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TODAY'S WEATHER Sunny today, mostly clear tonight

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Hamillton County Reporter

In the wake of Chattanooga shooting...

Safety is important at Marine Recruiting Center

By RICHIE HALL

The tragic shooting that took place July 16 at an Armed Forces Career Center in Chattanooga, Tenn. brought about swift reactions regarding security at military instillations around the United States.

Indiana Governor Mike Pence was one of three governors from around the country armed at military facilities, including recruiting centers. While tUS Marine Corps

recruiting centers such as the one in Nobles- views of all the necessary adjustments with others are in strip malls. Noblesville's Maville fall under different rules than the Indiana National Guard, the public affairs manager for the Marines' Indianapolis Recruiting Station took some time to discuss Noblesville.

to authorize National Guardsmen to be policy change in regards to recruiters being armed," said Sgt. Tyler Mitchell, USMC.

regards to force protection, which Sgt. rine recruiting center is located at a strip Mitchell said is a way of measuring "what's going on right now."

"So our force protection condition at all protecting its facilities, including the one in recruiting sites are different based off of tional security, "it's not really appropriate" whatever we feel like a threat level would "As of right now, we haven't had a be," said Sgt. Mitchell. "And right now, each unique place is different."

Sgt. Mitchell noted that some recruiting time like now," he said. Sgt. Mitchell said that there have been re-stations are within federal buildings, while

mall at the intersection of state roads 32 and

Sgt. Mitchell said that because of operato discuss any specific measures or changes.

"But safety of marines is everybody's top concern, always, and especially at a

Public open house at **Indiana Temple**

By MARY SUE ROWLAND

One of only 148 Temples world



wide of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints and the first Mormon temple in Indiana is having an open house starting Friday, July 17th through August 8, 2015 every day except Sundays.

Free reservations for the open house made by be visiting WWW.templeopenhouse.lds.org or by calling 1-855-537-2000.

The temple is located in the city of Carmel on the southwest corner of the intersection of W 116th Street and Spring Mill Road. Tours will start at the adjacent Latter-day Saint chapel and will last 40 minutes. The temple is 34.000 square feet. 106 feet tall sitting on 18.11 acres and made of the finest limestone with architectural details of the historically significant building in downtown Indianapolis. The building is crowned with a 7 foot gilded angel Moroni statue. Interior and exterior stained glass was provided by the Kokomo Opalescent Glass Company in Indiana. The floral design incorporated in the motif is the blossom of the tulip poplar, the Indiana state tree. The glass and interior principal design motif includes a Celtic knot pattern of ribbons interlaced with floral elements.

There is a granite fountain quarried in Brazil and northern China sitting in a sea of plants, flowers and trees native to Indiana including the tulip tree. The inside features biblical original art and murals showing landscapes of Indiana at the beginning of time.

Today, there are 30,000 members of the church in Indiana from all walks of life that share a rich heritage of community and public service. Church members are active in youth sports leagues, community events, Boy Scouts and especially their church and heritage. Missionaries for the church

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Pink fire trucks in Fishers today

Pink fire trucks from the Pink Heals Tour (www.pinkfiretrucks.org) will be coming to Fishers today.

At 10 a.m., the trucks are scheduled to arrive at Hamilton Southeastern softball fields on Olio Rd (14181 E. 126th St.) for an appearance at the Girls National Softball Tournament. From there, they will visit cancer families in the area and then to the Nickel Plate Amphitheater to visit with Eddie Money concert goers at 6 p.m.

Pink Heals is an international organization is here to inspire others to work for those in our community to not only beat cancer, but to support those in the battle. It's not only about money but about community helping their own. Firefighters from across the country volunteer their time to drive these trucks from city to city to embrace a moment with those whose moments are precious and to remind everyone that they matter.

This year, they are bringing a very spejust for the kids who show great strength in fighting the fight or have won their battles trucks with their names.



Photo courtesy Fishers Fire Department

cial truck named "Gunner" that was created their battle with cancer. Those who are are encouraged to come out and sign the fire

Dillinger looking for \$1.6 million to:

Buy a youth football facility

By DON JELLISON

Reporter Editor

Steve Dillinger for \$1.6 million would like to purchase a baseball facility and use it for a youth football facility.

Before I send the Hamilton County Council, along with Steve's Hamilton County Commissions buddies streaking to their doctors to see if the hearts are still beating, let me explain.

Dillinger isn't trying to raise bucks from the county. He is president of the executive board of the Noblesville Elementary Football League, but he isn't talking as a spokesperson of that group.

He's speaking only as good old boy Steve Dillinger who has been a part of NEFL since its birth.

Dillinger would like to see the NEFL be able to purchase Trinity (baseball) Ball Park, a facility located on 161st Street in southwest Noblesville. Once one of the best baseball facilities in the area with seven or eight diamonds and an indoor area, Trinity now is closed and is on the chopping block at what Dillinger says is \$1.6 million.

"It would be a great facility for outdoor NEFL games and then the indoor facility

What's happening at NEFL?

Registration is still open for the 2015 season. The basic cost if \$85 per child. There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations received after June 28.

The first week of practice will be held at Dillon Park with Noblesville varsity coach Lance Scheib and his staff.

Fifth and sixth graders and first and second graders will practice on Sunday, July 26 and Tuesday, July 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Third and fourth graders will practice on Monday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 29

from 6 to 8 p.m. The first week of practice will be as a group.

The first week of practice will be as a group. Players will meet their coaches and teammates at Meet & Greet sessions on Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Noblesville High School cafeteria. The sessions will be as follows: 8:30 to 9:45 a.m., fifth and sixth grade tackle; 10 to 11:15 a.m. third and fourth grade tackle; 11:30 am. to 12:15 p.m., first and second grade tackle; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., flag.

Players who do not have equipment can pick it up at the final equipment handout session on Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dillon Park equipment room, near the skate park.

teaching and practice," Dillinger said.

NEFL could partner with Noblesville facilities in the winter." Youth Baseball in buying and using Trinity.

program at Dillon Park and I hear Nobles- Dillinger a call. ville Youth Baseball also needs more space.

could be used in the winter months for They could play baseball there in the summer; we could play football in the fall, and "What would really be good is if the then the two groups could share the indoor

Where would the \$1.6 million come? If 'We're running out of space for our you have an idea, or a few bucks, give



News

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arrived in Indiana in 1831 and church President Joseph Smith visited Greenville for about a month in 1832. It was Joseph who organized the church in 1830 in New York followed by Brigham Young as the leader. Membership is worldwide and stands at 13.5 million members.

Some interesting facts about the new Temple in Carmel:

Temples are sacred buildings in which Latter-day Saints receive instruction about the purpose of life and their relationship to God. They take part in ceremonies that reach beyond mortality on behalf of themselves and on behalf of their deceased ancestors. Eternal marriage and vicarious baptisms for the dead are done only in temples. The Church ordinances make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally. The inside of the Temple is not a giant cathedral but is made up of a number of rooms designed to accommodate certain function such as marriages, baptisms and religious instructional session. Inside the Temple, Church members change into simple, modest, white clothing before taking part in temple ceremonies. The white temple clothing symbolizes purity and reverence.

The difference between temples and a meetinghouse is the meetinghouses are open to all and everyone is welcome to attend Sunday worship services and other activities. After temples are dedicated, only faithful Latter-day Saints may enter them. Meetinghouses are open and busy all day on Sunday, while temples are generally closed that day. Meetinghouses can be used for a principles of honesty, integrity, obedience variety of activities such as a special dinner, youth activity or even a community blood drive. Temples are used only for sacred ordinances that bless individuals and bind families together for eternity.



Photo by Mary Sue Rowland

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is inviting the public to view its Mormon temple at 116th Street and Spring Mill Road in Carmel. An open house is taking place now through Aug. 8, every day except Sundays.

to law, chastity outside of marriage and fidelity within marriage. The Church opposes abortion, pornography, gambling and legal recognition of same-sex unions. The Church cautions against using tobacco, al-

The Faithful Church Members observe phasizes the positive benefits of wise eating habits and physical and spiritual fitness. structed in our Hamilton County and will Members fast for two meals one day per stand forever. However, there is only one month and donate the money they would have spent on those meals to fund and help the needy in addition to contributing onetenth of their income.

> The offerings of the members enable the Church to finance the worldwide construction, education, welfare, missionary, curriculum, humanitarian and other programs that benefit members and others.

A Temple for the faithful has been conopportunity to see and hear the story of the Church of the Later-Day Saints. It is an opportunity not to be missed and all of Indiana should embrace with thankfulness that the members have opened their Temple doors to all if only for a short time. If you can, plan to attend the Open House. The beautiful grounds of the Temple are open to all at any time to enjoy and reflect.



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Larry N. Thompson

June 11, 1938 - July 23, 2015

Larry N. Thompson, 77, Pendleton, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2015, at Clearvista Lake Health Campus in Indianapolis following an

He was born on June 11, 1938, in Sullivan, Indiana to

Arthur and Hazel Thompson. Larry was a U. S. Army veteran of the Korean War and he retired from the Fort Wayne Bus and Truck division of General Motors and had also worked at the GM plant on the west side of Indianapolis.

He was a member of the Indianapolis Camera club and enjoyed boating.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Susan (Judge) Thompson; three children, Arthur Thompson of Pendleton, Lorie Clay of Indianapolis, and Rolly Thompson of Pendle-

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, 1010 North Main Street, Lapel.

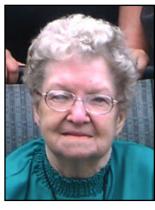
Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

Lola May Stevens

July 4, 1930 - July 23, 2015

Lola May Stevens, 85, of Westfield, passed away on Thursday morning, July 23,



2015 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. Lola was born on July 4, 1930, in Ventura, California to Catherine (Jauregui) and Elwood Kohansby. She married Robert Eugene Stevens of Mitchell, Indiana in 1950 while Mr. Stevens was serving his country in the U.S. Navy. The family moved to Indiana when Robert finished his tour of duty and eventually settled in Westfield, where they raised five children, R. Daniel Stevens of Noblesville, Catherine (Stevens) Sprulock of Tyler, Texas, Janeen (Stevens) Conaway of Westfield, Kenneth Stevens of Clinton, Indiana, and Lesa (Stevens) Bryant of Cicero.

Lola was preceded in death by her two brothers, John and Elwood; her sister, Isabel Bolton; her daughter, Janeen Conaway; and two grandsons, Scott Sprulock and Eric Ste-

Lola was a devoted mother and housekeeper. In later life, she worked for several years at Carmel Care Nursing Home serving others. She enjoyed visiting with her five children, 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Maple Park Village, 776 N Union St, Westfield, IN 46074.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.





DAILY BIBLE VERSE

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

- Psalm 90:17

50 Years Ago

July 24, 1965

News: Hamilton County Police officers turned out in force Wednesday to learn the new "get tough" policy to be enforced on traffic violators. **Sports:** Mare Tedrowe, who just last Saturday fired a no-hitter at Hartford City, hurled a two-hitter and Mike Whitson kept up his long, ball hitting as Noblesville took the driver's seat in the District Twelve Babe Ruth baseball tournament begun Wednesday evening under the lights at Anderson.

Deal of the Day: Mark's Furniture: Sofa bed, \$39.95.

Mars J. Gralia

October 15, 1917 - July 23, 2015

Mars J. Gralia, 97, of Carmel, passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on October 15, 1917 to Stephano and Livia (Vacca) Gralia in Bicknell,



Mars had been the Manager of Air Express, a division of R.E.A. Express Agency, where he retired in 1975, after 35 years. He was a member of the Elks Club Lodge #13; and had worked with election polls for many years, in many different capacities. He was quite the storyteller and enjoyed writing poetry.

He is survived by his children, Mike B. (Brenda) Gralia, Annette Burst, Elaine Irvin, and Mars J. (Carol) Gralia II; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren, with another one due in September.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary F. (Hibner) Gralia who passed away in 2004; and a brother, Mark.

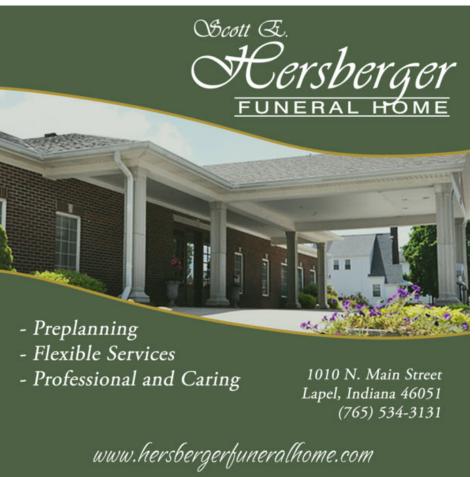
Services will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 2:00 pm immediately prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Zoo, 1200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46222.

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People of God should always be a praying people

In response to the Rev. Robert E. Louden's letter to the editor of July 23, 2015, I would like to say that I am in full agreement that in times of crisis or distress, the people of God should pray. However, I would like to add a few points. First, the people of God need to be a praying people at all times, not just during crisis or distress. In the Bible, when people were going through times of judgment, many times the food supply was the first thing to be struck. Yes, the corn looks bad in many areas due to all the heavy rains. But we need to ask ourselves, could this be God's judgment on a nation that seems to be swirling down a deep, dark cesspool of "anything goes" and has our eyes, ears, and hearts hardened against his voice? God is love--yes--but some churches seem to portray him as a kindly old grandfather who gives out candy to even the most rebellious grandchild. This is not the God of the Bible. Every day I read the newspaper and hear of more and more murders, Planned Parenthood selling baby's body parts--not to mention the over 54 million babies aborted since Roe v Wade, the same sex marriage issue, and the list goes on. We are ripe for the judgment. If it begins with the harvest and goes on into the price paid at the pump and the grocery store, then maybe we need to not only pray, but actually repent as a nation, and quit kicking God out of everything from the schools to the public square. Do we actually deserve his favor?

> Kristi Arpasi Cicero

There is room for two arts organizations in Noblesville

I read with interest Fred Swift's recent article and the questions posed: Does Noblesville need two Cultural Arts organizations? And, if not, does one bring about the demise of the other? I feel compelled to weigh in on those questions as it relates to my nearly thirty years of experience in non-profit organization management. While completing my certification in the Program in Nonprofit Management offered by Duke University in Durham, NC, I had the opportunity to serve as the executive director of the Nash County Arts Council located in Nashville, NC. That particular organization organized, promoted and presented a wide variety of programs for the surrounding area including dramas, musicals, classes, concerts, and art exhibits, among others. While other venues existed around Nash County, our Cultural Center was considered the "hub" of cultural activity. This particular venue and its programs were not in any way subsidized by the municipality or the County. Is the "umbrella" option the best choice for Noblesville? Not so sure about that. In my opinion, with the growth of Noblesville in general and the growing number of talented individuals we are blessed to have among us, there is room for two organizations if both can operate in the black through fundraising efforts, revenue raised through ticket sales and grant funding. I believe that Noblesville residents can and will support arts initiatives. Mr. Swift's remarks clearly set forth the questions which local art patrons must ponder, discuss, and decide as we nurture this most important quality of life

> **Sharon McMahon** Noblesville

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ISP accepting applications for Regional Dispatchers

The Indiana State Police is accepting civilian applicament police personnel, other law enforcement agencies and annual salary can be found at careers.in.gov. For more tions for two Regional Dispatch Operators. The successful applicants will work at the Indianapolis Regional Dispatch Center located at 8620 East 21st Street, Indianapolis.

The requirements and duties include, but are not limited to, serve as a civilian employee of the Indiana State Police whose primary responsibility is to receive, collate, record, disseminate and accurately dispatch information to Depart-

other support services through the use of a Computer Aided information and to apply, go to www.in.gov/spd/careers/. Dispatch (CAD) system, Records Management System (RMS), Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL), Geographical Information System (GIS) and other Regional Dispatch directed to Center resources.

The minimum requirements, physical requirements along with the responsibilities, duties and the positions

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Further questions regarding these positions should be

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6 News

CKP Quilt at the Sheridan Library



Photo courtesy Sheridan Library

The Sheridan Public Library is pleased to have the centennial service guilt from the Campbell Kyle Proffitt LLP law firm on display. The firm is celebrating its 100th anniversary by showing this beautiful quilt in multiple locations throughout Hamilton County this year, including all five Hamilton County public libraries. The quilt will be on display at the Sheridan Public Library through Tuesday, July 28th. If you are a quilter, you should stop by and see this beautiful work of art.

The Sheridan Public Library is located at 103 West First Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County. Library hours are Monday through Thursday 10 am to 7 pm, Friday 10 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday 9 am to 1 pm.

Indiana Paralegal Association installs officers, hands out awards

The Indiana Paralegal Association, Inc. ("IPA") held its annual swearing in and awards ceremony at the Columbia Club on Wednesday, July 15. The featured guest speaker was The Honorable Edward W. Najam, Jr. of the Indiana Court of Appeals, who provided the IPA with the honor of conducting the installation ceremony of the newly elected officers and directors.

The officers and directors of the IPA serve on the Board of Directors. The Board consists of three officers and 12 directors. These 15 paralegals volunteer their time to serve a one-year term. During their term, the officers and directors swear to represent IPA's members' interests to the best of their skills and abilities. The newly elected officers and directors are as follows:

OFFICERS:

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Technology Director – Jennifer Ebersold, Norris Choplin Schroeder LLP

<u>AWARDS:</u>

honor its members who have displayed ex- Lee & Fairman, LLP ceptional abilities and who put their many virtues to work to better the organization. Three awards were presented at the ceremo-Year was Barnes & Thornburg LLP



Photo provided

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Pictured - Back row: Tonya Brock, Lottie Wathen, Julie Johnson, Clare Welage, Rhonda Murphy. Front row: Linda McGirr, Sherry Bailey, Lauren Jones, The Honorable Edward W. Najam, Jr., Arlene Morris, Laura Thirion, Jennifer Ebersold Not Pictured: (Nichole Miller, Cathy Canny, Monica Dabio, Michelle Burns).

ny this year. The awards and recipients are

Paralegal of the Year Award was awarded to Edna Wallace of Whitham Hebenstreit & Zubek, LLP

Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award was awarded to Tonya Brock, of Cohen & Malad LLP

Outstanding New Member of the Year Each year, the IPA presents awards to Award was awarded to Michelle Berns of

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corporation, organization or governmental IPA by sponsoring events and actively proentity that encourages membership of its motes the education of current and future

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A.J. Allmendinger visits Carmel Kroger

Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**

The Brophy family of Carmel got a surprise Thursday afternoon when it went shopping at Kroger: They got a chance to grab some groceries with NASCAR driver A.J. Allmendinger. The driver of the #47 car was making an appearance at the Carmel Kroger, where he signed autographs and also did some interactive events with customers. The Brophy family is Julie (in yellow short), Patrick (standing behind Julie) and Carson (in the cart). Allmendinger is in the area for the upcoming Crown Royal Presents the Jeff Kyle 400 at the Brickyard, which is Sunday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



Today's Indianapolis Motor Speedway schedule

SCHEDULE (all times local): 7:45 a.m., Rookie Integration Laps Begin

8 a.m., Public Gates Open

8:15 a.m., Rookie Integration Laps Begin 9-10:25 a.m., NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Practice 1

11:30 a.m.-12:55 p.m., NASCAR XFINITY Series Practice 1

1-2:25 p.m., NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

2:30-3:55 p.m., NASCAR XFINITY Series Practice 2

4-5:55 p.m., NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Practice 3

6 p.m., Public Gates Close

ACTIVITIES Chevy Driver Autograph Session Lines

Form - 8 a.m. at Chevrolet Display Chevy Driver Autograph Session Wristband Distribution - 9 a.m. at Chevrolet Display Chevy Driver Autograph Sessions - 11 a.m.noon at Chevrolet Display (Wristbands Re-

quired) Session A - Kasey Kahne, Ryan Newman, Austin Dillon

Session B - Danica Patrick, Jamie McMur-

ray, Kurt Busch IMS Midway: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Kids Zone Activities: IMS Road Crew (Music and Games), EBash Simulators, Inflatable Slide, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Face Painter, Caricature Artist, Strider Course. Hero Zone Activities: Military Themed Obstacle Course, Rock Wall, Donation Collection for Wish 4 Our Heroes.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Info Tent: Batak Reaction Testing Games*, Forza Simulators, NASCAR Tire Changer, 2015 Honda CBR600 Motorcycle on Display *Prizes awarded each day for the top scores TICKETS: General Admission: \$15. Children 12 and under admitted free with adult

general admission ticket-holder. PUBLIC GATES OPEN: 7:45 a.m. (local time). Pedestrian gates open are Gates 1, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 6, 6A, 7 Vehicle, 7 South Pedestrian, 9, 9A, 10, 10A

MUSEUM HOURS: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for fans 6-15 years old, with children 5 and under free. Gate admission to the Crown Royal Presents the Jeff Kyle 400 at the Brickyard events July 24-26, is not included in IMS Hall of Fame Museum admission and must be purchased separately.





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8 Sports

Carmel softball player now a pro athlete...

"Unbelievable opportunity" for Jones

By RICHIE HALL **Reporter Sports Editor**

Kelsi Jones probably never expected to be a professional athlete.

Jones has been a great softball player all throughout high school and college, but it turns out there would be more in store for the Carmel High School graduate. Jones is now playing for the Chicago Bandits, one of five teams in the National Pro Fastpitch league. The recent University of Louisville graduate is making the most of a remarkable opportunity and also had her eyes opened to a new sense of purpose not just for softball, but for women's sports in general.

The events that led Jones to the Chicago Bandits happened rather quickly. She had just finished her senior season with the University of Louisville, and soon heard about an open tryout for the Bandits.

Kelsi's father sent her the news about the tryout. "Hey, this is something that you should be interested in," he said.

"I was kind of doubting myself that I would be able to do it, and he really was the one that pushed me to do it," said Jones. "He didn't think I was quite ready to be done, and it turns out I wasn't."

Jones was one of 40 women at the tryout, and then was one of eight who were selected to play in an exhibition game that night. Jones participated in that game, and was asked if she could stay for another day. "Sure," she said.

So Jones stayed another day, played in an another exhibition game, and after that was offered a full-time spot on the Bandits roster. She moved to Chicago the next day.

"It was pretty quick," said Jones. "I had packed up in Louisville, so my car was still packed. I was living out of boxes and suitcases."

It didn't take long for Jones to make her first impact for the Bandits. In the team's third game of the season (May 31 at the Pennsylvania Rebellion), Jones collected her first hit. She singled in the sixth inning, and later went on to score a run.

Through the games of July 16, Jones has had two hits, batted in two runs and scored twice. She doesn't get in every game, but



Photo by Dina Kwit

Kelsi Jones, a star softball player for Carmel High School, is spending the summer playing professionally. After graduating from the University of Louisville, Jones joined the Chicago Bandits, a National Pro Fastpitch League team. Jones has had two hits, two RBIs and scored twice during the season.

understands that's not uncommon for rook-

"I'm just lucky to have a spot on the team," said Jones. "I just try and help them any way that I can, whether it's pinch hitting, keeping charts."

Indeed, Jones said just being part of the Bandits has been an "unbelievable opportunity" for her.

"One I didn't think I would have," she totally okay with being a role player."

The experience has been a great one for Jones, and definitely an eye-opener. Jones teams." admitted that she didn't know very much about pro softball, but once she did, she Fastpitch League - the Chicago Bandits, the called the competition "incredible" between the teams and the players.

"The best players in the world playing said. "My time will come. But for now, I'm against each other every single night," said Jones. "I guess I underestimated maybe just how competitive it really was between the

> There are five teams in the National Pro Akron Racers, the Dallas Charge, the Pennsylvania Rebellion and the USSSA Florida Pride. The league itself is a reconstitution of the Women's Pro Softball League, which ran from 1997-2001, then was revived as NPF in 2004. Of the teams, only Akron has been in the league since the re-start of NPF. The Bandits joined in 2005.

> "Different teams have come and gone," said Jones. "Cities have been successful and other cities haven't."

Jones said in the past couple years, the sport has "really grown a lot more" and is getting national attention. National Pro Fastpitch games are shown on the CBS Sports Network, and Jones herself has gotten some TV time here and there when Bandits games are shown.

"It just gets it on TV and people can see that this does exist. Little girls have something to shoot for," said Jones, who noted that softball players don't have to finish their careers once they graduate from col-

In playing for the Bandits, Jones discovered a passion for helping grow the NPF, which leads to a passion for helping to grow women's sports in general.

"Our goal as a team obviously is to win," said Jones. "Secondary to that is just trying to grow the league."

Jones said that she thinks "we're all passionate" about growing the league, since the players taking to the field for the Bandits have had an opportunity to play, and they want it to continue to get bigger.

National Pro Fastpitch seasons only last three months, "so you have to have a real job as well," said Jones. In fact, Kelsi's plans after the NPF season is over involve heading to graduate school, where she will pursue a degree in sports administration.

Of course, National Pro Fastpitch players get paid - but just in the summer. Meanwhile, Major League Baseball players are getting paid the entire year.

"That's all they do year round," said Jones. She said that the more the league grows, the more possible it could be to make softball a true profession.

"It's really opened up my eyes to the disparity between men's and women's professional sports," said Jones.

As for Jones' future in NPF? "It's hard to say," she said. She does have future plans, and while it would be nice to commit to a long-term pro softball career, there are other things on the horizon. There are other things she is interested in, such as possibly working administratively in sports.

But no matter what, Jones can always say she was a professional athlete.

"I feel like this one summer I've been blessed with this opportunity," said Jones.



Photo by Dina Kwit

Jones (far left) said that Chicago Bandits games are "fan interactive," with players conducting autograph sessions after every games. The Bandits' stadium in Rosemont is designed specifically for women's fastpitch softball.



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Hopkins wins 1500 freestyle race

Nathan Hopkins was a state champion for Westfield High School, and is still going strong as a Boilermaker.

Hopkins, 22 and swimming for Boilermaker Aquatics, won the 1500 freestyle at the Indiana Swimming Senior State meet, which took place last week at Indiana University. Hopkins won the 500 freestyle event state title in 2011, as a junior for the Shamrocks. At Senior State in 2015, Hopkins also placed third in the 800 free and sixth in the 400 free.

Hamilton County's swim teams all performed well. Glen Brown of the Fishers Area Swimming Tigers, placed third in the 200 backstroke. Carmel Swim Club's 800 freestyle relay placed fourth, while Southeastern Swim Club's Joe Young finished seventh in the 200 backstroke. Jack Wolfred of Noblesville Swim Club earned a pair of top 32 finishes, including 22nd in the 800 free.

Here's a list of all county swimmers that "D" Final: 27. Peyton Dewaelsche (FAST) finished in the top 32 in their events:

100 freestyle

"C" Final: 19. Troy Li (Carmel Swim Club)

200 freestyle

"A" Final: 5. Jack Belford (CSC) 1:56.50. "B" Final: 10. Troy Li (CSC) 1:55.75.

"C" Final: 22. Ben Burdick (CSC) 2:02.70, 23. Zach Zeurcher (Southeastern Swim Club) 2:03.97.

"D" Final: 26. Nolan Yorkman (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 2:00.91, 32. Zack Teffeteller (SSC) 2:08.29.

400 freestyle

Aquatics) 4:06.33, 8. Jack Belford (CSC)

"B" Final: 12. Ben Burdick (CSC) 4:11.90. "C" Final: 20. Nolan Yorkman (FAST)

800 freestyle

3. Nathan Hopkins (BA) 8:31.50, 6. Luke Luke Ingram (FAST) 2:16.73. Ingram (FAST) 8:44.05, 7. Jacob Reichert "D" Final: 26. Brett Sherman (CSC) (FAST) 8:47.28, 8. Nolan Yorkman 2:15.48. (FAST) 8:47.33, 10. Ben Burdick (CSC) 8:51.03, 14. Matthew Netherton (SSC) 9:00.35, 17. Reilly Garman (CSC) 9:05.33, 19. Peyton Dewaelsche (FAST) 9:14.52, 22. Jack Wolfred (Noblesville Swim Club) 9:22.27, 25. Nick Harris (FAST) 9:26.90, 31. Jonathan Bledsoe (CSC) 9:37.80, 32. Kyle Feuerstine (FAST) 9:38.31.

1500 freestyle

1. Nathan Hopkins (BA) 16:05.03, 5. Luke 31. Kyle Haflich (FAST) 5:03.22. "A" Final: 6. Nathan Hopkins (Boilermaker Ingram (FAST) 16:37.21, 6. Jacob Reichert (FAST) 16:37.55, 11. Nolan Yorkman 200 freestyle relay (FAST) 17:13.20, 14. Peyton Dewaelsche 17. Southeastern "A" (Zach Zeurcher, Joe (FAST) 17:30.66, 25. Nick Harris (FAST) 18:01.51, 26. Jack Wolfred (NOB) 18:01.84, 27. Kyle Feuerstine (FAST) 18:11.85, 29. Jonathan Bledsoe (CSC) 18:18.32.

100 backstroke

"A" Final: 8. Joe Young (SSC) 59.99. "B" Final: 10. Nathaniel Bledsoe (CSC) 59.88, 15. Charles Vaughan (CSC) 1:01.88. "D" Final: 28. Brett Sherman (CSC) 1:03.19, 31. Nolan Yorkman (FAST) 1:04.21.

200 backstroke

"A" Final: 3. Glen Brown (FAST) 2:07.15, 7. Joe Young (SSC) 2:09.95.

"C" Final: 17. Brett Sherman (CSC) 2:11.84.

"D" Final: 27. Andy Morozov (CSC) 2:19.43, 31. Joey Vinyard (CSC) 2:23.62.

100 breaststroke

"C" Final: 22. Derek Stauder (CSC) 1:07.28. "D" Final: 26. Stefano Batista (CSC) 1:08.01.

200 breaststroke

"B" Final: T13. Derek Stauder (CSC) 2:28.88

"C" Final: 17. Glen Brown (FAST) 2:25.71, 20. Stefano Batista (CSC) 2:29.62, 21. Nathaniel Bledsoe (CSC) 2:29.95, 22. Luke 1:52.70, 23. Fishers "A" (Nolan Yorkman, Ingram (FAST) 2:32.07.

100 butterfly

"C" Final: 20. Dixon Tierney (SSC) 59.26. "D" Final: 30. Joseph Lecher (CSC) 1:02.49.

200 butterfly

23. Zach Zeurcher (SSC) 2:17.23.

"D" Final: 26. Jonathan Bledsoe (CSC) 28. Joseph Lecher (CSC) 2:18.80.

200 individual medley

"C" Final: 21. Jeremy Ellison (CSC) 2:15.60, 22. Zach Johns (CSC) 2:16.20, 23.

400 individual medley

"B" Final: 9. Glen Brown (FAST) 4:30.61, 10. Jack Belford (CSC) 4:39.63, 12. Luke Ingram (FAST) 4:44.88, 13. Brett Sherman (CSC) 4:46.41.

"C" Final: 18. Jacob Reichert (FAST) 4:49.81, 19. Zach Johns (CSC) 4:51.05, 24. Dixon Tierney (SSC) 4:56.25.

"D" Final: 26. Joey Vinyard (CSC) 4:55.96,

Young, Nick O'Connor, Matthew Netherton) 1:41.04, 20. Carmel "B" (Joseph Lecher, Ben Burdick, Reilly Garman, Jonathan Bledsoe) 1:41.46, 24. Fishers "A" (Glen Brown, Joel Crull, Luke Ingram, Nolan Yorkman) 1:43.17.

son, Harrison Stuckey, Nathaniel Bledsoe, Brett Sherman) 3:50.99.

800 freestyle relay

4. Carmel "A" (Ben Burdick, Reilly Garman, Jack Belford, Brett Sherman) 7:53.94, 6. Fishers "A" (Glen Brown, Luke Ingram, Nolan Yorkman, Jacob Reichert) 8:04.51, 10. Southeastern "A" (Joe Young, Matthew Netherton, Zach Zeurcher, Zack Teffeteller) 8:10.84, 12. Carmel "B" (Andy Morozov, Jeremy Ellison, Zach Johns, Joseph Lecher) 8:16.86.

cob Reichert, Kyle Feuerstine, Peyton Dewaelsche) 1:59.45.

400 medley relay

14. Carmel "A" (Charles Vaughan, Derek Stauder, Nathaniel Bledsoe, Ben Burdick) lison) 4:12.21, 21. Southeastern "A" (Joe Young, John Kirby, Dixon Tierney, Zack Yorkman, Luke Ingram, Glen Brown, Joel Crull) 4:14.33, 32. Fishers "B" (Kyle Haflich, Jacob Reichert, Kyle Feuerstine,

400 freestyle relay 8. Carmel "A" (Gabriel Whitaker, Troy Li, Jack Belford, Ben Burdick) 3:38.98, 17. Southeastern "A" (Zack Teffeteller, Cole Case, Zach Zeurcher, Matthew Netherton) 3:45.80, 24. Fishers "A" (Joel Crull, Luke Ingram, Nolan Yorkman, Peyton Dewaelsche) 3:50.09, 26. Carmel "B" (Jeremy Elli-

200 medley relay 15. Carmel "B" (Zach Jones, Derek Stauder, Harrison Stuckey, Ben Burdick) Luke Ingram, Glen Brown, Joel Crull) 1:54.72, 32. Fishers "B" (Kyle Haflich, Ja-

"C" Final: 17. Dixon Tierney (SSC) 4:07.84, 19. Carmel "B" (Zach Johns, Ste-2:12.10, 19. Joey Vinyard (CSC) 2:14.66, fano Batista, Jonathan Bledsoe, Jeremy El-2:15.81, 27. Brett Sherman (CSC) 2:16.45, Teffeteller) 4:13.86, 22. Fishers "A" (Nolan Peyton Dewaelsche) 4:24.01.

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MLB standings

Thursday's scores

N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 3 Seattle 3, Detroit 2, 12 innings Minnesota 3, L.A. Angels 0 Toronto 5, Oakland 2 Pittsburgh 7, Washington 3

Chi. White Sox 8, Cleveland 1 L.A. Dodgers 3, N.Y. Mets 0 St. Louis 4, Kansas City 3 Houston 5, Boston 4 Arizona 8, Milwaukee 3 Miami 4, San Diego 0

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	53	41	.564	-	Washington	51	43	.543	-
Toronto	49	48	.505	5.5	N.Y. Mets	49	47	.510	3.0
Tampa Bay	48	49	.495	6.5	Atlanta	45	50	.474	6.5
Baltimore	46	48	.489	7.0	Miami	41	55	.427	11.0
Boston	42	54	.438	12.0	Philadelphia	34	63	.351	18.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	57	37	.606	-	St. Louis	61	34	.642	-
Minnesota	51	44	.537	6.5	Pittsburgh	55	40	.579	6.0
Detroit	47	48	.495	10.5	Chi. Cubs	51	43	.543	9.5
Cleveland	45	49	.479	12.0	Cincinnati	42	51	.452	18.0
Chi. White Sox	43	50	.462	13.5	Milwaukee	42	54	.438	19.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Angels	54	41	.568	-	L.A. Dodgers	55	42	.567	-
Houston	54	43	.557	1.0	San Francisco	51	44	.537	3.0
Texas	45	49	.479	8.5	Arizona	44	50	.468	9.5
Seattle	44	52	.458	10.5	San Diego	44	52	.458	10.5
Oakland	44	53	.454	11.0	Colorado	40	53	.430	13.0

Central Indiana Young Marines host golf outing Aug. 8

Central Indiana Young Marines is hostday, Aug. 8, at the Winding Ridge Golf Club in Indianapolis. The proceeds raised from this event will go toward the purchase of uniforms, cover tuition for leadership schools and pay for the group's annual unit hole." encampment at Bradford Woods.

Registration begins at 12 p.m. with a 1 p.m. dinner following the tournament. tee time.

"Given that this tournament is taking ing its second annual golf outing on Satur- place in August, this will be a 'Par is your friend' event," says David Heffner, former Central Indiana Young Marines unit commander. "What that means is, once you hit par, your team can move on to the next

The cost for this event is \$80 per person The tournament is a Florida scramble. or \$320 per team. The price includes a

to the start of the tournament. However, through the completion of high school. It advanced registration is preferred. If your teaches them leadership, teamwork and business would like to sponsor a hole, the deadline to register for hole sponsorship is July 31. Go to http://ciym.ezregister.com/ to register.

"We invite people to come out and support Central Indiana Young Marines," says Heffner. "Central Indiana Young Marines is a great youth development program for

Golfers and foursomes can register up boys and girls from the ages of eight self-discipline while promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle."

> For more information about the golf tournament, contact David Heffner at 317-248-9668 email or via david@HeffnerPlumbing.net.

> To learn more about the Young Marines, visit the Central Indiana website at www.ciym.net or the national website at www.YoungMarines.com.

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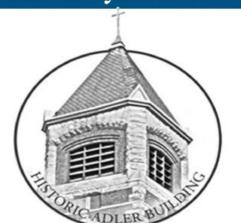
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Sanchez's 8 topped by Scranton's 9 in **2-1 loss**

Greg Bird drew a two-out walk in the top of the ninth inning and scored on a single from Gary Sanchez to send the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders to a 2-1, come-from-behind win and series split with the Indianapolis Indians Thursday night at Victory Field.

Bird finished the four-game series at 5-for-13 with three runs scored and three RBIs. He helped Scranton rally from consecutive defeats to win each of the last two games and prevent the Tribe's third series win at Victory Field in the last four meet-

Indians starter Angel Sanchez took a no-decision despite eight dominant innings of one run and just four hits. The Triple-A rookie is 12-2 on the season between Double-A Altoona and Indianapolis and currently ranks tied for the most wins in Minor League Baseball.

Sanchez gave up his lone run on a double-play ball that allowed Tyler Austin to score in the top of the eighth.

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