



Hamilton County Reporter

Flames in the night



Photo courtesy Noblesville Fire Department

The Noblesville Fire Department battled a residential fire at 262 Stony Lane Wednesday morning. Preliminary 911 calls thought it might have been a tree, but upon arrival, firefighters discovered the residence engulfed in flames. Fire crews were unable to attempt to put out the fire from the inside, so they extinguished it from the exterior. The home is owned by Seth and Tiffany Buesching, who were not in the house at the time of the fire. The Bueschings said they had been losing power during this week’s winter storm and their heating until was not functioning properly, so they were staying with relatives. The couple said power came back on Monday afternoon, but the heating unit still wasn’t working. The cause of the fire is still under investigation and monetary damages are not yet reported.

Body recovered after house fire in Cicero



Photo courtesy Cicero Fire Department

A body was discovered and recovered from this residence at 2469 Lincoln Drive in Cicero Wednesday. The residence was involved in a fire on Monday evening.

Shortly after resuming the search Wednesday morning a body was discovered and recovered from the hallway outside the master bedroom. This follows the house fire located at 2469 Lincoln Drive in Cicero.

The residence fire was called in by neighbors who stated that there was heavy smoke coming from the house on Monday evening, Jan. 6. They pounded on the door after calling 911, but were unable to get a response from anybody in the home. Due to the advanced nature of this fire, first-arriving crew were unable to do a search for victim. At that time it was undetermined whether the residence was occupied at the time of the incident. The State Fire Marshal’s Office was notified that evening as it was suspected that it may have been occupied after conversation with family members of the occupant of the home.

Over the last two days, Cicero Fire investigators working in joint effort with the Investigations and Search Divisions of the State Fire Marshal’s Office, Midwest Search Dogs, Hamilton County Corners Office, Cicero Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department discovered the body. Family members were kept informed through the incident and supportive of the recovery efforts.

Fire Department was dispatched at 10:57 p.m., and arrived to find the home more than 50 percent involved with flames coming through the roof and side of the structure. Additional fire crews were called to assist from Noblesville Fire Department and Jackson Fire Territory. With record low temperatures dipping down to -13 that evening, the challenges of fighting a fire greatly increase.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation and is considered undetermined according to investigators. Hamilton County Corners office will be performing an autopsy to identify the body and cause of death.

Away we go...

Candidates begin to line up

By FRED SWIFT
Wednesday was the first day of filing for candidates entering the 2014 primary election. In order to get their names on the Republican or Democratic ballots, candidates must file with the county clerk between January 8 and February 7.

Winners of the primary for each of nearly 100 offices at stake go on the November general election. In Hamilton County the GOP primary is of paramount importance because the November election is generally a sweep for Republican candidates, and in most years Democrats do not even have candidates for most local offices.

By afternoon Wednesday 15 hopefuls had filed their declarations of candidacy, all are Republicans. These include:
Sheriff Mark Bowen who is running for a second four-year term.
Tammy Baitz and Rhonda Gary for County Clerk thus setting up the first contest of the primary.

County Assessor Robin Ward, seeking re-election.
John Chalfin, candidate for County Coroner.
County Councilman Steve Schwartz, running for re-election in District 3.

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Obituaries

Andy Illyes

February 25, 1949 - January 7, 2014

Andy Illyes, 64, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. He was born on February 25, 1949 to Benjamin and Leeanna (Roudebush) Illyes in Noblesville, IN.



Andy served in the banking industry for 42 years. He started in 1971 with American National Bank and then when it was sold, he became Regional President of Ameritrust for one year. In 1992 he became Executive Vice President of Metro Bank in Noblesville; and he finished his career as a senior loan officer at Community Bank in Noblesville, where he had been for the past ten years. He was a 1967 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School; a 1971 graduate of Purdue University, where he was a member of Alpha Gamma RHO; and a 1984 graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Banking. He was a member of First Christian Church in Noblesville; a charter member of the Midday Rotary Club in Noblesville; and had served on the Board of Directors for the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club for 26 years. His prior community service included Riverview Hospital Foundation, United Way and the American Heart Association, and other community organizations. His grandchildren were his passion; and he was an avid golfer and fisherman; and loved sports and traveling.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Linda Illyes; daughters, Heidi Lyskava and Abby (Kris) Nielsen; son, Tim (Kim) Illyes; sister, Cheri (Ken) Newcom; grandchildren, Henry Lyskava, Rose Lyskava, Maddie Nielsen, Emily Nielsen and Andrew M. Illyes; and several nieces & nephews.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, January 13, 2014, at First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville, with Pastor John Davis officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm also at the church. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

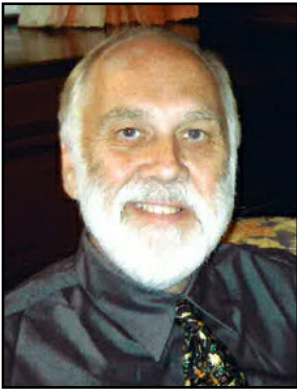
Memorial contributions may be made to Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, 1448 Conner Street, Noblesville, IN 46060; First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060; or, Riverview Hospital Memorial Foundation, PO Box 220, Noblesville, IN 46061.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

George Charles Elliott

April 2, 1940 - January 7, 2014

George Charles Elliott, 73, passed away Tuesday, January 7th, peacefully at his home he shared with his wife Marian Elliott, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. George was born April 2, 1940 in Indianapolis to George Burger and Ruth Helen (Bell) Elliott.



An adventurous, self-taught artist drawn to nature, animals, travels & automobiles, George loved spending time expressing himself through his gift of creativity. He had a studio in Noblesville, White River Studio, and one at his house in Sedona, AZ.

His interests included nature and the outdoors, people, animals, hiking, music, and the ISO. He especially enjoyed orangutans and spent time in Borneo studying, befriending & researching them. George painted with four close artist friends for over 20 years every Tuesday at White River

Studio, and was a season-ticket holder with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for over 25 years. Anyone who knew George loved him for his kind heart, toothy laugh and his gentle giant spirit. He shared his love of the world through his bright, colorful interpretations of nature, people and the world around him.

Survivors include wife, Marian Elliott; sister, Susanne (Jack) Sogard; children, John (Karen Clark), Molli (Russell Cameron), Jane (Eric Nichols), David (Malinda Weninger), Nicole Kelker (Craig) and Chris Vyverberg; grandchildren, George, Katie, Jessica, Cavan, Clara, Olivia, Ava, Audra, Matthew, James, William and Charles; two nephews, Mike Sogard (Linda Paine) and Chris Sogard (Laura Bailey), and their children, Lauren, Emily, Caroline, Abigail & Annabelle. George was much loved by Marian's family in Decatur, Indiana.

Visitation will be on Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at Randall & Roberts, 1150 Logan Street in Noblesville. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, January 13, 2014 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be welcome to either the International Orangutan Center at the Indianapolis Zoo; or, to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Getting back to work



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear signs a document for Office Manager Michelle Glodowski on Wednesday afternoon. Noblesville city offices re-opened on Wednesday after being closed the past two days due to the winter storm.



Sheriff Mark Bowen signs his official declaration of candidacy. Bowen is running for a second four-year term as Hamilton County Sheriff.

Riverview hosting Women's Health and Wellness Event

Riverview Hospital will host a Women's Health & Wellness Event from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 18. Enjoy a morning filled with health information, screenings and assessments designed to educate and inspire women. This event will include a variety of breakout sessions, health and wellness information booths, fitness demonstrations and a continental breakfast. For a complete list of offerings, visit riverview.org.

The Women's Health & Wellness Event will take place at the Riverview Hospital Women's Pavilion (entrance 11). To regis-

ter, call 317-776-7247. Payment for special screenings is due at time of registration.

Riverview Hospital is a full-service, 156-bed hospital located in Noblesville, Indiana. Riverview Medical Group is comprised of 20 primary, immediate and specialty-care facilities located throughout Hamilton and Tipton counties. Together, we provide comprehensive healthcare services in 35 medical specialties—and we have frequently been recognized for our clinical and service excellence. For more information, visit riverview.org.

County travel at Level 1; many schools remain closed

By RICHIE HALL

The snow is long over. The Polar Vortex has gone back to the North Pole, where it belongs.

But it seems like the residual effects of this week's snowstorm are still lingering as we approach the weekend. While road crews have made remarkable progress in getting Hamilton County roads back to normal, there is still a long way to go to get everything cleared.

Still, conditions had improved enough in unincorporated parts of the county by Wednesday morning that the Travel Watch was downgraded to a Level 1 Yellow Travel Advisory. During a Travel Advisory routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of hazardous situations and individuals should use caution. The Advisory will remain in effect until further improvement in road conditions warrant a return to normal traffic. Many roads remain slick but are passable. Drivers should use caution when driving and remember to allow extra space between vehicles and extra time to arrive at a location.

While the main roads are getting cleared, many subdivisions are still snow-covered. That's a likely reason why all six of Hamilton County's public school systems again canceled classes on Thursday. Guerin Catholic also remains closed on Thursday, along with Legacy Christian and Our Lady of Grace. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Louis de Montfort and St. Maria Goretti are all under two-hour delays. As of 11 p.m. Wednesday, University High School will be opening at its normal time.

While students who missed school will not have to make up those snow days, they will have to make up Wednesday and Thursday at some point during the school year.

Today's high temperature will reach the freezing mark today, as the National Weather Service expects a high of 32, with a Friday morning low dropping to just 29.

Forecast highs are expected to reach the 40's Friday through Monday, with a good chance of rain on Friday night. While that will help get rid of the snow, it could cause flooding. Be sure to keep reading the Reporter for any updates on that.

CANDIDATES

From Page 1

Tom Kenley running for Noblesville Township trustee. He is currently on the township board.

James Cox and Jim Williams, running for Noblesville Township Board.

Glenn Schwartz seeking re-election to the Jackson Township Board.

Chad Amos and Brad Baker running for Cicero Town Council at-large.

Todd Zimmerman, a candidate for the new Fishers City Council at-large.

Bill Brown, running for Fishers City Council in District 5.

Pam Zagar, a candidate for Fishers City Clerk.

Besides the primary election candidates, those running for precinct committeeman and state convention delegate will be elected at the time of the primary in May.

And in November this year, school board members will be elected in each of the six county school districts.

Candidate filings in future days will be reported as they file.

Richardson voices support for Republican Legislative Agenda

Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives, Brian C. Bosma (R-Indianapolis), joined by many of his House Republican colleagues, announced the House Republican Legislative Agenda today.



Richardson

State Representative Kathy Kreag Richardson (R-Noblesville) voiced her support for the agenda. “The priorities outlined today by the Speaker of the House will keep Indiana on the right track. By looking at preschool education, additional money for roads and bridges, workforce development, tax policy and deregulation, our state will continue to see the economic growth realized over the last year,” said Rep. Richardson. “These agenda items will strengthen our communities and provide more opportunities for Hoosiers to succeed in all aspects of life. I am eager to further our legislative work on these measures during session over the next two months, so Indiana remains an attractive place for people to live, start a family and have a great job.”

Speaker Bosma highlighted the following five key areas to strengthen Indiana.

Preparing Kids for their Careers

“Last year we took a small step towards investing in high quality preschool programs. There is no doubt that early education provides the foundation of a child’s education. A solid educational foundation provides a child with limitless career opportunities in the future,” said Speaker Bosma.

In Indiana, 60 percent of children (ages 3-4) are not enrolled in a preschool program. Indiana is one of 10 states that does not offer a state-funded pre-K program.

Connecting Crossroads to Communities

Having a superior statewide transportation system is crucial to Indiana’s economy and future growth. In 2013, over \$500 billion of goods traveled on Indiana roadways. Increasing our investment in roads directly provides jobs.

“Our community has been experiencing substantial growth over the last decade, and our infrastructure needs to keep up with

demand,” said Rep. Richardson. “All of the construction this summer has put a strain on motorists, but our continued advocacy for developing and expanding transportation avenues will keep our community and state at the forefront of economic prosperity. Indiana is the Crossroads of America, and we need to have an interstate system that supports jobs. Local governments also need the funding and ability to keep roadways well-maintained; it is all a catalyst for economic development and a better livelihood for Hamilton County residents.”

Equipping our Workforce

By 2018, it is estimated that 55 percent of Indiana’s jobs will require some postsecondary education, but only 33 percent of our current working age Hoosiers have an associate’s degree or higher.

“Having an education system that adequately prepares Hoosiers for jobs today and in the future is critical to our long-term success. The Baby Boomer generation is entering retirement, and there will be a lot of employment vacancies for the next generation to fill. Today’s professionals need to be equipped with the skills to succeed in a globally dynamic marketplace,” said Rep. Richardson.

Cutting Taxes

Indiana has one of the top pro-business tax climates, but taxing capital investment puts Indiana at a competitive disadvantage with other states. Compared to other Midwestern states, Indiana has the highest effective personal property tax rate.

“Indiana must continue to be innovative and look for every opportunity to stay ahead of the competition. Providing counties an option to address the personal property tax adds another tool to their toolbox that will provide them with more flexibility in how they attract new jobs,” said Bosma.

Stopping Burdensome Regulations

“All levels of government can always operate more efficiently and effectively. It is prudent to look back at laws that are now outdated and burdensome to Hoosiers. Keeping government lean and responsive to the needs of Hoosiers helps ensure taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely.”

“The federal government should take notice of this initiative and find ways to reduce its reach on the states as its role should be limited and only seek to empower its citizenry,” said Rep. Richardson.

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To register, call (317) 776-7247. Payment for special screenings is due at time of registration.

Free Screenings:

- Blood Pressure
- Glucose
- Peripheral Artery Disease*
- PAP Screening*

Special Screenings:

- A1C – \$15
- Baseline EKG – \$10*
- Blood Chemistry Profile – \$25*
- Cardiac Risk Assessment – \$10*
- CT Calcium Heart Scan – \$49*
- CT Lung Scan – \$99*
- DEXA Bone Density Scan – \$79*
- Screening Mammograms – insurance will be billed*
- Thyroid Panel – \$34

Breakout Sessions:

- 9 am – Polly Trainor, MD
Women After 40 – Midlife Transitions
- 9:30 am – Felix Alva, MD
Women and Heart Health
- 10 am – Cameal Wright, MD
Are Your Periods Running Your Life?
- 10:30 am – Carolyn Cebalo, PT, WCS
Pelvic Pain
- 10:30 am – Adrienne Rasbach, MD
Hormones – Don’t Sweat It

*May require pre-registration and may have qualifying guidelines

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Social Studies Program Review
PARENT – GUARDIAN – COMMUNITY MEMBER APPLICATION TO SERVE

A committee of composed of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members will be used to evaluate Noblesville Schools’ current social studies program. This committee will provide feedback on the current social studies programming and assist the school board in approving future social studies textbooks for adoption. The committee will complete a rigorous program review and provide written recommendations to the Noblesville School Board by May 2014. Serving on the committee requires attendance at four, two-hour after-school meeting from 4:00 – 6:00 on the following dates:

- February 10, 2014
- March 10, 2014
- April 21, 2014
- May 12, 2014

Parents, guardians, and community members wishing to serve Noblesville Schools as a member of the Social Studies program review and textbook adoption committee are asked to complete and submit for consideration the information requested below.

Return the application no later than Monday, January 27, 2014 by mail to Ms. Melissa Brisco, Director of Learning, Noblesville Schools, 18025 River Road, Noblesville, 46062, by fax at 317-773-7845, or by email to melissa_brisco@nobl.k12.in.us.

Date _____

Name _____

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Home Address _____

Email Address _____

Number of children currently enrolled in Noblesville Schools (if applicable) _____

Schools where children are enrolled (circle all that apply)

HD HC NCE NOR PRE SC WR NEMS NWMS NHS

Their last head-to-head?

Mac, Peck share 913 wins

Don't be surprised this Friday evening at The Mill should the scoreboard operator or the person keeping the scorebook (or both) take a nap (or two) during Noblesville's home court basketball game with McCutcheon.

There may not be a lot to do between baskets.

Noblesville-McCutcheon basketball games, throughout the history of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, always are exciting and interesting. Most of those games have been low-scoring battles. This one could be another.

It should be an interesting game. For more than one reason.

*McCutcheon is leaving the conference. At this time there are no more games scheduled between the Millers and the Mavs.

*Noblesville, a team which through nine games is averaging 48.9 points a game on defense, hasn't allowed McCutcheon to score as many as 50 points in the last 11 meetings. This McCutcheon team is averaging 66.9 points a game. In the last 11 meetings, McCutcheon has beaten Noblesville just two times. Noblesville has won the last five battles, including a 46-44 decision last year. The last time McCutcheon got more than 50 against Noblesville was 12 years ago, when the Mavs won 66-63.

*Two of Indiana's great coaches will go head to head, perhaps for the last time. Noblesville's Dave McCollough is one win shy of his 300th victory as head of the Millers. Overall, McCollough has won 456 games in this his 31st year. McCutcheon's Rick Peckinpugh is five wins shy of his 400th win at the school. Overall, in this his 35th year, Peckinpugh has won 457 games.

The Millers will enter the tilt with a 5-4 record, coming off a 51-27 victory at Merrillville last weekend. McCutcheon is 7-1, having lost only to Logansport, 74-55. The Mavs have defeated West Lafayette 86-51, Frankfort 63-56, Twin Lakes 60-54, Lafayette Central Catholic 63-46, Harrison

82-51, Crawfordsville 65-40 and Central Catholic again 61-48. McCutcheon, a 4A school, has faced only two 4A schools, Harrison and Logansport.

"I kind of hate to see the series end," said McCollough. "We've had some slugfests. It's usually a situation of the last team standing wins.

"McCutcheon has a good team," McCollough continued. "They have a kid underneath who can score and they have two quick guards who can shoot. He (Peckinpugh) likes to change up on defense. We will have to adjust to their changes."

Noblesville, like all area teams this week battling the storm, missed a couple of practices, but the Millers were back on the court Wednesday and McCollough planned a second practice today.

McCollough said, in one way, the layoff may have helped his club.

"We've had some kids who were injured or sick and they all were back for yesterday's practice," he said.

That group includes Austin Ginther, who hasn't played since the opening game; Joey Brewer, who was sick and missed playing time, and Max Meehan, now back after an ankle injury.

"This should help our depth and make practices more competitive," McCollough said.

Although only one Miller, Jack Trittipio (10.8) is scoring in double figures, Noblesville has a balanced scoring punch with John Kiser at 9.9, Jake Mills 9.2 and Sean Wilson at 8.8. Mills and Wilson each have canned 19 shots from 3-point range.

Trittipio also leads the team in rebounding, grabbing 6.6 boards a game. Justin Pegues is the assist leader with 34, followed by Wilson with 30, Mills 24 and Kiser 23.

The McCutcheon game is Noblesville's only outing of the weekend.

More schedule changes

With most (if not all) of Hamilton County's schools closed again today because of the aftermath of the snow storm, most (if not all) of the sporting events were canceled or postponed.

Hamilton Southeastern isn't wasting any time re-scheduling its events. The girls basketball game with Warren Central has only been pushed back one day, to Friday at the Royals' gym. The junior varsity tips at 6 p.m., with the varsity immediately afterwards.

The HSE-Fishers swim meet has been moved to Saturday morning. The Royals and Tigers swimmers will start their battle for the Mudsock trophy at 11 a.m.

Hamilton Heights' girls basketball team was to play a Mid-Indiana Conference game with Lewis Cass on Thursday, but that will now take place Monday at the Husky Dome. The Huskies were to host Western on Tuesday, but decided to move that game back a day, to Wednesday. Both teams approved the move - Western is playing in the Howard County Tournament, while Heights wanted a day to prepare for the MIC-leading Lady Panthers.

Heights' swim meet with Maconaquah was also pushed back, to Jan. 22 at the Heights pool.

Noblesville's girls basketball game with Harrison was postponed, a date will be announced later.

Two wrestling meets were postponed: Carmel at Warren Central and Sheridan at

Seccina. No make-up dates have been announced for those meets yet.

Weekend sports schedule

Friday, Jan. 10

Girls Basketball

Guerin at Chatard, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Center Grove, 6 p.m.
Warren Central at Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Tindley at University, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Fishers, 6 p.m.
Sheridan at Tri-Central, 6 p.m.
McCutcheon at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
Southeastern at Harrison, 6 p.m.
Taylor at Heights, 6 p.m.
Guerin at Chatard, 8 p.m.
Center Grove at Carmel, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Girls Basketball

Mt. Vernon at Noblesville, 12 noon
McCutcheon at Southeastern, 12 noon
Heights at Maconaquah, 12 noon
Guerin at New Palestine, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Homestead, 1 p.m.
Fort Wayne South at Westfield, 12 noon

Boys Basketball

University at Metropolitan, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Westfield, 5 p.m.
Sheridan at Fountain Central, 6 p.m.
Muncie Central at Southeastern, 4 p.m.
Guerin vs. Louisville Ballard at Freedom Hall, 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Heights at Peru Invitational, 9 a.m.
Noblesville at Pike Triple Dual, 9 a.m.
Westfield, Southeastern at North Central Invite, 9 a.m.

Fishers at Avon Invite, 9 a.m.

Carmel Triple Dual, 10:30 a.m.

Girls Swimming

Fishers at Southeastern, 11 a.m.
MIC at Carmel, 12 noon

Boys Swimming

Fishers at Southeastern, 11 a.m.
MIC at Carmel, 12 noon

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NHS GIRLS Schedule			
<i>Hamilton County TV Televised LIVE Home Games in Bold Black</i>			
Tues	Nov 19	Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Nov 22	@ Lebanon H.S.	7:30 pm
Tues	Nov 26	Carmel H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Nov 30	@ Thanksgiving Classic	10:30 am
Sat	Dec 7	McCutcheon H.S.	1:30 pm
Fri	Dec 13	@ Hamilton Southeastern	6:00 pm
Sat	Dec 21	@ Brownsburg H.S.	1:30 pm
Thu	Jan 2	Anderson H.S.	7:30 pm
Thu	Jan 9	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 11	Mt Vernon (Fortville)	1:30 pm
Wed	Jan 15	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 18	Avon H.S.	12:30 pm
Tues	Jan 21	@ Western Boone Jr/Sr H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 25	Zionsville H.S.	7:30 pm
Wed	Jan 29	@ Pendleton Heights H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 31	@ Jefferson H.S.	7:30 pm
Thu	Feb 6	@ Lawrence North H.S.	7:30 pm

NHSBOYS Schedule			
Wed	Nov 27	Northwest H.S.	7:30pm
Sat	Nov 30	Thomas Carr Howe H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 6	@ Carmel	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 13	@ Hamilton Southeastern H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 20	Jefferson H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Dec 21	@ Hamilton Heights H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 27	Holiday Tournament	8:00 pm
Sat	Dec 28	Holiday Tournament	3:00 pm
Fri	Jan 3	@ Merrillville H.S.	8:00 pm
Fri	Jan 10	McCutcheon H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 17	@ Avon H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 18	Muncie Central H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 24	@ Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 31	Brownsburg H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 7	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 8	@ Mt Venon H.S. (Fortville)	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 15	Zionsville H.S.	3:30 pm
Tues	Feb 18	Lawrence Central H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 21	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 28	Lebanon H.S.	7:30 pm

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After three weeks off..

Can Sheridan shed the rust?



Roberts

The last time Sheridan played a basketball game the Blackhawks got some “extra” floor time. On Dec. 21 at Hobbs Memorial Hall Sheridan went three overtimes in an 86-84 victory over Taylor. Sheridan hasn’t played since. In fact, like all Hamilton County teams this week during the winter storm, Sheridan has missed valuable practice time.

“After having a three-week layoff, it is hard to say how we are playing,” said Sheridan coach Cory Dunn.

Sheridan (3-3) will have to shed any rust quickly. The Blackhawks will play at Tri-Central on Friday and at Fountain Central on Saturday, a pair of tough road games.

Tri-Central is 3-3 on the year. The Trojans had a trip to Northwestern earlier this week postponed by the storm. They started the new year by winning the Carroll Tourney with victories over Carroll 6-47 and Clinton Prairie 60-57 in double overtime. Tri-Central’s other win was over Madison-Grant, 60-54. Losses have been dished out by Tipton 69-56, Elwood 38-36 and Taylor 45-35. Taylor has been the only common opponent for Tri-Central and Sheridan.

Tri-Central is averaging just 50.5 points a game and has no one scoring in double figures. The leading scorer, just under the 10-point mark, is senior Seth Blunk.

“Tri-Central is a quick team with a lot of experience,” Dunn talked about his Friday foe. “They like to change defenses quite a bit, so we will need to be ready for that.”

Fountain Central, the Saturday opponent, will take a 5-3 record into a

Friday home game with Seeger. The Mustangs have defeated Riverton Parke 56-33, North Montgomery 63-52, Clinton Prairie 71-51, Attica 60-55 and Seeger 45-42 in a Jan. 3 tourney game. Losses have come against Covington 49-40, Western Bone 60-43 and Covington again 56-52.

Against Fountain Central, Sheridan fans are likely to see an offensive matchup between their own Cort Christy, who is averaging 24.8 points a game, and Central’s 6-6 Ethan Woodrow, who is scoring at a 22.8 clip.

Woodrow is one of three Mustangs, all juniors, who are scoring in double figures. The other two are 6-3 Koby Pierce at 12.8 and 6-0 Clayton Corey at 10.5.

“Fountain Central has a kid (Woodrow) who can score it from anywhere,” Dunn said. “We will have to do a good job of limiting his easy catches.”

Christy also plays a big part in what has been a good Sheridan rebounding team. He’s pulling 6.0 boards a game. Chris Roberts is the rebounding leader at 7.5 and Jacob Chesney is averaging 5.5 boards.

Both Roberts (12.2) and Chesney (11.3) are scoring in double figures and Brock Kitchel is just a couple of notches behind at 8.7. Roberts is 11-for-18 from 3-point range and Kitchel is 10-of-29.

“Our two big focuses will be taking care of the ball and stopping penetration,” said Dunn.

“After our last game I think our guys have proven they can play a tough game. I hope we can continue that kind of play this weekend.”

The Tri-Central game is a Hoosier Heartland Conference contest. It’s a key conference game. Sheridan is 1-1 in the HHC. Tri-Central hasn’t played a conference game. Rossville leads the loop at 2-0.

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