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Sheridan, Hamilton North to merge to create...

Northern Hamilton County Chamber

The Hamilton North and Sheridan chambers of commerce have merged into the Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce.

State Representative Tony Cook made the announcement at a Tuesday joint luncheon between the two chambers. Rep. Cook said the following in his announcement:

"Both organizations have represented the business interests of their respective communities for many years. Residential and business growth in the southern part of the county has been phenomenal. Some of the growth has had

a positive impact on our own communities. We have seen recent evidence that suggests that growth is pushing north as the rest of the county realizes the opportunities in northern Hamilton County. The boards of the Chambers felt like this was the appropriate time to merge to create a stronger voice for existing and potential businesses in the area. As your State Representative, I'd like to congratulate the new Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce as they work together to advance the interests of the businesses in the area."

Representatives from both chambers also praised the decision. One was Jim Hogle, an executive board member of the Hamilton North Chamber who is now the president of the Northern Hamilton County Chamber.

"As the new president, this is an exciting time for our communities and we are glad to make this announcement at our annual joint chamber luncheon," said Hogle. "The Sheridan Chamber and the Hamilton North Chamber have

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Downed tree closes Conner, 16th streets

Shortly before noon on Monday, high winds blew a large tree down on the southwest corner of the intersection of 16th and Conner streets (Indiana 32/38) in Noblesville. The tree took down power lines north and south of Conner Street and the westbound traffic signal pole arm at the intersection.

For most of Monday, 16th Street was closed from Logan to Maple streets. Conner Street was closed between 14th and 17th Streets. The east-west alley between 16th and 14th streets north of Conner Street also was closed to traffic.

Roads were re-opened by the middle of Monday evening.

The City of Noblesville and INDOT crews installed traffic control in the area and worked the situation with utility companies. The city placed advanced warning on Conner Street on the west side of Noblesville to alert through traffic of the closure in an attempt to assist eastbound motorists.

This was the only roadway that had any interference because of Monday's storm.



Photo courtesy the City of Noblesville

Crews worked to remove a tree that fell into the intersection of Conner and 16th streets Monday morning.

Noblesville hosts Sister Cities welcome reception



Photo courtesy the City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville recently hosted a welcome reception for delegates and exchange students from Nova Prata, Brazil and Cittadella, Italy. The city is hosting its two Sister Cities this week.

Each summer, student ambassadors and their chaperones travel from two partner cities to the host city for a ten day fun-filled cultural exchange. There they explore the city, sample local fare, and learn about the history, traditions and social and economic aspects of that city.

In 1994, under the leadership of then Mayor Mary Sue Rowland, Noblesville began the process of obtaining a sister City. An agreement was reached in October 1996 with Nova Prata, Brazil under the leadership of the mayor at the time, Dennis Redick. In July 2006, Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear, Nova Prata, Brazil Mayor Vitor Pletsch and the Vice Mayor of Cittadella, Italy Guiseppe Pan signed a tri-lateral agreement. At the time, it was only the third such tri-lateral agreement in the past 58 years of Sister Cities International's existence.

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear presents Nova Prata, Brazil Sister Cities member and translator Roberta Pegoraro with a gift.

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Riverview Health earns excellence twice

Riverview Health has received two "excellence" awards.

First, it was recently chosen as a 2015 Five-Star Excellence Award winner by Professional Research Consultants (PRC), Inc., a healthcare market research company. The honor was given to Riverview Health 3-East Inpatient Med/Surg Unit for scoring in the top 10 percent nationally for "Excellent" responses according to patient feedback.

"Making sure our patients have the best possible experience is a top priority for our team, and patient feedback is a great way to ensure we're doing just that," said Dave Wilhite, department manager of Riverview Health Med/Surg. "For our patients to rate their experience as 'excellent' solidifies the commitment and effort our staff puts toward high-quality care each and every day."

The Five-Star Excellence Award is given annually by PRC to healthcare organizations that have excelled in creating excellent experiences for patients, as well as making their organizations a better place to work and practice medicine.

Riverview Health also announced it has achieved Pathway to Excellence designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

The Pathway to Excellence designation identifies the elements of work environ-

ments where nurses can flourish. The designation substantiates the professional satisfaction of nurses at Riverview Health and identifies it as one of the best places to work.

"At Riverview Health, patient care is a top priority. And the effort we put into creating a positive, collaborative work environment ultimately affects our patients and their experience with us," said Joyce Wood, Chief Nursing Officer and VP of Organizational Improvement. "Our nurses are not only dedicated to providing compassionate care to our patients, but also helping team members achieve high standards together. This designation is certainly a reflection of this hard work."

The Pathway to Excellence designation is granted based on the confirmed presence of characteristics known as "The Pathway to Excellence Criteria." For an organization to earn the Pathway to Excellence distinction, it must successfully undergo a thorough review process that documents foundational quality initiatives in creating a positive work environment—as defined by nurses and supported by research. These initiatives must be present in the facility's practices, policies and culture. Nurses in the organization verify the presence of the criteria in the organization through participa-



Photo courtesy Fishers Fire Department

Riverview Health's 3-East Inpatient Med/Surg Unit Staff shows off the Five-Star Excellence Award that it received from PRC.

tion in a completely confidential online survey.

As a Pathway to Excellence designated organization, Riverview Health is committed to nurses, to what nurses identify as important to their practice, and to valuing nurses' contributions in the workplace. This designation confirms to the public that nurses working at Riverview Health know their efforts are supported. The honor encourages other nurses to join their colleagues in this desirable and nurturing environment.

The Pathway to Excellence designation is perfectly suited to small and medium-sized healthcare organizations, but is attainable by all healthcare facilities around the world.

The Farmers Bank names Heather Allen Treasury Management Officer

Heather Allen has been appointed Treasury Management Officer effective March 18, 2015. Heather began her employment with The Farmers Bank in 2006 as a Customer Service Representative. She has also served as Retail Loan Officer and most recently Home Equity Specialist.

A graduate of Clinton Prairie High School, she received her bachelor's degree in Management/Finance from Saint Joseph's College. She currently serves on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity, Clinton Prairie Education Foundation, and St. Vincent Hospital Foundation. She is also the coach of the girl's junior varsity basketball team at Clinton Prairie High School.

The Farmers Bank is a \$450 million asset organization chartered in 1876 with headquarters in Frankfort, IN. The Farmers Bank is locally owned and operated with 10 banking offices, located in Central Indiana, providing retail, business, trust & asset management, investment, mortgage and



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Carmel, Westfield join Regional Development Authority

A new partnership has been formed between the cities of Carmel, Westfield, Indianapolis and Greenwood.

The communities have banded together to create the Regional Development Authority. In doing so, the cities will be able to participate in Indiana's Regional Cities Initiative, which is designed to "attract talented people" to the Hoosier State.

There are already five areas of the state - Northwest Indiana, the South Bend and Fort Wayne areas, Kokomo and Clark/Floyd County in southern Indiana - that are participating in the Initiative. The greater Indianapolis area was wanting to join, but needed to have a partnership with other cities to do so.

Greenwood was the first city that voted to join the RDA, at its June 15 common council meeting. Westfield was next, approving its entry at its June 22 city council meeting. Carmel approved its entry into the authority at its July 6 Common Council meeting. The Indianapolis City-Council voted to join on July 13.

The Regional Cities Initiative, which is part of the Indiana Economic Development Council, is encouraging these cities to find and keep workforce talent. It lists three bullet points that are key strategies: "Inspiring regional development," "encouraging regional collaboration" and "partnering financially, according to the initiative's Web site.

Already the RDA has some plans in the works, including the Red Line, which is a rapid transit bus service. The line would link the four cities involved in the partnership.

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had several joint luncheons and our Executive Directors have met occasionally; it's seems to be a natural fit for the two "smaller" chambers in the county to join together for the benefit of all Northern Hamilton County. Early this year, the two boards met to discuss the idea of merging the two chambers and we mutually came to the conclusion that now was the time to join together for the benefit of the businesses in Sheridan, Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta."

The NHCCC's new mission statement is: *"The mission of the Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce is to promote and improve the business environment and to stimulate vibrant local economies through a cooperative effort to enhance the overall quality of life in Northern Hamilton County."*

Erin Merrill-Macy, the president of the Sheridan Chamber, had planned to retire from the executive position due to the impending birth of her first child. She said that

Parvin Gillin, the Sheridan Chamber vice-president, will now the vice-president of the NHCCC.

"The merger of the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce and the Hamilton North Chamber of Commerce is extremely beneficial to the members of both Chambers, said Merrill-Macy. "The communities of Northern Hamilton County are each unique in their character but common in their challenges. Our new Chamber will have a combined strength to overcome the challenges and a greater influence on growing the commerce of Northern Hamilton County."

The Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce is a larger Chamber representing a larger region of Commerce. We are now in an era where regionalism is a buzzword. The Indiana Legislature is talking regionalism and just established the Regional Cities fund. You should ask Representative Cook about that legislation. The

point I want to emphasize is we must work together and speak as one voice to promote the wonderful business opportunities the Northern Hamilton County region has to offer. Each municipality is still unique to Northern Hamilton County; we are simply combining our voices in one Chamber that will echo throughout the County."

Jane Hunter will be the NHCCC's executive director and Catharine Heller will be the office manager.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the businesses in Sheridan as well as I do the businesses in the Hamilton North communities," said Hunter. "I'm also looking forward to working with Catharine as we continue the daily work of running a chamber of commerce. We already have a schedule of events planned including monthly luncheons and special events. We will alternately meet in Sheridan and in Cicero."

Hunter also explained some of the logistical details regarding the chamber mergers:

"The combined boards will run the Chamber through the remainder of the year. In November we will hold elections for the NHCCC board of directors," said Hunter. "Committees will also be formed from the membership. Please consider your role in the new chamber."

"While we will continue to have two offices, I will be in Sheridan throughout the week to start meeting the Sheridan chamber members personally. Catharine and I will work together to coordinate the membership luncheons and other events. We will also work together to represent the Chamber in town council meetings, county events and other meetings where the interests of local business is discussed."

"We will have an updated website by the end of the year. Through the next few months we will be consolidating our database and as each member renews their membership, you'll see different options for membership and event sponsorships."

From Page 1

Your Local Community Bank

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Margaret J. "Peg" Crickmore

August 24, 1950 - July 11, 2015

Margaret J. "Peg" Crickmore, 64, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on August 24, 1950 to Robert and Rosemary (Jessup) Swift in Indianapolis, Indiana.



For over 45 years, Peg was a nurse, and owned her own wellness business for the past several years. She was a member of Noblesville Friends Church and Harbour Trees Beach Club. Peg enjoyed getting together with her many special friends; the Muncie Five was extra special. Most of all, her family was most important.

Peg is survived by her daughter, Michelle Pfeiffer; mother, Rosemary Swift; daughter-in-law, Alisha McWilliams; six grandchildren, Logan, Greg, Abby, Caitlin, Tommy, and Sydney; and three sisters, Beth Givan, Mary Lou Wilkerson, and Sarah Stephens.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen Crickmore; and son, Tom McWilliams.

Services will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with Pastor David Adams officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 14, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at 2:00 pm Fairfield Friends Cemetery in Camby, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to a medical trust for Peg's grandson, Logan Puski. Please check the condolence website below for updated address information.

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Hubert L. Hill

April 26, 1945 - July 12, 2015

Hubert L. Hill, 70, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on April 26, 1945 to the late Clyde and Mayme Hill in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Hubert was a mechanic, and also worked for Noblesville Casting and Hall House Lumber. He loved working on cars, and was an avid fisherman. Hubert also had many favorite TV shows that he enjoyed. For 44 years, he was married to Judy Hill, who preceded him in death in 2009.

He is survived by his daughters, Lonna "Joanie" (Chris) Mosbaugh, and Candace (Rusty) Wilmot; five grandchildren, Michael Mosbaugh, Jerry (Monica) Mosbaugh, Brittanie (Tyler) Davis, Dustin Wilmot, and Luke Wilmot; three great-grandchildren, Aaden, Triton & McKinley Mosbaugh; and his special friend, Connie Boggs.

Services will be held at 4:00 pm on Friday, July 17, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with visitation from 2:00 pm to the time of service. Rev. Richard D. Bell will officiate. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes in memory of Hubert.

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Manuel Cruz "Manny" Dinio

December 30, 1942 - July 13, 2015

Manuel Cruz "Manny" Dinio, 72, of Fishers, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2015 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on December 30, 1942 to Dominador and Carlota Dinio in Marilao Bulacan, Philippines.



Manny retired as a salesman for the Semesko Company in the Philippines, where he was also the former president of the Rotary & Lions Clubs. He came to America 15 years ago, and worked for Target. Manny was a member of Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, and enjoyed his family, his church, and his friends. He and his wife, Soledad, would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this October.

Manny is survived by wife, Soledad M. Dinio; daughters, Michelle Dinio Nguyen, and Mary Ann Dinio Ching; son, Manuel Manuel Dinio Jr.; sisters, Celedonia Dinio Guerzon, Consolacion Dinio Paglinawan, Angelina Dinio Meyer, and Lolita Dinio Cabatan; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Michael Manuel Dinio; and daughter, Melody Sol Manuel Dinio.

Services will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 19, 2015, at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 East 126th Street, in Fishers, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Brian Derrer will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dinio family.

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DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

- Matthew 7:7

50 Years Ago

July 15, 1965

News: Eleven Hamilton County youths were inducted into the U.S Army today from Hamilton County. The eleven reported to the County Selective Service office this morning and were transported to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for basic training.

Sports: It will take an even 160, or maybe one or two strokes better to qualify for the champion bracket of the 1965 Forest Park Men's Golf Club's city tournament this year.

Deal of the Day: Chew's Market: Regal or Como Bathroom Tissue, 4 roll package 19c.

Bill Skidmore Jr.

April 19, 1952 - July 12, 2015

Bill Skidmore Jr., 63, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on April 19, 1952 to William and Patricia (Hart) Skidmore in Camden, New Jersey.

Bill loved cars and trains, and was a loving father. He was also a devoted member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Skidmore, and Mike Skidmore; sisters, Susan & Elizabeth; brother, David; and nieces & nephews, David, Haley, Becky, Sarah, and Chris. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his nephew, Matthew.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road, in Noblesville, with Pastor Steve Walker officiating. Bill will be buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, 5133 State Rd 261, Newburgh, Indiana 47630 on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Voyle Monroe "Bus" Fisher

January 3, 1933 - July 9, 2015

Voyle Monroe "Bus" Fisher, age 82, of Sheridan, passed away on Thursday morning, July 9, 2015, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. Born January 3, 1933, in Boone County, Indiana, he was the son of the late Voyle and Viola (Taylor) Fisher. Voyle retired as a heavy equipment operator from the J.J. Hoffman Construction Company and V.J. Yantis Construction Company. He attended Victory Baptist Church in Noblesville. He was an avid gardener, hunter and fisherman and had a great love for his hunting dogs. In 1950, Voyle married Margaret E. (Buzan) Fisher. She preceded him in death on April 2, 2011.

Voyle is survived by his 2 sons, Steven K. Fisher (Leneda "Sue") of Lebanon and Michael A. Fisher (Vonda) of Sheridan; his daughter, Susan C. Brock of Carmel; 8 grandchildren, Matthew Fisher, Gloria M. Fisher, Brandon Fisher, M. Aaron Fisher, Ashley Marie Fisher, Andrew M. Fisher, Lori M. (Joshua) Kolter and Kristina L. Roell; 7 great grandchildren, Matilyn, Gabrielle, Dustin, Cody, Jeremiah, Lilly and Violet; 1 brother, Herschel Fisher (Elisabeth) of Whitestown; and 2 sisters, Pat Hardin and Camele Fisher, both of Lebanon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Margaret; his infant daughter; and a brother-in-law, Kirby Hardin.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 East 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069. Burial will follow at Little Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield, Indiana. Pastor Darrell Jones will be officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at Kercheval Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be presented to the Alzheimer's Association and directed towards Team "Bus' Beauties" for the Alzheimer's Walk 2015.

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Max E. Berger

September 28, 1931 - July 11, 2015

Max E. Berger, 83, of Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. He was born on September 28, 1931 to Lloyd and Dorothy (Horner) Berger in Peru, Indiana.

Max proudly served his country during the Korean War in the United States Army. He farmed all his life, was a member of Erie United Methodist Church in Peru, enjoyed NASCAR racing, and was an avid reader. He enjoyed walking, and loved traveling in his RV with his traveling friends who brought him great joy. Most of all, Max was a loving father to his daughters.

His descendants include five daughters, Kimberly J. Jowitt and Celeste A. O'Neill (both deceased), Jennifer L. Boots, Dawn E. Morley, and Susan D. Good; and six grandchildren, Crystal Marr, Jayme Thompson, Lenny Foyer, Raymond Foyer, Richie Boots, and Sam Good.

In addition to his parents and 2 daughters, Max was preceded in death by his wife of 23 years, Jayne E. Berger; and older brother, Clarence E. Berger.

Services will be held at 12:00 pm Noon on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers, with visitation from 10:00 am to the time of service. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AMVETS, 4647 Forbes Blvd. Lanham, MD 20706.

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Orville J. Hopkins

April 9, 1925 - July 11, 2015

Orville J. Hopkins, 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at his home in Noblesville. He was born on April 9, 1925 to Harley and Onie (White) Hopkins in Paragould, Arkansas.

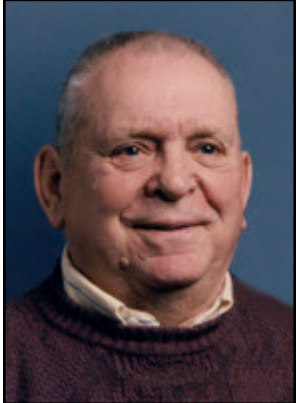
Orville retired in 1987 from Carmel Car Clinic, but most of his career was with White Oldsmobile in Noblesville. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. Orville was a member of Prairie Baptist Church, and wrote a self-published book about his life called "Hello World".

He is survived by his daughter, Suellen (Hopkins) (Mike) Fletcher; sons, Brett (Laura) Hopkins, and Bryan Hopkins; four grandchildren, Matthew (Jill) Fletcher, Megan Hopkins, Jeremy (Stephanie) Hopkins, and Joshua (Cassa) Hopkins; and four great-grandchildren, Mark & Kassidy Fletcher, Isaac Buening, and Braydon & Ryker Hopkins.

In addition to his parents, Orville was preceded in death by his wife of 64 1/2 years, Katharine (Gonser) Hopkins; and son, Randal O. Hopkins in 1996.

Services will be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation from 1:00 pm to the time of service. Pastor Stephen Passmore will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.



Jesse Alma

February 16, 1952 - July 10, 2015

Jesse Alma, 63, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, July 10, 2015 at home. He was born on February 16, 1952 to Herminio and Angelita (Cortez) Alma in El Dorado County, California. Jesse had been a mechanic at Edwards Transmission for over 35 years.

He is survived by his son, Jesse Alma; and two daughters, Bambi Alma and Katrina Cotter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sottona Ruth (Randall) Alma who passed away in July 2005.

Graveside services with burial will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at Summit Lawn Cemetery, 700 South Union Street, in Westfield.

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LEFT: Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear explains the city’s organization to the city’s international guests.

BELOW LEFT: Mayor Ditslear presents Cittadella, Italy Mayor Giuseppe Pan with a gift to thank him for his visit to our city.

BELOW: Mayor Ditslear greets Marco Pan, son of Cittadella, Italy Mayor Giuseppe Pan.

BOTTOM: Noblesville Sister Cities Committee Member Deborah Frankel talks with Nova Prata, Brazil chaperone Taiane Ferretto.



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TOP: Noblesville; Nova Prata, Brazil; and Cittadella, Italy city leaders and chaperones join exchange students and hosts.

MIDDLE LEFT: Nova Prata Sister Cities President Victor Pandolfo and Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear share a laugh at the reception.

MIDDLE RIGHT - From right: Cittadella, Italy Mayor Giuseppe Pan and chaperone Bruno Zoppe listen to Noblesville Common Councilor Greg O'Connor discuss how the city council operates.

ABOVE LEFT - From left: Bruno Zoppe waits to translate Cittadella, Italy Mayor Giuseppe Pan's greeting to the audience during the reception to welcome our Sister Cities guests to Noblesville.

ABOVE: Noblesville Police Chief Kevin Jowitt with Italian Police Officer Bruno Zoppe.

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Summer football....

Scheib looking for defenders

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

It has been a busy, fun and very productive summer for the Noblesville High School football team.

That's the word from head coach Lance Scheib.

It's a summer in which Scheib is attempting to build depth. The job on defense has been huge with just one returning starter.

"We took 97 kids to a team camp at Indiana University," Scheib said. "That gave us a look at lots of players."

It was a three-day camp in which Noblesville was joined by five other teams.

Without question, the big focus has been rebuilding the defense.

"We lost 10 starters from the defense," Scheib said. "The only returning starter is Hank Davis. "We're trying to create depth."

There are some good prospects leading the way, Millers such as junior linebacker Grant Bullard, junior defensive back Harris Camp and junior lineman Josh Garcia.

The returning offense will be more experienced, led by senior quarterback Luke Melloh, who shared the position last year and in doing so passed for more than 600 yards and ran for more than 500 yards.

"Luke is our guy," Scheib said. "He gained a lot of confidence from last season."

The coach also likes the running of senior Jarel Youree, who also gained good playing time last season. Another promising standout is JD Scheib, the senior son of the coach who gained experience and played well as a receiver last year.

Scheib likes the offensive line, citing the play of senior Jeffrey Musselman, senior Max Atkins and senior Eric Ferguson.

"The strength of our team is the offensive line," Scheib said.

There have been some surprises, too, coming from the Millers. McGwire Plumer is playing well at the outside linebacking position and Andrew Phillips at linebacker. Another bright spot is senior kicker Andrew Little.

Noblesville will open the season against Lawrence North, one of three non-conference opponents for the Millers. The other



Kent Graham/File photo

Jarel Youree, now a senior for Noblesville, saw significant playing time for the Millers last season.□

two are Hamilton Heights and Chatard. Although he would rather play in a conference with eight teams instead of seven, Scheib said he loves the non-conference card.

"Lawrence North will be very good," said the coach. "Remember, we were down 28-7 before coming back to beat them last year."

"We have to play Hamilton Heights at their place, and they will be better. Chatard is always tough."

This is the second season of a two-year schedule against those three conference teams. Next season Noblesville again will open with Lawrence North and then will play Carmel in the second slot. Hamilton Heights will move down in the schedule in the slot Noblesville this year plays Chatard.

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Summer girls basketball...

Shamrocks have new head coach, six seniors

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor
If it seems like some of the players on the Westfield girls basketball team have been around forever, that's because some of them have.

This year's incoming senior class was a group of girls that were very successful in middle school, and made some immediate impacts when they got into high school. Now, they will be the leaders of the Shamrocks in experience.

"We got a full team of veterans," said new Westfield head coach Ginny Smith. The coach isn't new to the program, though. She was the assistant to former girls coach Shane Sumpter, who has moved over to the boys basketball team as the new head coach there.

After five years as Sumpter's assistant, Smith had a baby and took a couple years off from coaching. But Smith always knew she would come back to the game she loved. Everything worked out that she is now the Shamrocks' new head coach.

"Basketball's always been my life," said Smith, who played all through her own high school days, then in college. "It's just kind of in me."

And what a senior group that will be Smith's first team as a head coach. The six seniors include three that were double-figure scorers during Westfield's regular season last year: Allison VanDyke brings back 14.1 points per game, Haliagh Reinoehl scored 12.4 and Maddy Grennes averaged 11.5. Reinoehl was also the county's leading rebounder, yanking 9.3 boards per game. She and Grennes were also good free-throw shooters, making 75 percent of their foul shots.

Two more seniors are excellent 3-point shooters. Jalyn Foland was 22-of-48 from long-range, a 46 percent average. Abby Reeder drained 21 '3s.' The sixth senior back is Annaliese Drudge, another important player that's been with Westfield for a while.

Smith noted her team's experience, saying the fact that all her seniors have played a significant amount of minutes will "play a big role" for this year's team. However, she noted that there will be a different philosophy for the 'Rocks this season.

"We are changing some things, and I still think there's going to be an adjustment period," said the coach.

Returning juniors include Morgan Clary and Emily Katter, both of whom were on the varsity roster. Alena Nasbaum, Madison Alber and Allison Dotson will move up from junior varsity. Sophomore Sophia Reag is also back, along with classmate Ryann Bunting.

In summer play, Westfield again hosted its shootout, and also played in the Lady Mac Summer League, taking on opponents at Center Grove, Warren Central and the south side of Indianapolis.

"We had quite a few games this summer," said Smith. She said her team "had a really good summer all things considered," and was impressed with how the players picked things up.

"All in all I think we had a pretty good summer," said Smith.



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Allison VanDyke returns 14.1 points per game for the Westfield girls basketball team this season. VanDyke is one of three Shamrock seniors who averaged in double figures in the regular season last year.

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Major League Baseball is currently on its All-Star break.
Games will resume on Friday.

MLB standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	48	40	.545	-	Washington	48	39	.552	-
Tampa Bay	45	45	.500	3.5	N.Y. Mets	47	42	.528	2.0
Baltimore	44	44	.500	4.0	Atlanta	42	47	.472	7.0
Toronto	45	46	.495	4.5	Miami	38	51	.427	11.0
Boston	42	47	.472	6.5	Philadelphia	29	62	.319	21.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	52	34	.605	-	St. Louis	56	33	.629	-
Minnesota	49	40	.551	4.5	Pittsburgh	53	35	.602	2.5
Detroit	44	44	.500	9.0	Chi. Cubs	47	40	.540	8.0
Cleveland	42	46	.477	11.0	Cincinnati	39	47	.453	15.5
Chi. White Sox	41	45	.477	11.0	Milwaukee	38	52	.422	18.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Angels	48	40	.545	-	L.A. Dodgers	51	39	.567	-
Houston	49	42	.538	-	San Francisco	46	43	.517	4.5
Texas	42	46	.477	6.0	Arizona	42	45	.483	7.5
Seattle	41	48	.461	7.5	San Diego	41	49	.456	10.0
Oakland	41	50	.451	8.5	Colorado	39	49	.443	11.0

Two county golfers in State Am top five

Two Hamilton County golfers are in the top five (and ties) after the first round of the Women’s State Amateur Championship at Meshingomesia Country Club in Marion. Westfield’s Cailyn Henderson and Fishers’ Michelle Morgan are tied for fifth place with two other golfers, each shooting 76s and six shots behind the leader. Three-time champion Julia Potter of Indianapolis is the first-day leader with a 70 at the 93rd annual tourney.

In second place is Kayla Benge of Plainfield with a 72. Tied for third with 75s are Amanda Detmer of Madison and Cherise Otter of Bloomington. Round 2 is scheduled today.

Hamilton County Golfers
T-5: Cailyn Henderson, Westfield, 76.
T-5: Michelle Morgan Fishers, 76.
T-18: Brenna Obergfell, Noblesville, 80.
T-18: Maggie Rees, Carmel, 80.

T-27: Marissa Singer, Noblesville, 82.
T-32: Peyton Gigante, Noblesville, 83.
T-37: Ciara McAree, Fishers, 84.
T-43: Caitie Gehlhausen, Cicero, 86.
T-43: Kelli Witt, Fishers, 86.
T-64: Sydney Moran, Noblesville, 91.
T-70: Sophia Alexander Fishers, 93.
T-78: Tyler Smith, Carmel, 97.
80: Ally Mattingly, Fishers, 98



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