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Cicero earns two honors

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that Our Town Cicero has been designated as an Indiana Main Street (IMS) community. The designation was announced by OCRA representatives at a special open house ceremony hosted by Our Town Cicero on Tuesday, September 29th at 10 West. The IMS program encourages economic development, redevelopment and improvement to the downtown areas of Indiana’s cities and towns.

“We are excited to be a part of the Indiana Main Street program and look forward to participating more in the programming available to assist our community in our downtown revitalization efforts,” said board president, Brett Morrow. “We are working with great partners in developing project ideas and plans for the remainder of 2015 and into 2016. There are numerous volunteer opportunities for any business or individual who may be interested in helping

Our Town Cicero make downtown Cicero a destination.”

Our Town Cicero is a community organization dedicated to strengthening the vibrancy of downtown by promoting local businesses and partnerships so all may visit, eat, play, and live. Our Town Cicero joins more than 115 other Indiana Main Street communities dedicated to the revitalization of their downtown areas. The IMS is founded on a Four Point Approach to downtown development: organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring. Each of these points represents an aspect of the downtown which is vital in the restoration efforts of the community. The IMS is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Indiana Main Street Program Manager Shae Kmicikewycz stated, “We are happy to have Our Town Cicero as part of the

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Noblesville Schools survey...

80 percent favor referendum

Noblesville Schools has released the results from their recent community survey conducted by Practical Insights. The district launched the survey as a means to gather feedback about district performance and community expectations for the future, as well as to gain insight into the community’s attitudes regarding a potential referendum. It was the first comprehensive survey of its kind in over 5 years.

2,340 Noblesville residents took the web-based survey, which was shared with the community through local newspapers, social media, postcard mailers, emails, web posts and school newsletters. The survey also captured over 2,200 comments, all of which have been personally read by superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer.

The majority of the survey respondents were current district parents, with 19% representation from those who don’t currently have children in Noblesville

Schools. District employees made up 14% of survey respondents.

94% of respondents said the district was meeting or exceeding expectations. The district was rated strongest in caring for kids, safety, innovation, providing engaging learning opportunities, keeping up with technology, and safe transportation.

The survey results show that the district has room for improvement in terms of being responsive to parents, the community and specific student needs, as well as with district leadership overall.

Communicating to the public about the transformational learning that is happening at Noblesville Schools is another area where there is opportunity for the district to grow. Only 25% of respondents had a good understanding of Miller Shift, the term used

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Sheridan committee feeds the community



Members of the One Day-Fun Day Sheridan committee invited ALL members of the Sheridan community to enjoy a free meal at the Community Center on Saturday, October 10. The event was open to everyone and it was all free. Committee members pictured are, L to R, Sharon Wilson, Connie Pearson, Emily Pearson, Fred Sturdevant, Parvin Gillim, Nancy Boone, Roy Overdorf, Jim Garrod, Malena Withrod, and Rev. VJ Stover. Not pictured is member Steve Martin

Northern communities conduct trails study

Hamilton County and the communities of Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta are undertaking a study to determine the best route for connecting the communities of Noblesville, Cicero, Arcadia, and Atlanta via a shared use trail/path.

The County and its partner communities would like to invite the public to participate in an online survey regarding the proposed trail. The survey will help the design team develop a better understanding of the public’s desires and needs regarding the trail.

The survey and with additional information on the project can be found on the project’s website at: <http://northhamiltontrail.com/>

According to the Web site: "The Hamilton County Highway Department in coordination with the communities of Arcadia, Atlanta, Cicero, and Noblesville is undertaking a study to identify the best routes to connect the 4 communities via a shared use path. The project will also investigate connections to several parks and schools within the study area. Several of the routes being investigated include SR 19, Cumberland Road, East 234th Street, Strawtown Avenue, and Jackson Street.

"The master plan will identify the routes that are most feasible, construction phasing, preliminary cost estimates, standards, and possible funding sources. Several public input meetings will be scheduled throughout the process."

Noblesville receives Exemplary White River Festival Event Award



From left: Noblesville Main Street Executive Director Chris Owens, Noblesville storm water coordinator Tim Stottlemeyer, Kavita Singh of Nickel Plate Arts, Allen Lind of River Clean Up Inc., and Carrie and Cass Courtney comprise the 2014 White River Celebration planning committee. Not pictured are Cindy Benedict, Aili McGill and Jackie Bell.

Photo provided by City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville recently won the 2015 Exemplary White River Festival Event Award from the White River Alliance. This award recognizes the creative efforts and/or commitment displayed by one of the 2014 White River Festival partners, including the display of creativity and unique experiences for participants, notable participant attendance, and/or integration of festival messages into the programming.

“Our community is a good steward of the environment and this award exemplifies the impact we are having on our largest natural amenity. The collaboration to create the White River Celebration has infused new energy for the waterway and combined education, arts and culture, the environment and fun,” Mayor John Ditslear said.

The city and its partners started the process of reinventing the 20-year-old Hamilton County White River Cleanup with the inaugural Noblesville White River Celebration in 2014. Thanks to the cleanup, 409.10 tons of debris have been removed from the river since 1995. The cleanup has been so successful in its history that local leaders needed to find other ways to engage citizens and volunteers due to less trash.

“With this success came an expanded opportunity for celebrating the river and sharing its value as a major resource for the community. The vision of an annual Noblesville White River Celebration on a downtown bridge now has a firm foothold from several committed influential partners,” said Tim Stottlemeyer, Noblesville storm water coordinator.

In addition to the cleanup, attendees also participated in education stations about the river and water works, “Fun in the River” with canoeing and kayaking at various points on the river and fishing at Schwartz’s Bait and Tackle. Nickel Plate Arts featured an artist colony and bridge fair and Logan Street Bridge highlighted environmentally-themed art. Noblesville Main Street held its annual Rubber Duck Race before the festival ended with live music.

“This award is a great example of the collective efforts of many in our community to use the White River as an opportunity for connection,” said Chris Owens, executive director of Noblesville Main Street. “The recognition received is truly an indicator of a quality team effort of which we are proud to be a part.”

The Noblesville White River Celebration was led by the City of Noblesville Stormwater Department and Sustain Noblesville, Noblesville Main Street, River Clean Up Inc. and Nickel Plate Arts. Partners that supported the event include: Kroger, Keep Noblesville Beautiful, Indiana American Water, Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center, Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District, White River Canoe Company, Schwartz Bait & Tackle, Schwartz Trailers, Courtney’s Kitchen, Moose Lodge (Noblesville), Blatchley Nature Study Club, IUPUI, Sierra Club of Indiana and David Heighway.

“Noblesville continues to engage new partners and attempt to expand the event rather than just meet the minimum requirements. The White River and the river corridor is too important to reduce to a check mark on an audit list. The event will continue to grow in size and scope to celebrate past and present accomplishments and to raise awareness of this amazing resource,” Stottlemeyer said.

Halloween activities announced

Fall is officially here, and the City of Noblesville is pleased to announce its upcoming Halloween activities:

Family Community Halloween Party

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs invite families to a fun Halloween party outdoors at Forest Park Shelters 3 and 5. The party will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, October 30. Guests are invited to come dressed in their favorite Halloween costume and for that evening’s weather while they enjoy games, dancing, music, hayrides, storytelling around the campfire and plenty of outdoor activities.

New this year will be two competitions. Infant, youth, teens and adults can participate in the costume contest and the pumpkin carving contest will have youth,

teen and adult groups. Participants are asked to bring pre-carved pumpkins to the contest.

Please note: Volunteers are still needed to help with the Halloween party by assisting with decorating prior to the event (3 to 5 p.m.) and assisting with activities during (6 to 9 p.m.). Volunteers will receive a free pizza dinner from 5 to 5:30 p.m. To sign up or learn more about volunteering at the

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Caylie Breann McGuffey

January 11, 1991 - October 2, 2015

Caylie Breann McGuffey, 24, Noblesville, passed away Friday, October 2, 2015.

She was born on January 11, 1991, in Noblesville, Indiana to Dell and Lora (Welch) McGuffey.

She graduated from Lapel High School in 2009.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Lora McGuffey and Herb Henderson of Noblesville; her sister, Chelsie (husband, Gabe) Hoover of Noblesville; a brother, Jeremiah Mullet of Indianapolis; her son, Jayden McGuffey; aunts and uncles, Lana (husband, David) Crosley, Lisa (husband, Kevin) Counciller, J. R. (wife, Dee) Welch, Kenny (wife, Tammy) Welch, Judy (husband, John) McShane, Pamela McGuffey, Julie McGuffey, and David Eades; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father.

A funeral service was held Thursday, October 8, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Pastor Tyson Priest officiating. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel at a later date.

Visitation was Thursday, October 8, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family c/o Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, P. O. Box 427, Lapel, Indiana 46051-0427.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com



Joe Hill

February 20, 1923 - October 6, 2015

Joe Hill, 92, of Cicero, passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. He was born on February 20, 1923 to Walter and Barbara (Jones) Hill in Cicero, Indiana.



Joe proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during World War II, flying a B-24 nose gunner, and was awarded a Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired from Firestone in 1981 after 32 years of service, and was an avid golfer. Joe was a former member of Prairie Baptist Church and the Good Sam's Camp Club, and enjoyed wintering in Florida.

He is survived by his sons, Dennis (Dixie) Hill of Arcadia, and Greg (Kady) Hill of Noblesville; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Betty W. Hill in 2001; and brothers, Richard, Bob, Duane, Beacher, and Bryce Hill.

Services were held on Saturday, October 10, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor Neal Brown officiated. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Edwin Enrique Lima

July 28, 1973 - October 3, 2015

Edwin Enrique Lima, 42, passed into the Lord's awaiting arms on October 3, 2015. Enrique is survived by his wife, Rachel Bucher Lima, and children, Wesley (7) and Lidia (4). He was born July 28, 1973, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, to Edwin and Blanca Lima, who survive, as well as his sister, Lucia.

Enrique was a content administrator with Learn on Demand Systems. He had recently been awarded the Microsoft Most Valuable Professional Award. He mentored many through his career, generously sharing wisdom, advice, and technology.

A Celebration of Life was held on October 10, 2015. Visitation with the family was prior to the service, and a community meal followed the service.

Memorial contributions may be made: gofundme.com/EnriqueLima; and The Lima Children Education Fund, c/o Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

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Hilda Moon

August 29, 1936 - October 4, 2015

Hilda Moon, 79, of Westfield, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2015 in Leesburg, FL. She was born on August 29, 1936 to Gerald and Dorialice (Hayworth) Gerard in Noblesville, Indiana.

Hilda had been involved with the IN State Fair for several years, where she had been the Superintendent of the Western Horse Show and the 4H Horse Show. She was a past-president of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, and secretary for the Indiana Saddle Horse Association. She was a member of the Eastern Star; was an avid gardener; and enjoyed cooking for her family.

She is survived by her children, Debby Elliott, Marty (Beth) Moon, Malinda (Bob) Mohler, Mike (Maureen) Moon; sister, Susie Knill; brother, Jim Gerard; four grandchildren, Kiya, Armand, Lindsay and Chelsea; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Martin M. Moon; son, Kenneth G. Moon; sister, Barb Blazier; and son-in-law, Lee Elliott.

Visitation was from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville. A private graveside service will be held at Eagletown Cemetery, in Westfield, with Pastor Jack Terry officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 5635 W 96th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com



Christopher David Nicholson

December 18, 1961 - October 7, 2015

Christopher David Nicholson, 53, former Anderson resident passed away, Wednesday, October 7, 2015, following an extended illness.

He was born December 18, 1961, in Galesburg, Illinois to David and Soteria (Pancol) Nicholson.

Chris graduated from Madison Heights High School in 1980. While in high school, he participated in football and baseball.

He is survived by his mother, Soteria Nicholson of Anderson; one brother, Michael (wife, Deborah) Nicholson of Lapel; one son, Matthew Beau Nicholson of Mississippi; two nieces, Alli and Sophie Nicholson; and a nephew, Noah Nicholson

A memorial service was held unday, October 11, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home with Pastor Dawn Cuthbert officiating. Private burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation was Sunday, October 11, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 606, Lapel, Indiana 46051-0606.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

Michele R. Bair

May 27, 1974 - October 8, 2015

Michele R. Bair, 41, of Fishers, finished her 12-year battle with cancer on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at home surrounded by her family. She was born on May 27, 1974 in Fort Wayne, IN. Michele was a business development executive for IMC Credit Services. She was a graduate of New Haven High School and received her Bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Bloomington.

She is survived by her husband, Brian Bair whom she married in August 2002; two daughters, Brin Bair and Tarin Bair; brothers, Todd (Julie) Wood and Colin Wood; father & mother-in-law, Curt & Diane Bair; brother-in-law, Mitch (Renée) Bair; sister-in-law, Lesli (Jim) Scarbeary; nieces & nephews, Zachary, Cameron & Madison Wood and Eva, Sophia & Ali Scarbeary. Her mother, Karen K. Wood, passed away in April 1997.

The family would like to give a special thanks to IMC Credit Services and Stoops Freightliner & The McCoy Group for all their love and support throughout Michele's illness.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with visitation immediately prior to the service. Pastor Evan Casey officiated. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Megan S. Ott Foundation, PO Box 1372, Noblesville, IN 46061. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com



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party, contact Cindy Knapp at (317) 770-5750.

Trick-or-Treat Times

The official trick-or-treat hours in the City of Noblesville will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, October 31. The Noblesville Police Department will have extra patrols out that evening to provide additional security. Motorists are asked to use extra care while driving that night.

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Stop in the name of patience



By **JANET HART LEONARD**

Patience is a virtue. Ugh...well there goes my attempt at being a virtuous woman. At least it is whenever I am in traffic or in line.

On Friday, as I approached the light that I knew, if missed, would mean a long...really long wait, I held my breath. It has a very short yellow light, which I missed. And so I sat, put the car in park and waited. I was in Tampa with Chuck visiting our Florida family.

Chuck had warned me about the stop lights and the traffic when I began coming to Tampa with him two years ago. He said both were bad. He did not exaggerate.

For Noblesville people, the traffic can be compared to a Friday rush hour in downtown Noblesville before a Luke Bryan concert at Klipsch Music Center. Yes, it is that bad, only everyday, just about all day, until dark. You plan on it taking twice as long as it should to get anywhere. I call the interstate the moving parking lot. I kid you not, you could carry on a conversation with the guy in the car next to you for miles.

Now back to the stop light. I honestly could have written this column during the time I sat at the light, which I pretty much did.

I learned a long time ago to pray for traveling mercies before a long trip. Now I pray for them whenever I leave the house in Tampa. Stop and go traffic often leads to stop and crash. Don't get me started on how drivers change lanes. All I can say is that there sure are a lot of broken turn signals.

As I sat at the light I thought about all the time that I have spent sitting in traffic or standing in line. I also thought about the line where I stood at the grocery store to check out a few days ago. It was the 15 items or less line. Obviously the lady in front of me could not read or count. (Bless her heart) 24, 25, 26...yep I counted for her (under my breath) as I stood there with ONE item.

Well, I will forever be dealing with traffic and lines and maybe, just maybe, I have found where, eventually, I will write my book. I guess I just need to spend more time in Tampa.

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Sheridan Lunch Club



By **SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EMMA HAWN**

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40. Eight years ago, Mary Lou Finchum, Christian Education Coordinator at Sheridan United Methodist Church, was talking to food pantries that aided the Sheridan community and realized that a lot of kids depended on the schools for their meals. During the summer and breaks from school they had nothing to depend on for that meal they were missing. She had this great idea. Why not come up with a program that not only gives them that meal that they're missing out on but also gives them a place to go for a couple of hours a day? With this idea, Sheridan United Methodist Church Kids' Lunch Club was born. A year later, Carol Fritz, pastor at Sheridan UMC, and Finchum noticed that there were also a lot of parents, grandparents, and people that were unemployed at the moment in time so they changed it to Lunch Club to include everyone. Fritz looks back on the some of the early years of Lunch Club saying, "I remember one time that we didn't quite know what we were going to feed them and in came the Lions Club with food they had left over from a supper and we were able to feed the Lunch Club."

The creation of Lunch Club has also made more programs possible. The Book Club was created by Martha Rockey to give books to the kids while Lunch Club is going on. Kids can take home a book every day and keep it if they want. "We had one little boy, the first year we did it, who slept with his book he was so excited to have his book," says Fritz. There are also little crafts and games to play while Lunch Club is going to give them a safe place to play. Another program that came out of it is Learn and Play. Learn and Play is a free preschool that a grandparent or parent goes to with the preschooler. Most of the preschoolers who move to kindergarten do well in their testing and are in the top five percentile. The most recent program to be started is the SunFlower Pantry. This pantry is for senior citizens where they can get things like paper towels, toilet paper, hygienic items, and cleaning items that aren't provided by the food stamp program.

Lunch Club and the other programs are a wonderful asset to the community. They have brought the community together and made it a better place. Lunch Club is always looking for volunteers, whether it be helping serve, washing dishes, greeting people that come in, making desserts, or providing monetary donations. You can contact Sheridan United Methodist Church at 317-758-4195 for more information.

15 easy ways to tell the difference between Republicans and Democrats



By **MARY SUE ROWLAND**

- Democrats buy most of the books that have been banned somewhere. Republicans form censorship committees and read them as a group.
- Republicans consume three-fourths of all the rutabaga produced in this country. The remainder is thrown out.
- Republicans usually wear hats and almost always clean their paint brushes.

- Democrats give their worn-out clothes to the less fortunate. Republicans wear theirs.
- Republicans employ exterminators. Democrats step on the bugs.
- Democrats name their children after currently popular sports figures, politicians and entertainers. Republican children are named after their parents or grandparents, according to where the money is.

- Democrats keep trying to cut down on smoking but are not successful. Neither are Republicans.
- Republicans tend to keep their shades drawn, although there is seldom any reason why they should. Democrats ought to, but don't.
- Republicans raise dahlia's, Dalmatians and eye brows. Democrats raise airedales, kids and taxes.
- Democrats eat the fish they catch. Republicans hang them on the wall.

- Republican boys date Democratic girls. They plan to marry Republican girls, but feel they're entitled to a little fun first.
- Democrats make up plans and then do something else. Republicans follow the plans their grandfathers made.
- Republicans sleep in twin beds. Some even in separate rooms. That is why there are more Democrats.

Sorry Democrats and Republicans, it was only in fun and I had to do it.

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Indiana Main Street family. The members of the community and Town of Cicero are very supportive of the organization’s revitalization efforts and understand the importance of a thriving downtown. We are proud of Cicero and welcome them to the Indiana Main Street Program.”

On September 30th The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced which Indiana communities obtained designation as an IACT Green Community. The cities and towns of Cicero, Fishers, Union City and Whiting received their awards during the IACT Annual Awards Luncheon presented by Umbaugh, during the 2015 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in French Lick.

IACT launched the Green Communities Initiative in 2008 in conjunction with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., to identify potential cost savings to communities facing budget shortfalls, promote economically competitive quality of life concepts, and ultimately serve as role models for citizens while better protecting our environment. The initiative will expand educational opportunities for municipalities and create a consolidated clearinghouse of data and programs that can be accessed by municipalities.

“This is a fantastic program that allows cities and towns to showcase their hard work and commitment to smart, efficient practices. The survey these communities complete is extremely comprehensive and gives a great deal of credibility to the Green Community designations,” said IACT Executive Director and CEO Matt Greller. Representatives from participating cities had to fill out a 51-question survey in the areas of purchasing, operations, measuring success, and sample projects. Each community met the minimum score required to be designated an IACT Green Community.

The Town of Cicero scored points for their efforts in areas such as energy conservation, recycling, and recent park improvements. The Town is adopting policies for the use of LED lighting in municipal buildings, increasing the recycling efforts with our offices and for residents and working to lower fuel consumption with municipal vehicles. The park improvements showcase how native plants and rain gardens can help with stormwater pollution. “The department heads are constantly looking for ways to refine processes, procedures and use of materials that will help cut costs” stated Paul Munoz, Director of Planning and Development for Cicero. “We are very excited to receive recognition for all of our hard work.”

Survey...

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to describe the unique learning culture happening at Noblesville Schools.

“We appreciate the community’s support in taking the survey,” said Dr. Beth Niedermeyer superintendent of Noblesville Schools. “I’m proud to be associated with a district that’s seen as a leader in caring about kids and providing engaging learning opportunities. Any organization can always improve, and it’s important to me to work on enhancing areas the public feels need to be strengthened. This input will be referenced as we make future district decisions.”

In regards to a potential upcoming vote to extend the current operating referendum, 80% of respondents would support continuing the operating referendum at its current rate if voting today.

As for prioritizing financial needs, the top rated items included: maintaining appropriate class sizes, maintaining safety and security, paying our teachers a competitive salary, maintaining current facilities and providing safe bus transportation.

- Other key takeaways include:
- 75% of respondents would like to keep the balanced calendar or don’t care what type of calendar the district uses.
 - 33% of parents age 18-34 are interested in utilizing the Noblesville Schools pilot preschool program.
 - Only 13% of respondents feel onsite academic programming during balanced calendar breaks is very important.
 - Respondents with children in school showed top preference for school communications via email and school newsletters, while those without children in the district prefer to get school news from the local newspapers.

Noblesville Parks Department offers bus trip to Nashville

Autumn is a beautiful time of year to take a trip to Brown County. On Wednesday, Oct. 28, the Noblesville Parks Department is taking a chartered bus for your shopping pleasure to Nashville, Indiana and on the way you can enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. There are many shops to browse and get a jump start on your Christmas shopping as well as many local artist works to see. The

bus will depart Forest Park Inn at 8:30 a.m. and will return to the Inn at approximately 6 p.m. The cost is \$38 per person and those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The deadline to register is Tuesday, October 20. For more information or to register, contact the Parks Department at 776-6350 or visit www.noblesvilleparks.org.

“Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.” Mark Twain



By SHARON MCMAHON CNWC

The good news: There is a lot of information on the internet. The bad news: There is a lot of “information” on the internet. What’s a consumer to do?? Sifting through the web postings, magazine articles, best-sellers, and newspaper articles (!) is both mind-boggling and time-consuming! Ultimately, we all want to know – at least I hope we all do – what are the best choices for nutrition and fitness lifestyle changes?

And, yes, certainly there are some excellent selections for appropriate and well-researched information. An author or proponent of a particular nutrition program or fitness method can be vetted so that you are comfortable with knowing more about their credentials and expertise and I will explore that topic in an upcoming article. Isn’t it ironic that our nation, with so much opportunity to obtain reliable information and assistance in healthy lifestyle choices, is also one of the most overweight and generally unhealthy nations? Let’s face it; most of us want an “easy fix” which will give us the results we want with little effort.

Interestingly, I often find that those who were athletic, active, and trim as young adults are the most resistant to the changes that occur as we age and the fact that we must change attitudes and habits in order to avoid many of the age-related syndromes that accompany a sedentary lifestyle. Many of us look for a panacea; a program that is easy to follow while also allowing for habits to continue that resulted in the body issues which we hope to change – with minimum work on our part.

Focusing on the basics usually works well in many cases (fashion for instance!) and really simplifies the approach to reaching our goals. The internet and TV promos are full of fast-acting diets which will enable you to lose weight quickly and yes, many times you may do just that. However, taking pills and/or radically cutting food intake will not enable you to make the necessary healthy lifestyle changes which ultimately spell success in weight reduction. Additionally, there are many so-called “fit regimens” promoting DVD’s, interesting “equipment” and so forth that will trim pounds, build muscle, and provide you with the body of a 20-year old Olympic athlete regardless of your age! Right... Obviously, consumers are purchasing or the items would not be continuously promoted.

The clients I see have, for the most part “been there, done that” as it pertains to the programs listed above. What they ultimately lose is their money and perhaps incentive to make the long-term changes necessary to achieve results. Unfortunately I seldom read or hear from these promoters the importance of their customers beginning with the foundation on which to build: a complete physical and lab report. Every bite of every food item, supplement, herb, and medicine has the opportunity to affect your health and well-being. Knowing your current state of health is crucial to beginning to make those lifestyle changes. Additionally, if you are over 50, your workout regimen should follow a comprehensive physical exam which includes bone density testing for women. Your physician and licensed health care team are there to help you take the next steps in making changes which can add to your longevity, quality of life, and joy in your activities and hobbies. Your 50+ lifestyle can be healthy, energetic, and enjoyable if you focus on the changes which are right for you at this time of your life. Don’t gamble with “misprints” when it relates to your quality of life, you deserve better!

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Cross country sectional...

Fast times at Chinquapin Ridge

By **RICHIE HALL**

Reporter Sports Editor

Everything lined up perfectly at Noblesville's Chinquapin Ridge Cross Country Course Saturday morning to produce a classic, competitive and high-quality meet.

And the runners delivered. Did they ever!

Two sectional records were broken, numerous personal bests were set, and the best cross country county in Indiana proved it after Saturday's meet. Westfield and Noblesville advanced both their boys and girls teams to next week's regional, which is also at the Millers' course. Guerin Catholic got several individuals out, with Hamilton Heights getting an individual on to regional as well.

While the team scores were close, nobody could get close to the Greyhounds' Ben Veatch. The senior dominated the boys race, winning in a new sectional and Chinquapin Ridge course record of 14:53.6. Veatch's time lowered the sectional mark by 38 seconds, and the course record by 26 seconds.

Carmel finished with 45 points, edging out Fishers by nine points. The Tigers totaled 54, while district rival Hamilton Southeastern finished third with 60.

Westfield finished fourth with 84 points. Alec Hartman and Aaron Bennett finished third and fourth respectively in the individual race. Noblesville placed fifth, booking the final spot to its own regional next week. Eric Hoffman led the Millers by taking 11th place. Both teams had consistent races from all their runners, and that ensured they would advance.

After the top five teams, the top 10 individuals not on an advancing team also qualify for the regional. While Guerin Catholic finished sixth as a team, it had six individuals move on to next week: Quinn Gallagher, Kent Linton, Jacob Washlock, Ryker McPhail, Patrick Berger and Jackson Street.

The girls race was also incredibly fast, and a good indicator of just how much the sport has evolved over the past few years. The top 11 finishers all clocked in at under 19 minutes.

The winner was Carmel's Maddie Dalton, who finished the race in new sectional record time of 17:56.1. Her teammate Stacy Morozov was second, and ran the course in 18:00.0 - 18 minutes right on the nose.

"I felt great," said Dalton. "The whole time I was just thinking about team. I was just like, 'I got to do the best for my teammates.' I just felt good. I hadn't felt good in a few weeks. It was my time to run for my team. It felt great, so I just went out there and did what I could."

The top three at the girls meet was close: Carmel won with 46 points, with Southeastern right behind with 58 points. Noblesville ran a strong third with 67 points. While the scores make it seem like

it wasn't a dominant performance by the 'Hounds, Carmel coach Mark Ellington was thrilled with how the meet went.

The Millers' Abigail Little finished third to lead her team, clocking in with a school record 18:03.6. Ciera Baldwin took eighth, while Susanna Sharples-Gordon finished 11th and under 19 minutes. It was a day full of season bests for Noblesville.

"Anybody that was watching the race, or witnessed the results, that's exactly what it took to even advance," said Millers coach Dennis Scheele.

Westfield got the fifth spot with 100 points. Devon Leahy finished fourth to pace the Shamrocks.

Guerin Catholic just missed advancing as a team, placing sixth with 108 points. But just like the boys, six Golden Eagles girls runners will compete as individuals at the regional. Megan Slamkowski led the way with a seventh-place finish; also moving on are Paige Schemanske, Ellie Schroeder, Bella Bucklew, Mia Driscoll and Lucia Perez.

Hamilton Heights' Abby Christiansen also qualified for the regional as an individual.

BOYS RESULTS

Team scores: Carmel 45, Fishers 54, Hamilton Southeastern 60, Westfield 84, Noblesville 102, Guerin Catholic 185, Lebanon 231, University 263, Hamilton Heights 272, Tipton 292, Sheridan 318.

Race winner: Ben Veatch (Carmel), 14:53.6, new sectional and course record.

Westfield runners: 3. Alec Hartman 15:30.7, 4. Aaron Bennett 15:42.0, 22. Ethan Parsley 16:13.0, 25. Desmond Herrell 16:19.8, 30. Derek Maue 16:40.5, 36. Nathan Stelflug 16:53.1, 37. Kevin Greene 17:03.2.

Noblesville runners: 11. Eric Hoffman 15:51.4, 15. Cole Martin 16:02.9, 20. Hunter Ingle 16:12.6, 27. Levi Neuzerling 16:30.6, 29. Zachary Freeman 16:36.7, 35. Justin Amburgy 16:52.7, 38. Maxwell Runningen 17:05.9.

Guerin Catholic runners: 31. Quinn Gallagher 16:41.8, 34. Kent Linton 16:46.7, 39. Jacob Washlock 17:07.8, 40. Ryker McPhail 17:08.5, 41. Patrick Berger 17:11.3, 42. Jackson Street 17:17.7, 49. William Young 18:28.3.

Heights runners: 46. Dylan Young 18:02.1, 53. John Farley 19:02.4, 56. George Harden 19:17.9, 58. Luke Lapinski 19:39.5, 59. Josh Lapinski 19:58.4, 72. Alec Policka 22:37.3.

Sheridan runners: 52. Nathan Smith 18:46.0, 55. Kyle Hunter 19:09.0, 64. Wade Hunter 20:37.2, 74. Justin Delph 24:28.1, 75. Walker Casler 26:15.8.

GIRLS RESULTS

Team scores: Carmel 46, Hamilton Southeastern 58, Noblesville 67, Fishers 99, Westfield 100, Guerin Catholic



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Susanna Sharples-Gordon was one of 11 runners to finish under 19 minutes at Saturday's girls cross country sectional meet.

108, Tipton 240, Hamilton Heights 247, University 280, Lebanon 280.

Race winner: Maddie Dalton (Carmel) 17:56.1.

Noblesville runners: 3. Abigail Little 18:03.6, 8. Ciera Baldwin 18:41.5, 11. Susanna Sharples-Gordon 18:57.6, 19. Abigail Klinker 19:26.4, 26. Katherine Dombroski 19:36.8, 29. Aubrey Swart 19:45.4, 30. Aubrie Deal 19:47.2.

Westfield runners: 4. Devon Leahy 18:22.9, 13. Lauren Bailey 19:02.1, 23. Gabby Dilick 19:28.6, 24. Gabby Brown 19:31.3, 36. Elizabeth Cronin 20:12.5,

40. Madison Smith 20:35.7, 43. Carly Bogdajewicz 20:55.4.

Guerin Catholic runners: 7. Megan Slamkowski 18:41.4, 17. Paige Schemanske 19:20.5, 20. Ellie Schroeder 19:27.8, 31. Bella Bucklew 19:49.3, 33. Mia Driscoll 19:53.0, 37. Lucia Perez 20:24.3, 48. Madeline Youngman 21:36.3.

Heights runners: 44. Abby Christiansen 20:59.9, 47. Kat Williams 21:29.9, 51. Elizabeth Shrock 22:46.2, 52. Alex Lopez 22:49.9, 53. Karissa Rulon 23:06.0, 64. Elizabeth Hunter 24:46.6.



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Millers fight to the end, but...

Bulldogs are too much

Noblesville found itself blitzed by Brownsburg on Friday, as a big first half led the Bulldogs past the Millers 47-24 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Hare Chevrolet Field.

Brownsburg scored first, but the Millers' Andrew Little cut the lead down by making a 27-yard field goal with 1:29 left. But the Bulldogs ran away with the second quarter, scoring 19 points and jumping to a 26-3 halftime lead.

"We didn't play well," said Noblesville coach Lance Scheib. "We got outmanned. I thought their plan offensively was better than our plan on defense. We got a little rattled and didn't really recover."

The Bulldogs led by 40-3 in the third quarter before the Millers made a run. Tra-

vis Gillian provided a spark by catching a 55-yard pass from McGwire Plumer midway through the period. Noblesville scored its other two touchdowns on short runs in the fourth quarter. Chandler Hurst ran in from the one-yard line and Tyler Gonzalez scored from five yards.

"We asked our kids to play hard and finish the game, and they did that," said Scheib.

Plumer, playing his first full game, completed 14 of 28 passes for 205 yards. Jarel Youree was the Millers' leading rusher, running for 38 yards.

Noblesville fell to 3-5, and 1-4 in conference play. The Millers finish HCC action next Friday at Avon.

Brownsburg 47, Noblesville 24			Third Quarter		
Team stats	B	N	Travis Gillian 55-yard pass from McGwire Plumer (Little kick), 5:34		
First downs	25	23	Fourth Quarter		
By rush	13	9	Chandler Hurst 1-yard run (Little kick), 7:07		
By pass	12	10	Tyler Gonzalez 5-yard run (Little kick), 2:23		
By penalty	0	4	Noblesville individual stats		
Rushing yards	210	100	Rushing: Jarel Youree 16-38, Chandler Hurst 7-34, Tyler Gonzalez 4-23, McGwire Plumer 12-5.		
Passing yards	315	215	Passing: Plumer 14-28-205, Tristian Kinnamen 1-2-10.		
Comp.-Att.-Int.	20-35-1	15-30-1	Receiving: Jackson Thurman 5-90, Youree 3-20, Travis Gillian 2-55, JD Scheib 2-15.		
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2			
Penalties-Yards	10-124	6-38			
Punts-Avg.	3-46.3	3-74.3			
Score by Quarters:					
Brownsburg	7	19 14	7	-	47
Noblesville	3	0	7 14	-	24
Noblesville Scoring					
First Quarter					
Andrew Little 27-yard field goal, 1:29					

For the first time ever...

Golden Eagles beat Chatard

It was a storybook ending to Guerin Catholic's Homecoming game: The Golden Eagles beat their big rivals for the first time.

Down 13-0 at halftime, Guerin came back to stun Class 3A No. 1 Bishop Chatard Friday at the Eagles Nest. After five straight losses to the Trojans, the Golden Eagles finally broke through.

Guerin Catholic coach Tom Dilley said his team didn't make very many changes in the second half. The Golden Eagles just did what they were doing better.

"Just kids kind of settling down, and maybe us as coaches settling in on what we could do," said Dilley. "There wasn't a whole lot we felt like we could do, but we found something and we just kind of stuck with it."

Guerin's comeback began midway through the third quarter, when Caleb Quick kicked a 28-yard field goal. With around two minutes to go, Carter McGinnis broke away for a 45-yard touchdown run, and Quick's extra point made the score 13-10.

McGinnis then gave GC the lead for good with around eight minutes left in the fourth period, driving the ball in from the one-yard line. Quick kicked another extra point to get Guerin up by four. Chatard made one last drive, but the Golden Eagles intercepted the ball with two minutes to go.

With the win, Guerin Catholic improved to 6-2 on the year. The Golden Eagles host Bowman Academy from Gary next Friday to wrap up their regular season.

Guerin did not provide a boxscore by press time



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Noblesville's McGwire Plumer threw for a third-quarter touchdown during the Millers' Friday game with Brownsburg.

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Weatherford explodes twice...

Huskies explode in 2nd half

Heights 41, Western 14					Third Quarter	
	HH		WHS			
First Downs	13		16		Weatherford, 90-yard kickoff return (Magdun kick) 11:44	
By Rushing	4		7		Clayton Cowan, 15-yard run (Magdun kick), 10:53	
By Passing	9		6		Cowan, 5-yard run (Magdun kick), 6:06	
By Penalty	0		3			
Yards Rushing	102		101		Fourth Quarter	
Yards Passing	176		184		Chase Fisher, fumble recovery in end zone (Magdun kick), 9:53.	
Comp/Att/Int	12-27-1		13-22-1		Joe Woods, 1-yard run (kick failed)	
Fumbles/Lost	0-0		8-5		Heights Stats	
Penalties/Yards	10-73		5-37		Rushing: Nate Roth 1-1, Cowan 19-95, Ethan Jones 2-minus 4, Jesse Brown 1-11, Woods 1-1, Jake Beale 2-3.	
Score by Quarters:					Passing: Jones 10-23-155, Josh Felt 2-4-21.	
Heights	7	0	21	13 – 41	Receivers: Brown 8-107, Caymn Lutz 2-38, Weatherford 1-24, Riley White 1-7 .	
Western	14	0	0	0 -- 14		
Heights Scoring						
First Quarter						
Sterling Weatherford, 94-yard kick return (Henry Magdun kick) 6:21.						

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Whatever brand of meat Mitch Street threw at his Hamilton Heights ‘Dogs at halftime, the coach should can and label something like “Husky Comeback,” or “Husky Victory.”

Heights, trailing Western 14-7 at half-time, scored three times in the first six minutes of the second half and went on to a key 41-14 East Division victory in the Hoosier Conference.

“We challenged them at halftime,” Street said.

Sterling Weatherford started and sparked Hamilton Heights’ comeback when he opened the half with a 90-yard run on the kickoff.

Weatherford had scored Heights’ only touchdown in the first half with a 94-yard kick return.

“Those were big plays by Weatherford,” said Street, “and tonight we were able to take off from those plays.”

The Huskies were outstanding on defense. After allowing the Panthers 14 points in the first half, Heights displayed a bend-but-not-break defensive effort. Western ran for 101 yards and passed for 184 yards, but never found the end zone after the first quarter.

Meanwhile, Heights presented a balanced offense while putting 41 points on the board. The Huskies ran for 102 yards and passed for 176.

Weatherford took care of Heights’ first two touchdowns.

Clayton Cowan followed with a 15-yard run for a TD and a 5-yard run for a touchdown to end the Huskies’ 21-point third quarter explosion.

Heights’ defense scored the Huskies’ first touchdown in the fourth quarter when Chase Fisher recovered a Western fumble in the end zone.

It was one of five Western fumble Heights recovered.

The Huskies’ first evening pass scored

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As Huddleton stars....

Tigers top ‘Rocks, 42-28

Fishers’ running game has been by committee most of the season. Last evening in a key Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Westfield, Coach Rick Wimmer found a chairman of the board.

Jermaine Huddleston, who Wimmer said was No. 3 on the list of four entering last night’s game, carried the pigskin 30 times, gained 233 yards and scored three touchdowns as the Tigers knocked off the Shamrocks 42-28.

“The first two tailbacks we put in the game fumbled the football,” Wimmer said. “Huddleston was outstanding and Michael Noble (9 carries for 65 yards) also did a nice job.

“We really ran the ball well and our offensive line was outstanding,” Wimmer added.

The win broke a two-game Fishers losing string and moved the Tigers to 5-3 on the year. Meanwhile, Westfield’s woes continued. The Shamrocks now have lost four in a row and are 4-4 on the year.

“What I really like is how when Westfield came back, we fought them off,” Wimmer said.

Fishers led 14-7 at halftime and 28-7 after three quarters. Westfield scored three times in the fourth period to cause the Tigers to fight for their lives.

Westfield scored first on a one-yard run by quarterback Ryan Pepiot. Fishers tied the game on a Zach Eaton to Mason Davis pass.

Eaton went to the air again for a second quarter touchdown, throwing to Kade Orris. That took the Tigers to halftime with a 14-7 lead.

Two Fishers touchdowns in the third frame put the Tigers in great shape. Noble scored on a 33-yard run and Huddleston scored on a one yard run.

That set the stage for a fourth quarter slug out between these two Hamilton County rivals.

Westfield scored back-to-back touchdowns on a run by Nate Froelcih and a Pepiot pass to Milo Beam

Fishers fought back on a 43-yard touchdown run by Huddleston.

Pepiot again put Westfield in position to win on a 25-yard touchdown pass to Beam, before Huddleston’s final touchdown of the night with 1:24 remaining gave Fishers all the breathing room it needed.

Pepiot, the senior quarterback, had a big night for Coach Jake Gilbert’s Westfield team. He completed 22-of-42 passes for 281 yards and two touchdowns. He carried the pigskin 21 times for 75 yards and a TD.

Brandon Karsnick, in 14 carries, rushed for 80 Westfield yards. Beam caught eight passes for 152 yards and two touchdowns and Evan Manley had five catches for 62 yards.

For Fishers, Eaton connected on 10-of-18 passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns. Orris had five catches for 88 yards.

Westfield finished HCC play with a 2-4 record. The Shamrocks will end the regular season with a non-conference game next Friday at Brebeuf.

Fishers is 3-2 in the conference and will host Zionsville next Friday.



Photo by Kirk Green

Westfield’s Milo Beam celebrates after scoring a fourth-quarter touchdown. Beam had two scores in that period, and totaled eight catches for 152 yards in the game.

Fishers 42, Westfield 28			Penalties/Yards 5-31 4-30	
	FHS	WHS	Scoring	
First Downs	26	23	First Quarter	
By Rushing	17	10	WHS: Ryan Pepiot, 1-yard run (Alex Bales kick) 5:56.	
By Passing	6	12	FHS: Mason Davis, 7-yard pass from Zach Eaton (Ben Norton kick) :06	
By Penalty	3	1	Second Quarter	
Yards Rushing	306	155	FHS: Kade Orris, 18-yard pass from Eaton (Norton kick), 7:06.	
By Passing	147	274	Third Quarter	
Comp/Att/Intc	10-18-0	21-42-1	FHS: Michael Noble, 33-yard run (Norton kick), 7:53.	
Fumbles/Lost	3-1	0-0	Jermaine Huddleston, 1-yard run (Norton kick), 1:51.	
			Fourth Quarter	
			WHS: Nate Froelich, 2-yard run (Bales kick), 9:09	
			WHS: Milo Beam, 2-yard pass from Pepiot (Bales kick) 6:04.	
			FHS: Huddleston, 43-yard run (Norton kick), 5:13.	
			WHS: Beam, 25-yard pass from Pepiot (Bales kick), 2:57	
			FHS: Huddleston, 3-yard run (Norton kick), 1:24.	
			Westfield Stats	
			Rushing: Pepiot 21-75, Brandon Karsnick 14-80, Froelich 2-6, Jonathan Swidan 2-8.	
			Passing: Pepiot 22-42-281.	
			Receiving: Evan Manley 5-62, Beam 8-152, Lucas Schultz 4-38, Froelich 1-1, Max McCool 2-23, Will McCool 2-5.	

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