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By COURTNEY COX COLE

No humans infected...

The City of Noblesville was informed Wednesday by the Hamilton County Health Department that an in-house testing of mosquitoes returned with a positive sample of West Nile Virus in Dillon Park. The samples were collected by the Indiana State Health Department, and there has not been any notification of humans being infected with the virus.

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By FRED SWIFT

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Children from the Southwest Quad neighborhood join Noblesville City Officials as they cut a ribbon to re-open Southside Park following improvements that were made during the summer.

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pushed myself to the drinking fountain. This was horribly embarrassing, but I was still sick from the painkillers and made it to the fountain. Thank goodness that no one knew me. We made it to the plane and I was seated in First Class. They brought me a Sprite shortly after the plane departed. Here I am in First Class and I suddenly get that feeling again in my stomach. I take my Sprite and dump it under my seat and promptly get sick in the cup. Now I am afraid they are going to think that I have been drinking or that I am drunk. Of course, this had nothing to do with it. Fortunately, my arm was in a sling and it was fairly explainable. I felt horrible for the people sitting around me. I was apologizing all over myself. The flight from San Francisco to Indianapolis is about four hours—in this case, four very long hours. I do not think I have ever been so happy to land in Indianapolis in my entire life. Little did I know that this was just the beginning of a major journey. My pants smelled like vomit—I was praying that I did not know anyone else on the plane. However, there was a huge contingency of Indianapolis people on this flight that I knew. I tried to bury my head so that no one would “recognize me.” Little did I know that my journey was only about to begin. Stay tuned for part 2 of this story next week…
Ernest Leonard Hazelwood
October 22, 1934 - August 1, 2017

Ernest Leonard Hazelwood, 82, of Anderson, passed away on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at St. Vincent Regional Hospital in Anderson. He was born on October 22, 1934 to William and Sarrah (Owens) Hazelwood in Scottsburg, Indiana.

Ernest proudly served his country with the United States Army for 26 years before retiring as a Master Sgt. Jumper with 1,143 jumps. He was a Korean War and Vietnam veteran, having served two tours in Vietnam where he received two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, and one Silver Star. After retiring from the Army, he was an LPN at St. Vincent Hospital for 17 years. He liked to visit casinos; was an avid sports fan, especially loved the Indianapolis Colts; and was a long-time supporter of all high school athletics. Ernest was a member of the Noblesville VFW, Noblesville American Legion and the Noblesville Moose Lodge.

He is survived by two daughters, Laura Wilkerson and Cynthia Harris; son, Ernest (Linda) Hazelwood, Jr.; grandchild, Matthew L. (Amber) Harris; great-grandchild, Rhyanna F. Harris; and Anabelle Harris; sisters & brothers, Barbara “Joann” Powell, Carline “Sissy” Powell (Buddy) Powell, Charlotte (Kenny) Kitchen, Gloria “Cookie” (Danny) Brunham, William J. Hazelwood, “Jack” (Edie) Hazelwood and Carl “Butch” (Janet) Hazelwood; and many nieces, nephews & extended family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Hazelwood who passed away in 2012; a daughter, Melissa Ann; sisters, Agnes Pruitt, Wilma Sanders, Martha “Smitty” Penwell and Jenny Lee Wilkinson; brothers, Robert Hazelwood, Marvin Hazelwood, Bruce Jay Hazelwood and Frankie Lee Hazelwood.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1101 Logan Street in Noblesville. Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, August 4, 2017 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, 2439 West 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222; or, Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675.

Condolences: www.randalldail.com
Only did it give our children nicer and more safe equipment to play on, it also improved the look of our area,” said neighborhood resident Marissa McKamey Warner. “The equipment, the new sidewalks, the revitalized basketball court, and even the addition of the benches – it all improves our experience at the park and I know myself and my family will be enjoying this park a lot more in the future.”

The new playground equipment and other upgrades are being enjoyed by area residents and provide more opportunities for them to play, relax and enjoy their neighborhood and park. Area youth teams also will benefit from the improvements on the sports fields as they continue to use the practice fields during baseball season.

Encompassing three acres between Second and Third streets and Washington and Pleasant streets, Southside Park was established in 1952.
Although Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness has had his way in a meeting with new PMID officials to the public for a few months, now. I can assure you, he has not lost the end of the track. I have discussed this since early this year when the cities of Noblesville and Fishers first announced their plans to preserve the Nickel Plate railway. I am an expert and have no "dog in the hunt," but based on my research, I feel compelled to add a few more comments that have been made on social media and elsewhere. Where facts are requested, I will gladly direct anyone to the proper source of my information. Some is admitted, some is denied.

1 - This corridor is ALREADY developed. With the exception of a few barns and restaurants on or near 116th Street, there is ZERO undeveloped property for nearly the entire 9.2 miles north to PLEASANT STREET (not town square) in Noblesville. Unless they can convince one car dealerships, several thriving business parks, a concrete company, the Delaware Townships Office, a landfill, a county crop and county line neighborhoods to abdicate their properties, there will be no Scott's, Barbara Parra or Performing Arts Center along this path.

2 - Although Fishers appears to be ready financially, so far the trigger on the project, Noblesville is absolutely not. It will be years before they are ready to develop this portion and in the mean time, what incentive is there for them to maintain it in any way? Second, the $9 million price tag DOES NOT include construction of 116th Street, which is necessary. They are only one side of the road, as it iscommonly known, that is all they are funding. Ask me later about that? - Noblesville Deputy Mayor Steve Cooke, it has. There is documentation. Estimate - $4 million. This fact is known to everyone. I am not saying there is a conspiracy or process. The point is that Mayor Fadness may not care less about Noblesville, its taxpayers or even our officials. He wants what he wants and is willing to take it. The problem is, if he gets his way, all values in the area will be forever altered at its mid-point.

3 - Where will people gain access to this trail. Sure, it might be nice to have it easily run at off-peak hours to mitigate the traffic issues that occasionally arise, particularly with 161st Street, 146th Street and State Road 32 in Noblesville. Even if people were put on a trail and off the roads, as they are in professional communities, it would not be used for commuting or workers. It could, therefore, be scheduled to run off peak hours to mitigate the traffic issues that occasionally arise, particularly with 161st Street, 146th Street and State Road 32 in Noblesville.

4 - Whether the train causes congestion is absurd if the alternative is a sporadic stream of pedestrians, runners, bicyclists, people, children, and molasses crossing 141st Street, 131st Street, etc. Operation of a freight train was NEVER proposed for Noblesville. The answer is, "NO," you have not heard ANYTHING about them from Mayor Fadness, at all.

5 - Mass transit from Indianapolis was also NEVER proposed. Nor is it going to be. Whether you are in favor of opposition, or are one of the victims that is affected by the all of the discussion of Rail Mass Transit.

6 - What happens when a choice is made and (ignored) by you is a train to be used for transportation of customers to and from a variety of events and excursions ranging from farmer's markets and brewery tours, to the familiar State Fair Train and eventually, downtown/indiansville events. It would not be used for commuters or workers. It could, therefore, be scheduled to run at off-peak hours to mitigate the traffic issues that occasionally arise, particularly with 161st Street, 146th Street and State Road 32 in Noblesville.

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Letter to the editor…

Addressing comments about the Nickel Plate

- 8 - A few people have mentioned the options for health and exercise that would bring. In the absence of viable operation, I can disagree. But there is a better option. There are tons and tons of other trails. Remember, we live in INDIANA. It is an ABSOLUTELY a LOT and it is below freezing - A LOT. A train would not care.

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The Robert E. Martin Collegiate Scholarship Program was established to honor Robert E. Martin for his 42 years of dedication and service as a member of IMCU as well as his commitment to education throughout his career as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI). The scholarships are available to college students that are members of Indiana Members Credit Union. Applications are accepted annually from January 1 through April 30. Twenty-five $1,000 scholarships were awarded through the Robert E. Martin Collegiate Scholarship Program to the following recipients:

- Paige Armstrong, 2017 Greenfield Central High School/Purdue University - $1,000
- Rachel Bahr, 2017 Plainfield High School/Indiana University - $1,000
- Hannah Beaul, 2016 Lawrenceburg High School/Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis - $1,000
- Mya Carter, 2017 Ben Davis High School/Butler University - $1,000
- Kevin Chase, 2015 Carmel High School/Butler University - $1,000
- Haasam Curtis, 2015 Lawrence High School/Indiana State University - $1,000
- Sidney Harris, 2013 Carmel High School/Purdue University - $1,000
- Brianna Hare, 2013 Connersville Christian High School/Indiana University - $1,000
- Ashley Handy, 2017 Sikh River Ridge Academy High School/Purdue University - $1,000
- Samantha Hoerger, 2017 Ben Davis High School/Indiana University - $1,000
- Conspen Medina, 2015 Perry Meridian High School/Purdue University - $1,000
- Olivia Miller, 2017 Greenfield Central High School/Indiana State University - $1,000
- Alli O'Leary, 2017 Zionsville Community High School/Purdue University - $1,000
- Evan Parshall, 2017 Westfield High School/Purdue University - $1,000

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For more information about the Robert E. Martin Collegiate Scholarship Program or the Joan Wolfe Legacy Grant Program please contact Mandy Emery, Vice President of Community Involvement, Indiana Members Credit Union, at (317)554-8121, or visit www.imf4kids.org.
While packing lunch for the kids can seem like a daily grind, you can use the task as an opportunity to help kids form great lifelong habits. Here are five small ways changing your lunch-making routine can have large, positive impacts on the environment, your wallet and your kids' health.

1. Pack with reusables. On average, a school-age child with a lunch packed in single-serve disposable materials like plastic snack bags or juice boxes generates 67 pounds of waste per school year, which equates to 18,760 pounds of lunch waste for an average-size elementary school, according to the estimates of Waste Free Lunches, a non-profit organization. Reduce your contribution to this waste and save money in the process with reusable containers. Waste Free Lunches estimated that choosing only reusable containers can save you almost $250 per person, per year. To learn more about reducing lunchtime waste on the household or community level, visit, WasteFreeLunches.org.

2. Choose Made in USA. The “3 Rs” -- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle -- are a great refrain for environmentalists, but to ensure your family’s daily habits are minimally impacting the environment, consider adopting the simple act of choosing Made in USA products. This small change automatically reduces one’s carbon footprint by a magnitude of 10, according to a recent study conducted by Nalgene Outdoor, which offers a vast variety of BPA- and BPS-free reusable water and food containers in a myriad of colors and designs, ranging in size from 12-ounces to 44-ounces. You can help explain the significance of buying Made in USA products to kids by telling them it’s like leaving a light on for 30 minutes vs. 3 minutes. 3. Buy food local. Without a doubt, the most nutrient-rich and often most cost-effective way to procure fresh produce is locally. Additionally, anything sourced within 100 miles of home has a significantly lower carbon footprint than something that has traveled through hemispheres to reach your grocery store shelves. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), co-ops and farmers markets are popular ways to find local produce direct from farmers. Check out localharvest.org to find a program near you.

4. DIY grab-and-go snacks. Prepackaged snacks are often priced at a premium and rarely offer nutritious enrichment, but with just a little prep work, you can create your own healthy options more affordably. "I try to choose storage containers that are already pre-portioned so I know the portion that I’m packing," says Peggy O’Shoo Kochenbach, a registered dietitian nutritionist. "Pack nutritious items like fruits, vegetables and nuts in clear containers in the pantry or refrigerator on Sunday, so that they are ready to ‘grab and go’ for the week." For safety, store items in BPS- and BPA-free reusable containers, such as those from Nalgene Outdoor Products, which offers a line of reusable storage containers that are clear, ranging in size from 4-ounces to 16-ounces and that are also dishwasher safe.

5. Green your clean-up. Parents should seek reusable items that can both sustain kids’ rough and tough daily activities, but also survive the dishwasher. Close label reading shows that many reusable lunch containers suggest “hand washing.” However, items that are dishwasher safe can keep your household cleaner and greener. For your family, cleaning is easy-peasy; and for the environment, research shows a good dishwasher saves 3,870 gallons of water over its lifetime and uses less energy than conventional models, which helps reduce air pollution and combat global climate change, according to the ENERGY STAR program.
N.C. 75-69 in a competitive game, with lead overtime. On July 25, the team won its first Summer Slam, which started on July 24.

College coaches were in attendance at the central and southern Indiana. Several Finest team, playing with other girls from Hamilton County on the Indiana Midwest tournament, which took place in late July at Greensboro, N.C. The team (above) won the AAU Under Armour Summer Slam tournament in late July in Greensboro, N.C.

The Indiana Midwest Finest team made 27 changes happening on almost every basket.

Jillian Osswald, incoming Hamilton girl, played on the Indiana Midwest Finest 13U team that won the AAU Under Armour Under-Armour Summer Slam 13U tournament, which took place in late July at Greensboro, N.C. Jillian Osswald played an outstanding game for her team, finishing with a 75-69, with Osswald scoring 23 points.

The Indiana Midwest Finest team won its championship game 75-69, with Osswald scoring 23 points.

Starting Saturday...
Grand Park hosts Little League Baseball Central Region Tournament

Starting this weekend, Aug. 5-12, Grand Park is hosting the 2017 Little League Baseball Central Region Tournament. This will be the first year that this tournament is being held at Grand Park.

The 2017 Little League Baseball Central Region Tournament just concluded at Grand Park on Saturday, July 29.

We had great success with the Little League Softball Region Tournament and are looking forward to the excitement of also hosting the Little League Baseball Central Region Tournament, said Westfield Mayor Andy Cook. “We enjoy the excitement that these tournaments bring to the Grand Park area.”

This year’s event includes 12 teams, six from the Great Lakes region (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin) and six from the Midwest region (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota).

The PBR Future Games will wrap up on this Sunday for Outdoor Nationals. For more information and results, please visit the Little League website: http://www.llbws.org/llbbws.htm

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### MLB standings

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- Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 2
- Baltimore 5, Kansas City 0
- Atlanta 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
- Texas 5, Seattle
- St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 4
- Tampa Bay 5, Houston 0
- L.A. Angels 4, San Diego 0
- Oakland 6, San Francisco 1
- Cleveland at Boston, postponed

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