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Hamilton County Reporter

A Noblesville giant....

Jim Neal dies at age 95

Editor's Note: Parts of the following were taken from the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame.

James T. Neal, longtime owner of the Noblesville Daily Ledger and local community leader, died late Tuesday at his home in Indianapolis. He was 95.

Mr. Neal was the son of the late Ralph and Mary (Homan) Neal of Noblesville. He and his brother, John Neal, operated the Ledger from the

Neal

late 1940s until, after three generations in the family, the paper was sold in 1985.

Mr. Neal, a graduate of Noblesville High School, Butler University and West Point Military Academy, served as state Republican chairman in 1972 and was for a time interim head of the Butler journalism department before retiring in Florida.

In recent years Neal and his wife, Georgianne, returned to Indiana. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Andrea and Dede, three grandchildren and a sister.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Neal was the third generation in his family to own, edit and publish the Daily Ledger. He began his career as a paper boy and eventually, as editor, guided the

newspaper in 1980 to the title of Blue Ribbon Newspaper in the annual contest of Hoosier State Press.

In between, he dedicated The Ledger to local coverage and adamantly pursued a watchdog role over Hamilton County and Noblesville government. He continually criticized government bodies for conducting business in secret and aggressively pursued records -- including coroner reports -- that officials tried to withhold.

His commitment to honest and open government occasionally got him in trouble. Neal made national headlines in 1965 when he was arrested for contempt of court by Hamilton County Judge Ed New. Neal had written a front page column criticizing the judge's policy to treat traffic

offenders as serious criminals. It took three years to resolve the case, during which time Neal remained an articulate advocate of the First Amendment.

Sometimes the consequence of Neal's passion for the First Amendment were less serious, but nonetheless carried personal consequences. When the Ledger published the names of Noblesville High School basketball players arrested for underage drinking, Neal was told never again to patronize the city's No. 1 dry cleaner. The owner's son was one of the players.

During a period in the 1950s, it became evident to The Ledger -- which routinely monitored records of county real estate

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Deputy delivers.....

State of the City

Deputy Mayor Steve Cooke filled in for Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear, who was unable to attend due to an illness, to deliver the annual “State of the City” address to the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon at Harbour Trees Golf Club, 333 Regents Park Lane.

Downtown Noblesville was a featured section of this year’s message:

- The city has created the Noblesville Cultural Arts District, which will encourage even more collaboration and creativity amongst the arts and culture organizations. Crosswalks at Eighth Street and Maple Avenue were recently painted by Nickel Plate Arts. Cooke said it’s creative efforts like these that distinguish Noblesville from other cities.
- The creation of the Riverfront Redevelopment District will attract even more interest to generate greater nightlife from new restaurants and retail establishments in the district.
- Cooke said it’s not hard to imagine the near future of downtown including more options for living and more retail outlets. It will take a cooperative effort with the private sector as well as the County and an investment from the City. “We are excited to lead this effort and finally make this a reality,” he said.
- No long-term plans of downtown are complete without a plan for parking that meets the needs of workers and visitors. The next phase of our parking study is coming to a close and the city will soon share the results’ recommendations and plans to improve parking.



Photo courtesy the City of Noblesville

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- Another downtown improvement coming are the much needed upgrades to the Conner and Logan traffic signals. This will

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transaction -- that an out-of-state buyer was purchasing wide tracts of farm land. Investigation over several months revealed that the Indianapolis Water Company, a public utility, had employed a firm to buy the land without explanation to create what eventually became Morse Reservoir northwest of Noblesville. Water company officials initially denied the purchases. The newspaper disclosed the secretive purchases, which needless to say caused the sale price of the land to soar. The newspaper felt it acted in the public interest by disclosing the secret negotiations.

Hamilton County's Board of Commissioners repeatedly met in secret over the years. The Ledger discovered that the commissioners would meet privately in restaurants before their regularly scheduled meetings and even conduct business over the telephone and in their cars en route to meetings. The Ledger continually exposed such practices as violations of Indiana's open door law.

Neal was active civically and politically on both the local and state scenes. He was a founding member of the Noblesville Boys Club and the Hamilton County Community Fund, which became the United Way. He was secretary of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee for 11 years and served as chairman from 1972 to 1973. He was widely credited for healing Republican party rifts and was instrumental in the election of Dr. Otis Bowen as governor in 1972.

He was a three-time delegate to the Republican National Convention, served on the Republican National Committee and also was the Republican member of the Indiana Election Board. He is a past president of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association. He was a member of the board of trustees of Butler University and, after The Ledger's sale in 1985, headed the school's journalism department until his retirement in 1987.

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help make the timing more efficient for east-west travel.

"By the end of 2016, Noblesville will have spent more than \$900,000 in the central business district alone on street resurfacing and improvements to alleys and sidewalks," Cooke said.

Other highlights of the State of the City speech include:

* Pleasant Street – Noblesville is moving forward with plans to widen and extend Pleasant Street from State Road 37 to Hague Road to create a new east-west corridor. Mayor Ditslear wants Noblesville to take the lead and work with INDOT and the County to assist in financing this plan, which would include a new bridge over the White River. To better inform citizens of this project, the city will be hosting public information sessions in the near future.

* Indiana 37 – Noblesville is moving forward with an engineering survey and has already budgeted \$16 million for the project. Like Pleasant Street, the city needs to work with its partners for funding options to deliver a free-flowing interchange system to help relieve traffic congestion. 146th Street, which is in the southern portion, is slated to begin construction in the fall of 2018.

* Public Safety – The police department will be hiring four new police officers before the end of 2016. These additions allow the department to identify and implement strategies to tackle 21st Century challenges with the latest in intelligence-driven policing.

* Parks – Federal Hill Commons, the city's fifth park, will hold its grand opening in April. It will include lots of green space surrounded by walking paths, a playground, amphitheater and plenty of space for our Farmers Market. As a nod to Noblesville's past, the park is reusing limestone from the Old Mill and portions of Connor Elementary. As one project nears completion another is set to begin. The 200-acre Finch Creek Park is expected to start construction on its first phase next year.

* Tourism – Developers are targeting Noblesville and especially Exit 210. Holiday Inn Express is getting closer to opening its five-story hotel. Last month, the full-service, seven-story Embassy Suites by Hilton hotel and conference center broke ground. With 25,000 square feet of meeting space, Noblesville will become a wonderful option for event planners.

* Housing Study – The city has hired a consultant to conduct a housing study to help leaders better plan for growth and to guide future development. This study will answer what housing is available, what's needed and what are the latest trends. The final study should be completed in a few weeks.

* Five Points Roundabout – The roundabout at Greenfield Avenue, 10th Street and Christian Avenue will be bid this winter for spring construction. Due to some unforeseen legal issues, that project experienced a delay. A decision was made to wait until spring to begin work rather than expose the construction phase to winter weather.

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* Trail Connections – Noblesville has identified two major trail connection projects in the north portion of the city. Each is scheduled to begin construction in 2017. They include the Levee Trail that will connect Morse Beach north to 216th Street

and south to downtown; Little Chicago Road which will connect existing trails on State Road 38 to the South Harbour Elderberry Road entrance.

* Midland Trace Trail – After years of planning and land acquisition, Noblesville will begin constructing its first phase to extend Midland Trace Trail from Gray Road to Hazel Dell Road, which will happen in the middle of next year. "Planning and prep work for future phases is already taking place as well. One day, we envision this trail extending east beyond State Road 37," Cooke said.

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* Boden Road – Last month, the city began work to connect Boden Road with Brooks School Road. We anticipate that more than 10,000 vehicles will travel this new north-south roadway every day. It will open around the end of November – "weather permitting."

* Long-Term Control Plan – The city is beginning the fourth phase of its wastewater long-term control plan. This project will provide storm water separation on the north side of Old Town. Logan, Clinton and Wayne streets should also see a significant difference with storm water drainage.

* Social Media – The city is starting something new – a Stat of the Week on Twitter and Facebook. This will bring attention to some of the city's behind-the-scenes departments while informing residents of some pretty neat figures. Followers are encouraged to look for #NvilleSTAT.

* Class 2 City – On Jan. 1, Noblesville became a Class 2 City. Among the changes was the expansion of the Common Council from seven to nine members. The clerk-treasurer position was split to an elected clerk and a controller's office. Other administration changes were the hiring of Steve Cooke as deputy mayor and Sarah Reed as planning director.

Oct. 20 at Purgatory Golf Club...

Riverview Health to host Breast Cancer Celebration of Life

Riverview Health will host its annual Breast Cancer Celebration of Life event at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Cancer survivors, family and friends can enjoy this special evening of fun, fellowship and sharing that includes a photo booth and a craft project to take home.

The event will take place at Purgatory Golf Club at 12160 East 216th Street in Noblesville. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. Cost is \$5 per person and registration is required. Register at riverview.org/classes or call 317.776.7999.



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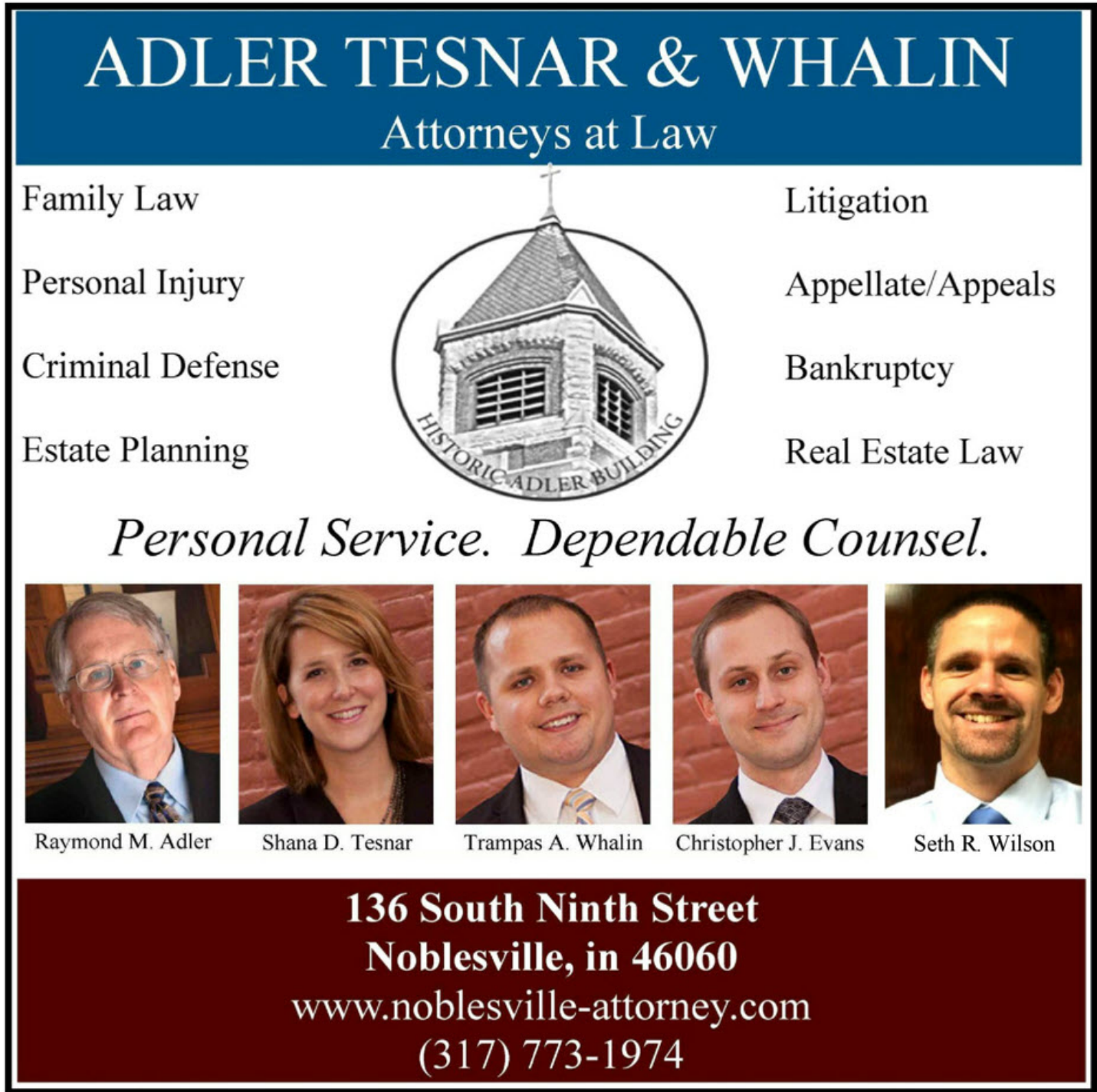
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Karla Everson

September 2, 1943 - September 27, 2016

Karla Everson, 73, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 in Martinsville. She was born on September 2, 1943 to Robert Paul and Helen Louise (DaVee) Dilley in Martinsville. Karla retired in 2006 after working for RCA for 40 years. She enjoyed antiques and genealogy.



She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Landis; step-daughters, Tammy Petersen and Andrea (Richard) Swinhart; step-son, Tom A. Everson III; brothers, Ron (Brenda) Dilley and Russell (Rhonda) Dilley; sisters, Donna (Chuck) Hopkins, Dawn Andrew, Gloria (Howard) Hopkins and Karen (Mike) Mittendorf; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas A. Everson Jr.; two brothers, Robert Steven Dilley and Lonny Dwayne Dilley; and sister, Marsha Ann Kinsler.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, September 30, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street in Noblesville. Visitation will be from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana State Chapter, 3500 Depauw Blvd, Suite 1040, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

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Tire Rack Street Survival course at Grand Park on Sunday

Grand Park will be the host site of Tire Rack Street Survival program, a national non-profit that teaches teens the skills they need to stay alive behind the wheel.

The program takes place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2. It is being presented by the Westfield Lions Club, and the Central Indiana Region of the Porsche Club of America, and is 100 percent volunteer. Registration for the program at Grand Park has already sold out with 50 participants expected.

“We’re happy to host this program here at Grand Park,” said Westfield Mayor Andy Cook. “As a parent and grandparent myself, I can attest to the importance of making sure our children have the skills they need to become better drivers and be able to navigate through difficult situations.”

Students are taught in their own cars, not specially prepared program vehicles, so that the skills they learn can be directly translated to their daily driving experiences. Tire Rack Street Survival challenges

teenagers to understand how to control a vehicle, rather than just operate one.

“Unlike traditional driver’s education, we are not teaching ‘rules of the road,’ we are teaching emergency maneuvers and real world car handling.” said, Larry Clarino, President of the Westfield Lions Club and a 10-year instructor with Tire Rack Street Survival. “In other words, we teach the kids how to be safer drivers. They learn proper braking, skid control and much more, in a safe, controlled environment.”

Tire Rack Street Survival Program videos:

[Street Survival](#), [A Parents View](#)
[Street Survival Driving School](#)

The Tire Rack Street Survival program was founded by the BMW CCA Foundation with the support of Tire Rack. Tom Wood Volkswagen is a local sponsor of the program taking place at Grand Park. Please visit www.streetsurvival.org for more information.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

- Matthew 9:22

50 Years Ago

News: Despite a chilling rain mixed with hail 30 minutes before the start of Hamilton County’s Sesquicentennial Parade and NHS Homecoming, an estimated 3,000 persons jammed the streets. It was feared that many of the elaborate floats prepared by Noblesville High School students would be irreparably damaged. However, the students, showing the same ingenuity reflected in their Homecoming Parade floats, protected the creations.

Sports: Football is a game of inches, and Noblesville lost the battle of the yardstick by a mile in its Homecoming game against Indianapolis Howe Saturday evening at Memorial Field. For the fourth time, Howe’s Hornets spoiled a Noblesville Homecoming, this time winning the rain-postponed battle by a 21-to-3 count.

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Noon Kiwanis inducts new officers

Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis Club inducted new officers on Wednesday. Pictured left to right are Secretary / Treasurer Darla Godby, past President David Burns, newly elected President Theresa Caldwell, President-Elect T.J. Houghtalen.

The club meets every Wednesday at Jim Dandy restaurant.

Throughout the year Kiwanis members participate in various community events including placing American flags around the square on holidays honoring the country and veterans, conduct Touch a Truck event, sponsors the Bill Burton Memorial Scholarship, awards the Meijer Award to Key Club members, collects funds for the Salvation Army, supports Noblesville Main Street events, collects food for the Noblesville Trustee's Office, donates money to Riley Children Hospital and supports other community Charities.



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Full text of the Noblesville State of the City address

Here is the full text of the Noblesville State of the City address that was given by Deputy Mayor Steve Cooke (filling in for an ailing Mayor John Ditslear) Wednesday afternoon at Harbour Trees Golf Club

Good afternoon!

Thank you, Esther, for that introduction. I'm sorry that you didn't have more time to prepare for this last minute change. I know how you feel! Seriously, Mayor Ditslear always looks forward to being here. He sends his regards. The mayor was under the weather yesterday, and we were hoping for the best today – but unfortunately he isn't feeling much better. We all wish Mayor Ditslear a speedy recovery.

Now, me personally? – I think this is all part of the hazing process that I have to go through to be Deputy Mayor. But that's okay.

Either way, thank you for being here today. And thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting our annual "State of the City" address. Here in Noblesville, our vision is to create a great place to live, work and play. We can't do that without a strong

business community, so we appreciate the partnership we have with the Chamber.

The City of Noblesville has a lot to be proud of. 2016 has been a year of progress! So I'm honored to highlight the many ways Noblesville is "making moves" on the vision Mayor Ditslear has set out for the city.

If you ask Mayor Ditslear, it all starts and ends with people – so I want to share a few notable changes and new faces in and around City Hall.

On January 1st, Noblesville became a Class 2 City. This increased our Common Council from seven to nine members. This year, we have four new members – if you can please wave when your name is called if present: Wil Hampton, Chris Jensen, Mary Sue Rowland and Megan Wiles. They join Greg O'Connor, Mark Boice, Rick Taylor, Roy Johnson and Brian Ayer.

At City Hall, the office of Clerk-Treasurer was split into two positions. Evelyn Lees is our elected clerk. Mike Hendricks took over creating the new controller's office. As a side note, the city

is in good financial shape with strong cash balances.

Mike's move allowed the city to hire the "incomparable" and "marvelous" Steve Cooke as our new Deputy Mayor. *I'm just reading what it says in the Mayor's script.* And, Sarah Reed moved from Economic Development to be our Planning Director.

When I say "Noblesville" many of you immediately think of downtown. So let's start there.

By the end of 2016, Noblesville will have spent more than \$900,000 in the central business district alone on street resurfacing and improvements to alleys and sidewalks.

I'd like to thank all the business owners and community partners who help contribute to the vibrancy of our downtown.

With more than 300 cultural arts events each year it's clear that arts and culture are thriving in Noblesville. The city has several initiatives to strengthen and energize it further.

That's why we recently created the Noblesville Cultural Arts District, which will encourage even more collaboration and creativity. If anyone has walked across Eighth Street at Maple Avenue recently, you've seen the crosswalks that were painted by Nickel Plate Arts – it's creative efforts like these that distinguish Noblesville from other cities and add to the unique character we're known for.

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We are looking at ways to kick start new development, which includes mixed-use buildings with apartments and retail. It's not hard to imagine the near future of downtown including more options for living and more retail outlets. But it will take a cooperative effort with the private sector as well as the County – and, yes, an investment from the City. We are excited to lead this effort and finally make this a reality.

No long-term plans of downtown are complete without a plan for parking that meets the needs of workers and visitors. The next phase of our parking study is coming to a close, and I'd like to thank the members of the Parking Task Force for their work on the first phase of the study. We'll soon share the results of the second study with recommendations and plans to improve parking.

Another downtown improvement is coming with traffic signals. The control system for Conner and Logan signals is receiving a much needed upgrade. This will help make the timing more efficient for east-west travel.

"Making Moves" takes time and funding. We have several projects in the works that I'm happy to share updates with you now:

The 5 points roundabout at Greenfield Avenue, 10th Street and Christian Avenue will be bid this winter for spring construction. Due to some unforeseen legal issues, that project experienced a delay. We decided to wait until spring to begin work rather than expose the construction phase to winter weather.

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Logan and Maple. The final phase of the city-county project will begin work this fall. The missing link will complete a half mile of trail along the eastside of White River. And will provide pedestrians and bicyclists the opportunity to travel from downtown into Forest Park without using streets. We're excited for the opportunity this will create for even more river activation in the future.

Walkability is what Noblesville residents want – and we are delivering. This summer, the city completed a portion of the Levee Trail along 196th Street to Morse Beach Park. The remainder of the trail will be built in two phases. Once completed, the trail will connect Morse Beach north to 216th Street and south to downtown.

We are also acquiring land for a trail along Little Chicago Road. This will connect existing trails on State Road 38 to the South Harbour Elderberry Road entrance. We are targeting next summer for construction.

Since we are on the topic of trails – After years of planning and land acquisition, Noblesville will begin constructing its first phase to extend Midland Trace Trail from Gray Road to Hazel Dell Road, which will happen in the middle of next year.

Planning and prep work for future phases is already taking place as well. One day, we envision this trail extending east beyond State Road 37.

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With all our trail projects underway and planned for the near future, Noblesville is "making moves" to become a more walkable city – for all generations to enjoy.

Establishing a walkable city is something we have long wanted – but a drivable city is an absolute necessity. With more than 560 lane miles of roadway, investing in our roads is critical to our residents, public safety and economic development. That's why Noblesville spent \$2 million on its street rehabilitation projects this year alone.

Last month, the city began work to connect Boden Road with Brooks School Road. We anticipate that more than 10,000 vehicles will travel this new north-south roadway every day. It will open around the end of November – "weather permitting." The road will provide another entrance to destinations like Hamilton Town Center and Klipsch Music Center. It also provides retail development opportunities south of Campus Parkway.

We have three roundabout projects beginning construction in 2018 after we get through next year's land acquisition. These projects will be 80 percent funded by state grants.

The city also will begin the fourth phase of our wastewater long-term control plan. This project will provide storm water separation on the north side of Old Town. Logan, Clinton and Wayne streets should also see a significant difference with storm water drainage.

With the vision for downtown and all we're working toward – from new residential and retail development, parks and trails – it's time we do something about the traffic situation in our city that often clogs up Conner Street. Unless we act.

Today, after 20 years of study, community outreach and looking at options, we are here to announce that we are moving forward with plans to widen and extend Pleasant Street.

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Once we establish the budget and with council’s approval, our project’s scope is improving Pleasant Street from State Road 37 all the way west to Hague Road. We think we can do that while improving access and public safety and creating new opportunities for development. Mayor Ditslear wants Noblesville to take the lead and work with INDOT and the County to assist in financing this plan, which would include a new bridge over the White River.

I know this is a big step for the city to create a new east-west corridor. It’s time to make it happen. To better inform citizens of this project, and explain some of our rationale for the location, route and timeline, we will be hosting public information sessions in the near future. I encourage you all to attend to learn more about the project.

Another project we’ve talked about for a long time is Firestone. The mayor wants you to know we have not forgotten. We want to redevelop this area as regulations allow. The City has completed a full environmental study and we’re excited about the potential this land provides the city. I wish I could say more than just “stay tuned.” But – stay tuned.

It seems that the area south of us is getting all the attention when it comes to 37.

I’m happy to report that we are moving forward with an engineering survey on northern portion. We have already budgeted \$16 million for the project, but that won’t get us far. Like Pleasant Street, we need to work with our partners for funding options to deliver a free-flowing interchange system to help relieve traffic congestion. Meanwhile, 146th Street is already part of the southern portion, and construction is slated to begin in the fall of 2018.

Noblesville Chamber has actively participated in public meetings on the southern section for many months. They know that improving 37 will not occur overnight. We plan to work with the Chamber to inform all businesses and residents throughout the process once we have a firm timeline in place for the northern section.

Of all the wonderful projects we can plan for, our quality of life owes a great deal to our city’s public safety departments. Their service and courage does not go unnoticed in the City of Noblesville.

I got a small taste of what it’s like to be a firefighter this past weekend at Hamilton County’s Fire Ops 101. Our firefighters do a wonderful job each and every day. I won’t

be quitting my day job. I’ll leave that to the professionals.

Meanwhile, the police department will be hiring four new police officers before the end of 2016. These additions will allow us to identify and implement strategies to tackle 21st Century challenges with the latest in intelligence-driven policing.

On a lighter note, approximately 40,000 total people attended the Street Dance, Fourth of July and summer concerts this year. These are great examples of how our community comes together, but I want to show you a sample of another one that the city is very proud of – the Justin Timberlake “Can’t Stop the Feeling” community video.

Our goals were simple, we wanted to showcase our city and citizens and HAVE FUN. I think we accomplished that. I had no idea the Mayor had such dance moves. Something tells me the First Lady has a lot to do with that. This video has garnered approximately 45,000 views on YouTube. That’s more than the videos produced by larger cities like Las Vegas and Toronto to name a couple.

One year ago, we held the groundbreaking for Noblesville’s fifth park. Federal Hill Commons will serve many functions. For some it is a gateway – a WOW factor entering Noblesville from the west. For others it extends downtown across the White River.

The Commons will create a cultural and community amenity rising up from an underdeveloped floodplain to become a tremendous economic development catalyst.

It will include lots of green space surrounded by walking paths. We’ll have a playground, an amphitheater and plenty of space for our Farmers Market. For events, there are 1,100 parking spaces located within a 5-minute walk, including 181 spaces onsite.

As a nod to Noblesville’s past, the park is reusing limestone from the Old Mill and portions of Connor Elementary. It is a great honor to reuse pieces of two historical buildings in our city park.

The park will hold its grand opening in April so I hope to see everyone there.

As excited as we are about the upcoming opening of Federal Hill Commons, we are already planning our next park. Finch Creek. We want this 200-acre park to offer amenities that are not available locally – so concepts are still being defined. Next year, we anticipate starting construction on the first phase.

Hamilton County reported \$14 million of new investment in the second quarter this year. Of that amount, half of it – \$7 million – came from the City of Noblesville. Seeing what’s coming and what has happened recently is very exciting – especially out around Exit 210.

Noblesville is the proud home of the first Primanti Brothers and Aspen Creek restaurants in the State of Indiana. Joining them soon will be BJ’s Restaurant and Brewhouse, Duluth Trading Company and a Japanese steakhouse – to name a few.

Tourism is an important sector of Hamilton County and, for good reason, developers are targeting Noblesville. The landscape is transforming at Exit 210. Holiday Inn Express is getting closer to opening its five-story hotel.

Last month, we broke ground on our other high-rise – a full-service, seven-story Embassy Suites by Hilton hotel. One great aspect of this project is how it addresses a need Noblesville residents want in our community – a conference center. With 25,000 square feet of meeting space, Noblesville will become a wonderful option for event planners.

Development is occurring all across Noblesville. The city will be home to two new 24-hour emergency care Micro

Hospitals. State Road 37 is also getting new tenants like the Get-Go Convenience Center by Giant Eagle, Tom Wood Volkswagen and Ed Martin Toyota.

Noblesville works very hard to attract new business. But did you know that at least 60 percent of new jobs are coming from businesses already located in our community? Our “Stay Here, Grow Here” initiative keeps us engaged with businesses like yours. It helps us understand the issues you’re facing – so we can then provide the tools needed to help foster your success.

Three major projects this past year that highlight this initiative include the expansions of Noble Industries and Helmer Scientific. Metro Enterprise Park is the city’s newest industrial park that will encompass 35 acres. As of last night, there are only two parcels left. Metro Plastics and Verdure Sciences will each build their new headquarters there.

Clearly – We are not “making moves” alone. We appreciate all businesses that are not only staying in Noblesville, but growing their business – and growing the business community around them.

We’re attracting not only new business but also new residents as well. To help us better plan for this growth and to guide our vision for future development, the city has hired a consultant to conduct a housing study. This will help leaders make decisions based on what housing is available, what’s needed and what are the latest trends. The final study should be completed in a few weeks.

This is a pretty big deal for me to get to address our community. Just to prove to the Mayor that I’m doing okay, if you would indulge me for a moment, I’d like to commemorate this moment with a selfie. Now my 12-year-old daughter will tell you – I’m horrible at selfies. So bear with me. And for those on Twitter, please Retweet it.

Editor’s note: At this point, Cooke took a selfie of himself with the crowd. The tweet said “Hanging out with 175 of my closest friends @NoblesvilleCOC #StateoftheCity” It can be viewed [here](#).

Take that Ellen DeGeneres. Speaking of social media, the city is starting something new – today in fact – a Stat of the Week we’ll be promoting on Twitter and Facebook. This will bring attention to some of our behind-the-scenes departments while informing residents of some pretty neat figures. We’re going to use #NvilleStat.

I encourage you to stay informed on all of our social media platforms. You are the best brand ambassadors for Noblesville so please share our postings.

This is a special year for all Hoosiers, as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of our great state. The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will be held on October 13. Of Hamilton County’s 29 torch bearers, Noblesville has nine – and what a wonderful and deserving group they are.

With our rich history, I find it fitting that Noblesville is the final destination of Hamilton County’s torch relay. I want to encourage all of you to attend our celebration on the Downtown Square on October 13.

The mayor has said it before, but it bears repeating. He has a great team of employees. Again – it says so right here. But, seriously – in my six months on the job, I heartily agree. They take pride in the jobs they do for you and all of our citizens. Thank you for your service. He and I also want to thank our Council for their dedication and desire to make our city better. The progress we’ve made this year would not be possible without our Council. And without many of you. Together, we are truly making moves! Thank you again for your time and have a pleasant afternoon.



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Can the Millers challenge?

Will the Royals win again?

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

There are only a couple of ways to spin this Friday Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest at Hare Chevrolet Field, as host Noblesville takes on Hamilton Southeastern.

Both spins require questions. Simple questions.

*Can Southeastern shake off Noblesville and continue its fight for first place in the conference?

The Royals (3-1), who have dominated the HCC since 2006, are in battles with Brownsburg (3-0), Avon (2-1) and Noblesville (2-1) for the championship. In this the 17th year of the conference, Southeastern was won outright three times and has tied for first place three times in the last 10 years. Southeastern won last year with a 6-0 record after having gone uncrowned for three years.

*Can Noblesville finally become a bidder for HCC honors?

The Millers won the first conference crown with a 4-0 record in 2000. Southeastern finished 3-1. Since becoming the HCC's first champion 16 years ago, Noblesville has finished with winning conference records only four times. The last year that happened was 2013 when Noblesville went 5-4. The Millers finished 3-3 in 2014 and then fell to 1-5 last year.

One thing is for certain. The loser at The Hare on Friday will need to start thinking about next year.

Southeastern, with Scott May at the helm for a 10th year, is 5-1 overall and has lost only to Avon 31-28. The Royals will have an Oct. 14, season-ending matchup at Reynolds Royals Field with Brownsburg. Noblesville, 3-3 overall in Jason Simmons' first year as coach, has fallen in the HCC only to Westfield, 28-7.

That will be the spin come Friday night.

"We have a tremendous challenge vs. the Royals this week," said Simmons. "Coach May and his staff have them playing well on both sides of the ball. They are aggressive and active on both sides of the ball. Offensively, we will have our hands full accounting for their box people. Madison Norris is one of the most explosive defensive linemen we have seen on film. They have a lot of snaps under their belt as a defense, so not much surprise there. Johnny May, Trey Poore and Brock Burns are difference-maker type of players on their defense.

"Their athleticism on offense is impressive," Simmons continued. "Their offensive line moves really well in space. They are anchored by a throwback type player in Sam Garvin at center. He is a

physical tough kid that plays on both sides of the ball. Adam Mullett is coming off a big performance. He delivers the football with a lot of confidence. They have size on the perimeter. Carter Lohman, Matt Klink and Jackson Sweeney are explosive play-makers that are capable of scoring any time they touch it.

"This is a tremendous challenge that we need to get our kids ready for. We have to continue to embrace work and work to get better every day," Simmons added.

"Noblesville is a team playing well," countered May. "We have followed them through the HCC some so I have watched them for a few weeks. They are very solid on defense and they are not going to beat themselves on offense. They mix up the run and pass well and I think their quarterback Ryan Barnes is a very good player both running and throwing. I like Nolan Ginther at tight end. We will have to do a good job slowing him down, along with flanker Jackson Thurman. Chandler Hurst is their second leading runner behind Barnes so they have different guys making plays we will have to defend.

"We need to take care of the ball on offense and do a better job on defense stopping the run," May said. "Our offense has cut down on turnovers and is moving the ball well.

"This is our last road game of the regular season, so it is a big one for us," May concluded.

The matchup at quarterback is interesting, to say the least. Barnes for Noblesville could be headed towards a "double 1,000" season. Through six games, he has passed for 749 yards and run for 627 yards. He has thrown eight touchdown passes and has been intercepted just two times. Mullett for Southeastern is nearing the 2,000-yard mark passing. He has tossed for 1,707 yards.

Max Brooks and Matt Klink are enjoying awesome seasons catching the football for the Royals. Klink has 32 catches for 431 yards and Brooks 25 for 449 yards. Jackson Thurman leads the Millers with 26 receptions for 344 yards.

On the ground for Noblesville, Chandler Hurst is second to Barnes with 331 yards in 73 carries. Barnes has carried the pigskin 105 times and passed its 110 times. Southeastern's leading rusher is Jackson Sweeney with 114 trips for 625 yards.

The games between the Millers and Royals have gotten closer the last two years, HSE winning 20-12 last year and 16-7 the previous season.

Southeastern has defeated Noblesville 12 consecutive times since a 20-14 Miller victory in 2005.



Kent Graham/File photo

Noblesville's Chandler Hurst has carried the football 73 times for the Millers, gaining 331 yards. Noblesville hosts Hamilton Southeastern on Friday.



Brian Reddick/File photo

Hamilton Southeastern's Jackson Sweeney is the Royals' leading rusher, with 625 yards in 114 carries.

Southeastern Probable Lineups

Offense	Defense
QB, Adam Mullett, Sr., 195	W, Johnny May, Jr., 215
TB, Jackson Sweeney, Jr., 160	T, Sam Garvin, Sr., 275
HB, Nick Mutchner, Jr., 195	N, Max Burris, Sr., 240
WR, Max Brooks, Sr., 190	T, Madison Norris, Jr., 200
WR, Logan Beegle, Sr., 170	S, Logan Holland, Sr., 215
TE, Matt Klink, Sr., 215	C, Will Darligton, Sr., 155
T, Zach Mutchner, Sr., 210	C, Trey Poore, Sr., 166
G, Joe Myren, Sr., 250	ILB, Alec Jessop, Sr., 200
C, Sam Garvin, Sr., 275	ILB, Zach Randall, Sr., 210
G, Caleb Rutan, Sr., 300	SS, Brock Burns, Sr., 195
T, Brian Dechow, Sr., 230	FS, Austin Holzum, Sr., 170

Noblesville Probable Lineups

Offense	Defense
LT, Ben Collins, Sr., 278	T, Dalton Davis, So., 250
LG, Alex Holtz, Sr., 190	N, Josh Garcia, Sr., 264
C, Drew Hartmann, Sr., 250	T, Scott Berghoff, Sr., 230
RG, Daric Gordon, Sr., 220	LB, Grant Bullard, Sr., 213
RT, Seth Pope, Jr., 243	LB, Marcus Emmert, Sr., 166
TE, Nolan Ginther, Sr., 186	LB, Eddie Dziennik, Sr., 180
QB, Ryan Barnes, Jr., 210	C, McGwire Plumer, Sr., 170
RB, Chandler Hurst, Sr., 165	C, Wyatt Blades, So., 170
FB, Andrew Scheib, Sr., 210	FS, Harris Camp, Sr., 163
WR, Jackson Thurman, Sr., 167	WS, Zac Tuinei, So., 185
WR, Ben Gruver, Sr. 182	DB, Ben Gruver, Sr., 182



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The Sheridan football team clinched the Hoosier Heartland East Division last week with a win over Tri-Central. Now as the Blackhawks await the West Division winner, they take on Tipton Friday night.

Run vs. Pass...

Sheridan will host Tipton

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Wouldn't it be nice when Tipton visits Sheridan on Friday if the coaches could pick the playing rules.

No doubt for Tipton's Aaron Tolle, in his 12th season as head mentor of the Blue Devils, the rules would be pass on every down.

No doubt for Sheridan's Bud Wright, in his 51st season at SHS, the rules would be run on every down.

Count on it, Tipton will sling the football and Wright will run the pigskin.

"They like to throw the ball a lot," said Wright. "Their quarterback (senior Kellen Woods) is good."

For the 4-2 Blue Devils, Woods has completed 78-of-128 passes for 1,234 yards and a dozen touchdowns. He has been intercepted six times. Woods also lead Tipton in rushing with 55 carries for 191 yards. On the receiving end are Caleb Burkett with 30 receptions for 507 yards and Sam Gutierrez with 26 catches for 410 yards.

For Sheridan, Joe Callahan has 178 carries for 1,111 yards and 11 touchdowns. "If Callahan had the speed of some of our backs of the past he would be really good," said Wright. "He has excellent moves and he has quickness. He's a junior and this is his third season as a starter. He was a running back and defensive linebacker as a freshman.

Sheridan has scored 16 rushing touchdowns and 1 passing TD.

Sophomore Drake Delph handles the passing. He has completed 28-of-90 for 319 yards. Sheridan's leading receiver is Gunner Williams with 12 grabs for 104 yards.

From recent history of the series, the winner will score a lot of points. It has taken 35 points or more to win four of the last five games. Tipton won 35-21 last year after Sheridan won 53-16 two years ago.

Wright is hoping his defense can slow down the Blue Devils.

"Our defense has played well in the last two games," said the Sheridan coach.

Sheridan Probable Lineups

Offense

QB, Drake Delph, So., 148
RB, Kenny Burnell, Sr., 182
RB, Gunner Williams, Jr., 165
FB, Joe Callahan, Jr., 165
WR, Brody Perry, Jr., 163
TE, Rhett Williams, So., 200
C, Karl Whaley, So., 260
T, Ian Pence, So., 270
T, Tanner Swindle, Jr., 258
G, Avery Bundy, Sr., 280
G, Kyle Harwood, Sr., 252

Defense

ILB, Nicholas Burnell, So., 175
ILB, Jesse Kolb, So., 180
OLB, Cole Cummings, Jr., 145
OLB, Robert Burnell, Sr., 182
E, Hunter Pflugh, Jr., 230
E, Alex Gipson, Sr., 252
N, Avery Bundy, Sr., 280
SAF, Joe Callahan, Jr., 165
SAF, Brody Perry, Jr., 163
C, Gunner Williams, Jr., 165
C, Caine Spencer, So., 135

In those two games the Blackhawks, now 3-3 on the year, have defeated Eastern 40-14 and Tri-Central 21-0.

Sheridan is awaiting a winner of the West Division for the championship game

of the Hoosier Heartland Conference in three weeks. Carroll, North White and Clinton Prairie still are in a fight for the top spot and the opportunity to play East Division winner Sheridan in the title game.

No. 3 Cathedral is next ...

Fishers out to snap string

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

For most of Rick Wimmer's coaching career and most of Fishers High School football, things have been just fine.

Now, following a two-week suspension by the school of Wimmer and a four-game Hoosier Crossroads Conference losing streak, the 2-4 Tigers are trying to dig out.

And, they must do it against a Cathedral team which is playing up in the 6A Division and has a 5-1 record and a No. 3 ranking, behind Warren Central and Penn, in that division.

Life isn't always easy, not even at Fishers High School.

"Cathedral is an outstanding team that will require us to play with the kind of energy and passion the game requires," said Wimmer. "They are physical and have excellent skill at a number of positions."

Cathedral has lost only to Cincinnati St. Xavier, 34-29. Last week the Irish knocked off Rhea County, Tenn., 40-16.

In the first game of the current series with Fishers, Cathedral won 35-6 last year,

"We will need to play with much more enthusiasm and effort this week than we did a week ago against Avon," Wimmer talked about his Tigers.

"We were disappointed we did not play as well as we are capable of. We had been showing progress on defense up until last week and our effort and energy had been very good. But, we did not play like that on Friday.

"I think our players will be eager to return to a home game and return to playing with the kind of energy the game requires," Wimmer added.

Fishers will need to pick up the pace on offense. The Tigers have netted just 692 yards rushing and only 635 yards passing.

Trevor Newman leads the rushers with 255 yards in 72 attempts. Max Shores, Michael Noble and quarterback Joel Smyth all have rushed for more than 100 yards.

Smyth has connected on 48-of-114 passes for 584 yards. DeVonte Adams has 10 catches for 95 yards; Bryce Gee 10 for 90 yards and R.J. Potts seven for 129 yards.

Wimmer has made a change at quarterback, starting junior Matt Wolff.



Newman



Potts



Gee

Fishers Probable Lineups

Offense

QB, Matt Wolff, Jr., 192
TB, Trevor Newman, Sr., 175
WR, DeVonte Adams, Sr., 185
WR, Bryce Gee, Jr., 190
FB, Isaiah Dunnuck, Jr., 191
TE, Angelo Howze, Sr., 230
T, Charlie Bernhardt, Sr., 248
G, Nick Douglas, Jr., 225
G, Jacob Steiner, Jr., 268
T, Luke Martin, Jr., 302
C, Nathan Pairitz, So., 232

Defense

E, Eli Kipp, Sr., 205
T, Jeff Inman, Sr., 235
N, Tyler Denson, Sr., 210
E, Jake Winkle, Sr., 202
LB, Emmanuel Davis, So., 182
LB, R.J. Potts, Sr., 202
LB, Michael Nettleton, Jr., 194
C, Bryce Reardon, Jr., 166
C, DeVonte Adams, Sr., 185
FS, Jalen Moss, Sr., 178
R, Jake Willard, Sr., 175

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Hamilton County football statistics

Scoring														
Player	TD	1-Pt.	2-Pt.	TP	Statz, FHS	1	0	0	6	Merriweather, CHS	32.3	3	97	66
McGinnis, GC	17	1	0	103	Feltz, HH	0	4	0	4	Neustifter, WHS	30.1	8	241	94
Callahan, SHS	11	0	0	66	Clinkenbeard, WHS	0	3	0	3	Brown, HH	28.8	4	144	48
Walker, CHS	8	0	0	48	Hill, GC	0	0	0	2!	Sweeney, SE	27.0	3	81	33
Swidan, WHS	8	0	0	48	^Kicked 8 field goals.					Poore, SE	24.6	7	172	32
Froelich, WHS	7	0	0	42	*Kicked 7 field goals.					Potts, FHS	24.4	8	195	40
Harrison, WHS	0	21	0	42*	@Kicked 3 field goals.					Walker, CHS	22.4	8	179	29
Norton, FHS	0	16	0	40^	+Kicked 2 field goals.					Kaser, GC	21.1	7	148	39
Brooks, SE	6	0	0	36	#Kicked 1 field goal.					Hurst, NHS	20.7	7	145	29
White, HH	6	0	0	36	!Safety.					Callahan, SHS	18.0	4	72	27
Coghlan, CHS	0	12	0	33*	Rushing									
Sweeney, SE	5	0	1	32	Player	Yds.	Att.	Avg.	Long	Punt Returns				
Lohman, SE	5	0	0	30	Callahan, SHS	1111	178	6.2	72	Player	Avg.	Att.	Yds.	Long
Halsell, CHS	5	0	0	30	McGinnis, GC	909	100	9.1	73	Potts, FHS	21.5	4	86	66
Merriweather, CHS	5	0	0	30	Froelich, WHS	628	106	5.9	70	Brown, HH	19.5	2	39	22
Manley, WHS	5	0	0	30	Barnes, NHS	627	110	6.0	44	Burns, SE	14.4	8	115	52
Kaser, GC	5	0	0	30	Sweeney, SE	625	114	5.5	69	Reardon, FHS	14.0	2	28	16
Quick, GC	0	22	0	30+	Halsell, CHS	503	86	5.8	37	Perry, SHS	13.5	6	81	20
Melser, SE	0	22	0	29@	Cowan, HH	388	60	6.5	41	Weatherford, HH	13.3	3	40	28
Knight, NHS	0	18	0	27@	Swidan, WHS	379	73	5.2	47	Walker, CHS	9.0	9	81	23
Weatherford, HH	4	0	1	26	Hurst, NHS	331	73	4.5	54	Hauser, WHS	9.0	6	72	16
Delph, SHS	4	0	1	26	Hunt, CHS	274	42	6.5	51	Kickoffs				
Barnes, NHS	4	0	0	24	K. Burnell, SHS	270	48	5.6	43	Player	Avg.	Att.	Yds.	Long
Thurman, NHS	4	0	0	24	Newman, FHS	255	72	3.5	13	Coghlan, CHS	60.0	14	850	60
Gruver, NHS	4	0	0	24	Delph, SHS	231	62	3.7	65	Harrison, WHS	58.0	32	1855	60
Beale, HH	4	0	0	24	Kaser, GC	210	40	5.3	21	Melser, SE	52.5	32	1679	60
Mullett, SE	3	4	0	22	Touchdowns: McGinnis, GC, 15; Callahan, SHS, 11;					Norton, FHS	51.9	28	1452	60
Fremion, GC	3	0	0	18	Froelich, WHS, 7; Swidan, WHS, 6; Sweeney, SE, 5;					Knight, NHS	49.7	27	1343	60
Fortier, CHS	0	10	0	13#	Halsell, CHS, 4; Beale, HH, 4; Delph, SHS, 4; Barnes,					Quick, GC	48.9	41	2004	60
Ginther, NHS	2	0	0	12	NHS, 4.					Wiltermood, HH	46.1	12	553	52
Hurst, NHS	2	0	0	12	Passing									
Gonzalez, NHS	2	0	0	12	Player	Yds.	Att.	Comp.	Long	Punts				
Brown, HH	2	0	0	12	Mullett, SE	1707	200	108	76	Player	Avg.	Att.	Yds.	Long
Hunt, CHS	2	0	0	12	McDonald, CHS	939	110	73	55	Weatherford, HH	48.8	4	195	55
Crossen, GC	2	0	0	12	Feltz, HH	934	109	58	55	Harrison, WHS	39.4	21	828	51
Johnson, FHS	2	0	0	12	Barnes, NHS	749	110	64	70	Evans, NHS	38.4	21	807	62
Newman, FHS	2	0	0	12	Keller, GC	687	52	30	72	Bradley, CHS	37.7	21	792	59
Potts, FHS	2	0	0	12	Sweet, WHS	679	78	42	57	Knott, HH	37.7	12	452	54
G. Williams, SHS	0	10	0	10	Barnes, NHS	627	105	60	44	Zuber, SE	37.0	9	333	53
Tyner, HH	0	8	0	8	Smyth, FHS	584	114	48	71	Soper, FHS	36.2	39	1411	62
Perry, SHS	1	0	1	8	Hurst, NHS	331	73	45	54	Quick, GC	35.3	11	388	50
Blevins, NHS	1	0	0	6	Delph, SHS	319	90	28	34	K. Burnell, SHS	33.6	11	370	44
N. Burnell, SHS	1	0	0	6	Touchdowns: McDonald, CHS, 14; Mullett, SE, 13;					Hebenstreet, SE	29.8	10	298	45
R. Burnell, SHS	1	0	0	6	Feltz, HH, 10; Barnes, NHS, 8; Keller, GC, 8; Sweet,					Defense				
Gipson, SHS	1	0	0	6	WHS, 6; Smyth, FHS, 6.					Solo Tackles: Jessop, SE, 45; May, SE, 41; Nettleton,				
Fleming, SE	1	0	0	6	Interceptions: Sweet, WHS, 0; McDonald, CHS, 2;					FHS, 40; Cowan, HH, 37; Burns, SE, 36; Bock, GC,				
May, SE	1	0	0	6	Barnes, NHS, 2; Smyth, FHS, 2; Feltz, HH, 7; Delph,					36; Stevens, HH, 35; Weaver, GC, 35; Van Remortel,				
Mutchner, SE	1	0	0	6	SHS, 8; Mullett, SE, 9; Keller, GC, 9.					CHS, 33; Camp, NHS, 31; Abrams, CHS, 31; Holzum,				
Norris, SE	1	0	0	6	Receiving									
Ouellette, SE	1	0	0	6	Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	SE, 30; Fleck, CHS, 29; Schmidt, CHS, 29; Randa,				
Michalis, SE	1	0	0	6	Klink, SE	32	431	13.5	38	SE, 28; White, HH, 27; Lutz, HH, 27; Labus, GC, 27;				
Klink, SE	1	0	0	6	Walker, CHS	27	310	11.5	40	Darlington, SHS, 26; Robbins, CHS, 26; N. Burnell,				
Lutz, HH	1	0	0	6	Thurman, NHS	26	344	13.2	70	SHS, 26; Blackburn, CHS, 26; Pflugh, SHS, 25;				
McGraw, WHS	1	0	0	6	Brooks, SE	25	449	18.0	71	Weatherford, HH, 25; Gruver, NHS, 25; Bock, GC, 25;				
Neustifter, WHS	1	0	0	6	Merriweather, CHS	19	306	16.1	47	Kolb, SHS, 24; Norris, SE, 24; Cummings, SHS, 23;				
Henson, WHS	1	0	0	6	Mutchner, SE	18	265	14.7	50	Brown, HH, 23; Newland, CHS, 22; McMahon, GC,				
Robinson, WHS	1	0	0	6	Manley, WHS	17	362	21.3	79	22; Burk, HH, 21; Dziennik, NHS, 21; Poynter, GC,				
Baxter, CHS	1	0	0	6	Lohman, SE	16	338	21.1	76	20; Holland, SE, 20.				
Schmidt, CHS	1	0	0	6	Rafdal, CHS	15	144	9.6	14	Assists: Grenda, WHS, 41; Cowan, HH, 38; Dziennik,				
Downing, CHS	1	0	0	6	White, HH	13	205	15.8	47	NHS 37; Garrett, WHS, 35; Tuinei, NHS, 34; Gruver,				
McMahon, GC	1	0	0	6	Gruver, NHS	12	145	12.1	25	NHS, 31; Jessop, SE, 31; Burns, SE, 31; Stevens, HH,				
Keller, GC	1	0	0	6	Brown, HH	12	211	17.6	45	29; Bullard, NHS, 29; Frey, WHS, 29; Gipson, SHS,				
Jenkins, GC	1	0	0	6	G. Williams, SHS	12	104	8.7	24	26; Camp, NHS, 25; Kolb, SHS, 25; Bundy, SHS, 25;				
McDaniel, GC	1	0	0	6	Lutz, HH	12	190	15.8	55	Moss, FHS, 25; May, SE, 24; N. Burnell, SHS, 24;				
Lane, GC	1	0	0	6	Ginther, NHS	11	153	13.9	22	Holland, SE, 23; Willard, FHS, 23; Hauser, WHS, 22;				
Brown, GC	1	0	0	6	Weatherford, HH	10	208	20.8	46	Weaver, GC, 22; Weatherford, HH, 21; Randall, SE,				
Clark, FHS	1	0	0	6	Swidan, WHS	10	146	14.6	42	21; Skelton, WHS, 20; Potts, FHS, 20.				
Gee, FHS	1	0	0	6	Adams, FHS	10	95	9.5	19	Sacks: Hubbard, WHS, 6; Robbins, CHS, 4; Pflugh,				
Syrus, FHS	1	0	0	6	Gee, FHS	10	90	9.0	16	SHS, 3; Kipp, FHS, 3; May, SE, 2.5; Winkle, FHS, 2.5;				
Shores, FHS	1	0	0	6	Touchdowns: Walker, CHS, 7; Brooks, SE, 6;					Norris, SE, 2; Bundy, SHS, 2; Bock, GC, 2; Weaver,				
Davis, FHS	1	0	0	6	Merriweather, CHS, 5; Manley, WHS, 5; Thurman,					GC, 2; Ashton, GC, 2; Nettleton, FHS, 2.				
Noble, FHS	1	0	0	6	NHS, 4; White, HH, 4.					Interceptions: Plumer, NHS 4; Gruver, NHS, 3; Lutz,				
Lewis, FHS	1	0	0	6	Kickoff Returns									
Dunnuck, FHS	1	0	0	6	Player	Avg.	Att.	Yds.	Long	HH, 3; Schultz, WHS, 3; Hauser, WHS, 3; Frey, WHS,				
Moss, FHS	1	0	0	6	Weatherford, HH	42.2	5	211	92	2; Blades, NHS 2; Perry, SHS, 2; Poore, SE, 2; Burns,				
									SE 2; White, HH, 2; Prewitt, FHS, 2.					
									Fumbles Recovered: Pflugh, SHS, 2; Frey, WHS, 2					



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The Noblesville girls soccer team raised \$3,300 for the Megan S. Ott Foundation, and presented the check during their game with Hamilton Southeastern Wednesday. The foundation helps those who are fighting breast cancer.

Soccer

Miller girls upset HSE

The Noblesville girls soccer team celebrated its Senior Night Wednesday with a big Hoosier Crossroads Conference win at the White River Elementary Soccer Fields. The Class 2A No. 20 Millers upset 2A No. 7 Hamilton Southeastern 2-0. Noblesville scored both of its goals in the first half; with Delaney Reister finding the back of the net just 90 seconds into the game. The Millers' second goal came from a penalty kick by Taylor Crowe. Mackenzie Kincaid got the shutout for Noblesville.

Sheridan dropped a hard-fought game to Tipton 3-2 on Wednesday. Freshman Belle Holler and junior Clemence Lekouma each scored a goal for the Blackhawks. Sheridan goalkeeper Nixon Williams had nine saves. "The Hawks played hard all game with all players getting in some quality minutes as they get ready for the sectional round of playoffs," said Sheridan coach Kurtis Olsan. The Blackhawks play Hoosier Heartland Conference opponent Taylor tonight.

Carmel, the No. 2 team in 2A, clinched an undefeated Metropolitan Conference championship on its Senior Night Wednesday by beating 2A No. 18 Center Grove 2-1. The Greyhounds scored one goal in the first half; Katie Soderstrom found the back of the net off an assist by Kelsie James. Emily Roberts scored in the second half, with Soderstrom assisting her goal. Goalkeepers Nicole Vohs and Emily Melchi each had one save.

"The most gratifying part of coaching, in my opinion, is watching your players learn and mature through the four years of



Hamilton Southeastern's Saanika Kamat (left) and Noblesville's Taylor Gysin keep their eyes on the ball during the Royals-Millers soccer battle Wednesday.

high school," said Carmel coach Frank Dixon. "However, senior night is not only

tough on the players, seniors being done with their high school career and underclassmen realizing that their friends are moving on but also on the coaches who send players off to college after developing relationships with them through the years. As coaches, we will miss the day to day interaction with a great group of girls."

In boys soccer action, University took care of Tri-West 3-1 on Wednesday. Ryan Williams scored in his fourth straight game, and Duncan Turner and Quentin Berry each notched one. The Trailblazers are now 9-2-1 with one more regular season game left in their season against International School of Indiana.

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Guerin Catholic @ Noblesville

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Hamilton Southeastern @ Noblesville

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MLB standings

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	92	66	.582	-
Toronto	87	71	.551	5.0
Baltimore	86	72	.544	6.0
N.Y. Yankees	82	76	.519	10.0
Tampa Bay	65	93	.411	27.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	91	67	.576	-
Detroit	85	73	.538	6.0
Kansas City	81	77	.513	10.0
Chi. White Sox	77	81	.487	14.0
Minnesota	56	102	.354	35.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Texas	94	65	.591	-
Seattle	84	74	.532	9.5
Houston	83	76	.522	11.0
L.A. Angels	72	87	.453	22.0
Oakland	67	91	.424	26.5

Wednesday's scores			
Seattle 12,	Houston 4	Atlanta 12,	Philadelphia 2
Arizona 3,	Washington 0, 6 innings	Kansas City 5,	Minnesota 2
N.Y. Yankees 5,	Boston 3	Texas 8,	Milwaukee 5
Pittsburgh 8,	Chi. Cubs 4	Chi. White Sox 1,	Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 3,	Toronto 2	Cincinnati 2,	St. Louis 1
Detroit 6,	Cleveland 3, 5 innings	L.A. Angels 8,	Oakland 6
N.Y. Mets 5,	Miami 2	San Diego 6,	L.A. Dodgers 5
		Colorado 2,	San Francisco 0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	92	66	.582	-
N.Y. Mets	85	74	.535	7.5
Miami	78	80	.494	14.0
Philadelphia	70	88	.443	22.0
Atlanta	65	92	.414	26.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	101	57	.639	-
St. Louis	82	76	.519	19.0
Pittsburgh	78	80	.494	23.0
Milwaukee	71	88	.447	30.5
Cincinnati	67	91	.424	34.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	90	68	.570	-
San Francisco	83	75	.525	7.0
Colorado	74	84	.468	16.0
San Diego	68	90	.430	22.0
Arizona	66	92	.418	24.0

Upcoming sports schedule

Thursday, Sept. 29 Boys Tennis Sectional at Carmel, 3:45 p.m. <i>To finish: Carmel vs. Westfield</i> Sectional at Southeastern, 4:30 p.m. <i>Southeastern vs. Fishers</i> <i>Noblesville vs. Heights</i> Boys Soccer Mt. Vernon at Heights, 5:30 p.m. Guerin at Fishers, 5 p.m. Brownsburg at Noblesville, 7 p.m. Volleyball Carmel at Chatard, 5:30 p.m. Heights at Fishers, 6 p.m. Westfield at Avon, 5:30 p.m. Noblesville at Southeastern, 6:30 p.m. Boys Cross Country	Guerin at Big State Championship at Terre Haute Girls Cross Country Guerin at Big State Championship at Terre Haute Friday, Sept. 30 Football Ben Davis at Carmel, 7 p.m. Cathedral at Fishers, 7 p.m. Brebeuf at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m. Southeastern at Noblesville, 7 p.m. Tipton at Sheridan, 7 p.m. Avon at Westfield, 7 p.m. Girls Golf State Meet at Prairie View, 8:30 a.m. Boys Soccer Carmel at Columbus North, 6 p.m.
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Girls golf state finals...

Fifteen teams heading to Prairie View this weekend

The IHSAA’s 44th annual girls golf state finals will begin Friday morning at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

A total of 15 teams have advanced five golfers each and 25 individuals have made it here without their squads for a total of 100 participants. All teams and players will play 36 holes. Groups will be teeing off the 1st and 10th tees at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and at the same time on Saturday.

- Second-ranked Evansville North will look to become just the second school to win three consecutive state championships this weekend. The Huskies will attempt to join Martinsville which captured three straight in 1991, 1992 and 1993 as well as a six year string from 1995-2000.
- Evansville North had a pair of outstanding rounds the last two weeks. The Huskies shot a 290, the lowest sectional round in state tournament history at Fendrich Golf Course in Evansville on Sept. 17. It was the Huskies fifth consecutive sectional crown. The team followed up with the second-lowest regional round in tournament history last Saturday when it fired a 296 at Country Oaks Golf Club in Montgomery for their third straight regional championship.
- Top-ranked Westfield, last year’s state runner-up, tied for the third lowest regional score in tournament history last Saturday when it carded a 297 at Smock Golf Course in Indianapolis. The effort landed the second consecutive regional crown for the Shamrocks.
- Westfield’s girls will attempt to join the school’s boys team which won its second straight state title on June 15 on the Prairie View course and third in four years.
- Lake Central’s Alexis Miestowski is the defending state champion and returns to the state finals with her 12th-ranked Indian teammates. If she tops the field once again, the junior would become the eighth player with two or more state crowns. She won the sectional at Palmira with a 68 on Sept. 16 and followed with a 73, which tied her for second place at Battle Ground last Saturday. She’ll tee off at 10:18 am on Friday.
- A record number of schools and players were represented in this year’s sectional tournaments including 306 schools and 1,939 players. The previous high of 290 teams was reached in 2012 and again in 2015 while 1,915 players were entered in the 2010 state tournament.

TICKETS
\$12.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the front entrance gate to the course and are good for both days.
SPECTATOR PARKING
Spectators will use the off -site parking lot southwest of the roundabout at the

intersection of Main Street and River Road and shuttled to and from the golf course.

NO PERSONAL COOLERS
Personal coolers are not allowed on the course.

RIDING CARTS
A limited number of riding carts will be available at cost on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Golf carts are limited to the cart path only. Please check the clubhouse counter for details. Courtesy carts also will be circling the course transporting spectators.

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INDIANA HS GOLF COACHES ASSOC. FINAL REGULAR SEASON POLL

1. **Westfi eld**
 2. **Evansville North**
 3. **Carmel**
 4. **Columbus North**
 5. **Zionsville**
 6. Indianapolis Cathedral
 7. **Hamilton Southeastern**
 8. **Homestead**
 9. **Fishers**
 10. Plainfield
 11. **Chesterton**
 12. **Lake Central**
 13. **Western**
 14. Lafayette Jefferson
 15. Brownsburg
 16. Center Grove
 17. Valparaiso
 18. **Evansville Memorial**
 19. DeKalb
 20. Terre Haute North
- Others: Crown Point, **Penn, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger**, Leo, Munster, NorthWood, Vincennes Rivet, Franklin County.

2015 Team State Champion: Evansville North is the two-time defending state champion.
2015 Individual State Champion: Alexis Miestowski, Lake Central.
Teams Qualified (15)
**indicates regional champion.*
Carmel
Chesterton
Columbus North*
Evansville Mater Dei
Evansville Memorial
Evansville North*
Fishers
Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger
Hamilton Southeastern
Homestead*
Lake Central*
Penn

Western
Westfield
Zionsville
Teams Returning from 2015 State Finals (9 of 15)
Chesterton
Columbus North
Evansville Memorial
Evansville North
Fishers
Penn
Western
Westfield
Zionsville
Individuals Qualified without a Team (25)
**indicates regional champion.*
Emma Bawinkel (12) Brown County
Kayla Benge (11) Plainfield
Mackenzi Black (11) New Palestine
Abby Cody (11) Brownsburg
Rachel Coers (12) Shenandoah
Dayna Dale (12) Southwood
Danielle Fishburn (12) Ben Davis
Caitie Gehlhausen (12), Hamilton Heights
Bailee Gilmore (12) Bedford North
Lawrence
Nicole Howard (12) Munster
Emma Kelly (10) Tipton*
Kinley Lingenfelter (12) Rochester
Reece Malapit (12) Yorktown
Alexandra Maris (12) Terre Haute South
Brooke Moser (12) Leo
Amber Nelson (12) Norwell*
Braedyn O'Dell (9) Northridge
Kiah Parrott (9) Kokomo
Ally Ross (12) Harrison (West Lafayette)
Katrin Schmuck (10) Lafayette Jefferson
Makenzie Smith (12) Borden
Tori Treash (12) Plainfield
Charlie True (10) Mt. Vernon (Fortville)
Grace Waggoner (10) Vincennes Rivet
Mackenzie Whitten (12) Gibson Southern
Individuals Returning from 2015 Top 20 (10)
1. Alexis Miestowski, Lake Central, 76-69-145
T2. Hadley Walts, Evansville North, 79-72-151
T8. Kayla Benge, Plainfield, 79-79-158
T8. Reece Malapit, Yorktown, 79-79-158
10. Cailyn Henderson, Westfield 85-74-159
T11. Charlie True, Mt. Vernon (Fortville),78-82-160
15. Adrienne Montalone, Westfield 85-76-161
T16. Kinley Lingenfelter, Rochester 86-76-162
19. Lauren Guiao, Evansville Memorial 87-77-164
20. Sarah Frazier, FW Dwenger 82-83-165
Teams Returning from 2015 Top 10 (7)
1. Evansville North
2. Westfield
3. Chesterton
4. Evansville Memorial
T7. Columbus North
T7. Zionsville
10. Fishers
Most Consecutive State Finals Appearances

12: Martinsville (1990-2001).
Active Streaks of Consecutive State Finals Team Appearances (3 or more years)
6: Evansville North
3: Columbus North, Evansville Memorial, Westfield
First-Time Team State Finals Appearances None
State Finals Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)
18 years: Evansville Mater Dei (last appearance in 1998)
Former Individual State Champions in Field
Alexis Miestowski, 11, Lake Central, 2015
Former Individual State Runners-Up in Field
Cailyn Henderson, 11, Westfield, 2014
Hadley Walts, 11, Evansville North, 2015
First-Time Regional Champions in Field
None
Regional Championship Droughts Broken (10 years or more)
30 years: Columbus North (1986)
Best Scores in 2016 State Tournament (Among State Finalists)
290*: Evansville North (sectional)
292: Westfield (sectional)
296: Evansville North (regional)
296: Zionsville (sectional)
297: Westfield (regional)
305: Homestead (sectional)
306: Columbus North (sectional)
308: Homestead (regional)
309: Fishers (sectional)
309: Western (sectional)
311: Carmel (sectional)
311: Columbus North (regional)
311: Evansville Memorial (regional)
*State record score
Best Scores in 2016 State Tournament (Among State Finalists)
64: Cailyn Henderson, Westfield (regional)
67: Kinley Lingenfelter, Rochester (sectional)
68: Alexis Miestowski, Lake Central (sectional)
68: Amber Nelson, Norwell (regional)
68: Katelyn Skinner, Evansville North (sectional)
68: Avery VonDielingen, Zionsville (sectional)
69: Annabelle Pancake, Zionsville (sectional)
Sectional Championship Teams (30)
Bedford North Lawrence, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Columbus North, Evansville North, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Franklin County, Homestead, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jasper, Lafayette Jefferson, Lake Central, La Porte, Lebanon, Manchester, Martinsville, Muncie Central, New Palestine, NorthWood, Penn, Shawe Memorial, Terre Haute North, Twin Lakes, Valparaiso, Vincennes Rivet, Western, Westfield, Zionsville
Regional Championship Teams (5)
Columbus North, Evansville North, Homestead, Lake Central, Westfield