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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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# Hamilton County Reporter

Bank merger & Federal Hill Commons...

# Ditslear: “Nothing changed”

By **DON JELLISON**  
Reporter Editor

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear says the announced merger of Ameriana Bancorp into First Merchants Corporation should not interfere or delay an Ameriana property in Noblesville becoming a part of Federal Hill Commons.

The Ameriana Bank, one of five Ameriana banks in Hamilton County, is located at the east end of Federal Hill Commons, a 6.5 acre piece of land which sits on the northeast corner of the intersection of State Road 19 and State Road 32.

Federal Hill is to include an amphitheater, market space, splash ground and event space. The Commons will

be used not only as a gathering space for events and music, but also as an economic development catalyst for the west side of Noblesville.

Work already is underway, but recently was delayed by the flooding of White River into the Federal Hill area.

“We (the City of Noblesville) have a court ordered document that we can buy the bank within two years,” Mayor Ditslear told The Hamilton County Reporter. “I see nothing changed.”

The merger agreement provides that shareholders of Ameriana Bancorp will have the right to exchange each Ameriana Bancorp common share held for 0.9037 shares of First Merchants’ common stock. Based on the closing

price of First Merchants’ common stock on June 26, 2015 of \$25.13, the transaction value is approximately \$68.8 million, with an implied price per share of Ameriana Bancorp common stock of \$22.71.

The transaction is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2015, subject to the approval of Ameriana Bancorp shareholders, regulatory approvals, and other customary closing conditions. The combined financial institutions, which will do business as First Merchants Bank, expect to complete the integration during the second quarter of 2016.

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## Noblesville Parks releases new mobile app

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has a new mobile app available for download to accommodate today’s technology and on-the-go parent and community resident.

“The new mobile app serves as a tool for our users to be more connected,” said Mike Hoffmeister, assistant parks director.

The new app is meant to provide more communication and information about the parks department. The app also allows for push notifications so in case a concert is canceled because of weather or an event has been changed an alert will be made on the user’s phone.

“Everything’s on it,” said Hoffmeister. “It has our facility schedules for programs, program schedules, special event details, park information and maps, trail maps – it will have everything.”

Hoffmeister said the app will evolve as it gains users and the parks department would like to eventually incorporate a way for the public to provide feedback at programs or while visiting the park.

“We’re still working on making it more interactive back-and-forth. Right now it is setup to be more informational,” Hoffmeister said.

The app is currently available via download from the Apple iTunes store and will be on Google Play for Android phones shortly. The app is free to download with either service.



## Presley Boulevard construction to begin

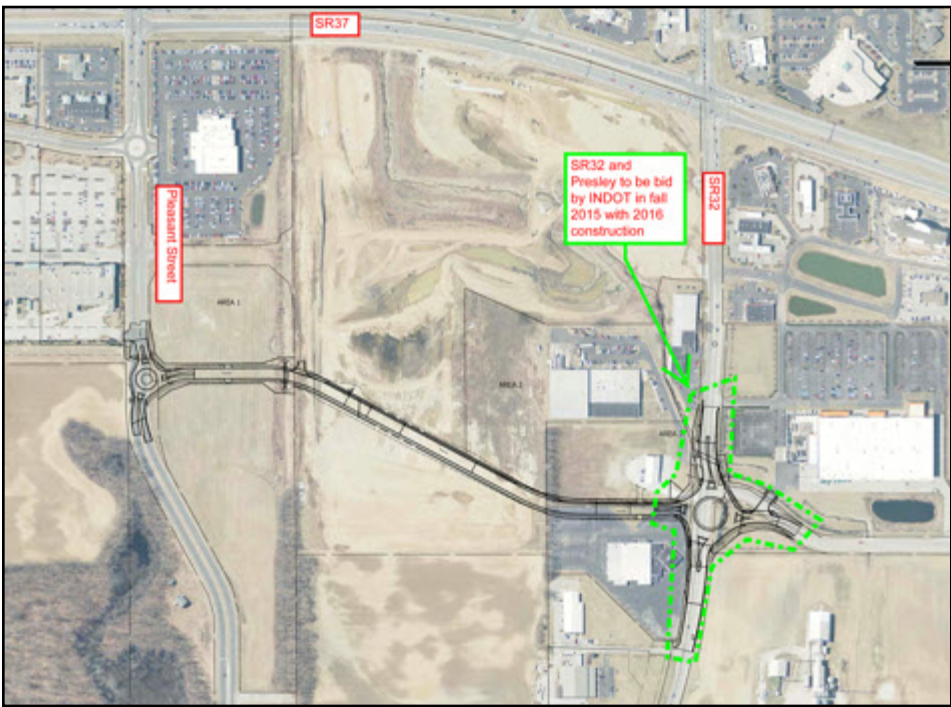


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Construction will soon begin on the Presley Boulevard extension. The first phase will start later this month for the road that will run parallel to Ind. 37.

The first phase of construction for the Presley Boulevard extension will begin later this month. The road, which will run parallel to Ind. 37, will connect Pleasant Street to Ind. 32 with roundabouts when completed in 2016. The first phase is expected to cost \$2,150,000.

“Presley Boulevard will be another opportunity for motorists to access commercial development and retail stores. I know Union Chapel Road, which also has helped alleviate traffic on Ind. 37, has seen 5,000 cars per day since it opened,” said City Project Manager Jim Hellmann.

Hellmann said the first phase of the project will make the following improvements:

1. Roundabout intersection at Presley Boulevard and Pleasant Street.
2. Building and paving of Presley Boulevard. The road will stop short of connecting to Ind. 32 because of the plans for next year’s roundabout at that intersection.
3. Extending the remainder of the sanitary sewer to Ind. 32 per the sanitary sewer masterplan.

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## Rep. Cook honored with school health award

State Representative Tony Cook (R-Cicero) was recently presented the 2015 Governor and Cheri Daniels School Health Award for his role in providing a high school education for AIDS victim Ryan White in the late 1980’s. Rep. Cook served as Principal of Hamilton Heights High School when White attended there.

“Unfortunately, during that time in our country’s history, HIV/AIDS was widely misunderstood and feared,” said Rep. Cook. “Ryan just wanted to go to school like the rest of his peers, and I saw no reason to deprive him of that opportunity.”

The Governor and Cheri Daniels School Health Award is presented to individuals for outstanding leadership and dedication in promoting health and wellness for Hoosier students, schools and communities.

“This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ryan’s passing,” said Rep. Cook. “During the brief time that I was privileged to serve as his principal, Ryan demonstrated the importance of becoming part of something much larger than yourself. He taught our school more than we could ever have taught him.”

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Rep. Tony Cook, received the 2015 Governor and Cheri Daniels School Health Award. Rep. Cook is pictured with the former first lady.

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Ameriana Bancorp had assets of approximately \$483 million, loans of \$325 million and deposits of \$391 million as of March 31, 2015. Based upon current financials, First Merchants and Ameriana Bancorp will have combined assets of \$6.4 billion and will remain the second largest financial holding company headquartered in Indiana. The combined company will have 126 banking offices in twenty-seven Indiana counties, as well as two counties in both Ohio and Illinois.

Michael C. Rechin, President and Chief Executive Officer of First Merchants, said, "Like First Merchants, Ameriana Bank has a deep-rooted commitment to community banking and we are excited to welcome

Ameriana to the First Merchants family. The addition of Ameriana Bank supports our goal of becoming a more efficient, higher performing company. With the addition of significant deposits in Henry and Madison counties, First Merchants will hold the lead market share position. Our partnership will add new neighboring communities of Greenfield, New Palestine, New Castle, Knightstown and Morristown.

The merger will also add five locations to our thirteen banking centers in Hamilton County, the fastest growing Indiana market."

Rechin also added, "Management expects this combination to be mutually beneficial to First Merchants and Ameriana Bancorp shareholders. We anticipate earnings per share accretion in the first full year of combination and beyond through identified operating efficiencies and branch overlap of approximately fifty-five percent, resulting in a tangible book value earn-back of four years."

Ameriana Bank, led by Chief Executive Officer, Jerome J. Gassen, has served the banking needs of Central Indiana customers as competitors of First Merchants for many years. Mr. Gassen stated, "We are excited about the opportunity to become part of the First Merchants family, and we believe First Merchants was the best choice for our collective stakeholders. First Merchants' size, broad array of commercial and wealth management products, banking expertise and strong capital position offer us the ability to further capitalize on opportunities in Indianapolis, while continuing to offer exceptional customer service throughout Central Indiana. First Merchants will build on our shared dedication to community involvement and service excellence, as well as offer larger commercial credits, which drives greater economic and community development efforts."



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The development on Federal Hill will need to take account that the area can be flood-prone. The area borders the White River, which crested at 18.77 feet, nearly five feet above flood stage, this weekend during a recent flood.

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4. Box culvert of the Hare Ditch regulating drain that run between the Kahlo and Terry Lee Crossing properties.

Hellmann said the Pleasant Street roundabout will require three daytime closures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Flaggers will assist traffic on Pleasant Street during these closures. A traffic shift will be completed to construct the north half of the roundabout. A two-week full closure is required on Pleasant Street to construct the remainder of the roundabout. A detour route will be posted for the full closure. Hellmann said the roundabout construction is expected to be completed in August.

The second phase is the roundabout at Ind. 32, which will be overseen by the Indiana Dept. of Transportation. Hellmann said that project is expected to go out for bid in November with construction in late spring 2016.

"We have to have the roundabout in place because Pleasant Street will be a detour route when the state is working on the other roundabout," Hellmann said.

More details about traffic restrictions will be announced closer to construction.

For questions about the project, contact Jim Hellmann at jhellmann@noblesville.in.us or 776-6330.

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## Dulcy Catherine Parker

July 11, 1918 - June 27, 2015

Dulcy Catherine Parker, 96, of Frankfort, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Wesley Manor in Frankfort. She was born on July 11, 1918 to Thomas and Nancy (Shackleford) Robbins in Evarts, Kentucky. Dulcy was a homemaker, and had also been a cook and dietitian at various nursing homes.

She is survived by children, Wilburn (Barbara) Parker, Marvin Parker, Willis Parker, Cassie Darlene (Jeffery) Laughtner, Danny (Linda) Parker, and David (Lonette) Parker; and 88 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bradley Parker who passed away in 1975; and three daughters, Anna Hughes, Laura McElroy, and Rita Sue Lunsford.

Services will be held at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 10:00 am immediately prior to the service. Rev. Ed Hoberman will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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## Virginia Ruth Hudson

July 19, 1924 - June 29, 2015

Virginia Ruth Hudson, 90, Lapel, passed away Monday, June 29, 2015, at Rawlins House in Pendleton following an extended illness.

She was born on July 19, 1924, in West Plains, Missouri to Roydon and Iva (Harper) Fisher.

She graduated from Lapel High School in 1942.

Ruth retired in 1986 from the former Delco Remy division of General Motors in Anderson where she had worked in plant 10. She also worked at the Lapel Laundramat at one time.

She is survived by four children, Linda (husband, Bob) Turner of Anderson, Dale (husband, Stephen) Costlow of Noblesville, Henry Hudson of Lapel, and Susie (husband, Bill) Smalley of Pendleton; six grandchildren, Brent (Anna Kay) Turner, Dale (Sue) Turner, Mark (Heather) Costlow, Jody Costlow, John Hudson, Jr. (Krisha Lovitto), Analisa (Travis) Pettijohn; twenty-two great-grandchildren, Brent, Jr., Brooklyn, Bailie, Braxton, Bo, Maci, Drew, Jack, Gabe, Joseph, Emily, Josh, Tatem, Isabella, Charlie, Catey, Holden, Eliana, Jaggyr, Rocco, Sofia, Titus; one great-great-granddaughter, Bentlee; and her sister-in-law, Jane Fisher.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 50 years, Harley Dale Hudson; a great-granddaughter, Logan; two brothers, Robert "Bud" Fisher and James Fisher; and a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Fisher.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Thursday, July 2, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation will be from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm Thursday, July 2, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, 1010 North Main Street, Lapel.

The family would like to thank the staff of Rawlins House for their kind care of their mother.

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- Isaiah 26:4

## 50 Years Ago

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1965

**News:** An expected rash of juvenile delinquency has failed to materialize this spring and early summer. The feared outbreak, which local lawmen and court officials warned of early in the spring has not only failed to appear, but Juvenile offenses reported have actually dropped during the past two months. At this time of years, offenses have usually increased markedly.

**Sports:** Dick Oyler and Bob Clark grabbed early advantages toward medalist honors in qualification for the Noblesville Men's golf tournament Sunday when each fired 18-hole totals of 73 on the Forest Park course.

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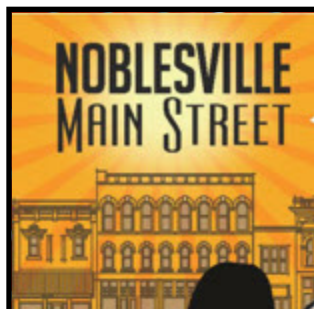


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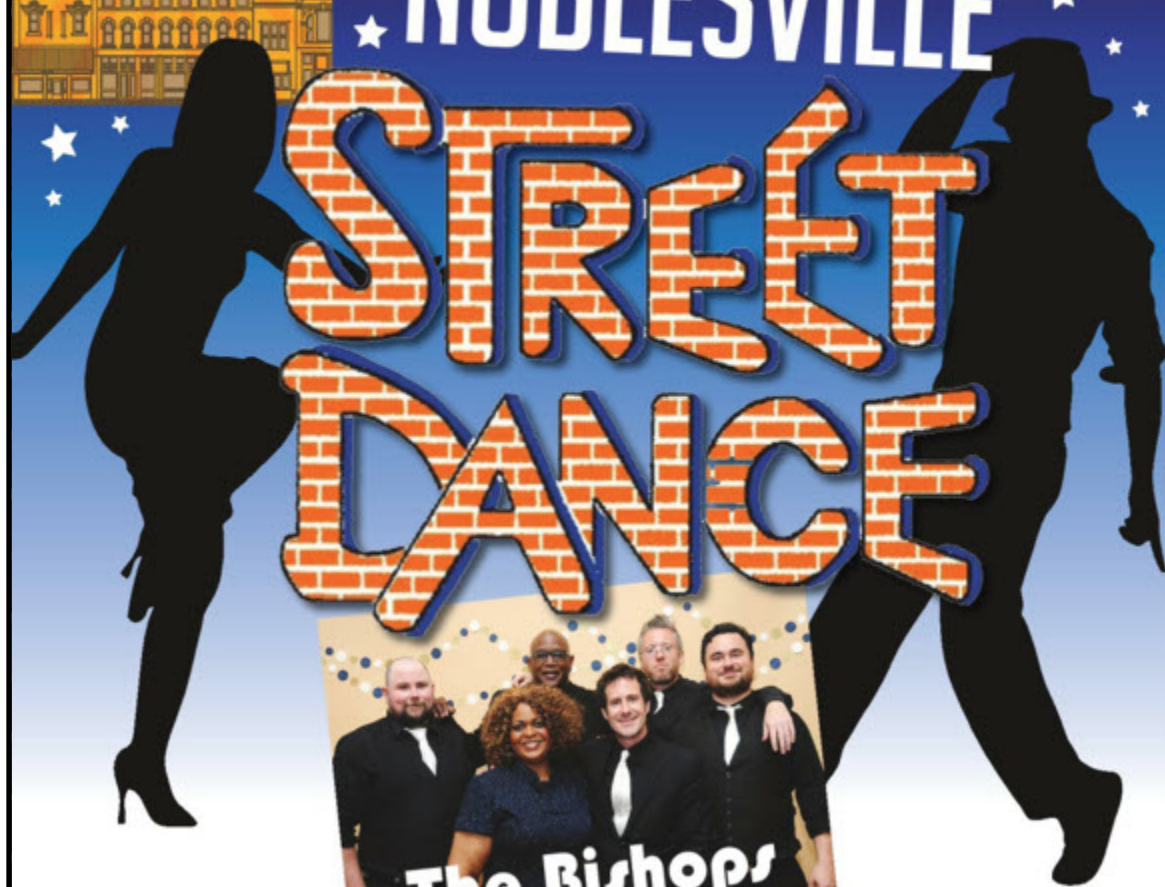

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# Riverview Health receives two awards

Riverview Health has received the Mission: Lifeline® Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association (AHA) for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks. In addition, Riverview Health earned the AHA's Fit-Friendly Worksite Award for promoting a culture of wellness.

Each year in the United States, approximately 250,000 people have a STEMI, or [ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction](#), caused by a complete blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to immediately restore blood flow, either by surgically opening the blocked vessel or by giving clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program helps hospitals, emergency medical services and communities improve response times so people who suffer from a STEMI receive prompt, appropriate treatment. The program's goal is to streamline systems of care to quickly get heart attack patients from the first 9-1-1 call to hospital treatment.

"Riverview Health is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our patients who suffer a heart attack, and the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program is helping us accomplish that goal through internationally respected clinical guidelines," said Tammi Nash, clinical operations director at Riverview Health Heart & Vascular. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in cardiac care, and I am very proud of our team."

"We commend Riverview Health for this achievement award, which reflects a significant institutional commitment to improve the quality of care for their heart attack patients," said A. Gray Ellrodt, MD, Chair of the Mission: Lifeline committee and Chief of Medicine at the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Mass. "All too many heart attack patients in the United States still fail to receive appropriate treatment for their life-threatening condition within the recommended timeframes. We must all continue this important work to streamline and coordinate regional systems of care to save lives and prevent complications."

Riverview Health earned the award by meeting specific criteria and standards of performance for the quick and

appropriate treatment of STEMI patients to open the blocked artery. Before patients are discharged, they are started on aggressive risk reduction therapies such as cholesterol-lowering drugs, aspirin, ACE inhibitors and beta-blockers, and they receive smoking cessation counseling if needed. Eligible hospitals must adhere to these measures at a set level for a designated period to receive the awards.

The Fit-Friendly Worksite award recognizes employers who go above and beyond when it comes to their employees' health. This includes offering employees physical activity support, increasing healthy eating options at work and promoting a wellness culture.

"As we continue to improve the health and well-being of our patients, we make an effort to prioritize our employees' health as well," said Mindi Matthews, director of Health and Wellness at Riverview Health. "Some of the programs we've implemented to create a wellness culture include our annual Waist Reduction program, annual health screenings and risk assessments, a team-based activity program called Step it Up! and a weight-loss program called Minimize Your BMI."

## David Crowder to perform at Northview Church

Northview Church is excited to announce that David Crowder will be holding a concert at their Carmel campus at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27.

The concert will be part of Crowder's Neon Steeple tour and is open to the public. For anyone interested in seeing David Crowder live, tickets can be purchased on itickets.com starting July 5.

Crowder started his music career as lead vocalist in David Crowder Band, and then began his solo career in 2013 when his single "I Am" skyrocketed to No. 3 on the Hot Christian Songs chart. His "Neon Steeple" album was released on May 27, 2014.

Northview Church is a nondenominational church serving the Carmel, Fishers, Greater Lafayette and Westfield, Ind. communities. Northview was planted in 1980 and opened the current Carmel campus in 1995. Pastor Steve Poe is the lead pastor at the church.

## FPD investigating attempted burglary, thefts

The Fishers Police Department is investigating an attempted residential burglary and several thefts from vehicles that occurred in the Windermere Neighborhood during the early morning hours of Sunday, June 28, 2015.

Just before 2:30am on Sunday morning a resident in the 10900 block of Fairwoods Drive (Windermere Boulevard and Fairwoods Drive) called 911 to report someone was attempting to break into his home. The homeowner described the suspect as a male wearing a gray sweatshirt and black pants. The homeowner last observed the suspect running southwest in the direction of Bent Creek Court.

Fishers police officers responded and established a perimeter. A police K-9 was quickly deployed and began tracking towards Bent Creek Court. As the K-9 unit and support team arrived on Bent Creek Court they observed a silver Kia Forte passenger car leaving the

area. Officers identified themselves and ordered the driver to stop the car. The driver stopped the car momentarily, but as officers approached the driver revved the engine and rapidly accelerated towards the officers. Fearing for his safety and the safety of his fellow officers, one of the officers fired one round from his duty weapon towards the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued fleeing. Officers were able to jump out of the car's path and avoid being struck.

A short time later the Kia was observed traveling in the area of Glen Abbey Lane and Windermere Boulevard. Officers used their patrol cars to block the path of the suspect vehicle. Officers conducted a felony stop and safety detained two adults and three juveniles. No officers or suspects were injured in this incident.

All five occupants of the Kia were transported to the Fishers Police Department and interviewed by De-

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## THEFTS

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tectives. Upon the completion of the interviews it became apparent that these individuals were not involved in the original burglary call. The driver and an adult passenger were arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Jail. Two juvenile passengers were issued a summons arrest for Illegal Consumption of Alcohol by Minor "A" Misdemeanor and released to their parents.

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Summer basketball....

# Heights seeking rebounding

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor  
It has been a rebuilding type of summer for the Hamilton Heights boys basketball team.

Although that’s something new with the Huskies, rebuilding doesn’t come as a surprise. Or, it shouldn’t.  
In the last three seasons Hamilton Heights has won 52 games and two sectional championships. The barrel of talent isn’t empty for Coach Chad Ballenger. But, it’s not running over.

Graduated from last year’s 19-8 sectional championship club are Grant Weatherford, Garrett Paull, Ian Nicholson, Noah Whyde, Jadon White and Kurry Miller. Weatherford is at Purdue after averaging 12.6 points a game for the Huskies. White (12.3) and Paull (11.1) both averaged in double figures and Paull led the team in rebounding. Nicholson was productive as the first man off the bench. Whyde provided shooting and Miller was tough on the boards.

Tough spots for Ballenger to fill while looking at the 2015-16 season.

That’s why the coach took 35 players and dressed 12 on the varsity last weekend as the Huskies played in the Super Hoops Classic at Indiana Wesleyan at Marion.

Two of the Huskies’ games in Super Hoops were played at Marion High School. Interesting, because next season Hamilton Heights will play in a Class 3A sectional at Marion.

“Marion is a fun place to play with all the basketball tradition in that building,” Ballenger said. “You see all those state banners on the wall.”

The basketball picture has changed at Marion. Next season Marion will drop from Class 4A to Class 3A. Coupled with Muncie Central’s move up from Class 4A to Class 3A, Heights’ sectional site will change from Muncie Central to Marion.

“We didn’t get a chance to play Marion in Super Hoops, but we did play a couple of games in the Marion gym,” said Ballenger. “Marion will be a tough team next season.

“It’s going to be a good sectional,” Ballenger said, “with Marion and with our rival, Tipton, in the field.”



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**See Heights...Page 8** Hamilton Heights senior-to-be Hunter Crist averaged 15.6 points per game for the Huskies last season.



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Bre Lloyd (left) and Megan Walton (above) were double-digit scorers for the Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team last season.

# Royal girls will be senior-heavy team

By **RICHIE HALL**  
**Reporter Sports Editor**

As competitive as he is, it may be a shock to hear that Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball coach Chris Huppenthal doesn't care about the score during summer league games.

Then again, as experienced a coach as he is, Huppenthal understands the difference between summer league and the winter season - you know, the one that counts. He made that clear while discussing the Royals' summer play.

"I don't want them looking at the scoreboard," said Huppenthal. "I could care less about the scoreboard. Now is when you're trying to lay the groundwork."

Southeastern already has the foundation for a successful team. While the Royals

graduated two good seniors in Madi Taylor and Taylor Graham, there's several players returning, including two of HSE's key scorers: Senior-to-be Megan Walton and junior-to-be Bre Lloyd.

In contrast to last season, this year's HSE team will be senior-heavy. In addition to Walton, the list of soon-to-be-seniors includes Katie Myers, Elaina Ededuwa (who has been out with a torn ACL), Chelsea Maxey, Veronica Olson, Kyndall Williams. Lloyd will be joined in the junior-to-be list with Haydn Braun and Kiki Sundling.

Huppenthal said that having Lloyd and Walton's offensive production back "is really important," and that Ededuwa's return after missing significant time during the season will also be good. Lloyd averaged

16.1 points per game in last year's regular season, with Walton throwing in 11.0 points per game.

"Kyndall Williams has really played well this summer," said the coach, who also said that "Haydn Braun had a pretty good summer handling the ball;" Braun played some varsity minutes last year.

The Royals played in three shootouts this summer, including events at Ball State and Fishers. Huppenthal said HSE is "done playing games for the summer," and "will be working on skill sets."

At the games, the coach said his team got better. Huppenthal said his thought process is "to look at where we are and where we can go." After that, he started trying to "put the pieces together" in his mind to figure out what the Royals need to do to be

successful, who fits those roles, and who has improved enough.

The coach also said he thought his kids "were playing with a lot of intensity, a certain amount of toughness." That will be an expectation once the winter season rolls around.

"It was just a matter of them getting back in the groove," said Huppenthal. He noted that things got off to a slow start in summer play, but that got fixed quickly: The girls got reminded of what HSE's expectations were, "and from that point forward, they started to get better," said Huppenthal.

Southeastern finished 16-7 last season, including a 4-2 record in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.



## HUSKIES

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Heights will be good, too, despite the losses of veteran talent.

After going 4-5 in pool play in Super Hoops last week, the Huskies made it to the third round of tournament action on Sunday, losing to Warsaw. Earlier, Hamilton Heights defeated East Noble and a team from Hamilton Southeastern.

With so many Huskies departed, the spotlight of returning talent will fall on a senior, Hunter Crist, and a junior, Sterling Weatherford, the brother of four-year veteran Grant Weatherford.

Crist averaged 15.6 points a game last season. Weatherford, who missed half of the season, scored at a 5.5 clip.

Scoring isn't so much of a concern for Ballenger. Rebounding is. "We just don't have a lot of size," said Ballenger. "We'll have to find rebounding from somewhere. We can score. But, we have to get the ball off the boards."

Crist and Weatherford, of course, is a solid 1-2 punch returning. Ballenger also likes Max Wahl, Caymn Lutz, Austin Sauerteig and T.J. Freeland, who is a senior. Wahl, Lutz and Sauerteig are juniors.

"Freeland and Lutz had solid time with the varsity last year," said Ballenger. "Sauerteig had a good summer."

Ballenger has tried to make it a challenging summer for his team. "We tried to play good competition," said the coach. "We played at Indiana State, where we faced Carmel and Pike."

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Sterling Weatherford, who missed half of Heights' season last year, averaged 5.5 points per game.

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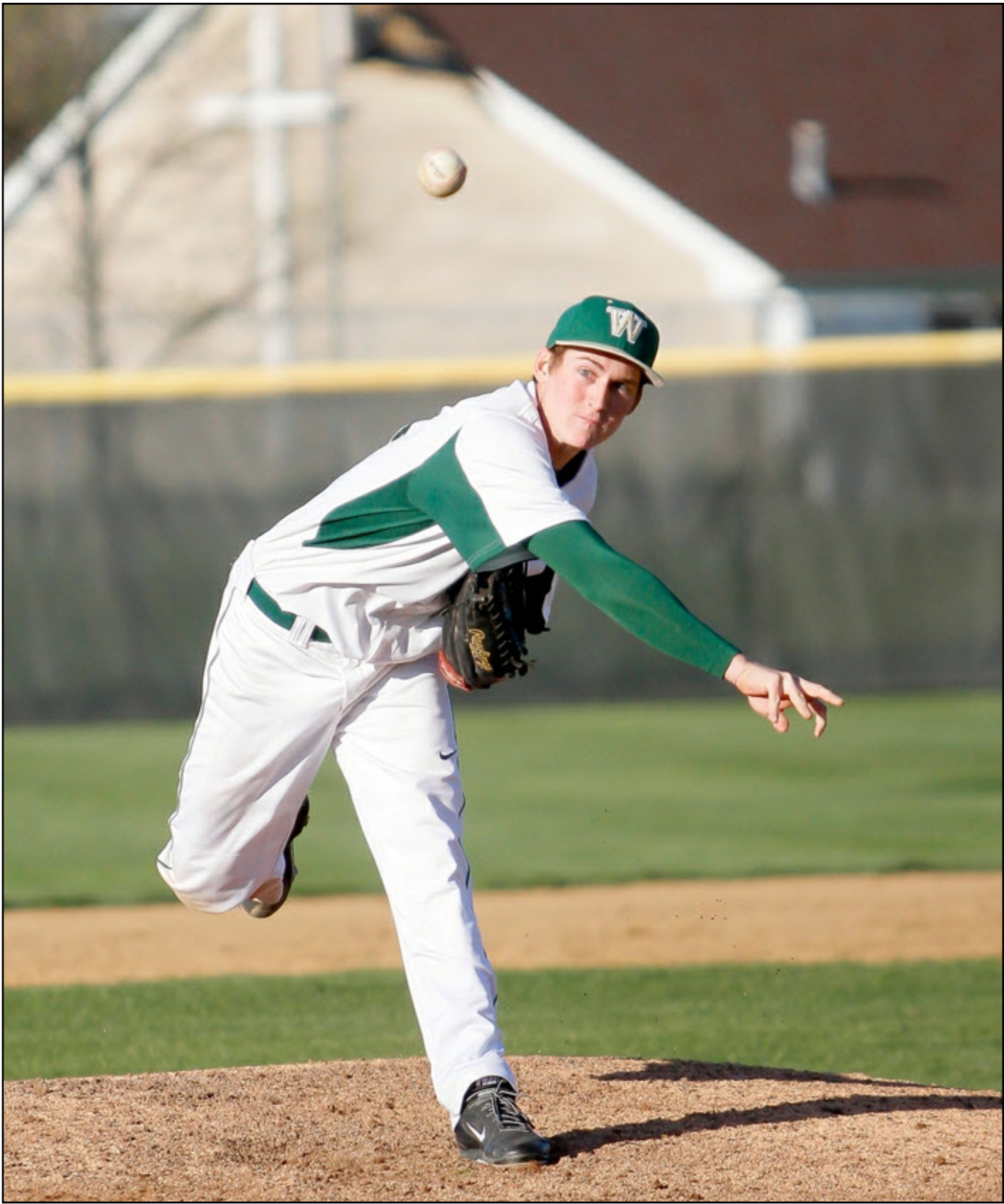
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## Baseball Player of the Year

### Chris Ayers, Westfield



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During his senior year, Westfield’s Chris Ayers was unbeatable on the mound. Ayers pitched at a remarkably high level throughout the season and is this year’s choice for the Hamilton County Reporter’s Baseball Player of the Year.

Ayers finished 5-0 for the season, and had a 0.00 earned-run average - that’s right: He did not have a single earned run. Ayers led Westfield in strikeouts with 43.

Ayers was pretty good at the plate, too. He led the Shamrocks with a .400 average, batting in 18 runs and hitting three home runs.

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## All-County Baseball Team

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Austin Hoover	Sheridan	Senior	Brandon Yoho
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Cory Conway	Noblesville	Junior	Chris Ayers
Dax McLochlin	Noblesville	Senior	Jacob Robinson
Travis Gillian	Noblesville	Sophomore	Bailey Partlow
Matt Labus	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Andrew Bohm
Luke Buehler	Guerin Catholic	Junior	Aaron McGee
Christian McGill	Heights	Junior	J.B. Washburn
Mitch Howie	Heights	Junior	Matt Gorski
Ian Nicholson	Heights	Senior	Connor Cunningham
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New coach, new style, new conference...

# University girls are starting fresh

By RICHIE HALL  
Reporter Sports Editor

Some basketball teams reload, some rebuild.



Blanding

First to the new coach: Justin Blanding. While he's new to the girls team, he has been a University coach for a while, having mentored the boys junior varsity squad and

University's girls basketball team might be rebooting. The Trailblazers will have much in the way of newness next season: A new coach, a new style and a new schedule by virtue of UHS joining the Pioneer Athletic Conference.

There will be some familiar faces on the team, however. Six of the eight girls on last year's Trailblazer roster are slated to return. The graduating players are Reilly Small and Anja Djupesland, both of whom played solid minutes last season.

serving as a varsity boys assistant. So he already knows what University is all about.



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going to be more continuity offense. We're just going to be more disciplined on the defensive side of the ball. That's something we're really going to stress."

Blanding said that the intensity of the summer practices will mirror that of a regular season practice. The coach said

The coach said that the 'Blazers didn't play in any summer events this season. Instead, the team hit the gym and went back to basics.

"Everything was skill development," said Blanding. The coach focused on "introducing a new style," along with new camaraderie and new chemistry.

"Pretty much just starting fresh," said Blanding.

That new style will be fast. "We're definitely going to play

little bit faster," said Blanding. "It's going to be more continuity offense. We're just going to be more disciplined on the defensive side of the ball. That's something we're really going to stress."

that the team has been working on ball handling, and getting more physical, and also doing "a ton of shooting" - the coach noted that last year's team had open shots, but didn't knock them down.

The returning players on University's roster are seniors Cyan Cosby and Allie Towriss, juniors Maggie Klemsz and Honor Cosby, and sophomores Alexa Nealy and Riley Spitzenberger. In addition, a pair of incoming freshman twins, Lillian and Lucy Snyder, have been in the mix as well.

Those players will be the first to see action in the Pioneer Athletic Conference, which University is joining this fall. The Trailblazers will join Indianapolis schools Baptist Academy, International, Crispus Attucks and Shortridge, Greenwood Christian in the south suburbs, plus Muncie Burris, and Seton Catholic, which is located in Richmond.



C. Cosby

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Texas 8, Baltimore 6	Washington 6, Atlanta 1
Boston 4, Toronto 3	Houston 4, Kansas City 0
Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 4, 14 innings	Chi. White Sox 2, St. Louis 1, 11 innings
Chi. Cubs 1, N.Y. Mets 0	L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 4, 10 innings
Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 2	Colorado 2, Oakland 1
Minnesota 8, Cincinnati 5	L.A. Angels 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
	Seattle 5, San Diego 0

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	41	36	.532	-	Washington	43	34	.558	-
Tampa Bay	42	37	.532	-	N.Y. Mets	40	38	.513	3.5
N.Y. Yankees	41	37	.526	0.5	Atlanta	36	41	.468	7.0
Toronto	41	38	.519	1.0	Miami	32	46	.410	11.5
Boston	36	43	.456	6.0	Philadelphia	27	52	.342	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	44	30	.595	-	St. Louis	51	25	.671	-
Minnesota	41	36	.532	4.5	Pittsburgh	43	33	.566	8.0
Detroit	39	37	.513	6.0	Chi. Cubs	40	35	.533	10.5
Cleveland	35	41	.461	10.0	Cincinnati	35	41	.461	16.0
Chi. White Sox	33	42	.440	11.5	Milwaukee	31	48	.392	21.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	46	34	.575	-	L.A. Dodgers	44	35	.557	-
L.A. Angels	41	37	.526	4.0	San Francisco	42	36	.538	1.5
Texas	40	38	.513	5.0	Arizona	37	40	.481	6.0
Seattle	35	42	.455	9.5	San Diego	37	42	.468	7.0
Oakland	35	45	.438	11.0	Colorado	34	43	.442	9.0

Catchings collects 3000th rebound...

## Fever win at Connecticut for first time since 2011

The Indiana Fever certainly have enjoyed playing on the road. So much so that perennial All-Star Tamika Catchings was nearly perfect on Tuesday during a 92-84 Fever victory over the Connecticut Sun.

Indiana, just 4-6 overall, won its third straight road game, nearly running away with a third straight double-figure road margin until Connecticut staged a near-record comeback in the final minutes. It was

Indiana's first road win at Connecticut since 2011, snapping a seven-game road losing streak to the Sun. Remarkably, Indiana is 3-2 on the road this season with its string of consecutive wins matching a franchise record for the seventh time.

The 35-year old Catchings played in the 400<sup>th</sup> game of her WNBA career and became the fourth player in league history with 3,000 rebounds. She finished with

game highs of 26 points and 10 rebounds to register the 93<sup>rd</sup> double-double of her career. Remarkably, she didn't miss a shot until 8:06 remained in the contest, finishing 9-of-10 from the floor with four 3-pointers. She also was perfect on four free throws.

She is just 14 rebounds from becoming the No. 3 career rebounder in league history.

Asked in a postgame interview about a vintage Catchings evening, White responded, "She certainly dipped into the well for us a couple of times tonight."

"You can tell when Tamika is feeling well. Today was one of those days. We put the ball in her hands. She's just a rock and it's no surprise why she has been such a rock for this franchise for so many years."

Deadlocked at 31 with nine lead changes and seven ties by the early moments of the second quarter, the stage was set for a 40-minute nailbiter. From that point though, Catchings and Indiana outscored the home team 43-20 over the next 17 minutes to command a 23-point lead, 74-51, with 1:48 left in the third.

The Fever maintained a 76-55 advantage early in the fourth when the Sun awoke to swing the pendulum. Seven minutes and a 24-7 spurt later, the Sun had raged within 83-79 and still 2:23 to play. Kelsey Bone scored 10 during the period for Connecticut and Indianapolis native Alex Bentley contributed nine.

Who else would play hero for Indiana, but Catchings?

The former MVP calmly pocketed a baseline jumper for a six-point advantage. Bentley pulled the Sun within three, 85-82, on a 3-pointer with 1:05 left but on the same

play, Bone was whistled for a flagrant foul that resulted in her ejection and a pair of free throws by Natalie Achonwa.

Achonwa's free throws, plus two more from Catchings and a steal by Catchings, helped put the game on ice for Indiana to snap a two-game losing skid and put a halt to the Sun's seven-game win streak.

Bentley capped an 18-point evening with a layup in the final minute, but free throws from Layshia Clarendon and Shenise Johnson sealed the first road win by either team in the Sun-Fever series since 2012.

Bone paced the Sun with 21 points. Also in double figures for Connecticut were Jasmine Thomas, with 14, and Alyssa Thomas and Camille Little, each with 12.

Johnson added 13 points and Achonwa had 10 in a balanced scoring effort for Indiana. Lynetta Kizer, Natasha Howard and Maggie Lucas each pitched in nine off the bench, combining to shoot 11-of-16 among them. Lucas was forced out of the game with an injured hip with 44 seconds remaining.

Tied at 31, Johnson scored six points during an 8-0 Fever run to command a 39-31 advantage and eventually take a 49-44 lead into the locker room. And at that time, Catchings was still perfect – 12 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists at the break, while perfect on 5-of-5 shooting with two 3-pointers.

Catchings' near perfection and Indiana's new up-tempo offense produced a season-high 92 points and the Fever's most points in a regular season road game since a 104-82 win at Phoenix in August 2010. The Fever shot a season-best 55 percent from the floor, including 8-of-13 (62 percent) from 3-point range.

The Fever returns to Bankers Life Fieldhouse for a four-game homestand beginning Thursday against the Washington Mystics (7:00 p.m., 107.5/1070 The Fan).

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## Clippers kept at bay by Sanchez gem

Triple-A rookie Angel Sanchez tied a career high with nine strikeouts over seven shutout innings and Major League rehabing first baseman Corey Hart scored and drove in a run as the Indianapolis Indians (47-32) edged the Columbus Clippers (42-37), 3-1, Tuesday night at Victory Field.

Sanchez (2-0) faced just three above the minimum in his second straight win. He issued a leadoff walk to open the game before striking out nine of his next 16 batters through the end of the fifth.

Hart returned to the Indians' lineup for the first time since 2004 and singled on his second pitch to drive in the game's first run. He then scored from first on Brent Morel's triple after just beating out the throw from right field and sliding under the tag at home plate.

Shaun Marcum (4-1) took his first loss of the season for Columbus.

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