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Surprise, surprise, GOP dominates.....

Sheridan schools receive grant

Sheridan is one of three Indiana school districts to have received a grant from Duke Energy Indiana, and residents of the community are being invited to share thoughts on how the money should be spent.

Duke Energy and Marian University are partnering to ensure the three school corporations, Sheridan, Greater Clark County Schools and Vincennes Community School, have the resources they need to advance education in their communities.

The Duke grants, totaling \$75,000, will fund programs in the three school district through Marian University’s Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership.

Sheridan Schools Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy is inviting the community to share ideas as to how the money should be spent.

“With the grant we are going to be doing a needs assessment in conjunction with Marian University,” Mundy told the Hamilton Count Reporter.

The needs assessment is going to be entitled SMART Future.

“We will be inviting the community to join in a set of four meetings to work with the district to assess our present situation, set goals and brainstorm ways to continue to build Sheridan Community Schools,” Mundy said.

All meetings will take place at the Sheridan Elementary School cafeteria. They will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end no later than 8 p.m. on the following dates:

January 21, 2015
February 18, 2015
March 18, 2015
April 8, 2015

Each of the three school corporations will receive a customized program from MU-ATLL, which provides graduate level education to those who aspire to become K-12 teachers, and current K-12 teachers seeking to become principals and administrators in their schools.

“Developing great teachers is one of the most valuable things we can do to support education in our state,” Duke Energy Indiana President Doug Esamann said. “A dynamic teacher can be key to student achievement, and Marian University is using this grant to help three Indiana school systems reach new levels of teacher training.”

The population in Hamilton County is growing faster than any area of the state. In order to minimize the growing pains that inevitably accompany rapid growth, Sheridan Community Schools is embarking on a strategic visioning process to engage the local community and set a course of action for the next five years. Duke Energy Indiana has committed financial support for the process, which will help ensure the schools’ ability to serve a student population that is expected to increase significantly in the next decade. Marian University is partnering with Sheridan Community Schools to provide strategic planning services and marketing/communication materials to maximize success and engagement.

“We are thankful to have the assistance of Marian University and Duke Energy as we look to develop our future goals for Sheridan Community Schools,” said Mundy. “Their efforts in supporting our community- wide needs assessment are playing an important part in the planning process.”

Richardson, Kenley sweep to wins

By FRED SWIFT

To no one's great surprise Republicans swept the local elections yesterday, but it took a long time to make it official as a monstrous computer glitch held up results for several hours. The county elections office tally showed only about a third of eligible voters went to the polls.

All countywide offices went to Republican candidates without opposition which no doubt contributed to the low voter participation. Most township offices and non-partisan school board positions also went to unopposed candidates. There was competition in races for Congress and Statehouse offices, but these contests stirred little interest locally.

Kathy Richardson, incumbent Republican state representative from Noblesville, easily won re-election over retired Noblesville High School teacher Joe Marcum. Despite Marcum supporters' hopes that the race would be close, it was not as the popular Richardson garnered more than 70 percent of the vote.

In another race that was thought to be at least somewhat competitive, Republican Tom Kenley outpolled challenger Mike Davis by a comfortable margin in the race for Noblesville Township Trustee. Kenley is currently a member of the township board while Davis is investigator for the outgoing trustee Billie Caldwell.

The only race for county office (for the Clay Township district seat) was easily won by newcomer Fred Glynn, the Republican, over his challenger Rosemary Dunkle. Glynn will take the seat of retiring councilor Merideth Carter.

U.S. Rep. Susan Brooks was returned to Congress for a second term, getting a big boost from Hamilton County where she ran up a margin of more than two to one



Photo provided

Kathy Kreag Richardson (far right) was elected by the Indiana House of Representatives Majority Caucus to the leadership role of Caucus Chair, continuing her service in a position she has held since 2000. Also pictured are Speaker Pro Tempore Bill Friend (far left), Majority Floor Leader Jud McMillin (second from left) and Speaker of the House Brian Bosma.

over Democratic challenger Shawn Denney. Brooks represents Indiana's 5th District and is a Carmel area resident.

Local election results were posted at the County Government and Judicial Center as is tradition, but only a small crowd showed up to watch the returns and most drifted away before final results were available just before 11 p.m. The exact cause of the computer problem was not immediately known.

Two state legislative races with big implications for Hamilton County went to Republicans as Sen. Mike Delph turned

back J.D. Ford in a district that includes the Carmel area plus portions of Boone and Marion counties. And, Rep. Eric Turner who represents most of northern Hamilton County was re-elected despite controversy and an announcement that he will resign immediately upon re-election.

With Turner's election, GOP precinct committeemen from Dist. 32 will choose his successor. Two county potential candidates for the seat are Tony Cook of Cicero and David Tudor of Sheridan.

Billie Caldwell is retiring

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Noblesville wouldn't be the Noblesville we know today hadn't it been for folks who have served so well for so long.

Let me hang some names on you, leaders who still are leading today. Luke Kenley. Kathy Kreag Richardson,. Steve Dillinger, John Ditslear.

The real movers and shakers of local government.

I've got another name. Billie Caldwell, the Noblesville Township Trustee who is retiring after her current term ends in December.

They held a party for Caldwell last Friday evening. I had the opportunity to interview Billie just before the party got under way. It was a real treat for a guy who has interviewed so many legends in Noblesville and Hamilton County.

That's what Billie Caldwell is, a living legend. I can't believe she is retiring. Seems as if Billie has been Township Trustee forever.

Not quite forever. After her government teacher urged her to get into politics, Caldwell became Township Trustee in 1979.

“At first I didn't realize it was a paying job,” Billie said.

In 35 years, Billie has won election after election. In all those years she has had to fight off only three opponents, her first and two since then. She remembers the first and one of the last two.

Having only a couple of opponents in all those years means that Billie was so good at what she did, nobody wanted to challenge her.

She didn't receive the headlines, such as Luke, Kathy, Steve and John have gotten. She should have. Caldwell has helped so many Noblesville people who really needed help.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Retiring Noblesville Trustee Billie Caldwell shares a laugh with Mayor John Ditslear during her retirement party last Friday at the Noblesville Community Center.

In 1991, Caldwell became the first woman president of the Indiana Township Association. In what had been a man's world, Caldwell became very active state wide.

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The County Line...

City elections are on the horizon

By FRED SWIFT

Just when we thought elections were over and done, the political people are thinking about city elections, now only six months away. In May of next year there will be municipal primaries in all cities and towns of Hamilton County.

The offices of mayor, city clerk, city judge and council will be at stake in cities.

All are currently Republicans. Democrats have shown little interest in challenging for city offices.

So, as always, it will be in the Republican primary where city officials will essentially be chosen. In Noblesville, you can bet Mayor John Ditslear will be running and probably hard to beat. He has not announced his candidacy, but is most likely to do so.

The mayor may be challenged by Mike Corbett, local magazine publisher, who made an unsuccessful run for the top city job four years ago. There has been speculation for months that he will run, and he has done nothing to squelch such talk.

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Obituaries

Basil Hobart Graham, Sr.

June 8, 1948 - October 31, 2014

Basil Hobart Graham, Sr., age 66, of Seymour, Indiana, formerly of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Friday evening, October 31, 2014 at the Schneck Medical Center in Seymour. Born June 8, 1948 in Indianapolis, Basil was the son of the late Bobbie Eugene and Norma Jeanne (Phifer) Graham. Basil was a 1966 graduate of Sheridan High School and later earned his Bachelors degree in Business Administration from ITT Technical Institute. Basil was a veteran of the United States Army, proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War. For over 33 years, Basil worked for Reynolds Farm Equipment as their service manager. After leaving Reynolds, Basil worked for Indy Tractor, finally retiring after 13 years of service as their service manager. Basil attended the Seymour Church of Christ. He was an avid fisherman and a loving family man. Basil enjoyed every minute he got to spend with his granddaughter, teaching her how to hunt and fish.

Basil is survived by his son, Basil Hobart Graham, Jr. of Seymour; his granddaughter, Alesha Graham of Seymour; his 2 brothers, twin brother, Bobbie Earl (Darlene) Graham of Sheridan and David Eugene (Deborah) Graham of Cincinnati; his sister, Jeanne Ann (Steve) Capes of Sheridan; his former wife Janet Marlene Graham of Noblesville; and his 4-legged best friend, his dog Pappy.

Services were held on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, Indiana. Burial followed at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Services were officiated by Galen Miller. Visitation was held on Friday evening, November 7, 2014 at Kercheval Funeral Home.

Charles O. "Smitty" Smith Jr.

September 20, 1924 - October 31, 2014

Charles O. "Smitty" Smith Jr., 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2014 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus. He was born on September 20, 1924 to Charles and Josephine (Thomlinson) Smith in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Charles had been the President of Robert Haines Company before he retired in 2008. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during WWII. Charles was a member of the American Legion Post in Carmel, and the Moose Lodge in Noblesville.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ellen Smith; son, Todd (Rebecca) McQuinn; daughter, Holly (Rick) Martin; grandchildren, Ashley, Joshua, Megan, & Heather McQuinn, and Mercedes & Alexis Martin; and one great-grandchild, Ronin Roark.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his first wife, Pearlee Smith.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastors Eric Lohe and Ron May officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Bob Miele

November 26, 1955 - November 2,

Bob Miele, 58, of Noblesville, passed away at his home on Sunday, November 2, 2014. He was born on November 26, 1955 to Robert and Louise (Letizia) Miele.

Bob proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era. He was a computer network engineer, and an avid motorcyclist. Most of all, Bob loved his children, and was a great dad.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Miele; daughter, Maria (Jonathan) Stafford; son, Robert Miele; son, Anthony Miele; daughter, Angela (Dylan) Sran; daughter, Lisa Miele; son, Joseph Miele; three grandchildren, Toby, Benjamin, and Madeline; sister, Tracy Gohl; and sister, Letitia Miele.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his loving and devoted grandparents, Frank and Lena Letizia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at Christ the King Catholic Church, Indianapolis, with Father John Kiefer officiating. Visitation was Friday, November 7, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, Fishers. Burial with military rites was at Grandview Cemetery in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent de Paul, 1391 Greenfield Avenue, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Phillip F. Bayer

August 19, 1935 - November 7, 2014

Phillip F. Bayer, 79, of Westfield, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2014 at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon. He was born on August 19, 1935 to William and Catherine (Ruman) Bayer in Kokomo, Indiana. His parents precede him in death.

Phillip proudly served his country in the United States Navy. For 30+ years, he worked as an electronic technician for Naval Avionics in Indianapolis. Phillip was a 25+ year member, and past Master, of the Hinkle Masonic Lodge #310, and a past patron of the Whitestown Eastern Star Chapter #248.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria G. Bayer; daughters, Candace (Rick) Korklewski, and Felecia (Dan) Jordan; grandson, Jayden Korklewski; and sister, Joan Bayer.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 11, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with a Masonic Service following at 7:00 pm. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Association of Indiana, 6525 E 82nd Street, Suite 115, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Kenneth M. Curtin

April 7, 1933 - November 3, 2014

Kenneth M. Curtin, 81, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, November 3, 2014 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on April 7, 1933 to Michael and Eunice (Hollerbach) Curtin in Bronx, New York.

Kenneth retired from Rehabilitation Services of Indiana in 2002, where he had been a grants manager. He received several medals in the Paralympic Games; and was a musician who wrote his own music and played the accordion. He was a member of Die Dopple Adler Musikanten; and was also a member of the Musician's Union.

He is survived by wife, Elke Curtin; daughter, Kathy (John) Crowne; son, Timothy M. Curtin; daughter, Jennifer (Bradley) Shuder; step-sons, Steven Lyons, and James D. (Shelly) Lyons; step-daughter, Carol Hodson; brother, Robert Curtin; 13 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Annetta E. Curtin who passed away in 1978.

A Celebration of Life memorial visitation was Sunday, November 9, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, Noblesville.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Timothy Lynn Berger

January 30, 1968 - November 1, 2014

Timothy Lynn Berger, 46, of Westfield, passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at his home. He was born on January 30, 1968 to Jerry and Barbara (Hofferberth) Berger in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Timothy was a truck driver for Hoosier Tradewinds and had proudly served his country in the United States Army. Throughout the years, he had been a volunteer fireman and had advanced training as an EMT. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing roles in Civil War reenactments. He attended White River Christian Church and enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jeannie Carolina-Berger; parents, Jerry & Barbara Berger; children, Aubrey, Anna, and Timothy Berger; step-children, Jaime and Jessica Carolina; siblings, Terry Berger, Maryann (Todd) Reichenbach, and Tami (Lynn) Leininger; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Friday, November 7, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor Tim Brock officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Melanoma Foundation, 4150 Regents Park Row, Suite 300, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Patrick Snyder

July 21, 1937 - November 1, 2014

Patrick Snyder, 77, of Fishers, passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Allisonville Meadows. He was born on July 21, 1937 to E. Eugene and Catherine (Yaeger) Snyder in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Patrick was the owner of Snyder's Market in North Manchester, Indiana from the mid 1950's until 1985. He then went on to work as a Food Broker for Stark Incorporated, until he retired in 1998. He was a graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne; and was a member of Eel River Masonic Lodge in North Manchester, and the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Snyder; sons, Nicholas (Margaret) Snyder, Scott Snyder, and Mark (Kim) Pierson; grandchildren, Carley, Annalise, Lucas & Leah Catherine Snyder.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Snyder.

Services were held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with visitation prior to the time of service. Rev. David Rogers officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society 5635 W 96th Street, Suite 100 Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Marna Jean Lockhart Kwiatek

February 1, 1927 - November 2, 2014

Marna Jean Lockhart Kwiatek, 87, of Cape May, NJ, formerly of Waldwick, NJ, passed away on November 2, 2014. She was born on February 1, 1927 to Dortha and Ralph Lockhart in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jean was a talented patternmaker and seamstress, she had a lengthy career in the fabric industry. She enjoyed volunteering in her community, gardening, and doing crossword puzzles. Jean loved spending time with her family and watching her favorite T.V. Shows. She was the beloved mother to Robin and Walter Kwiatek; grandmother to Karen, Paige, and Justin Kwiatek; sister to Jack and Jon Lockhart, and Martha Hendricks, and aunt to several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Jean is preceded in death by her husband, Walter Kwiatek; and sisters Patricia Kirby and Janet Knight.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Carmel Cemetery in Carmel. Visitation was held on Friday, November 7, 2014 at Randall and Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville.

The Family wishes to extend sincere gratitude to her doctors and staff of Cape Regional Medical Center and Cape Regional Physicians, who were so loving, caring, and supportive during her final days.

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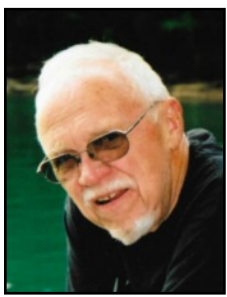
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Ronald Gene McConkey

September 24, 1935 - November 5,



Ronald Gene McConkey, 79, of Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at his home. He was born September 24, 1935 to Kenneth and Audra (Powell) McConkey in Indianapolis, Indiana. His parents precede him in death.

Ron owned and operated his own business as a general contractor for 55 years and proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was an avid tennis player and lover of many sports, both as a participant and a spectator. Ron had a fun loving spirit, an exceptional work ethic, and was adored by his many loyal friends. Ron was devoted to and cherished by his wife, children, and grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn McConkey; daughters, Tammy LeRoy and Terry Lynn (Bob) Hutt; son, Terry Lee (Joan) McConkey; sister, Betty Ann Hendricks; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

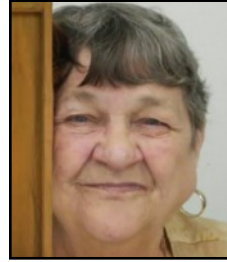
A celebration of life was held on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at The Riviera Club, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 10401 N. Meridian Street, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46290, in support of Ron's grandson, Caleb.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Elizabeth Ann King Cook

May 28, 1936 - November 7, 2014



Elizabeth Ann King Cook, 78, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2014 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on May 28, 1936 to Thomas and Hilda (Eldred) King in Monticello, New York.

She is survived by her children, Patrick (Jackie) Cook, Terry (Peggy) Cook, Tracy (Bud) Blakley, Eddie (Mary) Cook, Colleen (Mike) Roehrich, Amanda (John) Nolen, Robbie (Amanda) Cook, and Crystal (Brice) Storm; siblings, Leon (Kathy) King, George King, Agnes VanAken, and Amy Newhall; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Wayne Cook; and siblings, Bob, Gene, and

Eddie King.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 11, 2014 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, Noblesville. A graveside service will follow at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument Street, in Noblesville, with Elder Garry D. Streeval officiating.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

CALDWELL

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You think being a Township Trustee is an easy job? It would have been interesting following her around all these years.

She has seen her staff expand; her office move from two locations on South 9th Street to the current office at 836 Division Street. The Township today owns four buildings, including a community center on 8th Street, which currently is booked through December and on into 2015.

Some of the work done by Billie and her staff is enjoyable, such as the time each year when she and her staff take needy children shopping, each with a \$75 clothing budget.

"You would be surprised how these kids bargain hunt," Caldwell said.

Some of the things she has to do are not pleasant.

"We have people who come into the office and our rude to my staff," said Caldwell. "I have to handle those problems without being rude back."

One of the tasks of the trustee office is to manage money for people who can't.

"There are times people get mad at us, thinking we aren't doing a good job," Caldwell said.

One story that Billie told to me nearly blew my mind. She talked about giving assistance to (currently) 10 homeless people.

In Noblesville? In Hamilton County?

"Some of them live along White River," Caldwell said. "About 6-8 live at a spot they call Little Mexico. The house is on 6th Street in the Southwest Quad."

I never know, in these situations, how you tell someone who has served so long and so well, "Thank You."

Thank you, Billie Caldwell, for a job well done!

ELECTIONS

From Page 1

Corbett ran as an independent last time, but will more likely be a candidate in the GOP primary next year if he decides to go again. To date there has been no indication of other candidates considering a run.

Corbett says the city administration could do more to improve the city services and appearance. But, Ditslear can point to various successes Noblesville has experienced in the past decade not the least of which is the East 146th Corridor with its Hamilton Town Center development.

Carmel, Fishers and Westfield will also be electing or re-electing mayors and city councils next year. Look for Mayor James Brainard to seek re-election at Carmel. His hard driving, progressive and sometimes expensive plans and projects have gained wide attention and praise, but also some critics who say city debt is excessive.

A city council member, Rick Sharp, has been rumored for more than a year to be a likely challenger to Brainard, but that is far from a certainty. He may choose to seek another term on the Carmel Council.

Fishers will have its second city election after only one year. Scott Fadness will be an incumbent mayor next year, but will have to run again if he wishes to keep the job. Due to election law, Fishers becomes a city on Jan. 1, 2015, but all city officials are subject to election in November next year.

Westfield's mayor, Andy Cook, will also be up for election. While there has been no official announcement, the assumption is that Cook will seek another term. No other candidates have thus far indicated intentions to run.

Two city clerk-treasurers have indicated their plans. Carmel's Diana Cordray will run again while Noblesville's Janet Jaros will not. Her office has been downgraded from clerk-treasurer to simply clerk since Noblesville has decided to become a second class city where treasurer duties are vested in a city comptroller.

A host of town council members and town clerks in Sheridan, Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta will be deciding in coming months whether to seek re-election.

Belfry Theater to present 1776 The Musical

The Belfry Theatre presents 1776 The Musical, directed by Elaine Wagner, over two week-ends later this month at Ivy Tech Community College's Noblesville Campus, 300 N. 17th St.

The show will be performed at 8 p.m. Nov. 21, 22, 28 and 29, with Sunday afternoon performances at 2 p.m. Nov. 23 and 30.

American history blazes to vivid life in this brilliant, witty and compelling Broadway musical. It's the summer of 1776 and the nation is ready to declare independence...if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! Follow John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Richard Henry Lee and Thomas Jefferson as they wrestle with infighting, hold heated debates and negotiate compromises in their attempt to convince the members of the second Continental Congress to vote for independence

from the shackles of the British monarchy. A rousing show filled with glorious music and unforgettable characters.

The Belfry Theatre and Matteo's Ristorante Italiano, 40 N. 9th St., Noblesville, are teaming up to offer a special Dinner and a Show Package for the Saturday night performances. The package includes a three-course dinner and preferred seating for the show. Please visit our website for all the details. www.thebelfrytheatre.com

In celebration of its 50th season, the Belfry Theatre is bringing back some of the most popular shows from the last 50 years. "1776 The Musical" was originally produced at the Belfry for the 1986-1987 season and was directed by Elaine Wagner.

For reservations, visit the Belfry's Web site www.thebelfrytheatre.com or call 317-773-1085.



Photo provided

Benjamin Franklin (Duane Leatherman), Martha Jefferson (Monica Brothers) and John Adams (Mark Tumey) are pivotal characters in American history and in "1776 The Musical," which will be presented by the Belfry Theatre later this month at Ivy Tech Community College's Noblesville Campus.

Final neighborhood meeting for the SW quadrant to be held Thursday

The City of Noblesville will host the third and final neighborhood meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 6 pm at the Noblesville Township Trustee's Office (836 Division Street) for residents of the area bordered by Maple Avenue, S. 8th Street, Christian Avenue, and the White River (Southwest Quadrant) in order to help develop a neighborhood plan. The first two meetings were very successful and well-attended and have resulted in excellent feedback and suggestions from residents. Like the first two, the purpose of this final meeting will be to gather residents' ideas as well as review data and revitalization best practices. The outcome will be a revitalization plan that neighborhood leaders can use to strengthen this historic and vibrant area of Noblesville.

Residents who were not able to attend one of the earlier meetings are encouraged to attend, and residents who did attend a previous meeting are welcome to come to this one as well.

Documents and other materials related to the neighborhood meetings are available for viewing at www.cityofnoblesville.org/planning/SW_Quad.

For questions or more information, contact the Planning Department at (317) 776-6325.

Sheridan Holiday Bazaar

The Sheridan Public Library is holding its 7th annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The library will host dozens of different vendors selling a wide range of home-made, hand-crafted as well as brand name items. This is an excellent opportunity for people to do a little one-stop Christmas shopping.

Items for sale at this year's bazaar include scented candles, baked goods, hand-crafted wood products, crocheted and other home-made clothing items, stained glass, table clothes, holiday wreaths, baby clothes, cheese balls, children's books, paintings, scented soaps and lotions, teas, aprons, decorated sweatshirts, gift baskets, hand crafted ink pens, Mary Kay products, jewelry items, food spices and food mixes. These are just some of the hundreds of things that will be for sale at this bazaar.

If you are interested in becoming a bazaar vendor, choice spots with and without electricity are still available. According to library director Steve Martin, "This is a big event for the library as well as our community. Each year we attract 1,200 to 1,500 visitors to our



Photo provided

Sheridan Public Library board president Loretta Sutherland, left, and librarian Patty Barker are busy planning for the library's 7th annual Holiday Bazaar.

small library to do a little early Christmas shopping. Food service will be available all day for those who want to take their time and look around and have breakfast or lunch. There will also be a silent auction of dozens of items donated by the vendors, the winners to be announced at 1:00 pm. We hope people from all across the region will plan to attend."

For further information about attending the bazaar or if you would like to become a vendor, please call or visit the library (317-758-5201). The Sheridan Public Library is located at 103 West First Street in Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County.



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The Hardest Peace

By JANET HART LEONARD

Kara writes in her book, The Hardest Peace, "I can share my heart, and perhaps one day in my absence, they won't hear my exact words, but they will know the essence of who I am and my heart for their living."

Kara Thewlis Tippetts is sharing her thoughts about her four littles. Eleanor Grace. Harper Joy Sonnet. Lake Edward. Story Jane.

In her blog "Mundane Faithfulness", Kara shares her thoughts and her heart to her thousands of readers. Yes, THOUSANDS. Her book "The Hardest Peace" was released in October. It is now in high demand at Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Costco.

Kara grew up in Noblesville. She never wanted to be famous. She simply dreamed of being a wife and a mother. She just wanted to show her love of Jesus to others. She and her husband, Jason, found their way to Colorado where they were part of a church plant. Shortly after she arrived she was seriously hurt in a fall, a short time later they had to leave their home because of a wildfire, a short time later while taking a shower...her life changed forever.

She knew. She just knew. Within weeks she started facing scary snorts, the huge tubes...

MRI, PET, & CAT. Scans that would show where the cancer was waging its battle in her body.

The battle began two years ago when she was 36 years old. Her prognosis never promised that she would live to see her book published. Her book shows how to expect grace in the midst of life's hard. It is truthful. It is heart wrenching. It is beautiful. Beautiful? Yes. For in her words, written from her heart, her readers are told that there IS beauty in the broken. She shares with her readers that we need to treasure the moments with our loved ones. She says that if the hardest is asked of us, we believe Grace will be there.

Kara's four little ones will remember those moments with their mother loving them well. Life and love, for Kara, have become intentional. She writes love letters to her husband and tells him that he has too much love and does marriage so well that someday he needs to find someone to love. And she prays for that woman...that she will love Jason and her littles the way they need to be loved. What a gift she is leaving to her family. Grace. Love. Treasured memories. Permission to love again.

Kara will return to Indiana to speak on Monday November 24th at the Indianapolis Marriott North at 7:00. The Megan S. Ott Foundation and other corporate sponsors are bringing her home for a visit. Megan and Kara were friends in high school. Megan lost her battle with breast cancer in 2010 at the age of 34. Megan left behind her husband Tom and two littles Katherine (4) and Lauren (19 months). Please contact the foundation website megansottfoundation.org for tickets. The link for the tickets http://megan-sottfoundation-kara-tippetts.eventbrite.com. Invite a friend. You will be met with love and grace that evening. Kara will make a difference in your life...she has mine.



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Share your "Bounty" with your loved ones

By COREY SYLVESTER

It's almost Thanksgiving, a holiday that once celebrated the harvest season. Although many of us today may not be directly connected to agriculture, we still gather on Thanksgiving with our loved ones to share whatever "bounty" we may have. But this practice doesn't have to begin and end with food. Why not incorporate the spirit of sharing into your overall financial strategy? Here are a few suggestions for doing just that:

Make financial gifts. You could give shares of stock to your loved ones, or perhaps give them money to help fund their IRAs. (They must have earned income, however, to be eligible to contribute to an IRA.) You can give up to \$14,000 per year, per recipient. If you are married, you and your spouse can each give up to the \$14,000 yearly limit.

Invest in your children's future. To help your children meet the high costs of higher education, you might want to invest

in a college savings vehicle. One option to consider is a 529 plan. When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings are subject to tax-free growth potential and distributions are free of federal taxes, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (Keep in mind, though, that Section 529 plan distributions not used for these qualified expenses may be subject to income tax and a 10% penalty.) Furthermore, if you invest in your home state's 529 plan, you may receive state tax incentives. Tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, though, so you'll need to consult with your tax advisor about your situation. Another benefit of 529 plans: You control the assets right up to the point at which they are actually used. So, if you have been putting away money for a particular child (or grandchild) and he or she decides against college, you can easily switch to another beneficiary.

Review your insurance policies. If something were to happen to you, is your life insurance sufficient to take care of your family? In other words, would there be enough money available to pay off your mortgage, send your children to college and help your surviving spouse meet at least

some of his or her retirement expenses? A financial professional can help you determine if your life insurance is sufficient for your needs.

Consider involving your family with your estate plans. To help ensure your wishes get carried out the way you intended, consider keeping family members informed of your estate strategy, which could involve your will, living trust, power of attorney and other legal documents. And don't forget to keep your beneficiary designations up to date on your retirement accounts and your life insurance policy. So if you've gone through changes in your family situation, such as a divorce or remarriage, work with your professional team, including your financial advisor and your tax and legal advisors, to make sure your investment strategy aligns with your estate goals.

Once the turkey is eaten and the football games have ended, Thanksgiving will draw to a close. But consider these strategies sharing your "bounty" with your loved ones all year long — and throughout your lifetime.

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Holiday music? Bring it on!

By AIMEE GEBHART

Many people think that since I am a teacher, my favorite months of the year must be the summer months of June and July. While I can't argue the fact that those are pretty sweet months to a teacher, I actually enjoy the stretch between October 1 and December 31 even more. It's the only time of year when we are encouraged to stay indoors gorging on delicious foods and drinks with our friends and families while watching cheesy movies.

And do you know what really adds to my enjoyment of these three, food-family-fun filled months? Holiday decorations and music. The earlier the better. In fact, I'm preparing to put up Christmas decorations this weekend.

I am sure that I have just irritated about 75% of the readers with that statement. I know this because every year I hear people moaning, complaining, and getting downright belligerent about stores and shopping centers playing holiday music the day after Halloween. I, on the other hand, am thrilled by this fact.

One common complaint I've heard is that Thanksgiving gets "pushed aside" or "ignored" with all of the Christmas hoopla. I

want to know, who is skipping Thanksgiving because they heard some holiday music at the local Walmart? Not me! I still make pine cone turkeys with my second graders. I still get excited for my mom's turkey and stuffing, and I still love to lounge around like a stuffed pig with my family after the big feast. As far as I'm concerned, there's plenty of room to love both holidays.

I've also heard griping about the fact that stores are just putting up the decorations and playing the music early in an effort to stretch out the season and make more money. Did I miss something? Was that ever a big secret? Of course they are trying to make more money! That's what they do!

Here's the beautiful thing: You do not have to buy a single item if you don't want to. Isn't that great? And yet people like me, who are slow shoppers and need a big head start, can begin shopping early and enjoy the ambiance that only giant candy canes, glittering trees, and rounds of *Silver Bells* can bring.

While I am usually pretty sympathetic to the thoughts and feelings of others, this is one debate on which I will not cave. This is a glorious time of year, and some of us like to enjoy it for as long as possible. If your biggest complaint is that stores are putting up pretty decorations and playing happy holiday music too early, then you can take my father's sage advice and just "scratch your mad place and get glad." After all, we have much bigger fish to fry,

Holiday indulgence

By SHARON MCMAHON

"He that eats till he is sick must fast till he is well." ~English Proverb

At the risk of incurring disdain from my readers based on the above quote, please know that I realize that holiday fare looms close at hand and it is not my intention to suggest that we do not indulge in the many delicious dining options which appear at this special time.

After a summer season of local, fresh options for fruits and vegetables we begin the fall season feeling pretty good about our nutritional choices. Most of us are more active in the summer as well so we usually are feeling healthy and fit. So let's begin with... Halloween. In addition to the "trick or treat" candies we also have workplace goodies, special donuts, cookies, cupcakes, etc. all to celebrate that particular "holiday." Thanksgiving – yum, I am right there with you! Although I am vegetarian and therefore don't eat the traditional turkey or

ham, I can certainly do damage to sweet potato casserole, cranberry salad, bread dressing, and pecan pie! For me, the Christmas season (and yes I will say "Christmas" because I CAN!) brings sugar cookies, cheeseball and crackers, dips, sauces, and more! Honestly, I think I have put on about 5 lbs. just writing this article! Baking for loved ones, friends, and neighbors, going out to dinner to celebrate the season, and enjoying those "comfort foods" we all love are traditions which may be very important to you and yours and should be filled with joy and happiness.

As a nutrition and wellness coach, I believe it is important to enjoy eating items that you may not ordinarily eat during the rest of the year – "feasting" is one word for it. Deprivation is never the answer and we have all heard – and know, actually – that moderation is the key to success. Have one cookie instead of three; a half-piece of pie instead of the usual piece; less gravy on those mashed potatoes, etc. Moderation does make a difference! Additionally, don't forget to include the fresh veggies before you go out to eat or join the family for a big dinner.

My quote at the beginning of this article time includes a reference to a "fast" and in a later article I will address fasting and some of the myths, truths, and considerations of fasting. In the meantime, enjoy your holiday "feasts" within reason and while paying attention to any health issues and concerns. Vary your special goodies with healthy, fresh, vitamin-rich items in order to feel better, look better, and be well!

Let us remember during this time of holiday joy and feasting that there are many in our communities who are in need of nutritious food items - let's stock the food pantries with items you would wish to serve your families!

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Teacher and student interaction

By HEATHER BATTINICH

If you were to ask your grandparents what their relationships with their teachers were like, they would say something along the lines of, "They taught us. We listened and did as they told us to." If you were to ask students today, they would all have varying answers based on their academic abilities and the clubs they're in at school. The majority of today's students would probably tell you that they get along with one or more of their teachers in a friendly manner, which has become more and more socially acceptable over time. The idea of friendships



developing between teachers and students is, what some would say, normal. It has always been described as "a bit odd" for a student to befriend a grown adult, but is it really? It may be out of line for a romanticized relationship to take place between a grown adult and a minor, especially a teacher, but what about a simple friendship? When you characterize a good friend, you think about moral support, honesty, and respect, which is exactly what is expected among all teachers and students within school systems. Whether a student is struggling to make friends or not, he or she may overlook the factor of age and want to befriend a teacher, and at times that teacher may feel the same way based in mutual respect. When you are looking for a friend, you generally want somebody who will lead with a good example, motivate you, and be there for you. That's exactly what teachers are paid to do, so it's really just a matter of how personal you make it. I know that there are many views on this topic, so I decided to take a mini-poll with the teachers and students of my high

school. I asked my teachers if they felt opposed to sharing their own personal experiences with their students, and what struck me as strange is that it was a 50/50 split between yes and no. The reason that this surprised me is because these teachers share stories of their past experiences on an almost daily basis without knowing it. My favorite response for this question had to be, "Nope...I think it's great to share personal experiences so your students can relate to you more easily," because it goes to show that getting at least a little personal with your students can improve the learning environment in a new way. Throughout elementary and middle school, the principals and counselors of school systems tell their students, "If you are experiencing some trouble or just need someone to talk to, your teachers are here for you to do so," which builds in us a sense of trust in these adults. As we grow older and more mature, we begin to notice distinct characteristics about our teachers that gain them respect and admiration. Seeing these characteristics within our teachers can even bring out traits

of a good friend from within our teachers. Having these kind of ties between teachers and students has its benefits to students' academic abilities. Students will not be afraid to ask questions or speak their mind in the classroom during group discussions. I will tell you from personal experience that teachers who are not afraid to open up and be social tend to gain more respect from their students. When students have this kind of respect for their teacher, they will be more willing to listen and obey them. Teachers who are willing to have a kind of "friendship" with their students are highly influential and helpful when it comes to students' personal lives as well. In my mini-poll, I asked a group of students, "Are you comfortable enough with one or more of your teachers to go to them for advice or support?" Every single student gave me a highly confident answer of yes. If I ever need some advice or just to vent about how terrible my day is going, I know of at least four teachers who would listen and give me honest feedback.

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Ghost Yourself Photo by Lyndsey Morris

Hamilton Heights Digital Photography and Manufacturing Systems class taught by Mr. Fisher will produce a Photo of the Week. This week's photo was produced by Lyndsey Morris.

Deputies honored for saving a life



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Lt. Tom Logan (far left) and Deputy John Cline (far right) were honored for saving the life of Dr. James Reading (center) at his Carmel residence with the use of a portable AED (automatic external defibrillator) that each deputy carries in his/her car. Also pictured is Sheriff Mark Bowen and Carmel firefighters Capt. Wendell Howard, FF Brad Allen, Chief Matt Hoffman, EMS Chief Tom Small, EMS Capt. John Alverson and Planning Chief Adam Harrington.

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Golden Eagles advance to regionals

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor
After holding off Hamilton Heights 28-20 to win Friday's Class 3A Sectional 30 championship, Guerin Catholic will travel to Tri-West for this Friday's regional.

The Golden Eagles improved to 9-3 after the victory, and will play a Tri-West team that is 11-1. After losing its opener to West Lafayette 18-17, the Bruins have since won 11 straight games. Tri-West won Sectional 29 by beating West Vigo 58-7, Brebeuf Jesuit 14-7 and Western Boone 54-28.

Guerin Catholic made it look like it was going to get through Friday's game drama-free in the first half, but Hamilton Heights made a run at the Golden Eagles in the second half. But Guerin was able to hang on to win in front of a packed Eagles Nest, giving GC its fourth sectional championship in five years.

"I think most of the game we played really well," said Guerin Catholic coach Tom Dilley.

Heights finishes its season at 9-3. Guerin Catholic scored on its first two drives, with both following the same script. A big pass play got the Golden Eagles into Husky territory, then Evan Hansen made a couple of runs to get the ball in the end zone. Hansen's first TD was a jog in from the one-yard line, and he scored his second from the HH three.

Matt Labus had things working in those drives, as he completed three big passes,

including a 36-yarder to Jordan Hitchcock in the very first play of the game. Guerin's second drive opened with Cody Brazill making a 49-yard pass to Brian Matthews, which got GC to the Heights 21.

"I thought our offensive coordinator, Coach Polizzi, was real aggressive. They were very well-conceived plays as well, and those were important to get us rolling. "

Things settled down a little bit for the remainder of the half, but the Golden Eagles got one more score in the final minute. Hudson Plumer set the score up, first by making an interception, then by catching a 35-yard pass to get Guerin to the Huskies 14. A penalty knocked the Golden Eagles back to the 24, but it proved to be no problem: Labus found Hitchcock for a 24-yard score with 16 seconds left in the half. Caleb Quick made all three extra point kicks. That gave Guerin Catholic a 21-0 halftime lead.

"It was equally important to get that touchdown right before half, knowing they were getting the ball first," said Dilley.

Heights started its run with a long drive that opened the second half. It was similar to Guerin's first half opening drive: Jesse Kerfoot had several runs, with Ethan Jones making some big passes to move the ball. Kerfoot finished the drive with a 16-yard touchdown run, with Cameron O'Malia making the extra point kick.

After a little bit of punt-trading, the Golden Eagles were able to answer. Hansen

did all but score in the drive, making seven rushes and catching a six-yard pass.

Guerin got down to the Heights 1, but was stopped on its first try. The second one worked, as Labus snuck it in. Quick then converted his fourth extra point try of the night.

It seemed like the 28-7 lead would hold, but the Huskies exploded in the final 4:01 of the game. It was at that mark where Jesse Brown caught a 12-yard touchdown pass from Jones, with O'Malia again making the kick. The Golden Eagles started another drive, but Cayman Lutz stepped in and got an interception - then took it to the end zone.

"That three-score deal is hard," said HHHS coach Mitch Street. "It kind of epitomizes our season the way we played in the second half. We're a lot better today than what we were Aug. 4."



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

The Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles defeat Hamilton Heights 28-20 winning last Friday's sectional championship.

It was a 40-yard run, and kept Heights within eight points. But Guerin kept the ball on the ground in the final 3:27, and was able to get a couple first downs to seal the game.

Labus totaled 196 yards, completing 12 of 23 passes. Matthews caught five those of for 104 yards. Hansen finished with 105 yards in 17 carries.

Jones totaled 180 yards on 16-of-24 passing for Heights. Grant Weatherford, finishing a spectacular career for the Huskies, caught seven of them for 57 yards.

Sheridan falls to Trojans

It would have taken a near-perfect performance for Sheridan to upset defending sectional and state champion Tri-Central on the road Friday evening.

The Blackhawks came close. Trailing by a touchdown and driving for a touchdown late in the second quarter Sheridan had a pass picked off and Tri-Central returned the pigskin 95 yards for a touchdown. Instead of entering halftime, perhaps, tied, Sheridan trailed 22-7 and could never get back in the game while losing to the Trojans 34-14.

The Blackhawks couldn't stop Tri-Central's offense as the Trojans rolled for 211 yards on th ground and 123 more through th air. Three of the winners' touchdowns came on passes.

Coach Bud Wright's club got its first TD with 11:24 left in the second period. Katie Hybarger kicked the extra point.

Sheridan didn't score again until only 2:19 remained in the game. Again it was Hoover, this time from the two, after Sheridan had recovered a fumble. Hybarger again kicked the PAT.

Hoover led Sheridan's offense, carrying 33 times for 148 yards. Sheridan ended its season with a 7-5 record.

Heights' only senior....

Hays to lead Lady Huskies

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor
Basketball coaches often talk about having young teams. They should sit down with Scott Frenung and get the real definition of what a young basketball team really is.

If there is any team in the Mid-Indiana Conference younger than Fernung's Hamilton Heights Lady Huskies, then that team might want to hire a baby sitter for the 2014-15 season.

Hamilton Heights has only one senior. She is Caitlyn Hays. She's a good one. "She is our senior leader," said Fernung. "Caitlyn is a three-year starter. She set our school's three-point record last season. She will be our scoring leader."

Hays was the Huskies' second-leading scorer last season, second behind an awesome senior year turned in by Haley Cook, who poured in 489 points and averaged 23.3 points a game. Hays averaged 9.4 points a contest. She was 60-of-178 shooting 3-pointers. Another senior, Kiley Walters, averaged 8.8 points a contest.

Taylor Boyd averaged 9.0 points and 6.4 rebounds. She is one of the pups returning this season. The 6-3 sophomore, who at times showed plenty of promise, is a sophomore.

"Boyd will have to rebound more and score more," said Fernung. "She passes too much, instead of shooting. She will need to take more shots and she will need to be more aggressive."

If Boyd becomes the scoring threat Husky fans hope she might, Fernung will have a solid 1-2 punch with the big center and with the veteran hot-shooting Hays.

After that, it will be a battling for playing time. Returning with varsity experience from last season are sophomore guard/forward Ashton Runner, junior forward Amy Griffey and junior forward Bri Henson. Runner played in all 21 games last season. Griffey and Henson each missed only one game.

That Lady Husky team finished 9-12. The Huskies started the season by winning just 1-of-5 games. They finished the year by winning 4-of-5. They beat Delta in the opening round of the sectional and then lost to Muncie Central, 40-39.

Griffey, Henson and Runner all, at times, started last season. Runner averaged 3.1 points a game; Griffey 2.8 and Henson 1.9. Griffey averaged 3.1 rebounds; Runner pulled 2.3 and Henson 2.0.

Frenung said Henson is another team leader, although only a junior, and is the best defender on the Hamilton Heights team.

If Hamilton Heights is to be successful this season; if the Huskies compete in the conference and in the sectional, the young team will have to grow up quickly.

That is especially true of two freshmen who Fernung has in his top seven, and the coach said there may be two more freshmen contributing as the season progresses.

Right now the coach is counting on 5-11 freshman Kayla Kirtley and 5-4 freshman Lexi Branham.

"Kirtley and Branham can play," said the coach. Kirtley is a good rebounding prospect, while Branham can handle the basketball and will see some action at point guard.

In a season in which the IHSAA is allowing two extra games, Hamilton Heights will play 20 regular season games and a tourney. Fernung isn't a big fans of playing extra games.

"The kids wear down," Fennung said. "Everyone plays summer basketball. Then, our kids come off the volleyball season for winter basketball. We're a small school. Most of our athletes play two or three sports."

It's a tough schedule. The Lady Huskies will play a strong schedule even before going into the Mid-Indiana Conference season.

The Huskies will play six Class 4A opponents, plus two or three more in the tough Jan.2-3 Greenfield Central Tourney.

Heights will get a taste of the 4A schedule early, playing Noblesville, Carmel and Mt.Vernon in three of the Huskies' first four games. Carmel is coached by Tod Windlan, who just two years ago led Hamilton Heights to the state championship game.

Playing in the Greenfield Central Tourney will be another tough challenge for the Huskies. Along with Greenfield and Heights, the field will include Floyd Central, Richmond, East Central, Lebanon, Noblesville and Homestead.

Rocks go for 2nd straight over Snider...

Westfield will host Friday

For so many years, come regional football time, locally, it was Carmel and Ft. Wayne Snider locking horns in the post season. It became a rivalry, of such, when the Greyhounds and Panthers went to war.

Now, it may be a rivalry between Westfield and Snider. As the IHSAA went to a six-class tourney last year, Snider and Westfield both ended up in Class 5A Westfield won the first meeting, 36-7. They will meet again, and again for the regional crown, on Friday at Westfield.

Westfield will go into the game with a 7-4 record. The Shamrocks are 7-4, with all four losses coming against 6A teams Southport, Noblesville, Avon and Fishers.

Snider is 9-2, having lost 37-17 to 6A Penn (a team which is playing Carmel in the semistate on Friday and to Fort Wayne Wayne, 41-32, in the final game of the regular season. Then, Snider opened the sectional with a 30-21 victory over Huntington and defeated Wayne 24-13 last week in the sectional finale.

Regular season wins for the Panthers came over Ft. Wayne Luers 31-27, Ft. Wayne South 49-0, Ft. Wayne Northrop 37-0, Concordia 48-25, Ft. Wayne North 56-21, Elkhart Central 41-13, and Ft. Wane Dwenger 40-8

Westfield reached the regional with a 45-24 sectional championship win over Harrison last week, a Harrison team Westfield defeated 35-14 in its season opener.

"Harrison has improved, but we have, too," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert, whose Shamrocks now are 7-4 on the season.

"Our running game was very good tonight," Gilbert said. "Our offensive line did a pretty good job of blocking."

Westfield rushed for 220 yards and passed for 114 yards to beat Harrison.

Again leading the rushing attack last evening was senior Elvin Caldwell, who carried 20 times for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Andrew Sweet added 64 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries. Westfield's other rushing touchdown was scored by junior quarterback Ryan Pepiot.

Gilbert again started Sweet. He used Sweet and Pepiot about the same number of plays.

"We really didn't plan it that way, but they played equally well in the first half so we used both in the second half," explained Gilbert.

Pepiot hit on 6-of-10 passes for 60 yards and Sweet was 5-of-8 for 54 yards.

Milo Beam and Ben Lotfolian each had three catches to lead Westfield's receivers.

Gilbert said his defense played better than the numbers might indicate. Harrison rushed for 122 yards and passed for 111 yards.

"We fumbled a punt to start the second half. They recovered and scored. Then we fumbled another punt and they scored again," said the coach.

Westfield broke the game open early, scoring 21 points in the first quarter. The first two touchdowns came on keepers by Sweet. The third came when Matt Crupi forced a fumble and recovered for a TD.

Nick Dowd booted all three first quarter extra points.

Westfield made it a 28-0 game when Caldwell went three yards for a touchdown and Dowd booted another extra point.

After Harrison got on the board, Westfield scored again on a keeper by Pepiot. That gave the Shamrocks a uncatchable 35-7 lead going to halftime.

Westfield's final points came in the fourth quarter on a 22-yard field goal by Dowd, a five-yard touchdown run by Caldwell and a PAT kick by William Harrison.



Noblesville's Brooke Herron goes up to the basket with Fishers' Brooke Sugg playing defense during the Millers-Tigers scrimmage last Thursday night at The Mill. Noblesville opens its season Tuesday at Indpls. Tech.

Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Balance is key for ‘Rocks Potentially, ‘Hawks are set

**By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor**

It is going to be different looking Westfield’s Lady Shamrocks team this girls high school basketball season.

Westfield coach Shane Sumpter agrees. “The last two seasons we’ve had Indiana All-Stars (Jenna Anderson and Kayla Brown) on the court,” Sumpter said.

This is Sumpter’s seventh season at Westfield. He will enter it with a sparkling 106-29 record.

“Our team will have more balance this season,” the coach added.

“You won’t see anyone average 20-plus points a game, like Anderson and Brown did. We’ve got some players this season who can go out and score 20 points in a game. But, what we will have this season is a more well-balanced team. We’ll have some players average between 12 and 15 points.”

Three players capable of being in that range are returning starters from last season, 6-0 junior Haliegh Reinoehl, junior Abby Reeder and junior Maddy Grennes. Reeder, because of an injury, played in only seven games last year, finishing the season by playing in six. Grennes was in all 21 games and she was Westfield’s second-leading scorer with an 8.5 average.

Reeder, Grennes and Reinoehl will be joined in the starting lineup by 6-0 junior Paige Shockley and junior Allison Vandyke.

Vandyke saw good time off the bench last year, playing in all 21 games and scoring at a 7.3 clip.

Grennes can do more than score. She averaged a team-high 6.8 rebounds a game while a sophomore. Vandyke pulled 3.5 boards a contest.

Also expected to see plenty of playing time are senior Natalie Slagle, senior CC Cotter, junior Jalyn Foland and 5-8 post player junior Annaliese Drudge.

Slagle and Cotter are the only seniors on a young, but somewhat experienced team.

Foland, who averaged 7.3 points a game while playing in 14 outings, moved in from Florida last season and battled injuries during the year and more injuries last summer. Cotter moved in from Guerin Catholic last season.

Sumpter said he isn’t worried about rebounding.

“Our two guards,” said the coach, “Grennes and Vandyke, are bigger than our upfront people. Both are around 5-10.

“There will be teams, like Noblesville, who are bigger than we are and we will have to defend against,” Sumpter said. “But, they, too, will have to defend against us.”

The Lady Shamrocks were scheduled to open the season on Friday, but will do so one night earlier, Thursday, because Westfield’s football team will be playing at home in the regional on Friday. Westfield will begin by hosting Western Boone.

The Shamrocks’ first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game is a big one, Nov.21 at Fishers..

Westfield will play 20 regular season games and one tourney this season. The tourney will be Nov. 29 at Tippecanoe Valley. Also in the field are Fort Wayne South and Portage.

“I like this team,” Sumpter said. “All the girls like each other. It’s going to be a fun team to watch.”

**By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor**

Potential.

That’s the word Sheridan coach Jeff Guenther is floating around this girls basketball season.

“Potentially,” Guenther said with the season about to open, “this team could be good.”

Sheridan girls basketball, once the door mat of which ever conference the Lady Blackhawks played in, has been very competitive ever since Guenther arrived in Sheridan eight years ago. In the past seven years, Guenther has an 80-67 record.

Before he arrived, Sheridan had gone 5-39 the previous two years.

Last year the Blackhawks were 14-7. Three years ago Sheridan finished 15-6.

This season could be even better as Guenther matches some experienced seniors with some good-looking young talent.

“Potential is the word,” Guenther stressed.

You know Guenther has confidence in this group when looking at Sheridan’s schedule. Two new teams on that card are McCutcheon from the North Central Conference and Zionsville from the Hoosier Conference.

Sheridan also is hosting its own seven-team tourney on Dec. 29-30.

“McCutcheon and Zionsville will be tough matchups for us,” said the coach. “There was a time when we had to downgrade our schedule. Now, we’re building it back.”

Two seniors who will bring experience to the team are Payton Fleener and Rebekah Hopper. Fleener was the third leading scorer last season with a 9.8 average. She also was second in rebounding with 4.2 grabs a game. Hopper dished out 2.6 assists a game, tops on the team.

The third senior on the squad has become a familiar name to Blackhawk fans. She’s Katie Hybarger, the soccer player

turned football place-kicker and now showing her skills on the basketball court.

Three juniors have varsity experience. Faith DeVaney played in all 21 games last season. Payton Buckner played in 19 and Morgan Leonard got into 14

DeVaney averaged 5.0 points a game and pulled 3.4 rebounds.

Talk about potential, wait until Sheridan fans see the Sheridan starting guards, sophomore Brittany Welch and freshman Audrey Reed. Both stand 5-11. Welch is coming off a sensational freshman year, averaging 13.9 points and a team-leading 5.8 rebounds. She was second on the team in scoring.

Sheridan’s guards will be taller than the front line, except for the 6-0 DeVaney.

“Our guards will need to help with the rebounding,” said Guenther.

“Welch has improved her game,” Guenther said of his sophomore ace. “She has improved her shooting. She can step outside and hit the 3-pointer. She also can handle the basketball.

Guenther believes the freshman Reed is ready to step into a varsity role.

“She had a good season at the middle school,” said Guenther. “We’ve got a good group of freshmen. They had a good eighth grade season. They beat one of the two Noblesville teams and they defeated Hamilton Heights.

“We’re not throwing Reed to the wolves; she can play,” the coach added.

Two other freshmen who could see varsity time are Cherysh Bishop and Nixon Williams.

Last season Sheridan broke out of the gate with five straight wins and the Blackhawks won eight of their first nine games.

That may be tough to repeat.

Sheridan will open Tuesday with a tough challenge at Speedway. The Blackhawks’ first home game will be on Saturday against Eastern.

Hamilton County High School Sports Schedule

Monday, Nov. 10 Girls Basketball Tri-Central at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 14 Girls Basketball Hamilton Heights at Noblesville, 7:30 pm. University at Clinton Central, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov.11 Girls Basketball Noblesville at Tech, 7:30 p.m. Fishers at Anderson, 7:30 p.m. University at Park Tudor, 6:30 p.m. Sheridan at Speedway, 7:30 p.m. Southeastern at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m.	Football Semistate: Carmel at Penn, 7:30 pm. Regional: Snider at Westfield, 7 p.m. Regional: Guerin at Tri-West, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 13 Girls Basketball Carmel at Roncalli, 7:30 p.m. Sheridan at Faith Christian, 7:30 p.m. Western Boone at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, Nov. 15 Girls Basketball Carmel at Cathedral, 1:30 p.m. Eastern at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m. Fishers Tourney Valparaiso vs. Fishers 10 a.m. Lake Central vs. Southeastern, noon Consolation at 5; championship at 7

STUDENT

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On a deeper level, there are plenty of opportunities for teachers to help teens in distress. I know of a case where one of my teachers helped a student to stop self harming. That student ended up getting the help that was needed and is now a very successful academic and general human being.

Having relationships like these within school systems can be greatly beneficial to the learning environment and the personal lives of students. During adolescence, sometimes you just need a an adult figure to rely on away from home. I believe that is one of the greatest things a teacher is capable of being.

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The Westfield Fire Department is now better equipped to deal with emergencies on the city’s trails and park areas thanks to a donation from a local business.

Glen Schwartz, owner of Schwartz’ Trailer Sales, donated a trailer valued at \$6,000 to the department to assist in moving EMS carts. The carts are used to respond to events on the trail system or during special events.

The department approached Schwartz about purchasing a trailer earlier this year, but determined the cost was not feasible. After learning this, Schwartz had his builder take measurements of the EMS cart and then built a trailer that was tailored to the cart’s dimensions.

The trailer was donated yesterday to the department.

“We are very thankful for Mr. Schwartz’s generosity,” Fire Chief Joe Lyons said. “This will help us better serve the residents of Westfield and keep them safe.”



Photo provided

The Westfield Fire Department received a donation from Glen Schwartz, owner of Schwartz’ Trailer Sales. This trailer will help the department move EMS carts.

Mundy speaks out on....

Sheridan Schools’ grades

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Earlier this week the Indiana Department of Education released 2013-2014 accountability grades for Indiana Schools.

Sheridan Schools improved from B’s to A’s at the high school and elementary school. The middle school grade fell from a C to a D.

In response to the grades released, Sheridan Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy answered the following questions for The Hamilton County Reporter.

“What are your initial thoughts regarding the letter grades”

With the recent release of the Indiana Department of Education Letter Grades comes a lot of very exciting news. For the first time in school history the elementary and high school have both received A letter grades. These are the result of the hard work and effort of ALL the teachers, assistants, students, administrators, and parents in the district. As an entire district we really like seeing the results of the high school students as this is a direct reflection of all our teachers’ work over the years as students travel from elementary to middle to high school. Our goal as a district is to produce career and college ready students that are productive members of society and ready for the next step in life. We believe our numbers are showing that these efforts, again by the entire district, are paying off. For the 2014 Department of Education letter grade determination, our graduation rate was 89.1%, the highest graduation rate we have ever achieved. Approximately 50% of our

students take advantage of opportunities leading to college and career readiness including success in dual credit and Advanced Placement courses offered at Sheridan High School; career certifications obtained through J.E. Light Career Center programs; and obtaining an Academic Honors Diploma. As well our ECA scores and attendance rates are well above state averages.

“How about the score the middle school received”

The middle school grade determination is based solely on the ISTEP+ results and the arbitrary results of a student growth equation, while the high school grade is based on the culminating results of the entire districts’ work. Thus, realistically it is only an ISTEP measure and not a true evaluation of the great opportunities and/or the quality of education occurring for our students who attend Sheridan Middle School. I believe the biggest impact on the scores at SMS was our efforts to move to common core and then the re-shifting of this course mid-stream by the State Department of Education. Our teachers and administrators spent numerous hours and funds to properly prepare for a well-planned and well-implemented transition. We were told that initially we could expect fluctuations and potentially lower scores, but we could expect positive outcomes over time. With the change in administration at the DOE, we have been given a new set of standards that are more focused on the Indiana College and Career goals. These continuous changes have not allowed Sheridan Middle School to prepare for consistent and ongoing improvement

focused on standards and effective educational practices. However, we believe STRONGLY that NO one letter grade can ever define or describe the learning that occurs, the education or opportunities that are provided, or the professionalism of our staff. On a daily basis our faculty, students, and parents go above and beyond for the success of everyone involved, and we are very proud of those efforts.

“What is being done already, or what is in the works at SMS and SHS”

Even prior to this announcement, the middle school, as well as all of our schools and teachers, were already making adjustments to the curriculum as we have seen needed to make our students successful. Our teachers have spent numerous hours looking over individual student data, making adjustments to individual lessons according to identified areas of strengths and weaknesses. Prior to the A-F Accountability Report Card, Sheridan Middle School had already restructured remediation programs and opportunities to support students and student learning and achievement. Teachers have also attended a wide-variety of training programs through our educational service center (WVEC) focused on another new test our middle school and elementary school will be faced with in Spring 2015. This new test will be enhanced with technology requirements, rigorous reading passages, and multiple answer questions and all focused on the new Indiana State Standards for College and Career Readiness. In preparation for this new test, our teachers have been working collaboratively outside of school hours to align the curriculum to

the new standards; insure the scope and sequence of the curriculum align to the new test; integrate math and English Language Arts curriculum into all core subject areas; focus on non-fiction and textual reading; and analyze formative assessment data on a regular basis. We will continue to develop focused, intentional, and meaningful curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

“What are we most proud of, or what is the main focus of Sheridan Community Schools”

We have always had a focus on the whole child in Sheridan Community Schools. We are very proud of the fact that our students compete academically in high school and beyond and they are productive, hard working, and overall good citizens. In the past two months alone I have received emails and letters letting me know how one of our students went “above and beyond” or “handled themselves in a positive manner”, and several comments strengthening our belief that our students are polite individuals who understand right from wrong- Sheridan Community Schools has always maintained that we are the best kept secret in Hamilton County. Our students thrive in an educational environment where the teachers and staff know every student both as learners and as individuals and where families and community support the schools in our quest to provide rigorous academic programs and in extra-curricular programs whether that is athletics, club activities, or the performing arts. Sheridan Community Schools is comprised of great students, teachers, and staff supported by great families; all located in a great community.



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