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TODAY'S WEATHER
Mostly sunny today, partly cloudy tonight. A wind advisory is in effect from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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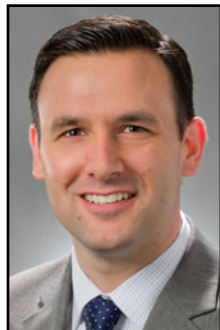
Hamilton County Reporter

Duties begin April 4...

Steve Cooke named new deputy mayor

Mayor John Ditslear has appointed Steve Cooke to serve as the new deputy mayor for the City of Noblesville. Cooke, who will begin his new role on Monday, April 4, replaces Christy Langley, who was recently hired as the new director of planning and transportation for the City of Bloomington.

“Steve is a sharp, personable man that will bring fresh new ideas to the role of deputy mayor. Coming from a strategic communications firm provides him with a different perspective and he has a strong background in communication which is an essential portion of the job,” Ditslear said.



Cooke

Cooke was previously vice president of Bose Public Affairs Group, a government relations and strategic communications firm in Indianapolis. He led communication teams for numerous public affairs initiatives related to health care, public safety and mass transit, and looks forward to bringing that experience to Noblesville where he has lived since 2001.

“I’m incredibly honored for this opportunity to work alongside Mayor Ditslear, his leadership team and the city, while serving my community and its citizens. This is an exciting time for Noblesville, and I look forward to contributing all that I can to carry this vision forward,” said Cooke.

He brings extensive communications experience from a wide variety of industries, including health care, real

estate, professional services, manufacturing and telecommunications.

Born in Flint, Michigan, Cooke is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor’s degree in telecommunications, and a graduate of Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis with a master’s degree in public relations management.

Currently, Cooke serves on the Hamilton County Transit Forum and Film Indy advisory board. In his free time, he coaches youth soccer through Noblesville United Soccer Club and volunteers for Conner Prairie and Noblesville Schools.

He is married to Marnie Cooke and they have two daughters, ages 11 and 7.

Wayne-Fall Lions Club hosts Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club is inviting the community to its annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 20.

The club will serve all-you-care-to-eat pancakes from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Master Gardeners Plant Sale set for May 21

The 18th annual Hamilton County Master Gardeners Plant Sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, in the Exhibition Hall at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, Noblesville.

Over 12,000 plants will be available for sale to the public. In addition to the dazzling selection of perennials, annuals, vegetables and trees, bearded iris is available, dug to order, at the Iris/Daylily bed. A marvelous selection of native plants will be offered. Plants are grown with care by Master Gardeners, are acclimated to Indiana’s climate and are priced well below local garden centers.

The day will also include educational materials covering many aspects of gardening at no charge. As always, Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions and offer expert advice.

Proceeds from the sale support scholarships for students in Hamilton County interested in horticulture-related careers, as well as numerous community activities supporting sound horticultural practices in Hamilton County. The sale also supports a Small Grants Program for local groups and schools with qualified horticultural programs.

Rep. Cook reports “significant progress”...

Wrapping up the 2016 legislative session



Cook

By TONY COOK

The 2016 legislative session came to a close last week, and legislators made significant progress on important issues facing Indiana.

I am very pleased to report a bill I authored, House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1209 establishing a workplace Spanish curriculum for Hoosier students, passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate and can now be signed into law by the governor. Another bill I co-authored with the Speaker of the House, House Enrolled Act 1002 creating the “Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship,” can also be signed into law. This enrolled act works to encourage our best and brightest students, who also commit to teaching in Hoosier schools for at least five years, with up to \$7,500 per year to cover tuition. The Commission for

Higher Education will be responsible for implementing and promoting the program, and \$10 million has been appropriated for the scholarship. This is important because educational research consistently demonstrates that the most significant factor to ensure student success in the classroom is to provide students with highly effective teachers.

I also was pleased to sponsor two Senate bills that I ushered through the House, Senate Bill 3 and SB 9. Only 218 bills passed both Houses, after 841 were filed.

This session, House Republicans set out with a legislative priority focused on funding Indiana’s infrastructure needs. As the session concluded, lawmakers agreed upon a compromise that will address our immediate road funding needs, while ensuring legislators come back next year to discuss a more comprehensive long-term plan. HEA 1001 directs \$186 million up front to a local road and bridge matching grant account. The bill also redirects 1.5 cents of the 7 cent sales tax on gasoline to the matching account as a source of ongoing funding and codifies the current equivalent of one cent

already being dedicated to road funding. About \$328 million will go toward state road and bridge preservation and maintenance over the next two years. In addition, about \$505 million in local option income tax reserves currently held by the state will be returned to local units, with \$330 million dedicated to roads.

The bill also creates a task force which will conduct an in-depth study this summer into state and local road funding needs and options for the future. This bill now moves to the governor’s desk, where he is expected to sign it into law.

Unfortunately, as the number one meth-producing state in the nation, Indiana needed to act to restrict the ingredients used to manufacture the dangerous and highly addictive drug. Pseudoephedrine (PSE) is a key ingredient used in meth and is often found in cold, flu, and allergy medications. Senate Enrolled Act 80 maintains Hoosiers’ legitimate access to PSE without a prescription, but if a purchaser does not have a relationship with the pharmacy, pharma-

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Downtown Westfield Association announces 2016 Market dates

Downtown Westfield Association has announced dates and a new location for this year’s Westfield City Market.

“We anticipate a vibrant and well-attended upcoming season and have received a great response from vendors and the community alike,” said DWA Executive Director Teresa Otis Skelton.

The 2016 market will be located behind Westfield City Hall (130 Penn Street), occurring on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2

p.m. The entrance will be located on Union Street.

Applications are still being accepted to be a vendor for the market until March 18th. Those interested in applying should email Skelton at teresa.otis.skelton@gmail.com.

Westfield market dates:

June 4	July 9
June 11	July 16
June 18	July 23
June 25	July 30
	Aug. 6
	Aug. 13
	Aug. 20
	Aug. 27
	Sept. 10
	Sept. 17
	Sept. 24



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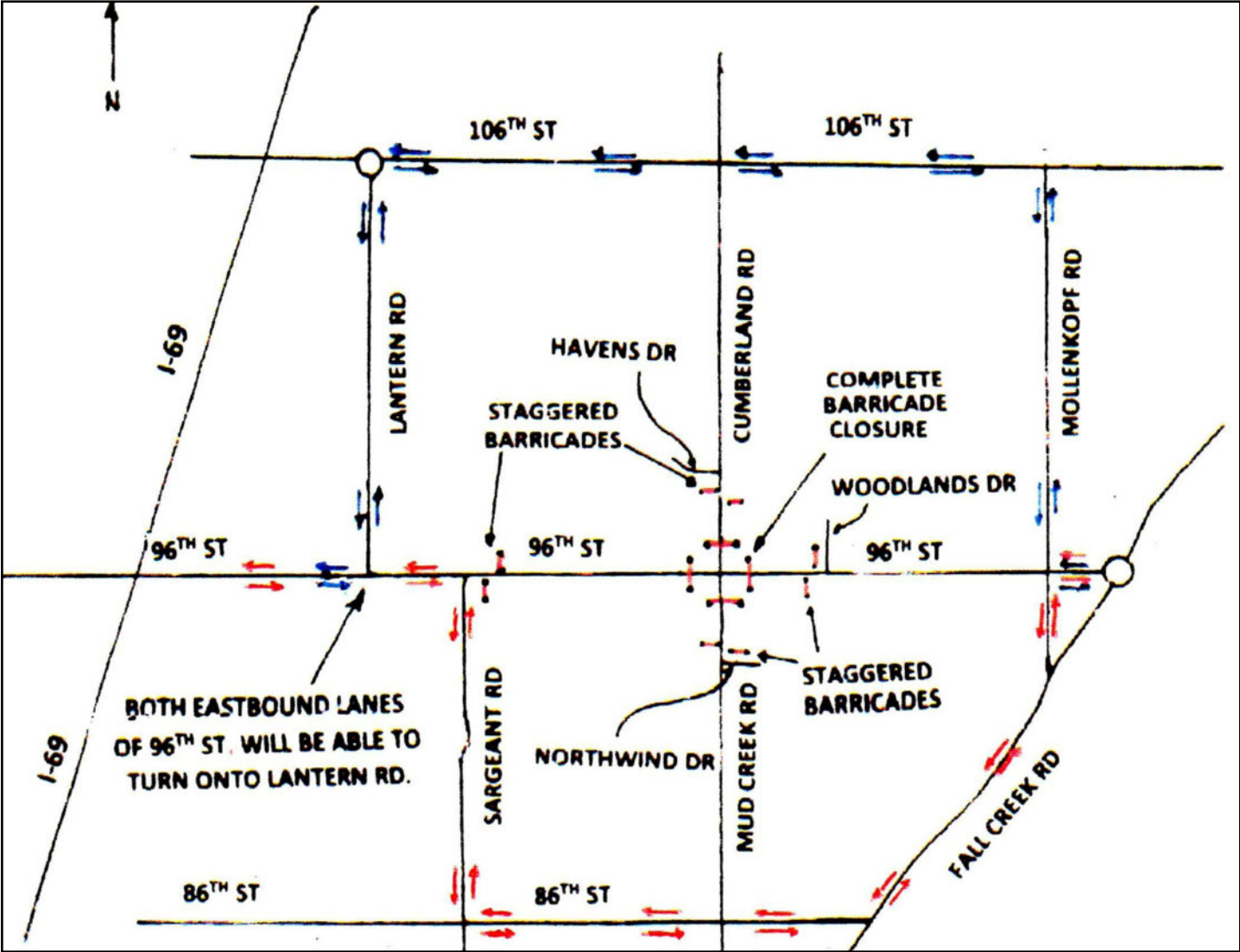
The Hamilton County Highway Department announced the following road closures that will take place during the coming week.

Anthony Road north of 266th Street will be closed to thru traffic on or after Thursday. This closure is expected to last no longer than two calendar days.

On or after Monday, 266th Street east of U.S. 31 will be closed to thru traffic. This closure is expected to last no longer than 10 calendar days.

Also on Monday, the intersection of 96th Street and Cumberland Road / Mud Creek Road will be closed for construction of a roundabout. 96th Street will be closed between Sargent Road and Mollenkopf Road. Cumberland Road will be closed between 106th Street and 96th Street while Mud Creek Road will be closed between 86th Street and 96th Street. Local traffic will have access up to the intersection.

A posted detour route will be in place throughout construction. The intersection is planned to reopen on June 30th.



Graphic provided

The intersection of 96th Street and Cumberland/Mud Creek Road will be closed starting on Monday. Here is a map that details all of the detour routes around that intersection.

Spots available for French Lick Winery & Casino bus trip on March 25

The Noblesville Parks Department has spots available for its first bus trip of 2016, but time is running out to register for the southern Indiana excursion. On Friday, March 25, the parks department will travel to the French Lick Winery & Casino. The trip will include a wine tasting and wine glass at the French Lick Winery as well as free time to spend shopping or at the casino. Cost is \$50 per person and those attending must be at least 21 years old. The bus will leave

Forest Park Inn at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 9 p.m.

Pre-registration is required and must be made by 4 p.m. Friday, March 18. If the parks department does not have the required number of participants for a trip by the deadline, the trip will be cancelled and fees will be refunded. To register or for more information, call the parks office at (317) 776-6350 or visit www.noblesvilleparks.org.

SESSION

cists have the option to sell them an extraction-resistant product or a smaller package of PSE. If the purchaser refuses the alternative options, they would be required to obtain a prescription.

SEA 187 would allow Narcan, or naloxone, to be sold over-the-counter. Narcan can be administered to individuals who have overdosed on heroin. This bill would ease access to the life-saving medicine by making it available over-the-counter and issuing a statewide standing order for all pharmacies to carry the medicine. This proposal could aid someone by giving them a second chance at life after overdosing. First

responders will be able to have this drug at their disposal for life-saving use, and will not be held liable for its application during an emergency to save the victim's life.

It has been an honor to serve House District 32 during the 2016 legislative session. If you would like more information, please visit iga.in.gov. If you have any questions or input, contact me at h32@iga.in.gov or 317-232-9678.

Rep. Cook (R-Cicero) represents Tipton, Hamilton, Grant, Madison, Delaware, and Howard counties.

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Hamilton County Ag Day celebrates 30 years

Hamilton County is celebrating its 30th Ag Day. Twenty-three hundred second graders and their teachers will visit 11 educational displays including agricultural products and live animals now through Thursday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Displays will include information on corn, soybeans, wheat, beekeeping, soil and water conservation, drones in agriculture and more. Animal production and animal by-products will be explained with the use of beef, goats, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. More than 140 volunteers will be on hand to make presentations to the students and get them involved in hands-on activities.

The Agriculture Council of America will host National Ag Day on March 15, 2016. This will mark the 43rd anniversary of National Ag Day, which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day is "Stewards of a Healthy Planet." The National Ag Day program encourages every American to understand how food and fiber products are produced, appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products, value the es-

sential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy, and acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

We know that food and fiber doesn't just arrive at the grocery or clothing store or magically appear on our dinner table or in our closet. There's an entire industry dedicated to providing plentiful and safe food for consumption as well as a wide range of comfortable, fashionable clothing choices. We rely on agriculture for the very necessities of life. From beef and pork to cotton and corn, agriculture is working harder than ever to meet the needs of Americans and others around the world. It's important to remember that American agriculture is doing it better and more effectively. Today, each American farmer feeds more than 144 people. Agriculture is this nation's number one export and vitally important in sustaining a healthy economy. New technology means farmers are more environmentally friendly than ever before.

"Since many Hamilton County residents are now three or more generations removed from the farm, Ag Day provides students with a close up, hands-on exposure

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Anne Ida (Timmer) Ramsay

May 30, 1916 - March 8, 2016

Anne Ida (Timmer) Ramsay died Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Irvine, CA. She was 99.



Born on May 30, 1916 in Muskegon, Michigan, she was the eldest of four daughters of Gerrit and Jenny (Meyers) Timmer. She grew up in the Dutch community dominate in the area at the time, which imbued her with a strong set of values in her faith, family, and community. She started working at age 16, supporting her family during the Great Depression with a part time job after high school. In 1939 she married Howard B. Ramsay, then of Muskegon, but formerly of Conshohocken, PA. They had two daughters: Beryl Louise and Janice Anne.

In 1951, they moved to Noblesville, Indiana, where Anne first worked as a legal secretary, then became the Clerk of the City Court and, later, in 1959, partnered in founding in Noblesville the Hiatt-Ramsay Real Estate brokerage. She was one of a few women in real estate at that time. She remained in the business there until 1988 when she and Howard retired to California to be by their daughters. She and Howard were active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville.

She is survived by her two daughters, Beryl and Janice, both graduates of NHS and by her sister, Edith Potter of Muskegon, Michigan, five grandchildren, and ten great-grand children, who knew her affectionately as "Grannie Anne." She was preceded in death by her loving husband in 1994; and by two of her sisters - Jean Grinwis and Geraldine Toman, both of Muskegon.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

- Matthew 5:11

Jeremy Lee Denton

July 24, 1978 - March 14, 2016

Jeremy Lee Denton, 37, of Noblesville, passed away on the morning of Monday, March 14, 2016. He was born on July 24, 1978 in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Jeremy was a 1997 Noblesville High School graduate, and for 19 years worked as a Field Engineer for Hagerman Construction, then for Pepper Construction since January. He was a hard worker, and would do anything for anyone. Jeremy enjoyed 4-wheeling and bonfires, but most of all, loved spending time with his family and daughter, whom he worshipped.

He is survived by his parents, Fred & Vickie (Denton) Umbreit; sister, Kady (Paul) Krenzke; daughter, Alexis Denton; grandmother, Sarah Sours; niece, Sophia Krenzke; several aunts, uncles & cousins, and a host of friends.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rex & Helen Denton, Paul Umbreit, and Morris & Joan Randall; and his great-grandparents.

Services will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville with visitation from 4:00 pm to the time of service. Pastor Chris Hubler will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to a trust fund for Jeremy's daughter, Alexis, at any Chase Bank.

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New Hamilton East Public Library items

Here are the new Hamilton East Public Library items lists for the week of March 14, 2016:

New Adult Fiction Books

- 1. Where My Heart Used to Beat: A novel; by Faulks, Sebastian
- 2. The Guest Room: A novel; by Bohjalian, Chris
- 3. Cometh the Hour; by Archer, Jeffrey
- 4. Wedding Cake Murder; by Fluke, Joanne
- 5. The Art of War: A novel; by Coonts, Stephen
- 6. The Opposite of Everyone; by Jackson, Joshilyn
- 7. Into Oblivion: An Icelandic Thriller; by Arnaldur Indriðason
- 8. No Shred of Evidence: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery; by Todd, Charles
- 9. She's Not There: A novel; by Fielding, Joy
- 10. Cat Shout for Joy; by Murphy, Shirley Rousseau

New Adult Nonfiction Books

- 1. Fodor's Alaska' by Fisher, Robert C.
- 2. Fodor's ... Montreal & Quebec City; by Fodor's Travel Publications, Inc.
- 3. In Other Words; by Lahiri, Jhumpa
- 4. Level Up Your Life: How to Unlock Adventure and Happiness by Becoming the Hero of Your Own Story; by Kamb, Steve
- 5. The Power of Broke: How Empty Pockets, a Tight Budget, and a Hunger for Success Can Become Your Greatest Competitive Advantage; by John, Daymond
- 6. 1916: A Global History; by Jeffery, Keith
- 7. No Grain, no Pain: A 30-day Diet for Eliminating the Root Cause of Chronic Pain; by Osborne, Peter
- 8. The Dirt Cure: Growing Healthy Kids with Food Straight from Soil; by Shetreat-Klein, Maya

- 9. The Lovers: Afghanistan's Romeo & Juliet: The True Story of How They Defied Their Families and Escaped an Honor Killing; by Nordland, Rod
- 10. Conviction: The Untold Story of Putting Jodi Arias Behind Bars; by Martinez, Juan

New DVDs

- 1. Everest
- 2. Black Mass
- 3. Big Stone Gap
- 4. Crimson Peak
- 5. MI-5
- 6. Mr. Robot. Season 1
- 7. Spectre
- 8. Irrational Man
- 9. Jesse Stone. Lost in Paradise
- 10. The Kid

New Music CDs

- 1. Fearless; by Virtue
- 2. Hymns that Are Important to Us; by Joey + Rory
- 3. Guy Penrod Live: Hymns & Worship; by Penrod, Guy
- 4. The Revenant: Original Soundtrack Album; by Sakomoto, Ryuichi
- 5. Straight Outta Compton; by Eazy-E
- 6. WOW Gospel 2016: 30 of the Year's Top Gospel Artists and Songs; by Franklin, Kirk
- 7. Church Clothes 3; by Lecrae
- 8. Ageless Hymns: Songs of Joy; by Randle, Lynda
- 9. Better; by McKnight, Brian
- 10. Mad Max: Fury Road; by Junkie XL



Photo provided

A fire damaged a Fishers home Monday evening. A report came from a home on Royalwood Court of smoke in the residence. The police arrived first and advised heavy smoke coming from garage. One occupant made it out of the house. There were no injuries. Firefighters quickly knocked down the fire and kept it contained to the garage. The fire is under investigation. No dollar amount of damages are available at this time.



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The Noblesville Fire Department battled a detached garage fire in the 1400 block of Grant Street Tuesday afternoon. The first arriving crew saw heavy smoke showing from the roof. Upon investigation, the fire was located in the attic space. Crews made an exterior attack then progressed to an interior attack. Firefighters soon got the fire under control, with no injuries. The cause is unknown at present time.

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to agriculture that they would not have otherwise had the opportunity to experience,” said Lisa Hanni, Program Assistant. The Hamilton County Ag Day Program is supported by the cooperative efforts of Purdue Extension Hamilton County; Co-Alliance; Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Inc.; Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District; Indiana Farm Bureau; Reynolds Farm Equipment; Husky 4-H’ers 4-H Club; Beck’s Hybrids; Ag Reliant Genetics; Dairy & Nutrition Council, Inc.; Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; the Rabbit Producers, Sheep Producers, Pork Producers, Beef Cattle-men; Indiana Soybean Alliance; Farm Credit Services of Mid America; and the Hamilton County 4-H Llama, Poultry, Beekeeping, Horse and Goat members and volunteers. To learn more about Purdue Extension Hamilton County, please contact us at 317-776-0854 or visit us online at www.extension.purdue.edu/hamilton.

US 31 restrictions near 126th Street today

Starting around 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 16, crews plan to restrict various lanes of northbound and southbound US 31 near 126th Street through mid-afternoon. During these restrictions, crews will be performing concrete work overhead on 126th Street.

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Lady Millers have new coach ...

And, as usual, good talent



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Kristin Melloh had a 1.92 earned-run average last year for her junior season on the Noblesville softball team. Melloh is one of seven seniors that will be on this year’s Millers team.

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

New coach. New players. But, likely, the same strong softball tradition for Noblesville’s Lady Millers.

Coach Deke Bullard’s first Noblesville team is scheduled to open the season on Tuesday, playing at Western Boone. The Millers’ first home game will be the following Friday, March 25, against Guerin Catholic.

Noblesville will be led by six returning starters.

“They bring great leadership and experience to the table,” Bullard said.

Noblesville has two pitchers who are among the better hurlers in Hamilton County and in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

Junior Brooke Herron, who also will play some in left field, last season led Hamilton County with a 0.92 ERA. Senior Kristin Melloh posted a 1.92 ERA.

Those stats were compiled with a Noblesville team which won the sectional and defeated Kokomo in the regional before falling to Lake Central.

Second baseman/left fielder Karley Blankenship, center fielder Kimi Box, right fielder/first baseman Hayley Lutz and Melloh are seniors who are projected to be in the starting lineup.

“When factoring in the young talent also within the program, myself and my coaching staff are very excited about the upcoming year,” Bullard said. “There is a lot of talent in our county and our conference. We are extremely excited for the season to get started, but also know what tough battles are ahead.”

Juniors projected in that lineup are Herron, Maddie Moore at third base, and Brooke Rundle behind the plate.

Last season Moore hit .532, the fourth best batting average in the county.

Also, look for freshman Emily Minett at first, sophomore Grace Smith at short and freshman Julia Furiak as the flex player and catcher.

Noblesville Roster

Seniors: Karley Blankenship, Kimi Box, Kara Conger, Hayley Lutz, Catherine Mast, Kristin Melloh, Alexis Shannon.
Juniors: Brooke Herron, Maddie Moore, Brooke Rundle, Bri Tragesser.
Sophomores: Grace Smith.
Freshmen: Abby Brown, Julia Furiak, Emily Minett.

Noblesville Schedule

March

22, at Western Boone.
25, Guerin Catholic.
29, at Fishers.

April

11, at Greenfield Central.
12, Westfield
13, Carmel
15, at Cathedral.
18: Madison Grant.
19, at Zionsville
22-23, at Carmel Invitational.
26, Harrison.
28, at Pendleton Heights
30, Miller Invitational.

May

2, Mt. Vernon.
3, Hamilton Southeastern.
5, Kokomo.
9, at Yorktown.
10, at Brownsburg.
12, Tipton.
14, at Ft. Wayne Snider Invitational.
17, Avon.
19, at North Central.

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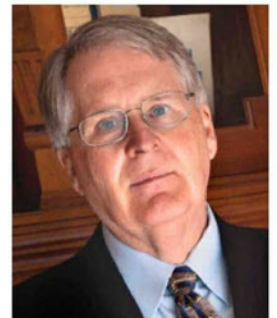
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After regional season ...

Heights bidding again

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor
Hamilton Heights graduated six seniors last season, five of whom were regular starters on a team which finished 17-10 and won a regional championship.

“Right now we have some big holes to fill, especially in the middle infield,” said Coach Landi Lockwood. “We are trying to find girls who can step into those positions and find a few girls to step into the leadership roles.”

Heights’ pitching looks strong with the return of junior Ashley Roberts, who last season posted an 11-5 record and a 2.31 ERA. She fanned 86 batters in 103 innings. Also expected to see time on the hill are sophomore Emily Wright and freshman Adyson Baber. Last season Roberts hit .427 and knocked home 14 runs.

Sophomore Jessica Kaurich will do most of the catching. She batted .310 and drove home 13 runs as a freshman.

Junior Claire Schildmeier is back at third base and junior Ashton Runner is back in the outfield. Sophomore Taylor Ewing played both infield and outfield last season.

“Our middle infield is up for grabs,” said Lockwood. “Right now we are looking at Ewing and possibly juniors Mickey Stupp and Shelby Wills.”

First base also is up for grabs. Roberts and Wright could play there some when they aren’t pitching or senior Jessica Thuer or freshman Lia Williams. Thuer is the only senior listed on the roster.

“We are also still trying to figure out who will be in the outfield with Runner,” Lockwood continued. “Baber, Roberts, Stupp, Ewing and sophomore Jaydn Lutz all have some experience in the grass.

“We have some girls back from a team that won regional,” said the coach. “I hope they can use that experience to motivate the other girls to continue towards our post season goals. For us to be successful this season, girls are going to have to learn more than one position and learn them well. They

are going to have to be team players and understand their roles on any given night. If they can do that, I really believe we could be just as successful, if not more, than we were last season.”

The Lady Huskies are scheduled to open on Monday, hosting Zionsville.

Heights Roster

Senior: Jessica Thuer.
Juniors: Shelby Willis, Claire Schildmeier, Mickey Stupp, Ashley Roberts, Ashton Runner.
Sophomores: Jessica Kaurich, Jaydn Lutz, Emily Wright, Taylor Ewing.
Freshmen: Adyson Baber, Lia Williams.

Heights Schedule

- March**
21, Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
23, at Frankton, 5 p.m.
25, at Lapel, 5 p.m.
- April**
9, Western Boone, 10 a.m.
12, Western, 5 p.m.
13, at Western, 5 p.m.
14, Fishers, 7 p.m.
16, Delta, 11:30 a.m.
19, Tipton, 5 p.m.
20, at Tipton, 5 p.m.
22, at Elwood, 5 p.m.
23, at Yorktown, 11 a.m.
26, Northwestern, 5 p.m.
27, at Northwestern, 5 p.m.
- May**
3, at Lewis Cass, 6 p.m.
4, Lewis Cass, 6 p.m.
5, at Taylor, 5 p.m.
7, Mt. Vernon, 10 a.m.
10, at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
11, at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
14, Hoosier Conference Tourney.
16, at Sheridan, 5 p.m.
18, Frankfort, 5:30 p.m.
20, Alexandria, 5 p.m.



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Ashley Roberts compiled an 11-5 record as a sophomore pitcher for Hamilton Heights last season. Roberts is back for her junior year and will be a part of a Huskies team that will try to defend its regional championship.

Lady Greyhounds have experience...

Carmel ready for a run

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor
Carmel rolled through a terrific 21-9 season last spring but failed to win the sectional.

Coach Emily Good lost five seniors from that team, but this season returns talent capable of winning into the post-season.

“We will return some familiar names,” said Good. “This year’s squad will be led by seniors.”

Outstanding seniors, including three who have committed to playing college ball, pitcher/first baseman Kristyn Eckl at Kent State University, centerfielder Celene Funke at Louisville and first baseman Georgianna Derziotis at Thomas Moore University. Derziotis played junior varsity last season.

Eckl hurled in 121 innings, fanned 114 batters and posted a 1.85 ERA. At the plate, she batted .311.

Funke hit .415, drove home 42 runs, blasted 12 doubles and belted nine homers.

Eckl, freshman Marlyn Doty and junior Ava Walker will anchor the Greyhounds’ pitching duties. Junior Julia Ranney and sophomore Molly Kracht will handle the catching.

Returning juniors Karly Combs at second and Ava Walker will likely handle the middle infield positions. Returning junior outfielder Audrey Hansen could also see time protecting the hot corner at third. Combs batted .308 and had 16 RBIs, Walker hit .318 and drove home 15 runs and Hansen batted .343.

Outfielders Emma Morton, a junior, and Darby Roberts, a sophomore, will bring experience and skill. Morton added .341 and drove home 15 and Roberts hit .395.

“Our strengths,” said Good, “are power, speed and commitment to the process. Also, six returning starters and several others who saw significant playing time.”

Carmel is scheduled to open its season on Tuesday at Hamilton Southeastern.

Carmel Roster

Seniors: Georgianna Derziotis, Kristyn Eckl, Celene Funke.
Juniors: Karly Combs, Audrey Hansen, Emma Morton, Julia Ranney, Ava Walker.
Sophomores: Molly Kracht, Darby Roberts.
Freshman: Karlyn Doty.

Carmel Schedule

- March**
22: at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.
30: Lebanon, 6 p.m.
- April**
12: at Center Grove, 5:30 p.m.
13: at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
15: at Louisville Ballard, 6 p.m.
16: at Owensboro Catholic, 9 a.m.
16: at Louisville Ross, 10:30 a.m.
18: Ben Davis, 5:30 p.m.
19: Pike, 5:30 p.m.
20: Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.
22-23: Carmel Invitational.
26: at Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.
27: at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
30: Avon, 10 a.m.
30: Munster, 2 p.m.
- May**
3: at Lawrence Central, 5:30 p.m.
6: Plainfield, 5:30 p.m.
7: Guerin Catholic, 10 a.m.
9: at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
10: at North Central, 5:30 p.m.
14: at Roncalli, 10 a.m.
14: Louisville Male at Roncalli, 12 noon.
16: at Harrison, 6 p.m.
17: Warren Central, 5:30 p.m.
19: Greenfield Central, 5:30 p.m.
20: at Terre Haute North, 6 p.m.

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Carmel's Celene Funke hit .415 for the Greyhounds as a junior last season. The Louisville commit is one of three seniors on this year's Greyhounds team.



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Six Hamilton County players on First Team...

IBCA announces Academic All-State teams


Seventy-two Indiana high school seniors -- 36 boys and 36 girls -- have been chosen as first-team Academic All-State by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Tuesday (March 15).

In addition, 172 more boys and 142 more girls were recognized as honorable mention Academic All-State for 2016, IBCA executive director Steve Witty said.

The IBCA Academic All-State team is a program where academic prowess and athletic prowess both are considered in the selections. Items such as grade-point average, college board scores and academic class rank are considered



Preston Flamion
Carmel



John Kiser
Noblesville



Christian Munson
Guerin



Chris Roberts
Sheridan



Charlie Warner
Westfield



Emily Kmec
Carmel

along with athletic performance in areas such as points per game, rebounds per game, assists per game and shooting percentage.

"The quality of these student-athletes shows that success in academics and success in athletics are not separate entities," Witty said. "Rather, in many cases, a player's success in the classroom directly contributes to his or her success on the floor."

IBCA-member head coaches from schools across the state may nominate their seniors who meet criteria that include a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale, a class rank in the upper 25 percent of one's class, an SAT score of 1,000 (on the reading and math sections) or an ACT score of 23.

Once nominations are received, an IBCA committee reviews the information and determines awards for first team and honorable mention.

Those selected will receive certificates from the IBCA for their honor. Those certificates will be distributed to coaches at the IBCA Spring Clinic on April 22-23 in Indianapolis. The coaches then present the certificates to the honored players after they return from the clinic.

The IBCA has selected an Academic All-State team for boys since 1973. The program was expanded to include a girls' Academic All-State team in 1980.

Here's a list of first team and honorable mention from Hamilton County:

BOYS
First Team: Preston Flamion, Carmel; John Kiser, Noblesville; Christian Munson, Guerin Catholic; Chris Roberts, Sheridan; Charlie Warner, Westfield. Honorable Mention: Jacob Chesney, Sheridan; Christian Daniels, Guerin Catholic; Zach Eaton, Fishers; R Rhett Helt, Guerin Catholic; Robbie Lynch, Westfield; Caleb Reitz, Carmel; Trenton Richardson, Carmel; Patrick Weitzel, Sheridan.

GIRLS
First Team: Emily Kmec, Carmel. Honorable Mention: Faith DeVaney, Sheridan; Megan Forbes, Sheridan; Celene Funke, Carmel; Kara Gerka, Fishers; Hannah Kroehler, Fishers; Andi Kwasniewski, Carmel; Carrie Larson, Carmel; Katelyn O'Reilly, Noblesville; Abby Reeder, Westfield; Alexis Shannon, Noblesville.

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Carmel Icehounds win two state championships

The Carmel Icehounds won two state championships at the IHSFHA tournament Saturday.

The Carmel Gold Icehounds won the 4A championship by defeating the Columbus Icemen, 2-1. Carmel was defending state champion. Carmel's Blue Icehounds won the 2A title, beating the South Stars "A" 3-2.

Both games were played at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

The state playoff is conducted by the Indiana High School Hockey Association, but hockey has not been sanctioned by the state High School Athletic Association.

Look for an in-depth report on the Carmel Icehounds' victories in an upcoming edition of the Reporter.

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Two additions to All-County Girls Swimming Team

Two more Hamilton County swimmers have been added to the Honorable Mention list of the Reporter's All-County Swimming and Diving team.

They are Hamilton Heights freshman Rachel Sanquetti and Hamilton Southeastern junior Hannah Taylor.

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NBA standings

Tuesday's scores		Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Indiana 103, Boston 98		Dallas at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando 116, Denver 110		Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn 131, Philadelphia 114		Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto 107, Milwaukee 89		Minnesota at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio 108, L.A. Clippers 87		L.A. Clippers at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento 106, L.A. Lakers 98		New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Wednesday's games		New York at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 7 p.m.		

Eastern Conference				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	45	21	.682	-
Boston	39	28	.582	6.5
New York	28	40	.412	18.0
Brooklyn	19	48	.284	26.5
Philadelphia	9	58	.134	36.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	47	19	.712	-
Indiana	36	31	.537	11.5
Chicago	33	32	.508	13.5
Detroit	34	33	.507	13.5
Milwaukee	29	39	.426	19.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	39	28	.582	-
Atlanta	38	29	.567	1.0
Charlotte	37	29	.561	1.5
Washington	31	35	.470	7.5
Orlando	29	37	.439	9.5

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	45	22	.672	-
Portland	35	33	.515	10.5
Utah	32	35	.478	13.0
Denver	28	40	.412	17.5
Minnesota	21	46	.313	24.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	60	6	.909	-
L.A. Clippers	42	24	.636	18.0
Sacramento	26	40	.394	34.0
Phoenix	18	49	.269	42.5
L.A. Lakers	14	54	.206	47.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	57	10	.851	-
Memphis	39	28	.582	18.0
Houston	34	33	.507	23.0
Dallas	34	33	.507	23.0
New Orleans	24	42	.364	32.5

Fourth victory in five games...

Pacers open homestand with win over Boston

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers opened a pivotal five-game homestand with a big victory, knocking off the Boston Celtics (39-28) on Tuesday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, 103-98. The win was the fourth in their last five games for the Pacers (36-31), who continue to inch closer to a playoff berth.

It was fitting that the Pacers wore their Hickory uniforms on Tuesday, as this game had an old-school feel. Both teams put together excellent defensive performances, making their opponents work for each and every shot.

The game was tightly contested throughout, with 12 ties and 15 lead changes over the first three and a half quarters. Boston led 77-76 with eight minutes to play, but the Blue & Gold scored the next six points to surge back in front, capped with a memorable sequence where Monta Ellis drove the lane and somehow wrapped a pass around the back of Celtics forward Amir Johnson to Jordan Hill, who finished with a thunderous one-handed dunk.

From there, the Pacers locked down Boston defensively and slowly put the game out of reach. Paul George buried a 3-pointer that pushed Indiana's lead to 10 with 2:13 to play, then he and Hill took turns dunking in the final two

minutes, exclamation points on a big-time win over a Boston team that entered the night in third place in the Eastern Conference.

"I thought we just guarded," George said about the Pacers' closing effort. "We played great defense and that turned into some easy offense for us."

The Pacers got off to a slow start out of the gates. George picked up two quick fouls and Indiana amassed seven turnovers over the first 8:37, falling into an early seven-point hole.

But the Blue & Gold righted the ship from there. They reeled off an 11-0 run over the end of the first and beginning of the second quarters to surge in front and pushed their lead as high as 10 points.

They led by four at the half and withstood Celtics All-Star point guard Isaiah Thomas dropping 16 points in the third quarter to take a 71-70 lead into the final period.

The Pacers defense stifled the Celtics all night, limiting Boston to a .383 overall field goal percentage and a .250 mark from 3-point range.

George, who scored just seven points on 3-of-15 shooting in a 29-point loss in Atlanta on Sunday, bounced back in a big way against Boston.

The three-time All-Star led all scorers with 25 points and went 9-for-16 from the field while also tallying seven rebounds, four assists, and four steals.

Hill provided a major boost off the bench, scoring 10 points in the fourth quarter and finishing the night with 15 points on 7-of-13 shooting.

"I was doing pretty good defensively and on the offensive end," Hill said about his late-game play. "(Head coach Frank Vogel) allowed me to stay in and keep doing it."

Monta Ellis chipped in 16 points, seven boards, and six assists for Indiana. Ian Mahinmi added 13 points and six rebounds, while George Hill contributed 10 points and five boards.

Thomas led Boston with 18 points, six rebounds, and eight assists. Jonas Jerebko added 17 points off the bench on 7-of-12 shooting. Jared Sullinger recorded a double-double, posting 15 points and 11 rebounds.

After beating Boston, the Pacers will now prepare to take on the team directly ahead of the Celtics in the Eastern Conference standings. Kyle Lowry and the Toronto Raptors visit the Fieldhouse on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 PM ET.

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