Manor Care in Carmel, IN.

She was born November 9, 1920 to Ada (Mundy) and Arnie Brown. She, along with brothers Travis, Clark, Richard, Luther, Omer, and Bob, and her sisters Eva and Lena, lived in many different places within Hamilton County.

After raising three sons and two daughters, she went to work for Pittman-Moore and later at Biddle Precision in Sheridan. Family and flowers were her two passions. Their large corner lot was a showplace of flowerbeds that strangers would stop to admire.

She was a long-time member of the Hortonville United Methodist Church and often worked at the food pantry in

Westfield.

She is survived by sons Larry (Mary) Thistlethwaite of Brighton MI and Paul Calvin (Linda) Thistlethwaite of Shorewood IL and daughter Rhonda Thistlethwaite of Cicero IN; her grandchildren Terry Powers of Westfield IN, Sheri (Todd) Snow of Carmel IN, Terri Beecher of Rochester Hills MI, Denise (John) Kerrigan of Whitmore Lake MI, Karen (Chad) Lawson of Haslett MI, Craig (Anne) Thistlethwaite) of Lake Barrington IL and Ryan (Elizabeth) Thistlethwaite of New Hudson MI. Also surviving are 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul and two children, Ronald (Lea) Thistlethwaite and Carolyn (Powers) Abbott; and all of her siblings.

Services were held on Sunday, May 31, 2015, at the Hortonville United Methodist Church, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Rev. Pete O'Hara officiated. Visitation was on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, Indiana.

To honor her smile and to help put a smile on the faces of children with life-threatening illnesses, memorial gifts may be given to the "Make a Wish Foundation."

Robin D. Clemons

March 10, 1974 - May 25, 2015

Robin D. Clemons, 41 of Noblesville, Passed away peacefully on, Monday, May 25, 2015 surrounded by family.



She was born on, March 10, 1974, in Noblesville, Indiana. Robin enjoyed the outdoors with her family and friends. She attended Calvary Apostolic Church in Noblesville where she was loved by all. She was a beautiful wife, mother, daughter, sister and aunt.

Robin is survived by husband, David Adam Clemons; six children, Cyerra (Trey) Lindeau, Matthias, Caleb (fiancé Angela), Alexander, Trenton and Arianna; Father-Eugene (Barbara) Brooks; Mother-Ramona (Phil) Boothroyd; Mother-n-Law, Pamela (Rick) Campbell. Father-n-Law, David (Sheila) Clemons; two brothers-Kevin (Mandy) Brooks, Erik Brooks; three sisters-n-Law, Tracy Clemons, Milissa (Ronnie) Cruse, Heather (Danny) Gaskin. Grandchildren, Parker, Cody and 2 granddaughters on the way. Several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Misty Smith, brother Brian Brooks and Grandfather William NicholSEN.

Visitation and the Funeral Service were held Friday, May 29, 2015 at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Elder G. D. Streeval Officiating.

We love you Robin. You will be missed!

Memorial contributions may be made to The Riley Children's Hospital.

Rosie V. Thatcher

February 16, 1924 - May 29, 2015

Rosie V. Thatcher, 91, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 29, 2015 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on February 16, 1924 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Villamer in Makaweli, Hawaii.

Rosie attended Noblesville Pilgrim Holiness Church, was self-employed, and a was very caring and giving person.

Services will be private. Rosie's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes, Noblesville.

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Mary Jo Rheinheimer

September 22, 1943 - May 22, 2015

Mary Jo Rheinheimer, 71, Noblesville, passed away Friday, May 22, 2015, at Prairie Lakes in Noblesville following an extended battle with Alzheimer’s Disease. She was born on September 22, 1943, in Noblesville, Indiana to Melvin and Mary (Reagan) Manship. She graduated from Pendleton High School. Mary Jo retired from the former Delphi division of General Motors after over 39 years of employment in Anderson and then in Kokomo. She is survived by one daughter, Julie (husband, Kevin) Needler of Fishers; two grandchildren, Brooke Needler and Chase Needler both of Fishers; two sisters, Sara Spasic of Plymouth and Rebecca Manship of Palm Springs, CA. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Max Manship. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Association. Family members can contact her daughter through the funeral home. Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

From Sheridan High School to West Point...

Samuels graduates from the U.S. Military Academy



Samuels

2nd Lieutenant Patrick Martin Samuels, son of Martin and Lisa Samuels of Sheridan, Indiana, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on Saturday, May 23, 2015. Samuels graduated from Sheridan High School in 2011 and is the first SHS student to graduate from a service academy. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in American Politics, received a Bachelor’s of Science degree, and was a four year member of the men’s boxing team, serving as captain this past year. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Infantry branch and will report to Fort Wainwright, Alaska for his first assignment after attending Ranger School and IBOLC in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Sandra J. Carey

February 12, 1945 - May 27, 2015

Sandra J. Carey , 70, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at her home. She was born on February 12, 1945 to George and Carrie (Williams) Carey in Hamilton County, Indiana. Sandra is survived by her sister, Barbara K. Davis; brother, William E. (Elese) Carey; 16 nieces & nephews; numerous great-nieces & great-nephews; and her beloved dog, Lucy Lou. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Norma Carey, Linda Parton, Jack Carey, and Dannie Carey. Services were held on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with visitation Friday, May 29, 2015 at the funeral home. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis. Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.



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BED RACE

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The annual bed race involves racing custom designed beds on wheels on Ninth Street. It provides an enjoyable experience for onlookers and participants alike while raising money for local children. Participants will help provide youth summer camp scholarships for the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Noblesville Parks and Recreation. All of the proceeds are split evenly for financial need scholarships for each program. “The bed race is one of my favorite Noblesville traditions,” said Noblesville Parks Assistant Director Mike Hoffmeister. “While it’s fun, entertaining and competitive, it’s also a valuable event for our local summer camps. It is necessary and important to provide an avenue for those in the

community that can’t always afford the services that we offer.” Adults and families, businesses or organizations, and schools or clubs are invited to “Put School to Bed and Race into Summer” by participating in this unique foot race. Teams consist of four to five racers ages 16 or older. Teams may bring their own custom bed or can borrow a bed from the hosts. Fees are \$50 for teams who bring a bed and \$100 for teams who borrow a bed. Viewing of the race is free of charge. “Some use the event as teamwork building, some are groups of friends. Everybody has different reasons for being out there besides supporting the cause,” Rinehart said. “It is our hope that with the money raised we are able to ease the financial burden for the families and also provide safe, fun summer activities for youth.” The Bed Race, which is sponsored by Darlington Snacks and Lakeview Court Apartments, will serve as the Noblesville Main Street June First Friday event. Prizes for teams include cash, concert tickets and a limo ride, skyzone passes, and much more. For more information, call 773-4372 or e-mail arinehart@bgcni.org.

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At the check presentation LaBarr stated, "Education and workforce development are top priorities of Duke Energy Foundation. Dave Mundy's team did fantastic work transforming this idea into a wonderful program for these Sheridan students." The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to address needs vital to the health of local communities. Annually, the Duke Energy Foundation funds more than \$25 million in charitable grants, with a focus on education, environment, economic and workforce development and community impact.

GILLIAM

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Gilliam, who retired May 22, served the fire service for 41 years – 32 in Noblesville and nine years in Sandusky, Ohio. During his two stints as NFD fire chief, Gilliam’s leadership and vision were instrumental in increasing fire services within the city, including the implementation of incident management, Emergency Medical Services and HAZMAT operations. The Chief Kenneth L. Gilliam Leadership Award will be bestowed annually at the Noblesville Fire Fighters Awards and Recognition Banquet.

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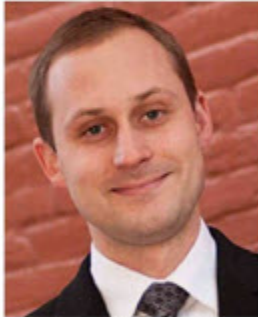
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Find comfort in a hymn and a prayer

By JANET HART LEONARD

"Silent night, holy night. All is calm all is bright." What? A Christmas carol in May?



It's funny the things that I remember, many years later, when I am taking a sentimental trip down memory lane. A lane that began 18 years ago on June 1st.

Matthew Baker was born that day. My first grandchild. He was an infant and I was 41 years old. I barely had time to catch my breath when this little guy was placed in my arms. It was love at first glance.

When Matthew was six months old, he was diagnosed with RSV, a very dangerous respiratory virus. I remember singing "Silent Night" as I gave him breathing treatments. I'm not sure to whom the song was of more comfort, me or him. I remember rocking him and praying and telling him all the things that I hoped for him in his life.

On Friday he graduated from Westfield High School and again I had to catch my breath when I saw him enter the stadium in his cap and gown. And I still have things that I hope for him and that I want him to remember.

I want him to live with purpose, intentionally making a difference in the lives of others.

I hope he finds that success in life is not in the zeros on his paycheck but in finding

a career that he enjoys and has a passion doing every day. Right now it looks like it will be as a chef after culinary school.

I hope he finds the value of kindness, to be treated with it and to treat others the way that he wants to be treated.

I want him to understand that appreciation goes a long way in this world. It takes such little time to make a call, sign a note or stop and say, "Thank you for helping me, for being there for me, for making a difference in my life".

I pray that he hears with his heart...and he listens to what it has to say. There is so much wisdom found deep inside his heart where his soul lives.

I pray that the busyness of life and the noise of naysayers doesn't drown out the voice that directs him to a life that will be well lived.

I want him to be who is supposed to be, not always trying to live up to the expectations of others.

I hope that he always hears, even from a distance, the prayers of his grandmother. Prayers for protection, wisdom and contentment.

I pray that he keeps his eyes open for the wonder of the little things that will help him to live in the moment, not losing out on the smiles of today because he is looking into the unknown of tomorrow.

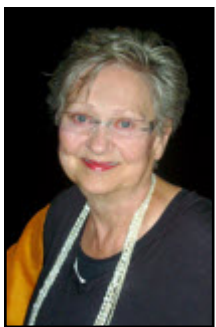
As I watched Matthew march into the stadium for graduation I know everyone else heard "Pomp and Circumstance" while I heard "Silent night".

And I pray he always finds comfort in that hymn and the prayers of his grandmother.

Enjoy a French Market - without going to France

By MARY SUE ROWLAND

Brush off the " tennies" and stroll to the Noblesville



French Market grand event. Located in downtown Noblesville on the south side of the historic court house square on Conner Street, enjoy a bit of European style market offering all local specialties and treats just for you. Starting Thursday and continuing every Thursday for the summer, the market is opening for its June debut on June 4th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Presented by Noblesville Main Street.

If you cannot find something to do in the county in June, you are watching too much television. Starting on June 1 and running the entire month of June, the county wide Nickel Plate Arts Festival has plans in six towns up and down the Nickel Plate rail line. The Hamilton County Artists Association will have the "Gathering of Plein-Air Painters", artists painting outdoor scenes from throughout Hamilton County. You can be an artist for a day or an art lover because the works of art will be on display June 6th for sale. On June 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., displayed on the Courthouse Square, Noblesville Main Street is hosting the Old Mill Festival with those same artisans and dealers showing off their antiques, quality arts and crafts, vintage collectibles and primitives.

All Farmers Markets about the county are in full swing. The supply of fresh produce changes each week so check it out. Also lots of other items unique to the Market are available plus grab and go foods.

Exclusive Information - Lions Club Pork Chop Lunch and Dinner is June 5th and 6th! Hundreds of pork chop

lovers attend the annual event on the Court House Square, downtown Noblesville.

June 5 - 14 Carmel Old Town Antique Mall will host the "Huge Furniture Sale".

June 1 - 21 Strawberry Picking Season at Spencer Farm everyday at 7177 East 161st street - pick your own.

June 1- August 7 Conner Prairie Interactive History Park and Great Summer Camp

June 2 - Fishers Tuesday Summer Concert Series at 7pm, Nickel Plate District and food trucks too!

June 4 - Clay Terrace, Carmel Summer Concert Series Every Thursday

June 5 - 27- Nickel Plate Arts Community Exhibit "About Face", Nickel Plate Arts Campus, 8th and Maple St., Noblesville.

June 5 - Bed Race 7PM on the Square Noblesville - not to be missed!

June 7 is the 12th Annual Ferrari Festival at Matteo's Ristorante Italiano, 11:00 am to 2:00pm in Noblesville Downtown including a great Italian Buffet open to everyone. See the most outstanding Ferrari auto's on display.

Don't touch!!

Here is the point. It takes hundreds of volunteers working to make our county buzz with summer fun. All the volunteers want is a successful event. Success is driven by two factors, sunshine and participants. Cannot do much about the weather but participants, lots of participants, who want to have a great day in their own back yard are called to attention. These events are for the communities and supports the highest quality of life for everyone of all ages. Most activities are free to the communities. Sponsors also make the events happen for the community. Dedicated

sponsors and volunteers are the pillars that hold the community high for all to see.

Summary - The listing of special Hoosier events is only a short list of activities in Hamilton County.

Make a plan to enjoy the beginning of summer in the great outdoors with things to look at, to buy or just to enjoy.

There is nothing like summer in Indiana. Summer does not last long....so get out and enjoy!

Farmer's Markets all around the county on Saturdays, Carmel 64 vendors/starting 8:00 am - 11:30 am, 1 Center Green,

Fishers 38 vendors rain or shine, 8:00 am to noon, Nickel Plate Park ,

Noblesville 80 vendors 8:00 am - noon, SR 32 and SR19 next to Riverview Hospital,

Saxony Market 8:00 am to noon, Saxony 131st & Olio Road, Fishers.

Summer Concert series around the county check out your favorite place, and evening of the week

Pools are open, Summer camp available, Markets are open....waiting on you to enjoy the bounty of Hamilton County.

More event info: noblesvillemainstreet.org; visithamiltoncounty.com; the centerpresents.org; saxony-indiana.com; sheridanchamber.org; museumofminiatures.org; westfield.in.gov; nickelplatearts.org; cityofnoblesville.org; sheridanchamber.org; hcaa-in.org;

Remember success is marked by your participation and most of the events are free to everyone.

You will be glad you did!

(Disclaimer - Double check dates and times and location. Some event info may have changed)

Surrounded by people, but feeling alone

By CATHERINE GIBSON

At the end of January, Sheridan Middle



School was thrown a curveball, so to speak. A new student, a sixth grader named Axel, knew little to no English. There was an obvious language barrier. None of his teachers knew how to communicate with him. Little did I know that even at my level in Spanish, I

would be able to help eliminate that language barrier. It was out of the blue and not what had intended to do when I walked into that class. For my English class we had all been assigned to complete a service project and I chose to read to kids. When adding it up we discovered there were too many of us, so I offered to do something else. After going and talking to the middle school principal, we found a great class for me to be in. When I walked into the classroom and said "Hola" to Axel, they immediately asked me to help. At that point in time I knew this could go either way.

The first few times I went and met with him all we would do is stare at each other, then he would laugh at how bad I was at Spanish. When Axel would laugh I couldn't help but smile. Even though we could barely talk he would brighten up my day. No words can explain it: I knew I probably couldn't change his life, but he could change mine. After we sat there doing nothing for a few days, I tried something new. I would teach him the body parts or "partes del cuerpo" as I would say to him. I think that I sang "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" more then than I did when I was little. I may have looked completely ridiculous, but it worked. After a few weeks of that we would sometimes sit or just try to learn some more English. Most of the time that would fail and we would have our little conversations, if that's what you'd call them. Almost every time I would try to get him to learn it was an adventure. This was one adventure that I would willingly take on. Somewhere between the laughing moments, and me Googling words in Spanish, an odd friendship started to form. Soon, however, things got a little crazy and I couldn't see Axel as much. Between homework, tests, and after school activities, I needed to use my study hall to work. Look-

ing back now, I honestly regret not making time for him in my little web of crazy. There was something about our silly little conversations that made everything better.

After Spring Break I started to go see Axel again. That's when we started a new adventure: math. Unlike some students, I enjoy math, so I was happy to help. After the first assignment I realized how brilliant he was at it. Now I know just because you are good at something doesn't mean you like it, and let me tell you, he does not like math. Even though in math you use numbers, there are a lot of words in the directions. Again, my Spanish is nowhere near his, so we needed help. We made a lot of trips back and forth to Spanish teacher Mrs. Bontrager's room. During those trips we had a lot of our little conversations. At this point in time his English had gotten a lot better so our conversations got a little easier. They consisted of a lot of "Spanglish" but they were interesting. One of my favorites was when Axel asked me why I wasn't looking so good one day. I had woken up late and I knew that I didn't look like I wanted to be there and Axel asked me why. After trying to explain I gave up and just asked how bad I looked. He told me half of my hair looked okay, but the other half didn't. I couldn't help but laugh. We didn't end up doing any work that day because we were having too much fun talking.

Shortly after that he had to work on a paper for English and I had no clue how to help him. So we saved that for Mrs. Bontrager. After they had finished it we worked on him saying it to me before he said it in front of the class. I think that was the first time I had ever really heard him speak fluent Spanish, and I was amazed. That was when I learned that I must sound really

funny to him when I speak Spanish because mine isn't that fluent or smooth. At this point in time he had started to get less homework and we started to work on an online program. It would say words in English and he'd have to click on the picture. I will admit that I found it boring just sitting there, and so did he. However, I knew that we had to do it because it could help. After we would do that for a few minutes each day then I wouldn't try to push doing anything else. Most of the time he would just play math games or any game. Sometimes he would even have me try.

Even though sometimes we would just sit there and do nothing, I wouldn't change my experience with him for anything. Axel may only be 12 but he has changed my life in so many different ways. Before Axel came along I didn't enjoy learning Spanish. Now that I know him I have fallen in love with the language. I also have a different perspective on learning a new language. I

always thought that Spanish was so hard, but now I have learned that English is a lot more difficult. Axel is a bright kid and I can't wait to see what the future holds for him. I know in years to come as he starts to get used to living here he will do wonderful things. I also hope to have another opportunity to meet with him in years to come. Next year I do not have a study hall to work with him and the thought of that truly upsets me. I couldn't imagine not meeting him and having this wonderful experience. He has changed my life since that first day I walked into that class. I recommend to anyone to learn a new language. No matter how much you learn of that language it will help with a language barrier. You may never know what you will learn and who you will meet if you do. I may have been the least experienced with Spanish and I think that's why I got the most out of it. Even though we had a language barrir we found a friendship.

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Miller softball blasts its way to sectional title

It had been five years since the Noblesville softball team had been in a sectional championship game, but the Millers were back there Friday night.

Noblesville made the most of that opportunity, using two huge innings to beat Carmel 14-4 for the Class 4A Sectional 8 trophy at Fishers. It was the first sectional championship since 2008 for the Millers, who will host Kokomo at 7 p.m. Tuesday for the regional title.

"Even though we had the bye, I felt like we had as tough a road as anybody in the tournament, having to fight our way through Schnaiter and Fishers and then Eckl and Carmel," said Noblesville coach Mike Ramsey. "Carmel's every bit as talented a hitting team as we are."

The Millers got the first run of the game in the top of the second when Taylor Bounin hit a solo home run.

"I didn't feel like I was going to hit a home run, but I felt that a hit was coming, and it was just right there in my zone and I took it out," said Bounin.

The Millers scored seven runs on the fourth inning to break the game wide open. Noblesville loaded the bases, then scored two runs on an error; Grace Smith gets credit for the RBIs that got Maggie Hampton (courtesy running for Cassie Neal) and Brooke Herron home. After that, Maddie Moore came up and smacked a two-RBI triple to send Bounin and Kimi Box in to score.

Moore got home herself thanks to an Aly Compton single. Herron, who doubled earlier in the inning, decided it would be



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Noblesville softball team won its first sectional championship since 2008 Friday at Fishers, beating Carmel 14-4. The Millers scored seven runs in the fourth inning to take control of the game, then added five more runs in the seventh inning.

nice to hit another double - which she did, sending Compton home.

"We caught fire," said Ramsey. "The neat thing about this team is I got people who can pound it to the fence, and then we've got kids who understand that that's not necessarily what they do, and they come in and they find a way to be successful."

After a scoreless fifth inning, Noblesville added a sixth-inning run courtesy of Hampton. She came in to run for Zoe Schafer, who got on base with a double. Hampton was soon home, as she scored on an error; Neal had the RBI.

Noblesville added five more runs in the seventh. Compton's double sent Smith and Moore home; Moore doubled to get on

base. Neal singled home a pair of runs, with Karley Blankenship and Compton getting across the plate. Schafer got the Millers' fifth run of the inning, scoring on an error. Kimi Box had the RBI.

Moore was perfect at the plate, going 4-for-4, while Schafer was 3-for-4. Compton and Neal both batted in three runs.

Noblesville, now 18-5, pitched by committee, said Ramsey, and it worked out well. Kristen Melloh started the game and thus got the win, tossing four strikeouts in three innings. Herron pitched the middle innings, she and Melloh allowed just three hits each. Sammi Minton finished things up, getting the save in one and a third inning.

In the semi-finals, one good inning at the plate and five great innings of relief pitching led Noblesville's Lady Millers to a 4-1 victory over Fishers Wednesday evening.

It was a game in which Noblesville broke a 1-1 tie by scoring three runs in the top of the fifth.

But the real success story of the day for Noblesville was the relief pitching of Herron, who replaced starter Melloh with one out in the top of the third and the game deadlocked at 1-1 Herron retired the first 10 Tigers she faced and she allowed just two hits while blanking Fishers' offense.



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Huskies reach sectional championship

Hamilton Heights opened Class 3A sectional play at its field by beating Muncie Central 9-2 on Thursday.

The host Huskies led 4-0 after three innings. The Bearcats scored twice in the top of the sixth inning, but Heights responded with five runs in the bottom of the innings.

Morgan Burtron and Jessica Kaurich both were 3-for-4 at the plate, with Burtron batting in three runs and Kaurich driving in two. Burtron, Ashley Roberts, Taylor Ewing and Rachel Cross all hit one double. Ashton Runner, Claire Schildmeier and Ashlee Herrington all had two hits, with Ewing batting in two runs.

"We started off slow with our hitting tonight but by the end of the game found our groove again and we ended the game on a good note," said Huskies coach Landi Lockwood.

Heights played Delta for the sectional championship at 6 p.m. Monday, after press time. Delta beat Yorktown 5-3 in the other semi-final.

Blackhawks fall to Elwood in Eastern final

Sheridan's softball season came to an end at the Class 2A Eastern sectional on Thursday, as the Blackhawks fell to No. 9-ranked Elwood 5-0.

Audrey Reed was 2-for-3, while Lauren Railer hit a double.

The 'Hawks finished their season with a 17-11 record.

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"Brooke (Herron) came in and did a great job," Ramsey added.

In the fifth inning, a big two-run single by Compton was just too much for Fishers to recover from.

"We didn't handle some things well earlier," said Ramsey, whose Noblesville team twice bunted home runners from third. On the third time, Fishers finally nailed Noblesville.

"We had nine hits today," Ramsey pointed out.

Compton, Blankenship, and Neal each pounded out two hits. Compton and Smith each unloaded a double.

In another semi-final, Carmel beat Westfield 12-1. Westfield's only run came in the third when Regan Nickel singled, stole second and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Shelby Jellison. Nickel scored on a two-out hit by Savannah Young, who had two of Westfield's four hits.




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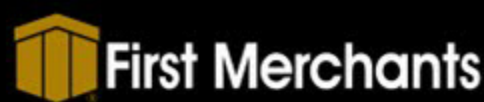
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Millers, Huskies fall in baseball sectional

The Noblesville and Hamilton Heights baseball teams fell in the first round of sectionals on Wednesday.

The Millers dropped a 3-2 decision to sectional host Zionsville. Noblesville's season ended with a respectable 19-11 record.

Noblesville took the lead right away, scoring twice in the bottom of the first. Travis Gillian took one for the team, moved to second on a single by Michael Carmosino, then Bryce Masterson was hit by a pitch, advancing his teammates and loading the bases. A throwing error then sent both Gillian and Carmosino home. Just like that, Noblesville was up 2-0.

The Eagles got on the board in the top of the fourth, then scored twice in the seventh inning.

McLochlin was 2-for-3, including a sixth-inning double. Cory Conway had 10 strikeouts.

Yorktown scored three runs after two were out in the fifth inning, and that was the difference in the game as the Tigers beat the Hamilton Heights 5-2 in the opening game of the Class 3A Yorktown sectional on Wednesday.

The Huskies were keeping pace with the Tigers, getting the game's first run in the top of the fourth when Jacob Hammel hit an RBI single to score Ian Nicholson. Yorktown answered by scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Heights tied the game in the fifth after Max Wahl blasted a triple to center field, then scored on a wild pitch. That put the score at 2-2, but the Tigers followed that with their big inning.

Wahl was 2-for-3 on the night.

Nathan Watson pitched four innings, with two strikeouts.

County athletes qualify for state in track

Several athletes qualified for the state track and field meet after their performances at regionals last week.

At the West Lafayette girls regional, Westfield's Karen Hubbard won the 100 and 200 dashes. Noblesville's 4x800 team also made it, along with Dilan Palmer in the pole vault.

Meanwhile, the Millers' Jake Owens won the 400 dash at the Lafayette Jeff boys regional, also qualifying for state in the 200 dash. Hamilton Heights' Michael Defoe won the 110 hurdles. Several county athletes made it in the 800 run: Guerin Catholic's Christopher Bluish, the Huskies' Craig Schildmeier and Westfield's Alec Hartman. The Shamrocks' Martell Fletcher qualified in the 110 hurdles. The Shamrocks also made it in the 4x800 relay.

Hall of Fame induction is June 14

**By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor**

Four of Hamilton County's all time great players and a man who has devoted a lifetime to promoting Indiana high school basketball will on June 14 be inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame.

The stars of past years include Jenny Horn Claypool, Noblesville; Ron Ackles, Jackson Central; Chris Rodgers, Sheridan and Jess McKinney, Hamilton Heights.

Selected as this year's contributor is long-time Voice of the Greyhounds, Carmel's Scott Gregg.

Jenny Horn Claypool was a dominating player while performing for Noblesville's Lady Millers. She was All-Hamilton County four years and Hamilton County Player of the Year three different seasons. Jenny also was All-Conference four years.

She led Hamilton County in scoring and rebounding three years; held the school single game records of 34 points and 30 rebounds, and she started 70 straight games in high school. Her team won the first girls sectional in the history of NHS. Along with her basketball career she was All-County in volleyball three years and the school record holder in shot put in track and field.

Jenny was the first Lady Miller to receive a college scholarship. She attended Wright State University from 1982-86 and was All-America third team; All-District team; team MVP twice and she set school record for victories.

Horn Claypool currently is Superintendent of Schools in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is married to Rick Claypool and they have two children Brooke and Dylan.

Ron Ackles graduated from Jackson Central in 1962.

He played for Coach Roland Inskeep at Jackson Central and was All-Hamilton County in 1960, 1961 and 1962. Ackles was First Team on the Indianapolis Star's All-State Team. He was All-Sectional in 1960 and 1961; Hamilton County assist leader in 1960 and 1961 and he held all scoring records for Jackson Central when he graduated, scoring 1,052 career points. He had a season high of 430 points and a game high of 45 points.

Ackles served in the U.S. Marines after graduation. He worked at Delco Remy in Anderson and also worked with Coach Scott Griffey in the girls basketball program at Hamilton Heights during a period his niece, Debbie Ackles, played

Chris Rodgers graduated from Sheridan High School in 1980.

Rodgers played for basketball coaches Bill Collier and Dan Dawson at Sheridan.

He graduated as Sheridan's all-time leading scorer with 1,426 points, at that time 11th on the all-time Hamilton County list. He was All-County in 1979 and 1980 and Hamilton County Player of the Year in 1979 and 1980. Chris was Academic All-State in 1980 and was All-Sectional in 1979 and 1980.

He was a four-year player at Butler University.

He and his wife Sheryl have three sons.

Jess McKinney graduated from Hamilton Heights in 1995.

He played for Coach Bill Bowen. A four-year varsity player, McKinney scored 1,444 points. He was County Player of the Year his junior and senior years. Jess was included in the Top 40 workout in 1995.

McKinney was All-Conference as a junior and senior and a member of the Indianapolis Metro honor team. When McKinney graduated he was the third all-time leading scorer at Hamilton Heights.

Jess attended DePauw University. He and his wife Courtney have three sons, six-year-old twins and one two-year old.

McKinney currently is vice-president of David Weekly Homes.

Scott Gregg was communications instructor for Carmel High School from 1970-78 and general manager for WHJE, PBP and color for Carmel boys basketball and several other teams.

He coached girls junior varsity basketball at Carmel and had a 27-4 record including a record 14-1 season.

Greg served as sports information director from 1996-2011 of the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference and published weekly MIC notes, kept stats and published an annual league record book and yearbook.

Scott has served as public address announcer for several IHSAA state sports championship events. He became the Colts' press box in-house PA person in 2009.

In 2003-04, Gregg was presented the IHSAA District 2 Distinguished Media Service Award.



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Officers from law enforcement agencies within Hamilton County took part in a county-wide Torch Run to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics Indiana. Special Olympics athletes from Hamilton County and around the state will be participating in this year's Special Olympics Summer Games in Terre Haute, Indiana on June 12-14, 2015. Officers from the Carmel Police Department, Fishers Police Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, Indiana State Police, Noblesville Police Department and Westfield Police Department took part in this fundraising effort. A total of 60 officers participated in the event covering 4-8 mile treks from various points in the county. Anyone wishing to make a donation can still do so at the following link: <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/bruce-barnes/2015-letr-county-torch-runs>

Morse drowning victim identified

By BRIAN REDDICK
Authorities released the name of Thursday's drowning victim in Morse Reservoir as 22 year old Dai-Jon Parker.



Parker

Parker, originally from Lawrenceville, Ga., was a senior and basketball player at the University of Indianapolis. The University of Indianapolis released the following statement. "The entire University of Indianapolis community mourns the loss of Dai-Jon Parker, a senior student-athlete with a vibrant personality who had a great future ahead," the statement said. "This is a tragic situation for everyone involved, and UIndy is offering counseling and support to the people closest to him. Please keep Dai-Jon's family, friends and teammates in your thoughts and prayers."

Prior to playing for U of I Parker played three years at Vanderbilt University. Head basketball coach Kevin Stalling said "We are extremely saddened with the news of Dai-Jon's death. Everyone who watched him play basketball knew what kind of athlete he was. But, to those of us who knew him and loved him, he was as good and happy of a person as you would ever meet. He always had a smile on his face and I will always remember him for that smile and the positive spirit he had. We send our deepest condolences and prayers to his family, friends, and others who were lucky enough to have met him. The Vanderbilt basketball family will miss him."

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Firefighters and police officers from Cicero, Noblesville and Fishers along with DNR officers search Morse Reservoir for a missing swimmer.



Applications open for Denzel Hufford Garden Contest

Attention all Noblesville gardeners: Don't miss out on participating in this year's Noblesville Preservation Alliance Denzel Hufford Garden Contest.

Once again, there are two categories. One is for "Novice" gardeners, whose gardens are from one to five years old. The other is for the "Mature" gardener, whose garden is six years of age or older. The First Place winner of each category will receive an outdoor garden marker to proudly display along with a cash award. The runner-up in each category will each receive gift certificates to Garden Thyme at The Old Schoolhouse. The awards are made possible by an anonymous NPA family with NPA matching funds.

Denzel Hufford is no longer with us. But while she lived, she brightened the yards and hearts of Noblesville. Her daughter Adele Dodd says "Mom believed a flower's beauty should be shared. I think she gave plants to half the people in town." Her flower beds grew plants that bloomed at various times of the year so there was always color. It is in honor of Denzel that this garden award was created.

Here is what the judges will be looking for:

- Visual Appeal: The overall visual impact; a pleasing sense of harmony of scale, color, and texture.
- Overall Design: A good use of space; design coordination between plants and other elements.
- General Maintenance: The quality of care in pruning, mulching, and disease control.
- Originality: The WOW factor; creative use of special features such as ponds, natural materials and garden art; unique styles such as theme gardens.
- There will be additional points for the use of a rain barrel.

The deadline to apply is June 30th. Applications may be obtained by writing to The NPA Garden Committee, PO Box 632, Noblesville, IN 46061, going to the NPA website www.noblesvillepreservation.com or by calling Donna Parker at 317-379-0307.

The judging will occur July 6 - 11 from 6 - 9 PM. The winners will be announced on August 1st.

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