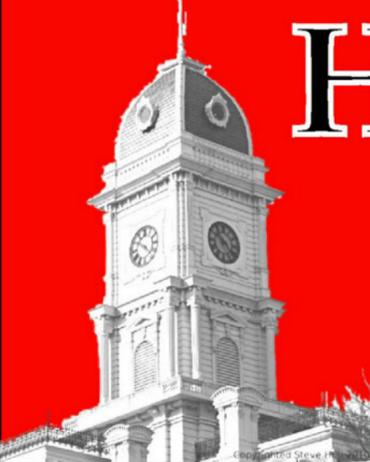


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Will Noblesville sell Seminary Park?



Developer's rendering of high-end classic-style single family homes proposed for Seminary Park

Rendering provided by City of Noblesville

Who knew Seminary Park is for sale?



By **MARY SUE ROWLAND, Noblesville Common Council Member**

The City of Noblesville is moving into territory that locally and nationwide is filled with strong difference of opinions. The issue is taking historic parks land for development. Only one thing is more difficult for Americans, and that is giving up their property by court action of a government body. The park in question is located in the historic old town Noblesville at 10th street, Hannibal and Division Streets just two blocks south of the Court House Square. It has always been known as Seminary Park and serves the entire community. It is the only park close to the downtown and serves as a neighborhood park and playground. Seminary Park is a popular location for summer band concerts including the 25th year of Shakespeare in the Park play given each summer by Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission. The park was developed in 1983 on one and one half acres of city land purchased from the school corporation. The history goes back much further.

Dating back to 1870-1871, the first school in Noblesville was built on the site. From 1871, all grades were taught at the school know as Seminary. Called the "school house" and after a century of service, the school was torn down in 1969 by the school corporation. The city administration including Mayor Ditslear, Deputy Mayor Steve Cooke, planning and economic development departments have been approached by a developer to use 1.30 acres of the park to develop 12 new town homes resulting in \$11,669 dollars in additional tax revenue to the city. The land has been marked as a prime location for such infill development. Value has been estimated at \$140,000 for the existing park land that will be sold to the developer. The city says this project will result in preserving and enhancing the remaining parcels of existing park by adding new fencing to the west side of the park, new benches or a seating wall and a dog watering station.

But what about the history, the existing neighborhood, the green space, current home values and the all important park

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If you always do what you have always done



By **STEVE COOKE, NOBLESVILLE DEPUTY MAYOR**

One of my favorite quotes is, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." That quote came to mind after I was told by a civic leader that the best thing Noblesville has going for it is its history.

True - many residents like me were first attracted to Noblesville for its historic charm. As a city, we honor our history and even leverage it for placemaking. But one thing is for certain: we cannot have history driving our vision toward the future. Walk around Noblesville Schools, and you'll agree we have so much more going for us than just history.

If we want our community to be relevant and attractive and vibrant for years to come, let's allow for some new ways of thinking without trashing every new idea that comes along. Change, after all, is part of any community. When you resist change, projects like the Pleasant Street extension take 20-plus years to get to a simple drawing of an idea. A drawing!

Then again, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."

SEMINARY SQUARE

The reason why this quote resonates with me now is the response the City received for an idea we had been exploring since late 2016. We were approached by a developer interested in a new project that met the needs identified in our recent Housing Study. As part of Noblesville's strategy for smart growth, we want to attract housing types that allow for greater density but still high quality — and even better if this housing type is walkable to our downtown.

We were asked to consider selling two-thirds of Seminary Park to become 12 high-end, classic-style, single-family homes with garages in a back alley. The developer would preserve and enhance the eastern third with the playground, add

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Ireland to oversee Juvenile Division...

County's juvenile offenders relocated to "new" Detention Center

More and more inmates are being housed at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office complex on Cumberland Road and as part of a long term plan to address the situation, juvenile offenders in secure detention have been relocated to a different area of the property. The rehabilitation of the former Juvenile Detention Center is complete and juveniles held in secure detention were transferred to the building over the weekend. Juveniles housed in Shelter Care remain in the current facility.



Kija Ireland

The "new" Juvenile Detention Center is actually the area that housed juvenile offenders prior to the opening in 2008 of the Juvenile Services Center. The building saw a variety of uses in the past years, including office space and most recently housing

maximum security adult inmates. As part of a solution to the increasing adult inmate population, Sheriff Bowen, the County Commissioners, and the Hamilton County Council formed a plan to move the juvenile population back to the older building. The building required renovation to bring it up to current standards for housing juveniles. Moving the juvenile offenders allows the conversion of the secure wing of the Juvenile Services Center into an area to house the growing adult female inmate population after the building is modified. Moving the female population in turn creates more room at the current adult jail to accommodate the male population.

The inmate housing configuration which maximizes available bed space on the campus is expected to last until an expansion

of the Hamilton County Jail is completed. Officials are still working on exact details for the number of additional beds to include in the expansion that is expected to break ground on the Sheriff's Office complex sometime in 2017. Efforts continue to reduce the inmate population through bond modifications, by assignments to Community Corrections in work release type programs, and through the pre-trial release program.

Along with the transfer of juveniles to the new area, Sheriff Bowen appointed Captain Kija Ireland as Commander of the Juvenile Division. Ireland, who becomes the first female deputy to oversee a division at the Sheriff's Office, has worked in a variety of positions as a Merit Deputy since 1998, most recently serving as a detective in the Investigations Division. Captain Jeff Marcum, who headed the Juvenile Division for many years, is assisting Ireland during the transition period and also working in the Investigations Division.

Diva Night returns Thursday

Noblesville Main Street in partnership with 18 local restaurants and retailers is pleased to announce Diva Night, which will return for its seventh year on Thursday, March 9 starting at 5 p.m.

Diva Night is your opportunity to see what all downtown Noblesville has to offer, including specials, bargains and refreshments at many locations. Pick up a map of participating merchants at any merchant location. Shop from 5-8 p.m. and collect a sticker at each location. Bring your map to Matteo's at 8 p.m. for the Diva Lounge party and a chance to win prizes with your completed map. Prizes will also be awarded for Divas who dress the part and show their spirit! All winners will be selected at 8:30 p.m.

Diva Night participating restaurants and retailers are 44 North, 500 North Boutique & Honeycomb Salon, 10th Street Photography, A Corner Cottage, Blue Butterfly, Barley Island, Caravan Classes, Karisma, Kiln Creations, Lil Bloomers, Linden Tree, Little Gypsy Boutique, Logan Village Mall, LHO Creations, Old Picket Fence, Shine Yoga & Wellness, Tanglez Hair Salon and Whimzy.

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setting? In the field of planning and making communities great, a park in a neighborhood, especially in old town, is considered an important amenity and few such special places exist in any community and especially in Noblesville.

Everyone is excited about new housing going into the fabric of the old town but should a park be surrendered to accomplish the goal? Has enough effort been given to find alternative sites that have long seen their day? Should the selling price actually be \$140,000 for 12 lots is very cheap land for the developer. Some say the homes will sell in the high \$200,000 up to \$300,000. As far as development goes, this land is as easy as it gets. Park land is ready to go with no tear downs, cheap land with little concern for what could be considered priceless as a remaining park.

Noblesville considers itself to be historic. Yet, seldom does it show the pride of the history of the County seat of Hamilton County dating back to 1823 at the platting of Noblesville by William Conner.

Do we need a "Save Seminary" campaign or will the city get busy and find another great piece of land for a development idea long overdue and needed. Let us hope some real creative thinking gets going fast.

The current city plan is as follows:

- Continue to discuss with neighborhood residents and businesses, Noblesville Parks Board, and Council
- Meet with Noblesville Preservation Alliance
- Prepare developer agreement with Legal Council
- Prepare a Request for Proposal and bring to a vote before the Board of Public Works and Safety and Council
- Prepare talking points for other city departments, Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Noblesville Main Street and others
- Return to Noblesville Parks Board with comprehensive plans for both Housing Development Area and Remaining Park Area.

In the meantime, press your points by sending to: HamiltonCoNorthReporter@hotmail.com

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new fencing and a doggy station — and move the gazebo and existing park benches to preserve them.

The reason our Planning Department and I would consider this idea was because it would get people excited about moving to downtown Noblesville — people who don't want a historic home due to the upkeep, but want to live close to our historic downtown for restaurants, shopping and trail access. And we thought it could be a catalyst to inspire developers to pursue privately owned land to also redevelop once this project was a proven success.

We also welcomed the opportunity to inspire nearby residents to improve their existing homes. Having refurbished and new homes lining 10th Street is one way to strengthen our community's preservation efforts.

As for the loss of this park, the playground seemed to be the only part of Seminary that sees active use today — and that would remain regardless. On a recent weekend afternoon, there were more people hanging out near the Pocket Park and the White River Greenway boardwalk bridge than at Seminary. Events like Shakespeare in the Park are already moving from Seminary to Federal Hill Commons.

THE PROCESS

Like many potential projects the City considers, we tested the waters of this idea around City Hall, then one-on-one with a handful of others. The response was positive enough, although not completely, to at least continue to explore. I then brought it before the Parks Board in an executive session where we could talk about the pros and cons and to get their feedback.

One of the negatives of this project came out of my own mouth — and that's the loss of green space. I also made the point that this project was not anything the City would rush through or push forward without community input. My plans included reaching out to more residents, business owners and the Noblesville Preservation Alliance well before any official consideration would have been asked.

Still, the conversation at Parks Board wasn't pretty. One civic leader not on the Parks Board dominated the conversation. The same one who thinks history is the best thing we have going for us. And then that person sent out our proposed idea to generate opposition, making it sound like this project was a "done deal" — which is not true.

However, based on the Parks Board discussion, we've shifted the project to find a different location.

I certainly don't blame the Parks Board. They are dedicated community leaders volunteering their time because of their passion for parks. And I get it — parkland and green space are valuable. Sure, I can point to several other park projects that are happening — from the opening of Federal Hill Commons in April to Finch Creek Park breaking ground this summer to improvements planned for Southside Park and continued exploration of a new Dog Park on Pleasant Street.

In fact, more parks will have been built under Mayor Ditslear than any other administration in our city's history. And I have no doubt that our Parks & Recreation Department can do wonders with Seminary Park so it no longer remains an underutilized space.

But I will not apologize for exploring this idea. I applaud our City staff for thinking outside the box and putting themselves in a position to be criticized for even daring to think differently. While I always welcome feedback from residents who are concerned about losing a connection with our past, we also need to hear from people who believe that we have more going for us than just history.

And I think we heard that from residents who feel strongly about Seminary Park — not for its history — but for the local neighbors today who won't make the walk to the other parks near downtown.

In the meantime, we will continue to exercise creative thinking when considering projects. We will refuse to do what has always been done — because we want more for our community than what we have today.

And I think the future of Noblesville will thank us for it.

NFD's Lt. Melson retires after 36 years



Melson

On March 2nd, 2017, Lieutenant John Melson of the Noblesville Fire Department stepped off the truck for the final time. After 36 dedicated years of service, John officially retired. In a farewell email John stated "To all that wear the badge, I wish you a safe career. I am honored to have been one of you."

Fire Chief, Greg Wyant, stated "Retirements such as John's provide a mix of emotions. On one hand, it is great to see him reach this goal, on the other, albeit selfish, we hate to lose such a talented and experienced man. John's presence at NFD will be missed."

Captain Todd Estes, Public Information Officer, asked Lt. Melson what was next on the agenda. John replied with a laugh and stated "All I know is my bags are packed and the wife said our flight leaves tonight between 6pm - 7pm tonight, I have no idea where she's taking me."

The men and women of the Noblesville Fire Department wish John a well-deserved happy retirement.

Westfield Fire Department raises \$1,200 for Relay for Life

The Westfield Fire Department raised \$1,200 at its recent pancake breakfast at Station 83. The money raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. "This was a really great way for us to invite the community in to our station and also do something good in the process," Fire Marshal Garry Harling said. "We even had so many people stop by that we ran out of food."

City of Westfield departments have participated in Relay for Life events for the past 11 years. Participation has ranged from donating time, hosting pancake breakfasts, coordinating bake sales and many other activities.

"We are very committed to this cause. This breakfast was just one way to give back to the community we serve," Harling said

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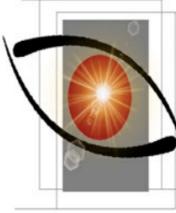
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Noblesville responds to Times

On March 1, the Noblesville Park Board met in executive session to discuss a development idea. At that meeting a proposal for "Seminary Square" was presented. The idea was to sell 0.88 acres of Seminary Park's 1.3 acres to create 12 homes and provide enhancements to the remaining 0.42 acres of the park as a way to jump start new downtown home building and redevelopment.

As with the city's procedures, the idea was presented to the park board in executive session for immediate internal feedback, with the understanding that what is discussed is to remain confidential. This conversation was an early step in the process. City staff was very candid when discussing both its pros and cons with the

city is looking for other areas that this type of development could enhance. "I'm disappointed at the precedent this sets. Our staff needs to feel it can bring ideas forward or present during an executive session where all of the information discussed is considered to be confidential, without information being leaked. It also unfairly worried concerned citizens and put the city in a bad light," Ditslear said. "The city has hardworking staff members and elected officials that devote time and passion into bringing new opportunities to better the lives of all Noblesville residents. While we all might not agree on a project, I like to believe we all have the best interests for Noblesville in mind."

parcs board. If favor was there, the next steps were to meet with Noblesville Preservation Alliance, notify other community groups and then propose it publicly before ever being presented at a public meeting (unlike the March 14 date inaccurately published in the story). After discussions with the park board and council members, it was determined to not move forward with the proposal at that location. In an article released in The Times newspaper, the writer provides details about the project as if they came from city officials; however, no contact with city administration was made prior to printing. Details of the development were not verified and opinion was intermixed with the alleged facts. The story indicates that the project

“was a done deal” while in reality it was not moving forward.

“Seminary Park’s role in the near downtown area is going to change with the opening of Federal Hill Commons in April. A majority of the events that had taken place in Seminary Park are moving to Federal Hill Commons. As our staff was looking at ways to reinvent that space, we were approach by a developer with this idea,” Mayor John Ditslear said.

The background information came from a council member who is a non-voting member on the Parks Board. On March 3, Mayor John Ditslear personally informed the council member that the project would not be feasible at its proposed location. The

Rowland responds to the “city side”

In all due respect, I would like to respond to the "city side" of the story concerning the development of Seminary Park. As sometimes happens, memories become faded and I might note that the Mayor was not at the meeting yet he has listened carefully to one side of the story.

The Park Board meeting and presentation did not meet any of the standard "Executive Session" rules. Steve Cooke noted several times that discussion of the project had been held on multiple occasions with business people, Council and others. Steve had informed me at a public ribbon cutting about amonth earlier. Once discussion happens, nothing is confidential. The materials handed out at the meeting were allowed to go out of the room, again not confidential.

The staff did not provide a pro and con presentation about the project. Only the development side was discussed and the "next step" action printed on the presentation gave the impression this project was on a fast track. In fact I noted several times during the discussion that the Park Board should be advised of good planning trends concerning green space and neighborhood parks so a balance could be discussed and presented. The staff never took the conversation to that level. The discussion from staff was that the park was unutilized and they never see anyone in the park as they drive by. It was noted that on the staff lunch hour they would prefer other locations for their lunch than Seminary Park.

The writer of the article in the Times had acquired a copy of the presentation (not from me) but did have a copy. The problem is that the city just moved forward with the

rail to trails without any community conversation and the Pleasant Street project also still has some concerns about citizen conversation. In conclusion, the writer did have some good information. I received a call from The Editor at the Times newspaper (I did not call the Times) and I held a conversation and answered her questions as best I could. I told her to call the Mayor and others to get more information. I am sorry she did not follow that suggestion.

I believe the council member discussed in the article by the city is me. Mayor Ditslear and I did have a conversation on Friday at which time he told me again that he was not sure about the project. I asked if he had seen the presentation presented to the Park Board by staff and he said he had not. The Mayor told me the same thing on Tuesday when I asked his position on Seminary Park. His answer was he was not sure. I am glad to hear through this communication that other areas are being reviewed. The development project is important for the city but not at the Seminary Park location. Since it appears that I was so important in the article presented by the city, that someone from the city could have sent me an email or phone call to advise the project is moving to another location yet to be determined.

The presentation had been discussed with many other community leaders before the Park Board meeting according to Steve Cooke himself. There was not confidential information that others did not already know. This is not a "leak" and should never been suggested as a "leak". Again, this comment is directed to me and I have never "leaked" anything but with the presentation

already shared, the fast track timeline and the meeting not following a executive session rule, I did contact a neighbor in the area of Seminary Park to advise him of the project. That information was sent by the neighbor to Noblesville Preservation Alliance, not by me, as was suggested by Steve Cooke.

I have a story at the Hamilton Reporter that has been held because the city asked for the paper not to print my story until a city story could be published at the same time. The paper has held the story for almost 7 days. In the meantime, the Times learned of the city action. It is hard to understand that the most historic city in Hamilton County and one that often talks about its history would even consider such a proposal from a developer affecting a city park.

I have concerns that others do not understand the past efforts of so many within the community who have worked hard for decades toward promoting our history and preservation efforts. If it was understood, the developer would not have made the offer and the city would not have moved forward with the proposal to take park land for development. The promotion of the importance of preservation and history still needs work.

I believe this can become a positive outcome for the community. It would seem important at this time to establish an ordinance to keep Seminary Park a Park

forever with no possibility of development. It also seems appropriate to upgrade the park with park furniture, a new gazebo, maybe even a basketball court or two and who knows what? Another conversation is in order with the Park Board and the community to rethink Seminary Park with enhancements, landscaping, furniture and things to do. A nice plaque would be nice telling the story of Seminary and its 1871 history. If anyone in the city thinks people are going to leave their neighborhood to take their children to Federal Hill Commons to play, I believe most people would decline the offer. It's over but not done...more work needs to be done to find available land for the developer so a great project can become part of the old town fabric and Seminary Park needs the attention it and the neighborhood deserves. I would be remiss not noting the Southside park is still in need of attention. Old Town city parks are important and should be on par with the new parks finished and still to be finished.

It is too bad that the city has not been able to take the community comments and concerns to a more positive outcome. People like to think they are being heard and the Seminary Park issue was a test by the community members and the elected officials to see if there is agreement on the future plans for the city. It will always remain important to keep communication open and listen to the citizens, who by the way, pay the bills.

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Cerobia Maie Heffernan

May 1, 1930 - March 4, 2017

Cerobia Maie Heffernan, 86, of Westfield, entered eternal life March 4, 2017. She was born in Altona, MI on May 1, 1930 to William and Irene Ostraner Kosinski.



Cerobia was preceded in death by her parents, two siblings and husband, Grant.

Survivors include her children: Karen Heffernan, Gary (Faith) Heffernan, and Beth (Neal) Hoard; grandchildren: Jason (Jennifer) Heffernan, Alyssa (Stephen) Smith, Marcella Hoard, Elliott Hoard, and Autumn (Marcus) Zahran; two great-grandchildren, Jason Bryce and Adelyn Cerobia Heffernan.

Cerobia especially enjoyed taking care of others, teaching children, serving on mission boards, playing piano, knitting and reading. She gave her time and energy to her family, church and community. She will be remembered for her sweet spirit and compassion for others. Her gentle servant's heart was a tribute to the Savior she loved.

Family and friends will gather on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 5 pm in Trinity Baptist Church where the Celebration of Life service will begin at 7 pm.

Please visit www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Cerobia's complete obituary and share a condolence.

Genevieve Frances "Jennie" Gaber

June 28, 1919 - March 2, 2017

Genevieve Frances "Jennie" Gaber, 97, of Noblesville, went to Heaven to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Riverview Health, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 28, 1919 to Valentine and Catherine (Kotosky) Krofcheck in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.



Jennie graduated from Penn State University in 1940 as Magna Cum Laude and was a member of Penn State Alumni Association. She married Andrew Gaber on August 16, 1945 in Uniontown, PA. For over 20 years, Jennie was a math teacher at Canton Junior High School in Canton, IL. She attended Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church after moving to Noblesville.

Jennie is survived by her sons, Mark (Lori) Gaber, Karl (Rose) Gaber, and Eric (Debbie) Gaber; brother, Edwin (Kathryn) Krofcheck; four grandchildren, Shannon Kizlyk, Courtney (Adam) Klingerman, Tim (Carissa) Gaber, and Lisa (Travis) Comer; four step-grandchildren, Donna Dalrymple, Connie Dalrymple, Sherry Emmons, and Pam Allsup; great-grandchildren, Morgan Gaber, Landon Kizlyk, Tyler Comer, and Sophia Comer; along with other step-great-grandchildren and several nieces & nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Gaber in 2006; and brother, Lawrence Krofcheck.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 11:30 am on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at Noon at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 410 S. Pearl Street in Cicero, with Rev. Dale W. Ehrman officiating. Interment will take place at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Jennie's family would like to give special thanks to her caregivers, Harold and Vera Peters of Noblesville; to the nursing staff at Paradigm Hospice Care for their great care; and to Riverview Health staff, especially Andrea Cooke.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060; or Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

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Herbert John Werren

June 21, 1931 - March 4, 2017

Herbert John Werren, 85, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at his home. He was born on June 21, 1931 to the late Herbert and Marie (Klick) Werren in Erie, Pennsylvania.



Herbert proudly served his county in the United States Army during the Korean War. He graduated from Purdue University School of Engineering, and received an MBA from the University of Michigan. Herbert worked for Allied Signal Corporation, retiring as Vice President of the Automotive Division. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Purdue and the Black Horse Troop at Culver Military Academy. Herbert was also a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. An avid outdoorsman, he loved to hunt, fish and golf. Most of all, Herbert enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene Sue Werren; son, Dwight Matthew Werren; daughter, Melanie Susan (Mark R.) Tonn; and five granddaughters, Chelsea Werren Prajapati, Elizabeth Anne Werren, Mackenzie Marie Tonn, Macie Kristine Tonn, and Madison Kiley Tonn.

Visitation and Celebration of Life will be from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

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For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

- Matthew 12:8



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James Lewis Vickery

June 18, 1927 - March 2, 2017

James Lewis Vickery, 89, of Peru, Indiana, passed away peacefully on the morning of March 2, 2017.

Jim was born on June 18, 1927, in Peru, Indiana to Marion and Irene (Boxell) Vickery. He graduated from Peru High School then continued his education at Purdue University where he graduated with an Engineering degree. Jim excelled in both academics and athletics, as he was recruited by the New York Yankees before leaving to serve his country and then later named to the USA Softball Hall of Fame (1982). Jim returned home and ran his family's business, Vickery Tape and Label. Jim was an avid golfer, as well as a Chicago Cubs and IU basketball fan.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Delora Gable. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Patricia Vickery; children Tommy of Tampa, Florida, Molly (Jeff) Garner of Noblesville, and Tye (Shari) of Noblesville; grandchildren Abigail Williams, Benjamin (Melody) Williams, Tayler, and Tyler, all of Noblesville.

Our deepest gratitude goes to the Servants Heart and Guardian Angels, who helped keep Jim comfortable at home. We also want to thank everyone from Millers Merry Manor, as they truly treated us like royalty. Last, but certainly not least, we'd like to thank the YMCA for all of their support over the years.

Cremation is being coordinated by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. A memorial gathering will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru, Indiana on Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 4:00-6:00 PM with a brief military service following. Military service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

Mark Alan Weaver

May 2, 1964 - February 24, 2017

Mark Alan Weaver, 52, of Columbus, IN passed away February 24, 2017 at Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, Indiana.

He was born May 2, 1964 and was the son of Edgar and Marjorie Catt Weaver. He graduated from Carmel High School and had attended Carmel Friends Church.

His parents preceded him in death. He is survived by a sister, Carol Weaver Washington, Law Vegas, Nevada and her children, Carna and Perel; aunts, Marilyn Weaver Bell, Sheridan, Indiana and Carolyn Catt Farris, Bumpas, Virginia; uncle, David Catt, Kokomo, Indiana and several cousins.

A memorial service is scheduled at Carmel Friends Church located at 651 W. Main St., Carmel, IN on March 12, at 2:00 P.M.

Arrangements are being handled by Fisher Family Funeral Services, Sheridan, Indiana.

Mark Anton "Leon" Laesch

April 7, 1954 - March 4, 2017

Mark Anton "Leon" Laesch, age 62, passed away peacefully at his home on March 4, 2017 after a yearlong battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. Mark was born April 7, 1954 in Bloomington, Illinois to Daniel Anton Laesch and Alta Lockenvitz Laesch. He graduated from Normal Community High School, Normal, Illinois in 1972 where he was a star athlete. Mark continued his athletic career in college as a member of the Indiana University baseball team and graduated in 1976 where he also earned his MBA.

After college, he worked a short time for Ross Perot at EDS in Plano, Texas before returning home to Bloomington, IL to run the family dairy business. During this time, Mark turned his passion for statistics into a business called Golfstat. Mark had been a passionate competitor and follower of sports since he was a young boy playing little league. He improved his batting average in college as a member of the Indiana University baseball team through statistical analysis. Golfstat began as a way to use stats to improve Mark's golf score and went on to be the exclusive partner of the NCAA for college golf over the last 28 years. With the advancement in technology, Mark's passion to innovate Golfstat has been integral to the expansion and success of college golf.

A very important part of Mark's life was his friendships with his Zeta Fiji brothers. Multiple brothers walked this very difficult journey alongside him this past year. It was in his sophomore year at Indiana University Mark decided to join Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and it proved to be one of the most rewarding decisions of his life. Through times spent on the fraternity intramural teams as a multi-sport athlete or just living in the house, Mark literally ended up having over 50 best friends for life. Key to this longevity was the Fiji "Dick the Dog" annual golf tournament (truly the 5th Major of golf) which Mark started and ran for over 40 years. As his health waned and confined to a wheelchair, a proud moment for Mark was being the keynote speaker on faith and the triumph of friendship to over five decades of Zeta Fijis at the recent dedication of their newly constructed fraternity house at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

Mark is survived by his three children, Brian Laesch (Chicago, IL), Jordan Laesch (Los Angeles, CA), and Kelsey Laesch (Indianapolis, IN). He is also survived by his fiancée, Jennifer Porter; one sister, Ellen Laesch Dalrymple (David) (Chicago, IL); and brother-in-law, Dennis Gieseke. He was preceded in death by his parent; his sister, Diane Gieseke; and brother, Steven Laesch.

Visitation hours are from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, with Memorial service following at 12:00 pm Saturday, March 11 at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 North Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN. Dr. Lewis Galloway will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Mark's memory to the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Presidential Scholarship, 1225 W. Main Street, Suite 110, Norman, OK 73071. It benefits academic scholarships of current GCAA member coaches' children and grandchildren.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Stanley E. Grubb

February 8, 1944 - March 3, 2017



Stanley E. Grubb, 73 of Indianapolis, passed away March 3, 2017. He was born February 8, 1944 in Buda, IL.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; son, Robert (Jennifer); 4 grandchildren and 4 siblings.

Family and friends will gather on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 12 noon in Colonial Hills Baptist Church, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis. The funeral service will begin at 1 pm and burial will follow in Union Chapel cemetery.

Please visit www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Stan's complete obituary.

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John Joseph 'Jack' Sweeney

February 21, 1940 - March 5, 2017

John Joseph 'Jack' Sweeney, 77, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on February 21, 1940 to John and Helen Sweeney in Detroit, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Thomas Sweeney.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Martha Moran Sweeney; three children, Susan Sweeney of Indianapolis, John (Susan) Sweeney of Katy, TX and Tom Sweeney of Westfield; two granddaughters, McKenzie & Heather Sweeney; and several nieces & nephews.

Jack was a graduate of Michigan State University and was a member of the Michigan Air National Guard for six years. His entire working career was spent with the Kroger Company as a manager of Distribution and Transportation. After love of family, his greatest passion was supporting the beef cattle industry. He held various offices in the Indiana Angus Association and was a mentor to many young people in their agricultural careers.

A private family service will be held. A celebration of Jack's life will be held in June for all of Jack & Martha's family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to either the American Diabetes Association, Indiana Office, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250; or a charity of your choice.

The family has entrusted cremation to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com



Lorene A. Woods

April 4, 1930 - March 3, 2017

Lorene A. Woods went to her Heavenly home on March 3, 2017. She was 86 years old. She was born on April 4, 1930 in Belvedere, MI to Ray and Zenith Nave.

Lorene met the love of her life Clinton, when she was 13 (he 15) and they had been married for 67 years. Clinton went to be with the Lord on March 1, 2016. She was raised in Michigan and attended Minnesota Bible College with a degree in Children's Ministry and music.

She served her Lord faithfully as a Pastor's wife, using her gifts of music and teaching in Children's Ministry. Together they served side by side in the Pilgrim Holiness, Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches in WI, IL and IN. She also served others as an Activity Director at the "Good Shepherd" Nursing Home in Fennimore, WI and as a receptionist for a local doctor. She continued to share her joy in the Lord and be a godly example to all who knew her at "The Legacy" on Prairie Lakes Campus in Noblesville, where she resided for the past year.

She enjoyed baking for her family and canning produce from her husband's garden. She also enjoyed involving her grandchildren in summer church camp, camping, and canoeing. She loved laughter.

Lorene was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and always prayed diligently for her family.

She is survived by sons, David (Kathy) Woods, and Larry (Judy) Woods; grandchildren, Matthew (Heather) Bechdol, Steven Bechdol, Michael Woods, Dustin Woods, and Leslie (Chad) Pryor; and great-grandchildren, Jenna and Clinton Bechdol, and Ellie and Kate Pryor.

In addition to her parents and husband Clinton, Lorene was preceded in death by her daughter, Janet Bechdol on Jan. 18, 2017; and two infant granddaughters, Rebecca and Naomi Bechdol.

Services will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville, IN, with visitation from 1:00 pm to the time of service. Pastor Jeff Gammon and Pastor Steven Bechdol will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Wabash, IN.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com



Matthew Butler

October 29, 1978 - March 4, 2017

Matthew Butler, 38, of Fishers, passed away unexpectedly on the afternoon of Saturday, March 4, 2017. He was born on October 29, 1978 to Daniel and Sherry (Ruble) Butler in Muncie, Indiana.

Matthew was a 1997 graduate of Noblesville High School. He had been a loving and nurturing stay-at-home dad for four years, and had recently returned to work, employed by UPS. Matthew was an avid sports fan who closely followed the Colts, Pacers, and Chicago Cubs, celebrating their recent championship season with his wife, Brianne. He also enjoyed snow skiing and music. Most of all, Matthew was a family man who loved the time he spent with them.

He is survived by his wife, Brianne S. Butler; parents, Daniel and Sherry Butler; son, Jack Butler; brother, Mitchell Butler; paternal grandmother, Sammie Amick; maternal grandfather, Robert Ruble; father-in-law, Kenneth Johnson; nieces & nephew, Cassidy & Mia Butler and Alex (Casey) Carpenter; as well as several aunts, uncles & cousins left to cherish his memory.

Matthew was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Jack Butler; maternal grandmother, Janice Ruble; and mother-in-law, Linda Johnson.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a savings account established for Matthew's son, Jack William Butler, at Chase Bank. Contributions may be made in person at any branch or via the bank's night deposit drop box.

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Hoosier State Relays qualifiers...

Millers, Shamrocks win events at IWU

The indoor track and field season continued last Saturday with a Hoosier State Relays qualifier at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Noblesville, Westfield and Hamilton Heights were in attendance, and all three teams had good results. No team scores were kept; the focus is getting a good enough time or distance to qualify for the main event, which is March 25 at Indiana University. The top 24 times and distances for both large schools (football classes 4A, 5A and 6A) and small schools (1A, 2A and 3A) in each event earn a spot at the Relays.

The Shamrocks' boys team dominated the relays, placing first in the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800. Westfield's 4x2 team consisted of Evan Manley, Chris Zolto, Dorian Henson and Nolan Rodgers. The team of Peyton Haack, Justin Mamaril, Dainon Wray and Charles Miller competed on the 4x400 relay, with Miller, Desmond Herrell, Nick Leahy and Aaron Bennett running the 4x8. Wray also won the 60 hurdles, while Haack tied for first in the pole vault.

Noblesville's distance medley relay team of Levi Neuzerling, Bryce Gatewood, Zach Phillips, and Eric Hoffman won that event. Jesse Brown was second for Hamilton Heights in the long jump.

In the girls meet, the Millers won five events. The 4x800 relay team of Maria Anderson, Susanna Sharples-Gordon, Abi Little and Kat Dombroski won that event in a new record time; their mark of 9:32.53 broke the old record by less than a second.

Noblesville also won the distance medley relay. Shelby Tyler finished first in the pole vault and the high jump, while Kailyn Ely was first in the 60 dash.

Westfield picked up wins from Emily Robertson in the 60 hurdles, Sydney Spears in the long jump and the 4x400 relay. Hamilton Heights took fourth in the 4x200.

BOYS RESULTS

60 meter dash: T2. Nolan Rodgers (Westfield) 7.24; James Hardin (Noblesville) 7.24, 4. Evan Manley (W) 7.29, 9. Jesse Brown (Hamilton Heights) 7.43, 12. Bryce Gatewood (N) 7.45, 33. Tad Defoe (HH) 7.73, 34. Shawn Kinslow (N) 7.76, 46. Bradley Albright (HH) 8.13.
3200 run: 4. Blake Hipkiss (N) 10:19.32, 6. Jon Huntley (W) 10:29.16, 7. Bradeon Gossard (N) 10:34.75, 8. Luke Balciunas (N) 10:47.70.
60 hurdles: 1. Dainon Wray (W) 8.72, 2. Peyton Haack (W) 8.97, 18. Shomari Rogers-Walton (N) 10.92.
4x200 relay: 1. Westfield 1:35.60, 2. Noblesville 1:35.62.
4x400 relay: 1. Westfield 3:30.49, 6. Noblesville 3:46.20, 7. Hamilton Heights 3:51.99.
4x800 relay: 1. Westfield 8:07.34, 2. Noblesville 8:10.78, 4. Hamilton Heights 8:49.61.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Shelby Tyler won the high jump and pole vault at the Hoosier State Relays qualifier at Indiana Wesleyan University on Saturday.

Distance medley relay (4000 meters): 1. Noblesville 11:10.97, 4. Westfield 11:35.00, 11. Hamilton Heights 12:51.65.
High jump: T4. Andrew Herman (N) 5-10, T9. Jacob Glover (HH) 5-6.
Pole vault: T1. Haack (W) 12-6; Brandon McQuinn (N) 12-6, T3. Justin Mamaril (W) 11-6, T5. Isiah Kunzer (HH) 11-0.
Long jump: 2. Brown (HH) 20-11.5, 7. Nolan Rodgers (W) 19-7.25, 8. Joshua Garcia (N) 19-7.
Shot put: 3. Drew Hartmann (N) 46-4.25, 4. Dalton Davis (N) 46-3.25, 16. David Mendoza (W) 36-9.5.

GIRLS RESULTS

60 meters: 1. Kailyn Ely (N) 8.22, 7. Markaela Pugh (HH) 8.49, T10. Michaela Grimes (W) 8.64, 13. Titilayo Adeniyani (N) 8.72, 15. Whitney King (HH) 8.75, 16. Leah Spurlock (N) 8.80.
3200 run: 3. Aubrie Deal (N) 11:52.15, 4. Sophie Reichard (N) 11:56.14, 7. Aubrey Swart (N) 12:22.01, 12. Hayley Wilson (W) 13:18.27, 13. Emma Burgan (W) 14:16.20.
60 hurdles: 1. Emily Robertson (W) 9.41, 3. Ava Henson (W) 10.16, 6. Lindsey Wormuth (N) 10.33, 8. Macey Policka (HH) 10.53, 10. Bailey Haworth (HH) 10.91, 11. Marissa Schneider (N) 11.16, 16. Veronica Meredith (HH) 11.92.
4x200 relay: 4. Hamilton Heights 1:55.42, 5. Noblesville 1:55.88, 7. Westfield 1:57.27.

4x400 relay: 1. Westfield 4:09.16, 5. Noblesville 4:27.68, 10. Hamilton Heights 4:43.94.
4x800 relay: 1. Noblesville 9:32.53, 3. Westfield 9:56.87, 9. Hamilton Heights 11:04.60.
Distance medley relay (4000 meters): 1. Noblesville 12:42.93, 7. Westfield 14:21.42.

High jump: 1. Shelby Tyler (N) 5-7, T2. Lily Wilhelm (N) 4-10.
Pole vault: 1. Tyler (N) 10-0, T6. Bailey Haworth (HH) 7-6.
Long jump: 1. Sydney Spears (W) 17-3, 9. Maria Anderson (N) 14-7.25, 10. Ava Henson (W) 14-5.
Shot put: 4. Drewe Palmer (N) 30-8.75, 5. Michaela Grimes (W) 30-7.5, 9. Spears (W) 27-0.5.

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HSE's Logan Beegle commits to University of Indianapolis

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Hamilton Southeastern senior Logan Beegle has announced his intent to continue his football career at the collegiate level. Logan will attend the University of Indianapolis in Indianapolis, Indiana, as a preferred walk-on. The Greyhounds are an NCAA Division II school that competes in the Great Lakes Valley Conference under the direction of Coach Bob Bartolomeo.

Logan is the son of Dottie Beegle. At HSE, Logan earned one varsity letter in football. Pictured - Front row: Dottie Beegle, Logan Beegle. Back row: Southeastern head football coach Scott May.



More HSE college signing photos will run in later editions of the Reporter

Carmel competes at West Lafayette Individual Meet

Carmel's track and field teams competed in the West Lafayette Individual Meet on Saturday.

The Greyhound girls had two winners: Maddie Dalton was first in the 1600 run, and Phoebe Bates won the 3200. In both races, Carmel went 1-2, with Sarah Leinheiser the 1600 runner-up and Rachel Anderson placing second in the 3200 by a half-second.

"We love going to this meet, it's a great chance for kids that wouldn't normally run in an indoor meet to get out and show how hard they have been working in a 'Big Meet' atmosphere," said 'Hounds coach Aaron McRill. "Our distance continues to look strong and our younger girls in all the events continue to improve, showing that the future could be bright for Carmel Girls Track & Field."

In the boys meet, Evan Bouillet won the 3200 run.

GIRLS MEET

55 dash: 16. Kiara Gill 7.99, T21. Dani Marsella 8.16, T27. Jilian Zalewski 8.25, 44. Jennifer Eggert 8.46, 46. Julia Schmitz 8.50, 51. Kanazeya Thomas 8.73, 60. Corinn Blanchford 9.25.

200 dash: 14. Gill 28.59, 36. Martha Hunter 30.12, 38. Doveleen Shergill 30.21, 55. Angela Selvio 32.01,

400 dash: 7. Alexis Waples 1:04.04, 17. Nevian Brown 1:05.94, 19. Jaanvi Bisarya 1:07.08, 22. Brittany Langland 1:07.88, 31. Michael Anderson 1:09.98, 32. Abby Dalton 1:10.01, 34. Reagan Smiley 1:10.54, .

800 run: 2. Maddie Dalton 2:21.97, 6. Anna Morozov 2:23.81, 7. Izza Khurram 2:24.17, 10. Waples 2:30.70, 12. Tasha

Geisler 2:32.85, 14. Emily Hand 2:33.88, 18. Adell Urtel 2:35.83, 27. Caitlin Varanka 2:41.20, 35. Colleen Harless 2:47.59, 36. Madalyn Sailors 2:47.61, 39. Abby Kaufman 2:52.78, 42. Hannah Pelletiere 2:55.22, 46. Ria Patel 2:57.75, 53. Sarah Johnson 3:06.85, 55. Abigail Duffin 3:24.89.

1600 run: 1. M. Dalton 5:11.83, 2. Sarah Leinheiser 5:16.00, 7. Lily McAndrews 5:40.00, 13. Emma Wright 5:50.00, 14. Alyson Pickering 5:51.82, 21. Paige Ohrvall 6:11.84, 23. Olivia Shafer 6:12.17, 24. Mea McCormack 6:12.43, 25. Anna Nelsen 6:13.64, 28. Halle Welch 6:14.96, 29. Hope Stauffer 6:24.02, 35. Kayla Nelsen 6:31.16, 36. Sophia Casati 6:37.04, 39. Meredith Ho 6:38.92, 43. Peyton Smith 6:47.31.

3200 run: 1. Phoebe Bates 11:09.44, 2. Rachel Anderson 11:09.94, 5. Daphne Boom 11:30.76, 6. Corinne Miller 11:57.92,

11. Elle Nichol 12:06.61, 16. Kierstyn Guerrant 12:55.80.

55 hurdles - Finals: 3. Bisarya 9.64. Preliminaries: Olivia Elkin 10.17, 11. Alyssa Robinson 10.45, T13. Madelyn Tester 10.75.

High jump: T13. Anna Kmec 4-6.

Long jump: 8. Gill 14-10, 15. McKenna Abbey 13-1.5.

Shot put: 5. Natalie Cotherman 34-4.25, 7. Marie Kress 32-0, 22. 22. Hannah Leonard 26-9.25, 24. Anna Hosfeld 26-2.5, 25. Alexandra West 24-4.75, 27. Lily Green 23-10.

BOYS MEET

55 dash - Finals: 4. Isaiah Baxter 6.79. Preliminaries: 9. Alex Brown-Baez 6.96.

400 dash: 5. Mitch Lipe 52.75.

800 run: 16. Jacob Jenkins 2:10.78, 18. Ben Baines 2:11.33, 34. Josh Koone 2:19.62, 39. Kurt Stephens 2:20.82, 40. Peter Jiang 2:21.28, 41. Henry Paul 2:21.42, 48. Connor Inskeep 2:23.46, 53. Will Pugh 2:26.58, 54. Robert Kinney 2:27.21, 60. John Hong 2:31.09, 61. Scott Fisher 2:32.22, 63. Evan Smoker 2:32.80, 68. Jae Kim 2:36.44, 69. Alex Brenneman 2:36.76, 70. Nathan Wade 2:37.06, 71. Niko Teo 2:37.52, 72. Ben Piha 2:37.89, 75. Ethan Wakeman 2:52.59, 76. Scott Wagner 2:54.17, 77. Luke Bond 2:57.21.

1600 run: 5. Grant Cooley 4:38.09, 7. Cam Harless 4:39.01, 9. Jonah Nichol 4:41.31, 12. Will Murphy 4:46.18, 13. Ben Myers 4:47.57, 15. Sean Reimer 4:47.92, 16. Drew Watson 4:49.32, 17. Zach Gartenhaus 4:51.14, 18. Christian T. Smith 4:51.51, 19. Lant Jenkins 4:53.54, 20. Evan Veatch 4:53.87, 21. Sota Shishikura 4:53.89, 25. Keita Arakawa 4:56.08, 26. Grant Moon 4:56.56, 27. Pat Campbell 4:56.96, 29. Jack Salzmann 4:57.73, 30. Seigo Tomozawa 4:58.67, 31. Sam Baker 4:59.03, 32. Nick Schuster 4:59.47, 37. Spencer Hooton 5:03.97, 40. Brett Ploss 5:04.44, 44. Noah Bergsma 5:06.10, 47. Austin Throckmorton 5:08.59, 48. Owen Booth 5:08.83, 52. Nate Enfield 5:10.73, 54. Jack Brannock 5:11.46, 58. Lewis Carter 5:15.33, 60. Sam Hooton 5:15.90, 61. Roberto Alas 5:16.85, 64. Adi Friedman 5:20.41, 66. Ryan Foster 5:21.74, 67. Trevor Johnson 5:21.88, 68. Evan Rohan 5:22.48, 69. Will Stanton 5:22.98, 72. Joey Pietras 5:24.27, 75. Will Hurdle 5:27.01, 76. Austin Howse 5:28.78, 77. Peyton Sandlin 5:29.38, 78. Michael MacNulty 5:29.55, 79. Caden Wisdorf 5:32.52, 80. Teddy Myers 5:32.56, 82. Michael Corliss 5:33.92, 84. John Senuta 5:38.61, 87. Aiden Ascoti 5:41.47, 90. Drew Zetzi 5:44.75, 91. Tsunami Irite 5:44.95, 96. Austin Roberts 5:53.71, 97. Takeru Shishikura 5:54.62, 99. Ethan Smith 5:55.18, 101. Jacob Conn 6:12.80, 102. Zach Ullom 6:20.78.

3200 run: 1. Evan Bouillet 9:40.85, 7. Darren Yates 10:09.84, 8. Ben Underwood 10:11.06, 12. Zane Williams 10:21.79.

55 hurdles - Finals: 2. Jakob Pearson 8.09, 5. AJ Snyder 8.35. Preliminaries: 10. Tim Metken 8.90, 14. Austin Pratt 9.03.

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 Noblesville's Bryce Gatewood (left) encourages Tyler Crandal during the 4x200 relay at the Indiana Wesleyan University Hoosier State Relays qualifier on Saturday.

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