Who is the leader in the Nickel Plate Railroad story?

By FRED SWIFT

We’ve all heard the old saying about too many chiefs and not enough Indians. But, in the case of the troubled Nickel Plate line it looks like too many Indians, not enough chiefs, or maybe all of the above.

No trains can currently run on the Nickel Plate rail line through Hamilton County. Safety is the concern, and who will want to pay the cost of making it safe seems to be the problem.

Let’s count the Indians. First there is the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority which owns the tracks and has declined the nickel plate. Then, there is the Indiana Transportation Museum which has operated trains on the railroad for more than 20 years, but has little money. Then, we count the City of Noblesville, the City of Sheridan, the County government which together formed the Nickel Plate Economic Development group that wants to encourage tourism, and the Tippecanoe County Economic Development group that wants to encourage business.

So, who is the overall leader, spokesman or chief of this story? It’s hard to tell. County commissioners hold the subject every few weeks on their agenda. Monday’s “We’re exploring all the options,” said Commissioner Mark Heirman. The others involved are presumably exploring the options too. That’s encouraging, but someone needs to pull the options together and come up with a plan to proceed. But, there are problems besides money. The railroad runs only about 18th Street at Fishers at the west end of the line. The interurban cut the line there. The Nickel Plate runs as far east as Tippecanoe, but does not connect to the east-west rail line at that point. So, a fishbone, not toes, needs to be realigned. The county is not going to really go anywhere except for a new tourism ride like the Furman, Fishers Polar Bear Express or dinner train. But, who, will be the leader? The Fishers Police Department will break ground in the spring, and officials are moving into a new headquarters building before the end of 2018. That’s what Chief Mitch Thompson told the Police Merit Commission due to a lack of space. So, what’s the road ahead? How does it get built? We’ll be covering construction soon as planned.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Purdue Extension offering two scholarships

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Purdue Extension Hamilton County is offering two scholarships to those interested in continuing education.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hamilton County Extension Homemakers Association is offering six $500.00 scholarships to Hamilton County graduating seniors or undergraduate students. Four are for students majoring in the Health and Human Science field including majors in departments of Foods and Nutrition; Family and Consumer Sciences Education; Interior Design; Textile and Clothing Design; Hospitality & Tourism; Child Development & Family Studies; Consumer Science & Retailing; Nursing; Foods and Health; Speech; Language and Hearing; and Health Sciences. They will be awarding two additional $500.00 scholarships to students majoring in Elementary Education. Past winners must reapply each year.

Scholarship applications may be obtained at the Purdue Extension Hamilton County office located on the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville or online at www.extension.purdue.edu/hamilton. Applications are due by March 1, 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year.

For more information on these scholarships or the Hamilton County Extension Homemakers contact Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit the following website: www.extension.purdue.edu/hamilton.

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Indiana Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA) is an organization affiliated with the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and is interested in furthering education, leadership, and community volunteerism. IEHA is offering eight $500.00 scholarships to Indiana homemakers who are 25 years of age or older. These scholarships are to be used to complete education or upgrade vocational skills. One must be admitted, or cleared for admission, to an academic or vocational school which is state-licensed or accredited. Scholarship applications will be given to a person studying at an undergraduate level. Scholarships will be awarded based on need for financial aid. Former winners may apply again. Scholarships for 2017 may be obtained at the Purdue Extension Hamilton County office located on the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville or online at www.ieha-families.org/programs.php. Applications are due to the State Committee by March 15, 2017.

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News

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The Red Cross depends on blood donors across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospitals that treat approximately 2,800 patients nationwide. Donors of all blood types, especially types O, are needed to help those rely on blood products.

Make an appointment to become a hero to patients in need by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

How to help

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

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Riverview Health will host a joint replacement seminar on Thursday, March 9.

Dr. Jeffrey Ginther, a board certified and fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon, will discuss the latest techniques and procedures for hip and knee replacements, including anterior approach for hip replacements and computer-assisted surgery for knee replacements.

The joint replacement seminar will take place at Riverview Health in the Kring DeVault Conference Room, located in the lower level of the Women’s Pavilion. A light dinner will be served. The program is free, but registration is required. Register at the following website, riverview.org/classes or call 317.776.7999.

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- Matthew 12:1

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Obituaries

Kurt E. Bolden
February 2, 1961 - February 15, 2017

Kurt E. Bolden, 56, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on February 2, 1961 to Gerald and Joan (Clark) Bolden in Indianapolis.

Kurt was an entrepreneur. He was co-founder of Bolden’s Carpet Cleaning which started in 1983 and co-founder of Bolden Manufacturing which began in 2004. He owned seven patents; did a lot of charity work; worked for the Noblesville Fire Department from 1985-1990; and was a diehard gearhead and horsepower enthusiast. He was also a member of the Noblesville Elks and Eagles clubs.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Kathi Bolden; daughter, Jordan Bolden; sons, Brock Bolden and Blake Bolden; sister, Beth Miller; brother, Craig Bolden; sister, Susan Wood; step-children, Jamie Grau, Julie Hughes, James Harrison and Katherine Harrison; and step-grandchildren, Owen Hughes and Anthony Harrison.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with visitation from 1:00 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 7330 Woodland Drive, Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46279; or, Second Helpings, 1121 Southeastern Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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Harold E. Nicholson
December 2, 1927 - February 16, 2017

Harold E. Nicholson, 89, of Sheridan, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. He was born on December 2, 1927 to Perry F. and Mattie Belle (Phillips) Nicholson in Scott County, Indiana. At a young age, Harold moved with his family to Sheridan, where he resided until entering Riverwalk Village in 2013.

Harold played basketball and was president of his senior class (Class of 1946) at Sheridan High School. He kept in touch with his classmates and organized many reunions.

Harold began working at Delco Remy in Anderson in 1950, was called to serve in the U.S. Army shortly thereafter, and then returned to work at Delco Remy until retirement in 1986.

Harold was an active member of Sheridan United Methodist Church for many years. He was well known for his volunteer work and humanitarian deeds in the community, for which he received an Outstanding Alumnus Award from Sheridan Community Schools.

Harold was a kind and loving caregiver for many years. He was a beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend.

Harold, affectionately called Shorty by his family and friends, was preceded in death by brothers, Charles, Harlan, and Perry Jr. Nicholson; and by sisters, Helen Harbaugh, Mary Capp, and Marie Dunn. He is survived by 22 nieces and nephews; and many great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, February 20, 2017 at Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 East Second Street in Sheridan, with visitation from 10:00 am to the time of service. Pastor Carol Fritz will officiate. Burial will be at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Harold’s family has entrusted his care to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes in Noblesville.

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DAILY BIBLE VERSE

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Many county swimmers easily advance to finals

The boys swimming state tournament began Thursday with sectional preliminaries, and there were no surprises among the big county schools.

At the Noblesville sectional, the Millers joined Carmel and Westfield in qualifying all 27 of their swims for Saturday's sectional finals. The defending state champion Shamrocks will be fully represented in the championship heat, and will be top seeded in all three relays.

Carmel's Wyatt Davis (left) and Hamilton Heights' Jared Holder check their times after finishing their backstroke race at Thursday's boys swimming sectional preliminaries at Noblesville. Both qualified for the sectional final heat championship heat.
VanBuskirk 7.625, Kwiatkowski 7.35.


Balance beam:


Uneven bars:


Vault:


All-around scores:
Noblesville 96.05, Scecina 83.625.

Franklin Central 101.80, Team scores:
Valparaiso regional.

Noblesville coach Jody Ramey.

"As we have our eyes on peaking at the sectional competition next weekend, we look at this competition as a practice for the big sectional battle next weekend," said Ramey.

Noblesville's Evan Diamente celebrates after finishing his butterfly race. Diamente had a big drop in time, and qualified fifth, placing him in the championship heat.

AT SOUTHEASTERN

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers (Kyle Haflich, Noah Baldwin, Drake Stallworth, Joel Crull) 1:41.88.


1. Haflich (F) 2:01.80, 4. Andrew Truxall (HSE) 2:02.88, 5. Kirby (HSE) 2:03.22, 6. Jacocks (F) 2:05.97.


100 freestyle: 1. Stallworth (F) 53.92, 2. Haflich (F) 54.08, 3. Crull (F) 54.41, 4. Christopher Raifel (HSE) 54.71, 5. Wolf (F) 54.81, 6. Clayton Dyer (F) 55.36, 7. Harris (F) 56.17, 8. Samuel Kuhn (F) 56.83, 9. Christopher Raifel (F) 56.90, 10. Raifel (HSE) 56.92, 11. Marcus Eden (F) 57.52.


100 backstroke: 1. Haflich (F) 53.92, 2. Haflich (F) 54.08, 3. Tyler Rodman (F) 54.56, 4. Forrest (HSE) 56.66, 5. Elgiea (HSE) 57.18, 6. Kuhn (F) 57.57.


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Pacers fall to Washington, head into All-Star break

By KYLIE GRAND

The Pacers have now dropped six in a row as they head into the All-Star break, after they were defeated by the Washington Wizards in Bankers Life Fieldhouse, 110-98.

"Tonight's loss looks a little flat," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said. “Maybe we're a little fatigued.”

In the early going the Wizards' offense was firing on all cylinders. The visitors made four from long range, including three from Otto Porter Jr. to jump out to a 14-4 lead with 7:38 left in the opening period.

"I have one of the best high school basketball coaching jobs in the country here at Carmel," Heady said in a press release issued by Carmel Clay Schools. "I am fortunate to be moving on to what I believe will be one of the best small college basketball jobs in the country. This is a tremendous opportunity at Marian University and I'm looking forward to the new challenges of coaching at the college level."

Scott Heady, Carmel High School's boys high school basketball coach, was officially announced as the men's basketball coach at Marian University on Thursday. Heady, 55, had been with the Carmel Clay Schools district since 2010, as both a head coach and PE teacher.

Heady has an overall coaching record of 350-164 over 22 seasons. His record on all our teams."