



Hamilton County Reporter

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Four new appointments to Riverview Board

Ike Batalis retires...

Riverview Hospital has announced changes to its Board of Trustees. These changes went into effect in January 2014, following the retirement of long-time board member and Chairman, Ike Batalis. Mr. Batalis served on the Riverview Hospital Board of Trustees for more than 24 years.

New appointments:
Chairman – Greg Murray
Vice Chairman – William Kirsch, MD

Secretary – LeeAnn Murray
Assistant Secretary – Charles Mulry, MD

Riverview Hospital is also pleased to welcome Sam Mishelow as the newest member of its Board of Trustees. Mr. Mishelow serves as executive vice president at Meyer Najem, where he devotes much of his time to business development.



Murray



Mishelow



Batalis

Governor not thinking when it comes to taxes

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

It is mind boggling to me that Gov. Mike Pence, the Indiana Senate and the Indiana House ever thought, from the beginning, that they could eliminate the tax on small businesses without creating a storm of protest from cities, towns and school systems.

Already saddled with a cap on property taxes, how would government and the schools replace tax revenue lost from eliminating the business tax?

I understand, nearly everything government (federal, state and sometimes local) does today has hanging around its neck the thought of votes in the next election.

When Pence began his campaign to kill the tax on businesses, there were those who cheered his effort. Like, for example, struggling small businesses. Like, for a better example, the powerful Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

So, from the beginning, it was a move by Gov. Pence to earn some big time support, even if his effort never had a chance to succeed.

Pence simply kicked the can down the road, and next in line were the House and then the Senate. They, too, gained support of the business world by passing (different) bills which would kill the business tax. They, too, kicked the can by including in their bills (House Bill 1001 and Senate Bill 1) the right for counties to decide whether the bills were good or bad.

Here locally, by voting for the business tax relief cities, towns and school systems would lose big bucks. Making that decision would be COIT (County Option Income Tax), a group consisting of all the government and school units in Hamilton County. Each would have a proportion vote, based on population.

Voting yes would mean Hamilton County government, cities and towns government, schools and also libraries would lose revenue which is being used to financially support the various units.

Reporter columnist Fred Swift, long time follower of government here in the county, wrote a column projecting the lost revenue in Hamilton

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Sheridan High welcomes Erskine

Carl Erskine, former right-handed starting pitcher who played his entire career for the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers from 1948 through 1959, visited Sheridan High School on Thursday.

Erskine, a teammate of Jackie Robinson, was a pitching mainstay on Dodger teams which won five National League pennants. Erskine won 20 games and set a World Series record with 14 strikeouts in a single game.

Erskine presented an autographed copy of his book “The Parallel” to Sheridan High School. Erskine's book outlines the similarities of the journeys of Jackie Robinson, who broke Major League Baseball's color barrier in 1947, and Erskine's son Jimmy, an individual with special needs.

Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

Former Dodgers pitcher Carl Erskine visited Sheridan High School on Thursday. Erskine presented a copy of his book “The Parallel” to the school.



Sheridan Library Board invites public to meetings

The Sheridan Public Library would like to introduce you to its Board of Trustees. Pictured in the front row are: President Loretta Sutherland, Treasurer Anita Leonard and Secretary Barb Hybarger. In the back row: member John Vincent, member Debbie Hybarger, member Gayla McMurtry and Vice President Lisa Samuels. The library board meets at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the library, 103 W. First St. The meetings are open to the public.



Photo submitted

Dillinger stays connected from Mexico

I am in Mazatlan, Mexico, resting and recuperating from my recent illness. I am doing amazingly well, by the way.

I just wanted to drop you a note, to let you know how great it is to get our local news, sitting on the beach, overlooking the ocean.

As a County Commissioner, I spend several hours a day either on the phone, back to the

States, or on my i-pad, dealing with County issues, even while here on vacation. While that might sound like a burden to some people, it has been a way of life for me in all the 32 years I have been in public office. My duty's to the Public I represent, never end and I don't mind it at all.

Your online addition has been a great asset in helping me stay connected some 3,000 miles away. I look forward every morning, to getting my first cup of coffee of the day and firing up the computer and reading what is going on at home. What a great idea from you and Jeff.

Steve Dillinger

Tabby Tree Weaver re-opens this week...

J'Ann's, Sweet Home Cupcakes leaving

By MIKE CORBETT
J'Ann's

Marty and Judy Revis opened J'Anns on Logan St. almost 8 years ago. Saturday was their last day in Noblesville. They are moving the store to Zionsville and are hoping to open by March 1 at 33 E. Pine St. under the name Boutique 33.

The imminent sale of their building was the deciding factor in their move. Their lease came up and, as is often the case when you are renting, a possible sale brings too much uncertainty. It's unsettling not knowing what is going to happen with your building. They actually considered closing, but, Judy says, “What would I do? I love this. This is what I want to do.” So, they started looking for new locations.

Judy loves being downtown and couldn't stand the thought of relocating to a strip mall. They originally picked Noblesville (they lived in Kokomo when they first opened) because they liked the downtown environment. They would have liked to stay and even considered buying their building but couldn't come to terms with the owner. Plus they don't like the

fact that the building doesn't have running water. They have always worked around that, making deals with their neighbors for use of their restroom, but long term the building needs plumbing, and that's a pricey proposition.

And, there simply wasn't another downtown location that suited their needs, so they were forced to look elsewhere. They decided on Zionsville, which is a twelve mile commute from their home (now in Westfield), just like Noblesville. They are dropping their bridal line and are adding home décor items like lamps, pillows, throws, etc. and will continue to appeal to women over 35, which has been their target demo all along. It's a tough loss for downtown because you don't find many entrepreneurs willing to take the risk on an independent boutique clothing store. J'Ann's was a rare breed and they will be missed.

Sweet Home Cupcakes

Across the street, Sweet Home Cupcakes is also at risk. Owner Ruth Stinnett says traffic started dropping off last August and hasn't picked up since. They have been seeking a buyer to take it over but unless one surfaces soon they will likely close by mid-

March. It's Noblesville's only cupcake shop. The next closest one north is in Cicero and you don't hit one going south until 116th St. in Fishers, so it's not like there's too much competition. Grocery stores sell them, of course, but these are special cupcakes. You've seen them: the large ones with a mountain of frosting on top. They're premium priced but also premium sized.

Perhaps the cupcake trend has peaked, or, as Ruth says, maybe we're a little too health-conscious for a cupcake shop here in Noblesville. She insists she doesn't want to get into regular cakes. She likes the cupcake business, but, as Judy Revis did, when lease renewal time comes around, it's time to take stock and reevaluate.

Tabby Tree Weaver

Tabby Tree Weaver in Arcadia opens again on Wednesday after being closed for ten weeks because of a fire. Owner Linda Adamson says she knows God was watching over her the morning of December 9th. It was a Monday, when she's normally closed and seldom goes to the shop. But she had to prepare for a class so she was in the store that Monday

morning and smelled smoke. She went upstairs to check out the furnace and it was so smoky she couldn't see anything. She hustled back down the stairs, called the fire department and got out of there.

Turns out the heat exchanger on the furnace had cracked, causing wiring to short circuit, which tripped the circuit breaker, preventing a larger fire. The firefighters didn't need to use water, which likely would have ruined her weaving machines. But the smoke damage was done. Linda's store is full of colorful yarns and fibers and they were all damaged. Fortunately, the looms were not affected by the smoke, but just had to be cleaned. The entire upstairs had to be repainted and all the yarn and fiber replaced.

It's been quite an ordeal for Linda, who is eternally grateful that she just happened to go to work that Monday. Had she not caught the fire that early, she says, the entire building and even the whole downtown block might have been destroyed. She was covered by insurance and says she has a terrific landlord, so she's looking forward to opening the doors for business again this week.



Obituaries

Lillian V. Urban

June 7, 1923 - February 9, 2014

Lillian V. Urban, 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. She was born on June 27, 1923 to John and Stella (Killen) Gladney in Center Hill, Alabama.

Lillian worked on the steam table and was also a server for Beanie's Cafeteria. She enjoyed working in her garden and loved flowers. She also enjoyed listening to gospel music, and even sang in a gospel quartet with her husband and another couple. She enjoyed cooking on her BBQ grill; but she especially loved her grandkids and her dog.

She is survived by her three loving children; two brothers; a sister; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Waymon; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation immediately prior to the service. Rev. Richard D. Bell officiated. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Season's Hospice Foundation, 8537 Solution Center, Chicago, IL 60677.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Robert Alan Haskin

January 23, 1950 - February 11, 2014

Robert Alan Haskin, 64, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on January 23, 1950 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bob was the owner of Asphalt Plant Equipment Company for over 20 years before retiring. He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cicero. He enjoyed gardening, and the outdoors in general, but most of all, he loved spending time with his family. One of the biggest joys of his life was coaching all of his children's sports teams, and witnessing the growth of his family.

He is survived by his sons, Justin R. (Jill) Haskin, Ryan A. (Tammy) Haskin, and Adam D. (Meridith) Haskin; daughter, Heather C. Haskin; brother, John (June) Haskin; grandchildren, Curtis, Grace, Ryan, Hunter, & Kathryn; and nephews, Chase & Doug Haskin.

He is preceded in death by his father, Edwin F. "Ned" Haskin.

Services were held on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 410 S. Pearl Street, in Cicero. Rev. Dale Ehrman officiated. Visitation was Friday, February 14, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Darlene M. McKinney

December 2, 1969 - February 12, 2014

Darlene M. McKinney, age 44, of Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday morning, February 12, 2014 at Maple Park Village in Westfield, surrounded by her loving family. Born December 2, 1969 in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of Donald C. and Martha (Hillman) Dillon. Darlene was a 1988 graduate of George Washington H.S. in Indianapolis. She later attended ITT Technical Institute, earning her certification in Office Management. She worked for the State Auditors Office for many years, as well as with the D.N.R. and USA Group. She also worked for Sheridan Family Physicians for several years. Darlene loved traveling and spending time with her family. She particularly loved watching her husband and daughters fish and going to Cocoa Beach, Florida, for their Fourth of July celebration. She enjoyed gardening and was an avid bowler. Darlene is survived by her husband, Douglas L. McKinney, whom she married on September 17, 1994.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her mother Martha Dillon-Mallory and stepfather John Mallory; 2 daughters: Emily Elizabeth McKinney and Lauren Michelle McKinney, both of Sheridan; 1 brother: Donald C. Dillon, Jr. of Indianapolis; 1 sister: Ivylene S. (Joseph) Engels of Lebanon; 1 niece: Abigail Engels; and 5 nephews: Nicholas Engels, Samuel Engels, Thomas Engels, Conner McKinney and Caleb McKinney.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald C. Dillon.

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, Indiana. Services were held on Monday, February 17, 2014, at the Funeral Home. Brother Keith Robinson officiated. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be presented to the Autism Society of Indiana; 3951 N. Meridian St., Suite 220, Indianapolis, Indiana 46280.

Kathryn G. Bird

November 4, 1921 - February 13, 2014

Olive Kathryn Gibbs Bird, age 92, of Lapel, formerly of Sheridan, passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2014, at Sheridan Healthcare Center. Born November 4, 1921, she was the daughter of the late John H. and Angeline M. (Cobb) Gibbs. Kathryn was a 1939 graduate of Sheridan H.S. She enjoyed the country life, spending many years as a homemaker and working on her farm and gardening. She loved entertaining her family and friends and never knew a stranger. Kathryn operated Kay's Beauty Shop out of her home for many years.

In 1985 she retired from the Ft. Benjamin Finance Center after more than 30 years of service. She is survived by her brother Harold M. Gibbs and wife Mary of Lake Placid, Florida; 2 nephews: Douglas R. Gibbs of Lapel and Don M. Gibbs and wife Brenda of Sheridan; 1 niece: Sarita Koopman and husband Ralph of Sheridan.

In addition to her parents, Kathryn was preceded in death by her daughter Diane Cunningham; sister: Fairy Elizabeth; brother: Don L. Gibbs; sister in law: Esther Gibbs and a niece: Bobbie L. Lowe.

Kathryn's family would like to thank Dr. Eric Marcotte and his staff, as well as the staff at Sheridan Rehab and Healthcare Center for all of their loving care and concern.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at the Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, with Visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Burial will follow at Wright-Bethel Cemetery in Waugh, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be presented to either the Boone County Humane Society; P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 or the Alzheimer's Association.

Lillian Green

February 7, 1931 - February 10, 2014

Lillian Green, 83, of Noblesville, went to be with her Lord on Monday, February 10, 2014, at home after a lengthy illness. She was born on February 7, 1931 in St. Charles, VA.

Lillian was retired from Wal-Mart and was a member of Victory Baptist Church in Noblesville. She loved flowers and gardening; and enjoyed church and gospel singing.

She is survived by her daughter, Jevetta Garrett of Noblesville; brothers and sisters, Arville & Florene Jones of Thomasville, NC, Marie & Delmar Parsons of Noblesville, IN, Cleta Tritt of Rose Bud, AR, Danny & Elaine Jones of Noblesville, IN, Darrell & Donna Jones of Noblesville, IN, Reda & Roger Carter of Bristol, TN, Faye & Sonny Oaks of Pennington Gap, VA, Charlie & Pam Jones of Morristown, TN, Ethel & David Ferguson of Pennington Gap, VA; sister-in-law, Patsy Jones of Pennington Gap, VA; 19 nieces & nephews; a host of great-nieces & nephews; and an abundance of friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, Carl Green; her mother, Cora (Tritt) Jones; and a brother, Denver Jones.

Services were held on Friday, February 14, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville. Pastor David Rogers officiated. Visitation was Thursday, February 13, 2014 at the funeral home. Burial was in Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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John W. Duvall

February 12, 1950 - February 10, 2014

John W. Duvall, 63, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, February 10, 2014 at his home. He was born on February 12, 1950 to Romuel Duvall and Mildred (Cruzan) McBride in Noblesville.

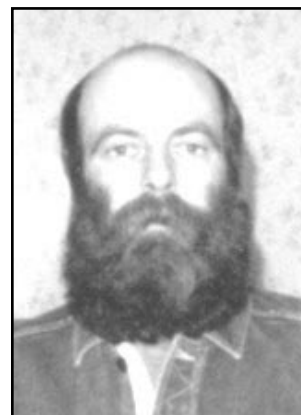
John worked for United Pet Group as a forklift operator for 36 years.

He is survived by, Joyce Duvall; daughter, Jodi (Scott) Herd; brothers, Stephen Duvall, Tony Duvall, and Kenneth Duvall; grandchildren, Connor and Tori Herd; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Teresa France.

Services were held on Friday, February 14, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the service.

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Philda "May" Clossin

July 18, 1931 - February 7, 2014

Philda "May" Clossin, 82, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, February 7, 2014 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus. She was born on July 18, 1931 to Fred and Corabell (Boyland) Huffman in Lebanon, Indiana.

May worked as a therapy assistant and a care giver before retiring. She enjoyed sewing, loved children, and most of all, she loved her family dearly.

She is survived by her daughter, Diana (Rick) Hinderliter; sister, Janet (Bill) Rader; two grandchildren, Dawn (Brett) Lennis, and Melissa Jones; five great-grandchildren, Colton Coffin, Abigail Lennis, Joshua Hinderliter, Alexander Jones and Samuel Jones.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Clossin; brother, Vern Huffman; and sister, Elaine Hassler.

Services were held on Monday, February 17, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the service. Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Caldwell will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Saving is good...but it's not investing

By COREY SYLVESTER



It's a good thing to have some savings. When you put the money in a low-risk account, you can be pretty sure it will be readily available when you need it. Nonetheless, "saving" is not "investing" — and knowing the difference could pay off for you

far into the future.

Think about it this way: Saving is for today, while investing is for tomorrow.

You need your savings to pay for your daily expenses, such as groceries, and your monthly bills — mortgage, utilities, and so on. In fact, you might even want your savings to include an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

These are all "here and now" expenses — and you could use your savings to pay for them. But in thinking of your long-term goals, such as college for your children and a comfortable retirement for yourself, most individuals typically can't simply rely on their savings — they'll need to invest. Why? Because, quite simply, investments can grow — and you will need this growth potential to help achieve your objectives.

To illustrate the difference between saving and investing, let's do a quick comparison. Suppose you put \$200 per month into a savings account that paid hypothetical 3% interest (which is actually higher than the rates typically being paid today). After 30 years, you would have accumulated about \$106,000, assuming you were in the 25% federal tax bracket. Now, suppose you put that same \$200 per month in a tax-deferred investment that hypothetically earned 7% a year. At the end of 30 years, you would end

up with about \$243,000. (Keep in mind that you would have to pay taxes on withdrawals. Hypotheticals do not include any transaction costs or fees.)

This enormous disparity between the amounts accumulated in the two accounts clearly shows the difference between "saving" and "investing." Still, you might be thinking that investing is risky, while savings accounts carry much less risk. And it is certainly true that investing does involve risks — investments can lose value, and there's no guarantee that losses will be recovered.

Nonetheless, if you put all your money in savings, you're actually incurring an even bigger risk — the risk of not achieving your financial goals. In fact, a low-rate savings account might not even keep up with inflation, which means that, over time, you will lose purchasing power.

Ultimately, the question isn't whether you should save or invest — you need to do both. But you do need to decide how much of your financial resources to devote toward savings and how much toward investments. By paying close attention to your cash flow, you should be able to get a good idea of the best savings and investment mix for your particular situation. For example, if you find yourself constantly dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, you probably don't have enough money in savings. On the other hand, if you consistently find yourself with large sums in your savings account even after you've paid all your bills, you might be "sitting" on too much cash — which means you should consider moving some of this money into investments with growth potential.

Saving and investing — that's a winning combination.

Corey Sylvester is a financial advisor with Edwards Jones, 120 West Jackson Street, Cicero

Noblesville building permits

Single Family Structures

Fischer Single Family, Slater Run, 17207 Bluestone Drive, \$271,500.
RH of Indiana, Brighton Knoll, 15229 Roedean Drive, \$135,383.
Pulte Homes, Meadows of Shelborne, 15326 Keech Court, \$159,000.
Beazer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West, 6226 Ruthven Street, \$375,500.
Beazer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West, 6227 Ruthven Street, \$398,000.
Arbor Homes, LLC, Waterman Farms, 11195 Funny Cide, \$125,000.
Beazer Homes, Prairie Crossing The Ridge, 18834 Tillamook Run East, \$183,600.

Variance

Ruben Rangel, 2001 Westfield Road.

Commercial Alternation

Smith Development, Pleasant Street Commercial, 10330 Pleasant Street, \$55,000.

Fence

Jeremy Ridsen, Roudebush Woods, 10766 Standish Place.

Improvement Location

Beazer Homes, Lochaven at Noble West, ½ Mile North of 146th Street.

Residential Remodel

Alfred Plummer, Morse Overlook, 21540 Shorevista Lane.

Sign

Sign Vision Company, Hamilton Town Center, 4 locations.

Others

Duke Energy, 21040 Hague Road.
Noblesville Main Street, Noblesville Original Plate, Pedestrian Alley east of 839 Connor.
Earth Resources, Twin Oaks, 6019 Stroup Drive.
Ping's Tree Service, North Harbour, 304 Sussex Circle.
Ping's Tree Service, Wellington Northeast, 65 Glasgow Lane.

Kroger Central Division Announces \$4.9 Million in K-12 Education Grants and Commitments

The Kroger Co.'s Central Division continued a comprehensive, multi-year strategy focused on strengthening K-12 education this week at Kroger Central Division Headquarters in Indianapolis. Local officials and leaders from many K-12 education organizations joined Kroger executives for distribution of \$1,581,250 in grants and commitments for 2014. The following officials shared remarks emphasizing the value of investments in education: US Congresswoman Susan Brooks, Deputy Mayor Jason Kloth, United Way of Central Indiana president & CEO Ann Murtlow and IPS superintendent Lewis Ferebee.

These contributions are part of a new three-year strategic plan in support of K-12 education that includes thousands of hours of volunteer support and at least \$4,893,750 in resource commitments in 2014, 2015 and 2016 (excluding the value of thousands of volunteer hours), plus donated advertising. This new round of commitments follows the successful completion of a three-year K-12 education strategy that ended in January and represents an increase over the previous three-year strategy.

In addition to renewing some commitments from the 2011-2013 plan, Kroger has made new K-12 education commitments for the 2014-2016 period. In 2014 Kroger's three-year education strategy includes: \$502,000 in commitments to 10 "best in class" partner organizations who have exceptional education programs; \$50,000 to additional organizations through the Summer Youth Program Fund (SYPF); \$75,000 per year to two grant programs for local schools and

libraries in support of classroom programs, teaching excellence and transformational leadership; up to \$1 million per year for more than 460 local schools and church preschools through the "Community Rewards" program and a book donation program intended to boost literacy in low-income households. This plan draws lessons from Kroger's 131 years of support for local schools and libraries across the United States, but also reflects advice and guidance from community stakeholders. Kroger leaders have participated in more than 200 education-related meetings since 2007 as part of the company's effort to make informed decisions and investments with student-centric measurable outcomes and a high rate of return.

Kroger participates in a broad-based community coalition focused on caring for children during out of school time called the Summer Youth Program Fund (SYPF) in an effort to strengthen and reinforce the in-school aspects of Kroger's K-12 education strategy, providing grants totaling \$50,000 to 10 local organizations in 2013. SYPF has become a "best-in-class" model now being studied by other cities around the United States. Kroger will continue its participation in SYPF's highly-effective collaboration in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

New this year is support of the Indiana Youth Institute's statewide training conference for guidance counsellors and school leaders, support of Conner Prairie's education efforts and support of the IPS Education Foundation's classroom technology program.

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NHS Alumni traces roots to 1876

By MARY SUE ROWLAND

Every spring over 350 Noblesville High School Alumni and guests gather for their annual reunion and banquet. Graduates come from every state, Europe and Asia to recall those wonderful days at NHS and share experiences with old friends. The event is open to NHS graduates of any class and guests. This year's banquet will be at Noblesville High School on April 26th starting at 5:00 pm with dinner and program to follow. The cost is \$17.50 per person including special dinner. If you would like to attend this year's celebration, send a check for \$17.50 per attendee to NHS Alumni, P.O. Box 818, Noblesville, IN 46061. If you graduated from NHS include the year you graduated so you can be seated with your classmates. The event is open to everyone.

If golf is your game, the NHS Alumni Association will host its Tenth Annual Alumni Golf Outing on Sunday, June 1 with a Florida Scramble start at 1:00 pm on the Forest Park Golf Course, Noblesville. The golf outing is open to all NHS Grads and one guest and costs \$65.00 for a single and \$260.00 for a foursome. Make a reservation by sending a check to P.O. Box 818, Noblesville, 46061.

The banquet also honors the 50 year graduating class. This year the class of 1964 will present the program along with introducing all of the class attendees. Highlights from last year included a tribute to Isabelle Harger who was born in 1912 as the earliest graduate in attendance. Yes, Isabelle is over 100 years old and is still out and about. Bob Goodwin was honored for being a member of the class of 1941 and recalled for everyone something about a 1940 basketball game with Lapel that ended in a fight. Lapel won the game but Noblesville won the fight.

If you are not a lifetime member of the NHS Alumni Association you are missing something special. The association events include a yearly newsletter, the annual banquet, the annual golf outing and the yearly scholarships given to current NHS graduates from the member donations. You can become a life time member for \$10.00 by

sending a check to the P.O. Box. There is no better deal in town.

Alumni Association has a long history of cheering for NHS

NHS Alumni Association may be the oldest organization of continuous service still serving today in Noblesville. There are traces found that reference the association from 1876 at the same time the first two girls graduated from NHS. It was also the first year of a four year high school curriculum and the first two girls to graduate were Sallie Moss and Ida Tracy, class of 1876. As a result of the annual banquet held today, individual donations and fund raisers support is given to the scholarship program for current students who have a family member that graduated from NHS. Current student often note on their application that more than 20 family members have graduated from NHS. That is tradition! The scholarships total each year in the \$14,500 range to help students toward higher education. Additional special funds have become available by establishing the Victor Knarr Vocational Scholarship and the Rachel Heath Educational Scholarship Fund. If you have any interest in a family fund, send a note to the P.O. Box 818, Noblesville, 46061 with your information.

The Annual Banquet attracts graduates and guest from every graduating class including representative of the classes in the 1930's up to the current class. Many NHS students have become famous, some just infamous and many have remained in their hometown giving back on a daily basis. The past 138 years, the NHS Alumni Association has continued to grow and made a significant difference for graduating students and the community. Thanks to those early days in Noblesville when many found merit in staying close to the roots of home, school and community, Noblesville is what it is today. Memberships and donations are welcome as the Association invests annually in the NHS Scholarship program to help students beyond high school. You can be part of something very special, supporting your community by supporting its youth through membership and participation in the NHS Alumni Association. Thanks to everyone of the board members, volunteers and general members who continue to cheer for NHS.

Views

The County Line...

Legislature should pass cursive bill

By FRED SWIFT

Cursive writing, the new politically correct term for plain, good old handwriting, is back in the news as the state legislature considers a bill that would require Indiana schools to teach it.

Handwriting is still taught in the lower grades in most Hamilton County schools, but since 2011 it's optional on the part of the school district. Keyboarding which used to be known as typing, is mandatory in public schools.

By the way, the word cursive comes from the Latin for running, as in running letters together to construct words. I didn't know that until I Googled it. Google is such a good source of information, love it.

I know the younger generation has gotten away from handwriting, and often sees little need for it. But, it would be a shame if our future population did not know how to write or perhaps read the written English language.

I'd be lost if I didn't know handwriting. It takes longer, at least for me, to print, and often one finds himself away from the computer and in need of jotting down a note or writing out some information.

I just can't image why any school would not want to insist on teaching students how to write. I understand the need for youngsters to learn the keyboard these days. That's needed to get along in today's world, but not a reason to drop writing.

If a child is never taught to write, is he or she going to be taught to read the written word? A lot of information is still in written form, including historical documents which somehow don't seem the same in printed form.

There is a bill in the state Senate that would make cursive mandatory right along with keyboarding. Although it seems a shame to have to make these subjects mandatory, the cursive bill should probably be passed. It has in fact passed the Senate before, but gets blocked in the House.

Maybe our state representatives should be urged to give this one more favorable consideration.



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May I have this dance... These kids didn't get this from me

By JANET HART BAKER



Life's a dance. You must listen to the music. You must listen with your heart. It is only then that you know the steps to take to get to where you need to be. Chuck and I have been taking dance lessons. No, we won't be dancing with the stars and no, we don't think we can dance, however, we have learned enough to get us through the first dance at our wedding reception.

When we first started taking lessons I realized that Chuck would have been a great Fred Astaire. On the other hand, I would not have been a great Ginger Rogers. I tried to use the excuse of having to dance backwards in heels but the truth is that I had not ever had someone teach me to listen to the music...to listen with my heart...until Chuck.

One thing that I had to learn was to allow Chuck to lead. He would say "let me hold onto you and I will get you where you need to be". Eventually, my feet trusted him

just as my heart had done, so many months ago. Each week it got easier. We learned the Waltz, the Cha Cha and the Foxtrot. So now we are ready to rock and roll, well not exactly, but hopefully we won't embarrass our grandchildren. Funny thing is that my fifteen year old granddaughter, Alecks, asked me if we were having only "old" people music at the wedding. I told her that the answer was yes and the reason being so was because we were old. I also told her that there would be no "twerking"because people our age could get hurt. I think I caught a glimpse of an eye roll.

Yes, in just a few days I will marry the man who has brought so much music into my life. Our first dance will be to the song "I Cross my Heart" and it will be sung by Chuck's son, Scott. The words are very much a description of our story, I think I might be dancing and wiping a few tears as my heart hears the music.

"You will always be the miracle that makes my life complete and as long as there's a breath in me I'll make yours just as sweet."

One thing I do know..It will be a dance...for the rest of my life.

By AIMEE GEBHART



I love my children, I really do. My 10 year old daughter and my 18 year old stepson are wonderful, beautiful souls. They light up my life in ways I never could have imagined. But there have been many, many times that they have left me baffled and bewildered, and I don't mean in a good

way. Take this story from a few years ago. I'm sure that many parents will be able to relate. I had just gotten home from work, and I was in my room changing when Faith flew in to tell me that she found dog pee on the carpet. I wasn't mad at the dog; she was home alone all day and didn't have many options. I asked Faith, "What did you do?" She said that she told Conor and that he saw it too. At that point I assumed that between the two of them they took care of the situation. How foolish of me.

A little while later, I went into the family room to turn on the light. That's when I saw it - the pee stain on the carpet. "Is this the pee from earlier?" I screeched. "Did no one clean this up?" Suddenly, both of them seemed to lose all comprehension of the English language. "Huh?" "Who?" "What?" Clearly my shocked expression must have scared them into some kind of sudden-onset amnesia because the next words out of Conor's mouth were, "I didn't know what to use." That was backed up by Faith saying, "Yeah, I didn't know what to do."

Wow. That's a pretty sad testament to our parenting that at age 15 and 7 they couldn't put their heads together to figure out how to use a paper towel! Thank Heavens the house never caught on fire. I suppose they would've sat there watching it, complaining, "Man, it's hot in here!"

Don't get me wrong. I know they aren't dumb – far from it. After all, even at that age Faith could shower herself, make her bed, fold laundry, memorize every word to every pop song, and make her own lunch. Even more impressive, she was able to work the U-Verse remote, which I'm pretty sure requires the skills of the gifted and talented. Conor has always been the master of cell phone technology, has beaten every video game known to man, and, I'm pretty sure, could hack into national security computer systems if he wanted to. Oh, *AND* he made the Honor Roll in high school. Of course if any school officials read this story, they may want to revoke his status.

I share this story, not to embarrass my children, but to connect with other parents who may be wondering what to do when their smart, capable children are lacking simple, common sense. If this sounds familiar, I'd be happy to share some of the life-skills classes taught at the Gebhart House. I can offer courses such as: *Have Enough Common Sense to Come in Out of the Rain, No Kool-Aid Does NOT Count as a Serving of Fruit, Dog Pee Doesn't Clean Itself Up*, and, my personal favorite, *We Know You're Making Faces at Us When We Leave the Room*. Please feel free to enroll your child, but act fast. I have a feeling space will be limited.

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GOVERNOR

County to be over \$20 billion. Swift's figure was stunning considering the governor suggested yesterday that the losses statewide would be \$54.4 million. So, now it appears we're back to Act 1. After listening to strong protest from governmental units, Pence decided to take another approach. "After listening to local communities across our state, I informed legislative leaders that I am open to full state replacement revenue for local governments to cover the cost of of eliminating the business personal property tax on small

businesses with less than \$25,000 in equipment," Pence said yesterday. Where will that money come from? Pence didn't say. And, does the replacement monies needed total only \$54.4 million, compared to double or triple that amount if you read Swift's numbers for Hamilton County alone? Will the State be able to find an extra \$100 million (likely much more) under a rock? It may be can kicking time once again. Lookout, taxpayers, the can may be kicked towards you!

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Girls basketball sectionals

Tigers overwhelm Millers

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Fishers hit Noblesville's defense with a nightmare-like performance from 3-point range and at the other end of the court shutdown NHS's offense while rolling to a stunning 58-43 victory over the Lady Millers on Friday evening in the semi-final round of the North Central Girls Basketball Sectional

Noblesville had defeated Fishers 48-46 at Fishers late in the season.

Last evening, Coach Michael Gaines' Lady Tigers stuck in 9-of-17 shots from 3-point territory and damaged Noblesville badly by ending the first half on a 3-pointer by Adrianna Murphy, starting the second half on a boomer by Brooke Sugg and then ending the third quarter and still another 3-pointer by Murphy.

"Those were three big shots," said Gaines. "I thought those shots really hurt Noblesville."

From the time Fishers ended the first quarter with a 12-9 lead, the Tigers never trailed. They went into halftime with a 28-19 advantage and then completely blew away the Millers with a 21-8 run in the third quarter.

"Tonight we did a better job of helping out on defense in the paint," Gaines said.

Nobody on the Noblesville team scored in double figures. Alexis Shannon, Erin Wood, Cori Cain and Kayleigh Herron each finished the game with eight points.

Meanwhile, the Noblesville defense took a pounding from Fishers' 1-2 punch of Alex Hochstedler with 18 points and Kara Gerka with 17. Also scoring in double figures was Murphy with 11 points and Sugg with 10. Hochstedler canned a trio of 3-pointers and Sugg, Gerka and Murphy each connected on a pair.

"We made the plays tonight and had people stepping up big," said Gaines. "That's what a team needs to do at state tourney time. We hit some big shots. We've been doing those things and gaining confidence."

"We played good basketball tonight. We're in a three-week groove," the coach added.

Fishers, now 19-4 on the year, has won 15 of its last 16 games, losing only to Noblesville during that stretch.

The Tigers will take a seven-game win string into a 7 p.m. championship game tonight at North Central, playing Westfield. Earlier in the year, Fishers ended an 11-game, season-opening win string by the Shamrocks when defeating Westfield 53-36. That victory came the game after Fishers' loss to Noblesville, and the Tigers haven't lost since.



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville's Kayleigh Herron eyes the basket while being guarded by Fishers' Adrianna Murphy during Friday's North Central girls basketball sectional semi-final. The Tigers beat the Millers 58-43.

Fishers 58, Noblesville 43				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jessica Kiser	2-7	0-0	4	4
Alexis Shannon	4-8	0-0	8	0
Erin Wood	2-6	4-5	8	2

Cori Cain	3-6	2-3	8	3
Kayleigh Herron	3-6	1-1	8	5
Katelyn O'Reilly	1-3	1-2	3	2
Brooke Herron	1-3	0-0	3	0
Rachel Shipman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-39	9-12	43	16

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF	Hannah Kroehler	0-2	0-0	0	2
Brooklyn Banks	0-0	0-0	0	1	Blake Inglis	1-1	0-0	2	2
Alex Hochstedler	6-11	3-7	18	3	Totals	20-38	9-17	58	12
Brooke Sugg	4-7	0-0	10	2	Score by Quarters				
Kara Gerka	6-8	3-5	17	0	Fishers	12	16	21	9 - 58
Adrianna Murphy	3-9	3-5	11	2	Noblesville	9	10	8	16 - 43

Blue Devils end Sheridan's season

Sheridan's season ended Friday night with a 59-37 loss to Tipton in the Elwood sectional semi-finals.

The Class 2A No. 5 Blue Devils led 37-25 at halftime, then outscored the Blackhawks 14-4 in the third quarter. Payton Fleener and Brittany Welch each scored 13 points for Sheridan.

Hannah Roaten had a strong rebounding game with 10 boards, while Welch pulled down six. Sheridan ended its season with a 14-7 record.

Tipton 59, Sheridan 37					
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Payton Fleener	5-15	3-5	13	3	
Payton Buckner	0-3	0-0	0	4	
Amanda Summe	2-11	2-5	6	1	
Brittany Welch	5-9	3-7	13	4	
Rebekah Hopper	1-5	0-1	2	4	
Hannah Roaten	0-3	1-2	1	2	
Faith DeVaney	1-4	0-0	2	2	
Briana Leonard	0-2	0-0	0	0	

Abby Gwin	0-1	0-0	0	0
Addison Keel	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-53	9-20	37	20
Score by Quarters				
Tipton	19	18	14	8 - 59
Sheridan	11	14	4	8 - 37
Sheridan 3-point shooting (0-9) Summe 0-5, Leonard 0-2, Hopper 0-2.				
Sheridan rebounds (28) Roaten 10, Welch 6, Fleener 4, Buckner 3, DeVaney 2, Summe 2, Hopper 1.				

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Huskies reach final at Blackford, fall to Bearcats



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Hamilton Heights’ Caitlyn Hays scored 19 points in the Huskies’ two sectional games at Blackford over the weekend.

Defensive victory...

Millers beat Eagles, stay 3rd in HCC

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Noblesville and Zionsville, two teams which later on this season likely will ride into the Noblesville Sectional as dark horses, Saturday afternoon went head-to-head in The Mill. Both did what both have done very well this season. Play defense. In this game Noblesville had a bit more defense than did Zionsville, and the Millers came away with a 33-29 victory.

Should they meet again in the sectional, that match-up will mean a little more than Noblesville’s regular season win. Still, the game yesterday was huge in its own way. It was a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest and a win which may give the Millers a third-place finish in the loop.

Currently, Hamilton Southeastern leads the HCC with a 7-0 record and Brownsburg is second at 7-1. That 1-2 position isn’t expected to change. Southeastern’s last two conference games are with Westfield and Lafayette Jeff. Brownsburg’s final conference game is with Lafayette Jeff.

But, Noblesville can now nail down third place with a Feb. 21 win at Fishers, the result of the Millers’ Saturday win over Zionsville.

“This was a good defensive game,” said Miller coach Dave McCollough.

“We got some good shots which didn’t go in. Then, we didn’t get many second chance opportunities.”

Noblesville came away with only four offensive rebounds.

What, actually, put Noblesville into a position to win was a problem the Millers had throughout the game. Zionsville didn’t commit a second half foul until only 1:30 remained. But, Noblesville had the lead at that point and the Eagles had to foul in order to get back the basketball. It took Zionsville

to the 12.6 second mark to finally commit enough fouls to send Noblesville to the line.

That’s when the Millers’ Sean Wilson connected on his team’s only free throws of the game. Wilson’s two shots put Noblesville up by four, and that pretty much was that for the afternoon.

One of Noblesville’s four offensive boards came into the hands of Joey Brewer, who stuck in a field goal to give Noblesville a 31-29 advantage.

Wilson led a balanced offensive punch by the Millers, scoring 11 points. Jake Mills and John Kiser each finished with eight.

The win was a costly one for Noblesville, however, as Kiser suffered a fourth quarter concussion and has been ruled out of playing the Millers’ next game, Tuesday at home against Lawrence Central. He is expected to play when Noblesville visits Fishers on Friday.

The win over Zionsville pushed Noblesville’s overall record to 12-5 with three games remaining before tourney time. The Millers now have won four straight and eight of their last nine games.

Noblesville 33, Zionsville 29				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
John Kiser	4-6	0-0	8	1
Justin Pegues	1-6	0-0	2	0
Jack Trittipio	1-3	0-0	2	3
Sean Wilson	3-7	2-2	11	0
Jake Mills	4-11	0-0	8	1
Zach Parker	0-1	0-0	0	0
Max Meehan	0-2	0-0	0	2
Joey Brewer	1-2	0-0	2	0
Jordan Saal	0-3	0-0	0	0
Joey Herron	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-41	2-2	33	7
Score by Quarters:				
Noblesville	9	6	10	8-33
Zionsville	8	8	6	7-29

Haley Cook ended an outstanding basketball career at Hamilton Heights with an outstanding effort, which on this night fell short as the Lady Huskies were defeated 40-39 by Muncie Central in the championship game of the Blackford Sectional.

Cook hit 5-of-11 shots from 3-point range while scoring 26 points for Coach Scott Fernung’s squad. She also pulled 11 rebounds and passed out two assists.

It was a battle between the two teams from start to finish. The only difference in the game was Muncie Central’s 1-point advantage over the Huskies in the second quarter. Heights got into foul trouble in the period.

“I was proud of our kids tonight,” said Fernung. “They played hard.”

On the offensive end, it was a battle between Cook and Muncie Central’s Jayla Scaife, who finished with 18 points.

Caitlyn Hays hit a couple of 3-pointers and scored nine points for Heights.

Heights finished its season with a 9-12 record.

The Huskies returned to the sectional championship game after beating Delta 60-56 in Friday’s first semi-final of the Blackford sectional.

The Huskies led 13-9 after the first quarter and were up 29-20 at halftime. Delta made a slight comeback in the fourth quarter, but Heights was able to hang on.

"We got off to a great start," said Huskies assistant coach Dawn Runner. "We hit some shots and played well on defense. In the third quarter we had some turnovers which allowed Delta back in the game. Our guards were able to step up and control the ball down the stretch. Our seniors showed

great leadership in the final minutes of the game."

Cook showed her leadership again, scoring 27 points (including four 3-pointers) and grabbing eight rebounds. Hays and Taylor Boyd each had 10 points. Kiley Walters dished out seven assists and made four steals.

Heights 60, Delta 56				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Haley Cook	9-20	5-7	27	3
Caitlyn Hays	3-7	1-2	10	1
Kiley Walters	2-7	0-5	4	2
Brianna Henson	2-5	0-0	4	5
Ashton Runner	1-5	1-4	3	2
Amy Griffey	1-3	0-0	2	3
Taylor Boyd	5-6	0-2	10	5
Totals	23-53	7-20	60	21
Score by Quarters				
Heights	13	16	13	18 - 60
Delta	9	11	13	23 - 56
Heights 3-point shooting (7-18) Cook 4-10, Hays 3-7, Walters 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (17) Cook 8, Boyd 4, Walters 2, Hays 1, Henson 1, Griffey 1.				
Turnovers: Heights 15.				

Muncie Central 40, Heights 39				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Haley Cook	10-25	1-3	26	3
Caitlyn Hays	3-13	1-3	9	0
Kiley Walters	0-1	0-0	0	4
Ashley Roberts	0-0	0-0	0	0
Brianna Henson	1-4	0-0	2	1
Amy Griffey	0-2	0-0	0	1
Taylor Boyd	1-2	0-1	2	5
Claire Schildmeier	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ashton Runner	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	15-47	2-7	39	15
Score by Quarters:				
Heights	4	10	13	12 - 39
Muncie	4	11	13	12 - 40
Heights 3-Pointers (7-19): Cook 5-11, Hays 2-8.				
Heights Rebounds (22): Cook 11, Hays 1, Walters 1, Schildmeier 1, Henson 1, Runner 2, Griffey 1, Boyd 4.				



Photo courtesy Hamilton Tablet

Noblesville’s Justin Pegues (20) goes up for the ball during the Millers’ Saturday Hoosier Crossroads Conference game with Zionsville. Noblesville won 33-29.

Noblesville 3-Pointers (3-12): Wilson 3-6, Mills 0-3	
Parker 0-1, Saal 0-2.	
Noblesville Rebounds (14): Kiser 4, Pegues 1, Trittipio 2, Mills 6, Brewer 1.	
Noblesville Turnovers: 8.	
Junior Varsity Zionsville 58, Noblesville 47	
Noblesville: Max Flinchum 17, Brady Resch 12, McGwire Plumer 3, Ryan Ogden 0, Julian Simac 0, Asmundur Magnusson 3, Tristan Popa 6, Luka Dabanovic 4, Brandon Barthel 2.	

With 18 on Wednesday and 16 on Saturday...

Paul stands tall for Heights boys

The Hamilton Heights boys basketball team notched its sixth straight win on Wednesday, beating Muncie Burris 52-27 at the Ball Gymnasium.

The Huskies were already ahead 17-8 after the first quarter, but then blasted through the second quarter, outscoring the Owls 21-2 to take a 38-10 lead. Garrett Paull scored 18 points to lead the Heights scoring.

Kurry Miller came close to a double-double, pulling down 14 rebounds to go along with his nine points. Conley Hoover made a couple 3-pointers on his way to scoring eight points. Hunter Crist handed out eight assists.

Heights travels to Tri-Central on Saturday for a 2:30 p.m. game.

If Paul’s heroics on Wednesday weren’t enough, he had a double-double with 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Huskies on

Saturday. That, plus Crist pouring in 17 points, canning 9-of-12 free throws, led Hamilton Heights to a 59-46 afternoon victory at Tri-Central.

Also coming up with a big game for Coach Chad Ballenger’s Huskies was Bo O’Laughlin with 13 points and Kurry Miller with nine rebounds.

It was the Huskies’ seventh straight victory and the win brought Hamilton Heights’ record to 12-3.

Tri-Central jumped to a 17-11 first quarter advantage, but then the Trojans scored only nine points against a tough Hamilton Heights defense the next two quarters.

Hamilton Heights led 26-22 at halftime and then put away the Trojans with a 20-4 third quarter run.

The Huskies, the leaders in the Mid-Indiana Conference with a 3-0 record, have

two big loop games next week, hosting Northwestern on Tuesday and Taylor on Friday.

Hamilton Heights 52, Muncie Burris 27				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Conley Hoover	3-5	0-0	8	0
Garrett Paull	8-14	1-2	18	1
Hunter Crist	2-5	0-0	5	0
Lukas Sipe	1-5	0-0	3	0
Bo O'Laughlin	2-3	0-0	4	0
Kurry Miller	4-12	1-2	9	2
Ian Nicholson	1-2	0-0	2	2
Jadon White	0-3	0-0	0	3
Zac Moffatt	1-2	0-0	3	0
Sterling Weatherford	0-3	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-54	2-4	52	8
Score by Quarters				
Heights	17	21	4	10 - 52
Burris	8	2	6	11 - 27
Heights 3-point shooting (6-17) Hoover 2-4, Paull 1-3, Crist 1-3, Sipe 1-3, Moffatt 1-2, White 0-2.				

Heights rebounds (36) Miller 14, O’Laughlin 6, Paull 4, Crist 4, Nicholson 2, Moffatt 2, Weatherford 1, White 1, Sipe 1, Hoover 1.

Heights turnovers: 7.

Heights 59, Tri-Central 46				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Garrett Paull	6-15	4-4	16	3
Hunter Crist	3-9	9-12	17	4
Noah Whyde	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kurry Miller	3-7	0-0	6	4
Bo O'Laughlin	5-10	3-7	13	1
Ian Nicholson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lukas Sipe	0-1	0-0	0	0
Conley Hoover	3-8	0-0	7	1
Totals	20-50	16-23	59	13
Score by Quarters:				
Heights	11	15	20	13 - 59
Tri-Central	17	5	4	20 - 46
Heights 3-Pointers (3-13): Paull 0-2, Crist 2-4, O'Laughlin 0-1, Hoover 1-6.				
Heights Rebounds (34): Paull 16, Crist 2, Miller 9, O'Laughlin 4, Sipe 1, Hoover 2.				
Heights Turnovers: 7.				

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'Hawks are showing improvement

Sheridan's losing streak was extended to 11 straight games Thursday evening with a 68-58 Hoosier Heartland Conference loss to Carroll. But, getting healthy, the Blackhawks are playing much better. They lost in overtime to North Miami last week and then last evening fell by 10 to Carroll.

"The guys gave it a much better effort tonight," said Coach Cory Dunn.

"We just didn't make plays on both ends of the floor in the fourth quarter, not enough good plays to get the win. We did get some really good minutes from our bench tonight."



Christy

The 'Hawks ended conference play with a 1-4 record. Sheridan trailed 17-15 after one quarter. The score was tied at 34-34 at halftime and Carroll had only a four-point lead entering the fourth quarter.

Cort Christy led the scoring with 13 points, followed by Brock Kitchel and Elliott Barker with 12 points each. Christy also led Sheridan in rebounding with five and Chris Roberts had four.

Taylor Ly dished out six assists and Jake Chesney and Roberts each collected four.

Sheridan, now 3-14 on the year, will return to action tonight at Covenant Christian. The game tips off at 7:30 p.m. The 'Hawks return home on Saturday to host Western Boone.

Carroll 68, Sheridan 58				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Chesney	3-8	0-0	7	1
Brock Kitchel	4-10	0-0	12	0
Taylor Ly	2-4	0-0	5	3
Michael Boyer	0-0	2-2	2	0
Nathan Pflugh	1-1	1-2	3	3
Cort Christy	5-10	1-2	13	4
Chris Roberts	1-6	1-3	4	3
Micheal Burnell	0-0	0-0	0	3
Elliott Barker	6-8	0-1	12	3
Totals	22-47	5-10	58	20
Score by Quarters:				
Sheridan	15	19	17	7 - 58
Carroll	17	17	21	13 - 68
Sheridan 3-Pointers (9-21): Chesney 1-4, Kitchel 4-8, Ly 1-2, Christy 2-3, Roberts 1-4.				
Sheridan Rebounds (19): Kitchel 2 Ly 3, Boyer 1 Pflugh 1, Christy 5, Roberts 4, Barker 2.				
Sheridan Turnovers: 15.				

Sharp finishes career with another medal

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

Some cynics believe that nobody remembers who gets second. Don't believe that. Noblesville's Meme Sharp will long be remembered for everything she's done for Miller diving, and for Indiana high school diving in general. Sharp, a senior, finished second for the third year in a row at the girls state swimming and diving meet on Saturday at the IUPUI Natatorium, with a final 11-dive score of 492.35 points.

"I thought that was the best performance I've done all year," said Sharp. "I'm pretty happy with it. I don't think I could've done any better."

Sharp finished second only to Cardinal Ritter junior Sarah Bacon, who scored a remarkable 546.45. That broke the record set three years ago by Elwood's Mary Beth Dunnichay - an Olympic diver. Sharp was a freshman at that meet, getting ready to take the baton from then-Noblesville senior Katie Bittner, who won state as a sophomore in 2009.

When asked what some of her best memories of her career were, Sharp said, "My teammates. I love all my teammates. They make meets fun, they make practices fun and I just love diving. Diving in meets is always fun."

Sharp will dive at the University of Pittsburgh next year.

Freshman Dayana Popa also competed for Noblesville in the diving, placing 24th in the preliminaries with a score of 172.15.

At the state swim meet, Carmel continued its spectacular championship streak, winning its 28th consecutive state title. The Greyhounds own the longest active state streak, and is second overall. First place belongs to Punahou High School in Honolulu, whose boys swim team won 29 in a row between 1958 and 1986.

Fishers had its best state meet ever, placing third. Hamilton Southeastern was eighth, while Sharp led Noblesville to a 22nd-place finish. Westfield tied for 29th.

The Millers had all three relays and another individual swim in Friday night's preliminary round. The individual was Emily Christophersen, who placed 20th in that event with a time of 57.55. The top 16 swims advance to Saturday from the prelims.

As for the relays, Leigh Roberts, Amy Hayes, Emily Christophsen and Julianne Kaess teamed up for a 24th-place finish in the medley relay (1:52.95), Samantha Cripe, Lydia Conner, Kaess and Kate Holtkamp placed 25th in the 200 free relay (1:41.35) and Cripe, Roberts, Taylor Parrish and Christophsen took 20th in the 400 free relay (3:39.23).

NHS girls bowling places fourth at state

The Noblesville girls bowling team finished its season with a fourth-place showing at the state meet, which took place Saturday at Woodland Bowl at 96th and Keystone Ave.

The Millers made the stepladder round, then fell to Huntington North in the first match, thus giving them a fourth-place finish. Huntington North bowled 245-200 to Noblesville's 171-191.

It was a young Miller team, with plenty of new faces.

"This year was very difficult," said NHS coach Rich Hamilton. "We had 2 new starters and our substitutes were also new to the team. It took a while for them to come together as a team and get better at the fundamentals that you need in order to be successful in the tournament. They worked very hard every week, got better and hit their peak at the right time."

The team had two seniors, Maxie Cook and Kaytlynn Pitts. Junior Olivia DeSalvo and sophomore Rachel Wise were also part of the group, along with three freshmen: Shelbie Fecher, Kierra Harber and Emily Forkner.

"We finished 1st in Sectionals, 1st in Regionals," said Hamilton. "We started bad at semi-state the first game and then came back with a team high game the second to finish 5th and get the last spot into the State Finals. I'm extremely proud of this group of girls. Great season."

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Noblesville’s Elliott qualifies for state

Noblesville wrestler Ben Elliott is headed to the state meet.

The senior 182-pounder finished fourth at Saturday's New Castle semi-state, thus qualifying him for the big show (and it is always a big show) this weekend at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis. Elliott is one of 13 Hamilton County wrestlers to qualify for state.

Elliott started his semi-state day with a 5-3 decision over Franklin Central senior Jacob Imbro. That got him into the quarter-finals, which is the so-called "ticket round" to get into state. Elliott earned his ticket to state in a big way, pinning Rushville senior Garrett Hittle in 2:41.

In the semi-finals, Elliott was pinned by Western Boone junior Jonathan Morales in 5:01, then fell in the third-place match to Perry Meridian senior Nathan Warman by a 7-1 decision. But Elliott is still on his way to state.

Three other Noblesville wrestlers made the quarter-finals, but were stopped in that round. Ironically, all three were beaten by fellow county wrestlers.

Miller 126-pounder Niko Barrantes won his first match by fall, beating Union County’s Cole Bowers in 3:38 but then lost to Westfield's AJ Belden 8-5. At 138, Stephen Kitko got a 12-6 decision victory over Centerville’s Dakota Tipton in the first round before falling to the Shamrocks' Dillon Eldred 13-4. 152-pounder Derek Noon also got a quick pin, 45 seconds over Knightstown’s Jonah Elder, but lost to Carmel's Eli Carlson 6-2 in the quarter-finals.

Also competing for Noblesville at state were Mateo Barrantes (106), Vance Ellis (120), David Kitko (132) and Mitch Mackesey (170), all of whom lost their first-round match. Barrantes was pinned by South Dearborn’s Cainan Schaefer in 3:24, Ellis fell by pin against Centerville’s Alston Jenkinson in 1:27. David Kitko dropped a 5-4 decision to Carmel’s Nick Patterson, and Mackesey fell by pin to Clinton Central’s Jeffrey Scott, in 1:44.

Hamilton Heights had four wrestlers at semi-state. 285-pounder Andre Porter won his first match over Fishers’ Steven Chakiry by pin (in 4:35), then fell to Richmond's Nate Trawick 10-3 in the quarter-finals. Porter still compiled a remarkable 34-3 record for his season. Also competing for the Huskies were Sam Staebler at 138, Isaac Ray at 145 and Cole Leininger at 220; all lost in the first round. Staebler lost to Lawrenceburg’s Jake Ruberg by a 14-5

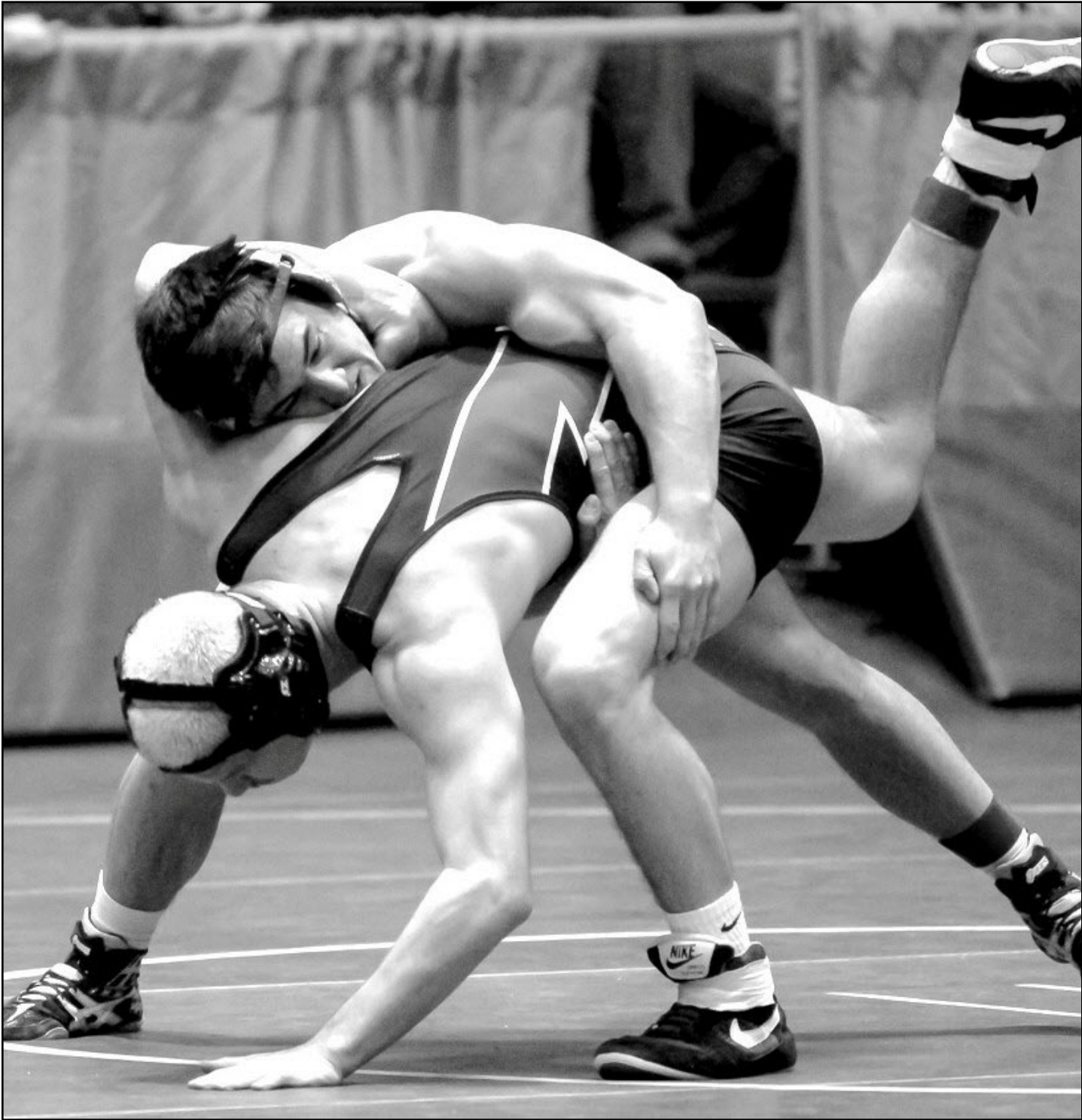


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Noblesville's Ben Elliott finished fourth at 182 pounds at the New Castle wrestling semi-state on Saturday. Elliott thus qualified for this weekend's state meet, which takes place at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

major decision, Ray lost by fall (2:38) to Shenandoah’s Chandler Hale, and Leininger dropped an 8-0 major decision to Zionsville’s Christian Warner.

Guerin Catholic 126-pounder Dawson McMahon was also a semi-state wrestler,

falling in the first round. He was pinned by Johnny Loos of Franklin County in 1:53.

The state finals start at 6 p.m. Friday, with 16 wrestlers in each class. Each wrestler gets one match, with Friday night winners advancing to Saturday. Once there,



everyone is guaranteed a top-eight finish. Quarter-final and semi-final action starts at 9 a.m., the consolation matches at 5 p.m., with the championship matches under the lights at 7:30 p.m.

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