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Sheridan Community School's Board of Trustees are pictured with Superintendent Dr. David Mundy. Front Row (left to right): Randy Brimberry and Dr. David Mundy. Back Row (left to right): Todd Roberts, Alan Lyon, Todd Burtron and Jim Hopkins. Sheridan Community Schools was named to the 2015 Best Place to Work in Indiana list on Wednesday.

## Sixteen county businesses among "Best Places to Work"

The 100 companies selected as a 2015 Best Place to Work in Indiana include some new faces, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce announced today. Sixteen of these companies are based in Hamilton County.

"A record-breaking number of applicants – approaching 200 – has made the program more competitive," says Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar. "That shows in which organizations were selected as a Best Place to Work and in the rankings themselves."

"We have stellar mainstays who continue to impress with their work environment, perennial participants who made strides on the list and some newcomers who deserved

attention. This group truly showcases a cream of the crop of Hoosier employers," he states.

"These are organizations that demonstrate to their employees through their culture, communication, career opportunities, benefits and more how much they value their contributions to the overall success and bottom line."

The actual rankings for the companies will be unveiled at a [May 7 awards dinner](#), presented in partnership with Hylant, at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. Elements Financial is the reception sponsor.

These top companies in the state were determined through employer reports and

comprehensive employee surveys. The Best Companies Group, which handled the selection process, oversees similar programs in 26 other states.

Winners were selected from four categories: small companies of between 15 and 74 U.S. employees; medium companies of between 75 and 249 U.S. employees; large companies of between 250 and 999 U.S. employees; and major companies with 1,000 or more U.S. employees. Out-of-state parent companies were eligible to participate if at least 15 full-time employees are in Indiana.

Among the Hamilton County honorees was Sheridan Community Schools, which


was one of the winners in the medium category.

"To be selected by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce to the Top 100 Places To Work in Indiana list is an honor for all of our faculty and community," said Sheridan superintendent Dr. David Mundy. "To be the only school selected certainly represents the hard work of the Sheridan Community School staff and is a reflection of our students and families."

"To be associated with the other businesses that made the list is humbling for Sheridan Community Schools."

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### Riverview Health to host joint pain seminar



Riverview Health will host a joint pain seminar from 6-7 pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

Dr. Norman Mindrebo, a board certified orthopedic surgeon, will share information on the newest techniques for joint pain treatment and joint replacement.

The joint pain seminar will take place at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel, 11925 N. Meridian Street, Carmel. A light dinner will be served. The program is free, but registration is required. Register at [riverview.org/classes](http://riverview.org/classes) or call [317.776.7999](tel:317.776.7999).

## Five county schools among those receiving... Teacher Creativity Fellowships

They spend the school year inspiring young minds to learn, create and discover. This summer 100 of Indiana's most gifted K-12 educators will take time for their own exploration and growth through Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowships.

Now in its 28th year, the Endowment's Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program gives Indiana teachers, principals, guidance counselors and school media specialists the financial support and encouragement to nurture their commitment to education. In doing so, the program seeks to strengthen Indiana schools. As educators tend to their own intellectual, emotional and physical wellbeing, they are better able to engage and challenge their students.

Five Hamilton County schools were among those that had teachers selected. They are as follows:

**Carmel High School**  
Philip A. Helman: "Searching the Scene"—travel to Verona to investigate the setting of *Romeo and Juliet*; write a companion book for high school students detailing the architecture, scenery, history and culture of original setting

**Fall Creek Intermediate School**  
Nicholas E. Coffman: "Ratios, Architecture and Photography"—observe and photograph architectural wonders in Europe; investigate the merits of using the Golden Ratio and

principle of thirds to enhance photography skills; establish a photography club

**Riverside Intermediate School**  
Jeffery A. Johnson: "Tiptoe Through the Tulips"—follow the footsteps of Dutch ancestors; examine Dutch art and culture

**Sand Creek Intermediate School**  
Brent G. Farrell (principal) (2007): "Project-Based Learning – On the Fly!"—learn the sport of fly fishing in Vermont; fish in Arizona and investigate upstream waterways' impact on fish populations; apply lessons learned to students' science.

**University High School**  
Luke E. Crawley: "Spanish Bagpipes"—investigate bagpipes in northern Spain; compile audio recordings of Spanish bagpipe musicians; compose a traditional piece for bagpipes

Each educator will receive a \$10,000 grant that will support a summer project of personally and professionally fulfilling activities. The fellows represent a wide spectrum of schools across Indiana – traditional public schools, charter schools and private schools, both religiously affiliated and independent.

Many of the educators will travel internationally to explore the homelands of their increasingly diverse student bodies; others will

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Obituaries

Barbara Ann Moore

June 2, 1953 - February 16, 2015

Barbara Ann Moore, 61, of Sheridan, passed away on Monday, February 16, 2015, at home. She was born on June 2, 1953, to Warren and Louise (Smith) McDougall in Indianapolis. Barb had been a teller at First Farmer's Bank in Sheridan for 10 years. She enjoyed crafts and was an avid Colts fan. Barb also loved animals, especially her two dogs, Buddy and Harley.



She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Dave Moore; daughter, Jenni Schroll; son, Chad (Betsy) Moore; two brothers, Albert and Carl McDougall; and a grandson, Jacob Schroll.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with Rev. VJ Stover officiating. Visitation will be Friday, February 20, 2015, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

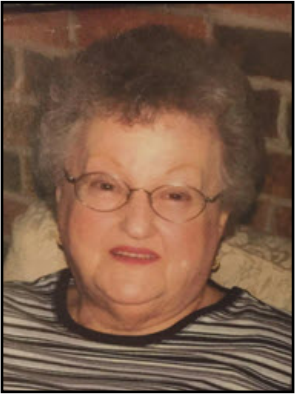
Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Memorials and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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Gail Dell

March 3, 1937 - February 15, 2015

Gail Dell, 77, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on March 3, 1937 to Kenneth and Pauleen (Love) Johnston in Bakersfield, California.



Gail was a gifted singer who sang, and also served as choir director for several years, at Refuge Christian Church. She also sang with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir for a number of years. She was raised in Hamilton County, and had lived in Indiana from 1950-1996; and then moved to Oregon, where she lived until 2014, when she returned to Indiana. Gail's love of antiques was her passion; along with being a hospice care provider for individuals electing to stay at home until their passing. She was a preacher's kid and used her religion as her lifelong dream.

She is survived by her five children, Bruce (Charline) Dell, Beverly (Leonard) Morgan, Kenneth (Tina) Dell, Christopher Dell, and Michael Dell; sister-in-law, Rebecca Dell; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews in Indiana, Kentucky and Oregon.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clark E. Dell who passed away in 1994; sister, Kathleen Perry; and brother, Wayne Johnston.

Services will be held at a later date.  
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Stop condition change at 276th and Devaney

The stop condition at the intersection of 276th Street and Devaney Road will be changed Monday, Feb. 23, 2015. The stop signs will be installed on Devaney Road and will be removed from 276th Street.

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DAILY BIBLE VERSE

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- Romans 10:17

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David W. Thatcher

March 15, 1959 - February 13, 2015

David W. Thatcher, 55, of Atlanta, passed away on Friday, February 13, 2015 at his home. He was born on March 15, 1959 to Verne and Betty Jo (Huffman) Thatcher in Anderson, Indiana. His parents preceded him in death.



David worked as a truss builder/assembly worker at Truss Manufacturing Co. in Westfield.

He is survived by son, Nathen Thatcher of Cicero, IN. David's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, Noblesville.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

Melisa M. Shinault

September 8, 1980 - February 17, 2015

Melisa M. Shinault, age 34, of Sheridan, passed away on Tuesday morning, February 17, 2015. Born on September 8, 1980 in Noblesville, Indiana, Melisa was a 1999 graduate of Sheridan H.S. and a 2003 graduate of Indiana State University, where she earned her BS in Criminology.

Melisa has cooked for the residents of Harbour Manor in Noblesville for the past 9 years, and also driven a School Bus route for Carmel Clay School Systems for the past year and a half. Reading and crocheting were just a few of her hobbies. Melisa had a passionate love for music and the performing arts. She assisted her husband David with the Westfield H.S. Band program for many years.

On May 11, 2002, Melisa would marry the love of her life, David L. Shinault, and the two of them would settle down in Sheridan to raise their beautiful family.

Melisa is survived by her husband David L. Shinault of Sheridan; their 2 sons, Berdan T. Shinault and Zachary D. Shinault; and their daughter, Amelia A. Shinault; her parents, Richard V. and Pamela J. (Thistlethwaite) Fosnight of Sheridan; her brothers, Richard Mark (Clem) Fosnight of Sheridan and Jeremy Scott (Christina) Fosnight of Noblesville; maternal grandmother, Lorita Thistlethwaite of Sheridan; paternal grandmother, Linda Fosnight of Sheridan; Father and mother in law, David L. and Mary Anne Shinalut; 3 brothers in law, James Andrew (Lauren) Shinault of Knoxville, TN, William CA (Allison) Shinault of Shreveport, LA and Logan (Samantha) Sloan-Shinault of Sheridan; and her BFF, her bulldog Bailey.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Richard H.Fosnight and maternal grandfather, Mark Thistlethwaite.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with Visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of Service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Todd Lamkin will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial contributions be presented to the Melisa Shinault Education Fund for the benefit of her Children's Education c/o PNC Bank in Noblesville

Public Notice:

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2b) the Town Council for the Town of Atlanta will hold an executive session meeting Monday, February 23rd, at 2:30 p.m. at the Atlanta Town Hall located at 105 E. Main Street. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the initiation of litigation.

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# CREATIVITY

experience language immersion; and some will trace their own ethnic heritage and family histories. There are teachers who will use the renewal time to create: a screenplay, a young adult novel, a photographic essay. Others will explore the natural world – the Galapagos Islands, wild horse colonies in South Dakota, elephant habitats in Kenya.

Several educators plan to return to their schools to start new projects. One teacher will investigate schoolyard gardening programs in California so that she can bring gardening into the life of her school. Another teacher will hone skills in equine therapy so that she can better work with students experiencing anxiety, trauma and eating disorders.

Another educator will learn fly fishing in Vermont, investigate waterways in Arizona and then create science projects for his students focused on water quality and fish habitats in the White River.

For more information on the Best Places to Work program, go to [www.bestplacetoworkIN.com](http://www.bestplacetoworkIN.com).

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IDSolutions / Noblesville  
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"This year's Teacher Creativity Fellows have outlined renewal experiences that will truly integrate personal and professional renewal," said Sara B. Cobb, vice president of education for Lilly Endowment. "As they engage new ideas and follow their own curiosities they will renew their enthusiasm for teaching."

"These teachers, counselors, principals and librarians will go out into the world and reconnect with their calling as educators. They will come home refreshed." Cobb

said. "We regularly hear that these experiences help Indiana educators renew their commitment to their profession. As a result, their students benefit."

Including the 2015 class, more than 2,700 Indiana educators have received grants since the Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program began in 1987. The recipients of these fellowships are selected from a competitive pool of applicants; about 500 educators applied for this round of \$10,000 awards.

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# BEST PLACES

"We've always said Sheridan is the best kept secret in Hamilton County. It is now nice to share that secret, and the internal success we are having, with the rest of the state."

Hall of Fame companies are those that have been named a Best Place to Work in Indiana at least two-thirds of the time in the program's history; Capital Group and RCI, both based in Carmel, meet that criteria.

In addition to the May 7 awards dinner, winners will be recognized via a special section of the Indiana Chamber's bimonthly BizVoice® magazine and through Inside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick – both of which reach statewide audiences. Additional program partners are the Best Companies Group, Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Indiana State Council of SHRM and the Wellness Council of Indiana. The 2015 Best Places to Work in Indiana awards dinner is open to the public. Individual tickets and tables are available at [www.indianachamber.com/specialevents](http://www.indianachamber.com/specialevents).

All companies that participated in the 2015 Best Places to Work program receive an in-depth evaluation identifying strengths

and weaknesses according to their employees. In turn, this report can be used in developing or enhancing employee retention and recruitment programs.

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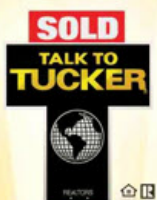
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# Angie’s List announces financial results

Angie's List, Inc. (Nasdaq:ANGI) announced today financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2014.

"We grew revenue, improved margins and, for the first year in company history, generated positive adjusted EBITDA, all while investing to build our marketplace," said Angie's List CEO Bill Oesterle. "In the fourth quarter, we continued to execute on our strategic objectives, including growing our member base and investing in our products. While we made progress transitioning to our marketplace model, we see continued opportunities to propel it forward by improving transaction outcomes for both consumers and service providers."

**Market Cohort Analysis**

"We surpassed three million members in the fourth quarter, marking a major milestone and underscoring the value of our services to consumers," continued Oesterle. "Membership continued to grow meaningfully across every cohort."

**Fourth Quarter Results**

Total revenue for the fourth quarter of 2014 was \$82.2 million, an increase of 19 percent compared to the prior year period. Membership revenue in the fourth quarter of 2014 was \$18.0 million, an increase of 2 percent compared to the prior year period. Service provider revenue remains the largest and fastest growing component of total revenue at \$64.1 million for the quarter, representing a 26 percent growth rate year over year. Service provider revenue includes revenue from advertising contracts and fees from e-commerce transactions. Advertising revenue was \$58.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2014, an increase of 29 percent compared to the year-ago period, and e-commerce revenue was \$6.1 million, an increase of approximately 1 percent year over year.

Marketing expense decreased 53 percent, or \$6.1 million, compared to the year-ago period. Net income for the fourth quarter was \$15.3 million, with selling expense of \$28.7 million and marketing expense of \$5.5 million, compared to net income of \$2.8 million, with selling expense of \$24.6 million and marketing

expense of \$11.6 million, in the year-ago period. Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, was \$20.9 million for the fourth quarter as compared to \$9.9 million for the same period in the year-ago period. Adjusted EBITDA in the fourth quarter of 2014 includes an adjustment for a one-time, non-cash long-lived asset impairment charge of \$1.8 million related to the abandonment of certain capitalized website and software development assets.

**Full Year 2014 Results**

Full year 2014 revenue was \$315.0 million, an increase of \$69.4 million, or 28 percent, from \$245.6 million in the prior year. Membership revenue for the full year was \$73.1 million, representing a year over year increase of 12 percent, while service provider revenue increased \$61.6 million, or 34 percent, to \$241.9 million for the current year as compared to \$180.3 million in 2013.

Marketing expense was approximately \$87.4 million in both 2013 and 2014, while total gross paid memberships added increased to 1,242,485 in 2014 from 1,218,258 in 2013, resulting in a decrease in cost per acquisition to \$70 for 2014 from \$72 in 2013.

Net loss was \$12.1 million for the full year 2014, with selling expense of \$117.2 million and marketing expense of \$87.4 million, compared to a net loss of \$33.0 million, with selling expense of \$90.1 million and marketing expense of \$87.5 million, in the prior year.

Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, was \$4.2 million for the full year 2014, compared to an adjusted EBITDA loss of \$18.9 million in 2013.

At December 31, 2014, the balance of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments was \$64.3 million.

**Business Outlook**

The Company's financial and operating expectations for the full year 2015 are as follows:

- Revenue of \$357 million to \$363 million
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$28 million to \$30 million

# Westfield Police offer Craigslist safety tips

Internet services such as Craigslist are an increasingly quick and convenient way to buy and sell items. However, we often hear stories of people who have been victimized after setting up a sale through the website. The item being sold could be fake or broken, the cash being used could be counterfeit, or the check written could be bogus. There have been real estate scams offering fictional rentals, foreign scams offering more than your selling price, fake job scams, and fake ticket scams. Assaults, robberies, and murders have also occurred during these transactions.

The Westfield Police Department urges its residents to be cautious when buying and selling on Craigslist. Trust your instincts and always meet in a public place. One option is to utilize our lobby in the Public Safety Building located at 17535 Dartown Rd. The lobby is open during business hours, Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm.

If you do become a victim of a crime, report it to the police immediately via 911 or dispatch at 317-773-1300. Also, report all suspected fraudulent Craigslist ads by flagging the post as prohibited or at [craigslist.org/contact](http://craigslist.org/contact).

With this in mind, the Westfield Police Department would like to offer the following safety tips and reminders to help avoid scams and protect yourself when using Craigslist. Some of these are directly from the “Craigslist Best Practices” off [Craigslist.com](http://Craigslist.com).

- Always deal locally with the person so you can meet them in person.
- Many scams begin with a “seller,” “landlord,” or “employer” who is based out of state or out of the country and is unable to deal with you directly.
- Never rent housing without seeing it first; never purchase expensive items sight-unseen.
- Never submit to a credit check or background check for a job or house listed on Craigslist until you have met the interviewer or landlord in person.
- Avoid jobs that ask you to send them money. This is always a scam.
- Never give out your financial information (PayPal, bank account, etc.) or social security number.
- Never wire funds via Western Union, Money Gram or any other wire service.
- Know that fake cashier’s checks and money orders are common. Banks will cash them and then hold you responsible for the money.

- Never accept one that is for more money and then give back “change”! This is a common scam!
- Craigslist does not provide “buyer protection” or “seller certification.”
- Only a scammer will “guarantee” your transaction.
- Be especially careful when buying/selling high-value items.
- Do your research!
- Know about the item or vehicle you’re buying, how to tell if it is fake, or if it’s priced correctly.
- Check whether the pictures included are downloaded from the Internet. Copy the link to the image and search it in Google Images.
- Make sure the landlord really owns the house. If it’s an apartment or condo, you can call the related association or property management company. If it’s a home, you can search property records for the area.
- If you are buying tickets, know what your ticket should look like. Ask for proof of purchase.
- If you’re buying tickets through the mail, don’t pay the entire amount up front. Offer to pay half up front, half when received. Put everything in writing, including the seller’s information. Ask that the tickets are sent with a tracking number.
- Avoid deals involving shipping or escrow services. Many scammers will use a spoof email that mimics a legitimate site and escrow account but is really fake.
- If you are buying a high-priced item where an escrow service is suggested, pick it yourself. Never allow the seller to pick and never do business with a company you’ve never heard of.
- Be certain you are on the authentic Craigslist site. Spoof sites have been created that look exactly like Craigslist but are only designed to take your money. The official website is <http://www.craigslist.org/>; anything other than that is not real.
- Insist on a public meeting place, like a restaurant or the Public Safety Building.
- Do not meet in a secluded place, or invite strangers into your home. If you must meet at your residence, do not let them inside and do not be alone to meet them – invite a friend, relative, or neighbor over to assist.
- Tell a friend or family member where you’re going to meet someone you contacted through Craigslist and take someone with you – Never meet them alone!
- Take your cell phone along with you.

## Letter to the Editor

# Action must be taken to stop human trafficking

Dear Friends,

Human trafficking is a \$31 billion dollar industry that spans the globe. In the United States, approximately 17,500 people are victims of human trafficking each year and this problem continues to grow at an alarming rate. The majority of these victims are girls between the ages of 12 and 14.

It’s time to do something. **It's time to take decisive action.**

That’s why the House recently passed a package of 12 bills to eradicate this form of modern-day slavery. The victims of these crimes need our help. The perpetrators of these heinous acts must be brought to justice.

I was proud to vote for all of these bills, including:

**House Resolution 181** – the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act: This legislation increases and streamlines law enforcement resources dedicated to fighting human trafficking. It makes it easier for law enforcement officials to obtain the vital wire tap warrants they need to stop organized crime networks and rescue victims.

**House Resolution 285** – the Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act: The SAVE Act criminalizes those who knowingly advertise the commercial exploitation of children and trafficking victims.

**House Resolution 159** – the Stop Exploitation through Trafficking Act: This bill provides incentives for states to adopt safe harbor laws that treat trafficked children as victims, rather than criminals or delinquents. Victims need support, not judgment.

[Click here](#) to learn more about these bills.

Human trafficking is a crime that knows no geographic or socio-economic boundaries. I know this firsthand from my time as a U.S. Attorney where I was involved in the creation of IPATH: the Indiana Protection of Abused and Trafficked Humans. Trafficking is in our urban, suburban and rural communities – including Indiana’s 5<sup>th</sup> District – and it must be stopped. As your member of Congress, I am committed to ensuring seamless coordination between local, state and federal officials to bring an end to this unacceptable crime. We must stand up for victims who’ve had their voices taken away.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. As always, feel free to be in touch with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,  
Susan W. Brooks  
Representative, Indiana’s 5th District



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# Sheridan Smart Future meeting

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Sheridan Town Council member Silas DeVaney (center) participates in Sheridan Smart Future round table discussion with Linda Fausset, Erin Rood and Lisa Zola. Wednesday's Smart Future meeting was the second in a series of four meetings designed to identify future needs within Sheridan Community Schools.



The roundtables were filled at the Sheridan Smart Future meeting Wednesday night.



Todd Burtron, Kent Davis, Kim DeVaney, Adam Spencer and Tamra Smelser participate in a round table discussion.





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Noblesville's Emily Kiser (30), Cori Cain (3), Alexis Shannon (23) and Brooke Herron (24) were part of a Millers' team that won the Millers' first sectional since 1996. Noblesville will now compete in the Kokomo regional next Saturday, playing McCutcheon in the first semi-final. Also pictured is Fishers' Kara Gerka.

At Kokomo Regional...

# It's a "fearful foursome"

By **DON JELLISON**  
Reporter Editor

It may feel like "old times" when two former Hoosier Crossroads Conference partners, Noblesville and McCutcheon, on Saturday at 10 a.m. battle in the opening game of the Kokomo Girls Regional.

The second first-round game will feature a highly favored Homestead machine going against Fort Wayne Snider.

Championship action is set for 8 p.m.

Noblesville (22-2, No. 6 in the state) and McCutcheon (18-8, unranked) were rivals in the HCC before the Mavs left the Hoosier Crossroads to join the North Central Conference this school year.

In the HCC years, Noblesville did well against McCutcheon., the Lady Millers winning the last two contests and holding a 9-5 series advantage.

"McCutcheon is very talented, senior dominated and well-coached," said Noblesville coach Donna Keck. "They have several very good scorers in (Kerstyn) Lowery, (Gabby) Gary and (Becca) Spitalniak. They will give us multiple looks on defense. Offensively, they like to run and shoot 3-pointers."

Three-pointers? The coach has that right. The Mavs' percentage isn't all that great (25.4), but the team has fired up 469 boomers and hit 119.

In comparison, Noblesville is 122-for-357 from 3-point range. That's a 34.2 percentage.

Lowery a 5-6 senior who is McCutcheon's only double digit scorer (14.3) has hit 30-of-116 3's. Gary, a 5-5 senior averaging 8.9 points a game, is 67-of-188 from 3-point range. Spitalniak, a 5-11 senior, is 19-of-66. Spitalniak is averaging 9.2 points a contest and is McCutcheon's leading rebounder with 6.9 boards a game.

Noblesville's biggest threat from 3-point territory is senior guard Becca Bergman. She is 55-of-125. That's a terrific 44 percent.

While Keck is zeroed in on McCutcheon, she also has thoughts of the overall regional competition. Mainly of course, a Homestead team which licked Noblesville pretty good, 58-44, on Jan. 2 in the Greenfield Holiday Tourney. That was Noblesville's first loss after winning 11 straight games. Since then Noblesville has lost only to Class 2A powerhouse Heritage Christian and 4A powerhouse Lawrence North.

"The Kokomo Regional has an excellent field," said Keck. "Homestead is extremely talented and has one of the best shooters/scorers in the state in (5-8 sophomore Karissa) McLaughlin. She is an absolute phenom."

McLaughlin is averaging 24.2 points and 4.2 rebounds a game. She is one of five Homestead players averaging in double

Probable Starting Lineups			
<b>McCutcheon (18-8)</b>	<b>Vs.</b>	<b>Noblesville (22-3)</b>	
Gabby Gary (5-5, Sr.)		Katelyn O'Reilly (5-9, Jr.)	
Allison Boardman (5-6, Sr.)		Alexis Shannon (5-9, Jr.)	
Becca Spitalniak (5-11, Sr.)		Erin Wood (6-2, Sr.)	
Kerstyn Lowery (5-6, Sr.)		Kayleigh Herron (5-4, Sr.)	
Hannah Burger (6-1, Sr.)		Becca Bergman (5-4, Sr.)	
<b>Fort Wayne Snider (21-4)</b>	<b>Vs.</b>	<b>Homestead (23-2)</b>	
Nourachia Jackson (5-5, Sr.)		Josie Fisher (5-6, Sr.)	
Deja Wimby (5-8, Sr.)		Karissa McLaughlin (5-8, So.)	
Daysianae Hinton (5-8, So.)		Savannah Buck (5-7, Jr.)	
Allana Hurst (5-9, So.)		Lindley Kistler (6-0, Jr.)	
Kyla Covington (5-10 So.)		Grace German (6-0, Sr.)	

figures. The others are 5-9 sophomore Madisen Parker at 10.1, 5-6 senior Josie Fisher at 1.2, 6-0 junior Lindley Kistler at 10.7 and 6-0 senior Grace German at 12.8.

German is averaging 9.8 rebounds a game and Fisher has dished out 168 assists.

Homestead's first game foe, Fort Wayne Snider, has the regional's highest scorer in 5-8 senior Deja Wimby. She is scoring at a 25.2 clip; averaging 9.0 rebounds a game and she has 173 assists and 157 steals.

Even with Wimby's great talents, Homestead is a strong favorite in the first round contest. Homestead defeated Snider 84-53 back on Jan. 13.

Homestead's only losses have been to Columbus North (86-75) and Elizabethtown, Ky., 71-68

Homestead had little problems winning the sectional, blasting Fort Wayne Wayne 75-40 and Jay County 76-28. McCutcheon won sectional tilts from Harrison 45-34, Lafayette Jeff 43-33 and Marion 55-41. Snider defeated Northrop 67-45, North Central 62-21 and Carroll 72-62.

Noblesville played in arguably the best sectional in the state and the Lady Millers responded by beating Carmel 60-55, North Central 68-39 and Fishers 55-41.

"Our sectional was a huge challenge," said Keck. "Our seniors really stepped up and carried us, along with our outstanding underclassmen. It was a great team effort to win Sectional 8.

"Becca Bergman made numerous huge plays on both ends throughout the tournament. Alexis Shannon's monster fourth quarter vs. Fishers was crucial for us to wrap up the victory. Katelyn O'Reilly was fantastic throughout the tournament. Cori Cain played incredible defense on several outstanding players. Erin Wood played big in the post on both ends. Our bench was fantastic and gave us the depth to beat three excellent opponents," Keck added.

McCutcheon and Homestead each won sectionals on their own courts. Noblesville won at Southeastern and Snider won at Carroll.

The combined record of the four teams in the regional is 84-17. Snider has won 10 straight heading into the regional. No other school in the field has won more than seven in a row heading into Saturday's games.

Homestead is the top scoring team in the state at 77.5 points per game with South Bend Washington second at 75.20. Noblesville is sixth at 71.8.

Noblesville has the best record (19-2) in games against 4A schools Homestead is 16-1; Snider 15-1 and McCutcheon 10-5.



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McCutcheon's season				
Nov. 13	Western {3A}	W 73-28		
Nov. 18	Twin Lakes {3A}	W 60-31	tournament	
Nov. 21	Harrison {4A}	W 56-42	tournament	
Nov. 22	Benton Central {3A}	L 34-44	tournament	
Dec. 3	Lafayette Jeff {4A}	W 44-25		
Dec. 5	Huntington North {4A}	W 54-50		
Dec. 6	Fountain Central {2A}	W 48-45		
Dec. 10	Lafayette Central Catholic {1A}	W 59-49		
Dec. 12	Logansport {4A}	W 38-36		
Dec. 19	at Harrison {4A}	W 73-57		
Dec. 26	(n)Scottsburg {3A}	W 48-29	tournament	
Dec. 27	(n)Columbus East {4A}	L 36-55	tournament	
Dec. 27	(n)Connersville {4A}	L 42-49	tournament	
Jan. 10	at Richmond {4A}	L 44-55		
Jan. 13	at Zionsville {4A}	W 60-32		
Jan. 16	at Sheridan {2A}	W 52-39		
Jan. 17	Muncie Central {3A}	L 39-49		
Jan. 23	Marion {4A}	L 39-42		
Jan. 24	at Benton Central {3A}	L 44-60		
Jan. 27	at West Lafayette {3A}	W 36-35		
Jan. 30	at Kokomo {4A}	ot W 48-47	lost by forfeit	
Feb. 3	North Montgomery {3A}	W 52-22		
Feb. 6	at Anderson {4A}	W 48-45		
Feb. 10	Harrison {4A}	W 45-34	sectional	
Feb. 13	Lafayette Jeff {4A}	W 43-33	sectional	
Feb. 14	Marion {4A}	W 55-41	sectional	

Noblesville's season				
Nov. 11	at Indianapolis Tech {4A}	W 65-48		
Nov. 14	Hamilton Heights {3A}	W 103-48		
Nov. 18	Lebanon {3A}	W 77-60		
Nov. 21	at Brownsburg {4A}	W 78-51		
Nov. 22	Warsaw {4A}	W 64-39		
Nov. 25	at Carmel {4A}	W 102-85		
Nov. 29	Avon {4A}	W 90-27		
Dec. 6	at North Central {4A}	W 72-55		
Dec. 12	at Fishers {4A}	W 45-33		
Dec. 16	at Anderson {4A}	W 92-50		
Dec. 20	Westfield {4A}	W 68-55		
Jan. 2	(n)Homestead {4A}	L 44-58	tournament	
Jan. 2	(n)East Central {4A}	W 55-44	tournament	
Jan. 3	(n)Floyd Central {4A}	W 80-38	tournament	
Jan. 10	at Mount Vernon {4A}	W 78-49		
Jan. 16	Zionsville {4A}	W 77-26		
Jan. 20	Western Boone {3A}	W 106-38		
Jan. 26	Kokomo {4A}	W 69-40		
Jan. 28	Pendleton Heights {4A}	W 88-50		
Jan. 31	Hamilton Southeastern {4A}	W 68-57		
Feb. 3	at Heritage Christian {2A}	L 52-66		
Feb. 5	Lawrence North {4A}	L 40-61		
Feb. 10	(n)Carmel {4A}	W 60-55	sectional	
Feb. 13	(n)North Central {4A}	W 68-39	sectional	
Feb. 14	(n)Fishers {4A}	W 55-41	sectional	

Homestead's season				
Nov. 12	Fort Wayne Northrop {4A}	W 82-22		
Nov. 20	at Fort Wayne Dwenger {3A}	W 85-43		
Nov. 25	at Marion {4A}	W 84-49		
Nov. 28	Huntington North {4A}	W 87-29		
Dec. 4	Norwell {3A}	W 85-45		
Dec. 6	at Bedford (Mich.)	W 81-42		
Dec. 12	New Haven {3A}	W 84-26		
Dec. 16	Fort Wayne South {4A}	W 80-47		
Dec. 20	at Carroll (Fort Wayne) {4A}	W 86-54		
Dec. 22	at Carmel {4A}	W 71-38		
Dec. 29	(n)Mooresville {4A}	W 61-50	tournament	
Dec. 30	(n)Pike {4A}	W 59-52	tournament	
Dec. 30	at Columbus North {4A}	L 75-86	tournament	
Jan. 2	(n)Noblesville {4A}	W 58-44	tournament	
Jan. 3	(n)Lebanon {3A}	W 88-61	tournament	
Jan. 3	at Greenfield-Central {4A}	W 73-42	tournament	
Jan. 9	East Noble {4A}	W 80-35		
Jan. 10	(n)Elizabethtown (Ky.)	L 68-71		
Jan. 13	Fort Wayne Snider {4A}	W 84-53		
Jan. 17	at Columbia City {3A}	W 62-50		
Jan. 23	Bellmont {3A}	W 90-19		
Jan. 31	at DeKalb {4A}	W 86-43		
Feb. 7	at Ben Davis {4A}	W 77-69		
Feb. 13	Fort Wayne Wayne {4A}	W 75-40	sectional	
Feb. 16	Jay County {4A}	W 76-28	sectional	

Fort Wayne Snider's season				
Nov. 15	at NorthWood {3A}	W 81-52		
Nov. 18	Columbia City {3A}	L 56-57		
Nov. 22	Merrillville {4A}	W 70-60	tournament	
Nov. 22	Fort Wayne Canterbury {2A}	L 65-78	tournament	
Nov. 25	at Huntington North {4A}	W 75-56		
Dec. 2	Carroll (Fort Wayne) {4A}	W 63-42		
Dec. 6	Northridge {4A}	W 58-55		
Dec. 12	Fort Wayne North {4A}	W 56-23		
Dec. 16	at East Noble {4A}	W 75-66		
Dec. 19	Fort Wayne Wayne {4A}	W 71-62		
Dec. 23	(n)Fort Wayne Northrop {4A}	W 76-41	tournament	
Dec. 26	(n)Fort Wayne Luers {3A}	W 70-47	tournament	
Dec. 27	(n)Fort Wayne Concordia {3A}	L 61-69	tournament	
Jan. 9	at Fort Wayne Northrop {4A}	W 50-36		
Jan. 13	at Homestead {4A}	L 53-84		
Jan. 16	Fort Wayne South {4A}	W 59-58		
Jan. 21	Norwell {3A}	W 73-57		
Jan. 23	at Fort Wayne Concordia {3A}	W 61-40		
Jan. 27	DeKalb {4A}	W 69-44		
Jan. 30	at Fort Wayne Dwenger {3A}	W 73-58		
Jan. 31	South Bend Washington {4A}	W 83-77		
Feb. 6	at Fort Wayne Luers {3A}	W 80-56		
Feb. 10	(n)Fort Wayne Northrop {4A}	W 67-45	sectional	
Feb. 13	(n)Fort Wayne North {4A}	W 62-21	sectional	
Feb. 14	at Carroll (Fort Wayne) {4A}	W 72-62	sectional	





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A year early, perhaps, but...

# Young ‘Hawks has arrived

y DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

Back in mid-January even many loyal Sheridan basketball fans were beginning to think that this young Blackhawk team was a year away.

Sheridan had won 13 of 15 games, but then the Blackhawks hit a lull in their schedule, losing four straight, including a 54-53 loss to a Tipton team which many were predicting as the favorite in the Taylor Sectional.

But, just as suddenly as the losing string had come, Coach Jeff Guenther again turned things around. Sheridan won its final three regular season games and then blew through the sectional with wins over Taylor 47-28, Tipton 60-44 and Elwood 67-52.

After winning their first sectional ever, the Blackhawks now are ready for a very tough Class 2A regional at Lapel.

It will be Shenandoah (22-3) going against Wabash (22-3) in the 10 a.m. opener and then Sheridan (20-6) meeting Fountain Central (20-3) in the second game. Championship game action is set for 8 p.m.

Sheridan will begin by facing one of the best defensive teams in the state. Fountain Central’s 33.65 average is 8<sup>th</sup> best in Indiana.

Actually, stats would indicate that this regional will be defensive-minded. Sheridan is allowing just 39.2 points a game; Shenandoah 38.2 and Wabash 39.9.

Sheridan is the highest scoring team at 59.7, followed by Shenandoah at 54.2, Fountain Central 52.5 and Wabash 51.3.

“Fountain Central is an excellent basketball team,” said Sheridan coach Jeff Guenther. “They rely heavily on their post play with two big forwards.”

Fountain Central’s leading scorer is 6-0 sophomore Megan Williams at 17.5 points a game. She also is rebounding 13.2 boards a contest.

“Williams has great hands and Fountain Central does a really good job of delivering the ball high. She is an excellent athlete and does a good job of going up and getting the ball. We will need to limit her touches and block out well.”

The only other Fountain Central player averaging in double figures is 5-10 sophomore Maggie Fishero at 10 points a game .

Fountain Central’s only losses have been to Class 4A McCutcheon, 48-45; Class 4A Lafayette Jeff, 54-49 in double overtime and to Class 2A Seeger, 34-33.

The loss to Seeger was the Mustangs’ last game of the regular season. In the sectional, Fountain Central defeated Seeger 39-23 and then rolled over Clinton Central 72-22 and Riverton Parke 43-32 for the championship.

“Wabash and Shenandoah have both had outstanding years,” Guenther looked at the overall regional.

“Wabash has excellent guard play. Shenandoah came through a brutal sectional. They have an excellent post player, as well.”

Shenandoah has lost only to Frankton 65-50, Lapel 62-58 and Yorktown 42-38. The Raiders beat Lapel 58-49 and Frankton 62-60 in the sectional after opening with a 61-36 romp over Wapahani.

Shenandoah is a big team and is led in scoring by 5-11 sophomore Rachel Rathwohl at 18.4. She is the only Raider averaging in double figures.

Wabash’s three losses have been to 1A Culver 48-39, 3A Tippecanoe Valley 60-48 and 3A Rochester 49-44.

The Apaches have won 16 straight games.



Brian Reddick/File photo

Sheridan’s Brittany Welch is averaging 19.9 points per game, helping the Blackhawks to their first ever sectional championship last week. Sheridan plays Fountain Central in the second semi-final of the Lapel regional on Saturday.

Probable Starting Lineups		
Shenandoah	Vs.	Wabash
Breanna Deyoung (5-6, So.)		Claire Cromer (5-3, Sr.)
Micah Kimball (5-7, Sr.)		Kristin Cromer (5-6, Jr.)
Rachel Krathwohl (5-11, Sr.)		Shelby Stone (5-5, Sr.)
Morgan Tapscott (5-8, Jr.)		Madison Barden (5-7, Jr.)
Haley Hudson (6-0, Sr.)		Sarah Puckett (5-10, Sr.)
Sheridan	Vs.	Fountain Central
Katie Hybarger (5-9, Sr.)		Maggie Fishero (5-10, So.)
Brittany Welch (5-11, So.)		Morgan Grubb (5-4, Sr.)
Audrey Reed (5-11, Fr.)		Macee Williams (6-0, So.)
Payton Buckner (5-6, Jr.)		Kyle Keeling (5-5, So.)
Rebekah Hopper (5-5 Sr.)		Samantha Pigg (5-5, Sr.)

Wabash’s top scorer is a 5-3 senior, Claire Cromer, with a 22.3 average. Sarah Puckett, a 5-10 senior, is next in the scoring column at 9.3 a game.

“We played really well in the first two games of the sectional against Taylor and Tipton,” Guenther talked about his Blackhawks. “Our effort on the defensive end was very good. We were able to hold both opponents to low shooting percentages.

“Elwood was a battle in the championship game,” Guenther continued. “They were very well prepared and we struggled against their zone.

“On the defensive end, we were a step slow most of the night. Late, we made a defensive switch and did a better job of contesting shots. We were able to put together consecutive defensive stops.

“On the offensive end, we started cutting harder and with a purpose. That allowed Audrey Reed to get to the basket and our shooters to get some open looks and we were able to knock down some shots.

“I could talk about each kid. All seven players played vital roles in the tourney,” Guenther concluded.

Sheridan’s offense is led by the two kids, sophomore Brittany Welch with a 19.9

average and the freshman, Reed, with a 13.8 average.

Katie Hybarger, the place kicker from the football team, is Sheridan’s leading rebounder at 6.8 boards a game.

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# Lapel regional teams at a glance

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Shenandoah's season			
Nov. 13	Union (Modoc) {1A}	W 51-40	
Nov. 15	at Winchester {2A}	W 54-18	
Nov. 18	Blue River {1A}	W 55-30	
Nov. 22	Cambridge City Lincoln {2A}	W 73-30	
Nov. 28	at Frankton {2A}	L 50-65	
Dec. 2	Hagerstown {2A}	W 49-31	
Dec. 5	at Eastern Hancock {2A}	ot W 55-44	
Dec. 12	Tri {1A}	W 41-28	
Dec. 13	at Union County {2A}	W 44-32	
Dec. 20	at Guerin Catholic {3A}	W 57-35	
Dec. 23	at Madison-Grant {2A}	W 40-38	
Dec. 30	Elwood {2A}	W 52-32	
Jan. 3	Alexandria {2A}	W 52-23	
Jan. 9	(n)Knightstown {2A}	W 66-44	tournament
Jan. 13	at Centerville {2A}	W 53-35	
Jan. 15	Lapel {2A}	L 58-62	
Jan. 17	at Monroe Central {1A}	W 55-28	
Jan. 20	at Yorktown {3A}	L 38-42	
Jan. 23	at Knightstown {2A}	W 58-54	
Jan. 28	(n)Tri {1A}	W 54-23	tournament
Jan. 29	Wapahani {2A}	W 69-51	
Feb. 5	at Daleville {1A}	W 51-26	
Feb. 10	Wapahani {2A}	W 61-36	sectional
Feb. 13	Lapel {2A}	W 58-49	sectional
Feb. 14	Frankton {2A}	W 62-60	sectional

Wabash's season			
Nov. 14	Mississinewa {3A}	W 60-44	
Nov. 15	at Marion {4A}	W 62-55	
Nov. 20	Culver {1A}	L 39-48	
Nov. 22	at Southern Wells {1A}	W 48-41	
Nov. 25	Madison-Grant {2A}	W 61-27	
Dec. 3	at Alexandria {2A}	W 59-36	
Dec. 6	at Tippecanoe Valley {3A}	L 48-60	
Dec. 9	Warsaw {4A}	W 44-41	
Dec. 13	at Rochester {3A}	L 44-49	
Dec. 16	at Oak Hill {2A}	W 56-52	
Dec. 20	Northfield {2A}	W 40-27	
Dec. 29	(n)Southwood {2A}	W 44-32	tournament
Dec. 30	(n)Northfield {2A}	W 43-36	tournament
Jan. 10	Southwood {2A}	W 59-30	
Jan. 13	Eastbrook {3A}	W 45-39	
Jan. 17	Manchester {2A}	W 39-29	
Jan. 21	at Lewis Cass {2A}	W 50-38	
Jan. 24	at North Miami {2A}	W 52-24	
Jan. 28	at Peru {3A}	W 49-46	
Jan. 31	at Whitko {3A}	W 58-47	
Feb. 3	Blackford {3A}	W 60-48	
Feb. 7	Maconaquah {3A}	W 71-27	
Feb. 10	(n)Oak Hill {2A}	W 49-44	sectional
Feb. 13	(n)Lewis Cass {2A}	W 51-32	sectional
Feb. 16	(n)Northfield {2A}	W 51-46	sectional

Fountain Central's season			
Nov. 21	at South Newton {1A}	W 50-16	
Nov. 22	at Clinton Prairie {1A}	W 61-56	
Nov. 25	North Montgomery {3A}	W 46-24	
Dec. 2	at Crawfordsville {3A}	W 59-45	
Dec. 6	at McCutcheon {4A}	L 45-48	
Dec. 8	at Lafayette Central Catholic {1A}	W 42-36	
Dec. 9	Faith Christian {1A}	W 43-11	
Dec. 11	North Vermillion {1A}	W 57-35	
Dec. 16	at Southmont {2A}	W 62-38	
Jan. 2	Attica {1A}	W 47-36	tournament
Jan. 3	Seeger {2A}	W 55-43	tournament
Jan. 6	Attica {1A}	W 54-26	
Jan. 8	at North Putnam {2A}	canceled	
Jan. 13	Covington {1A}	W 71-40	
Jan. 14	at Lafayette Jeff {4A}	2ot L 49-54	
Jan. 20	Turkey Run {1A}	W 64-33	
Jan. 22	at Rockville {1A}	W 38-18	
Jan. 27	at South Vermillion {2A}	W 66-37	
Jan. 29	at Riverton Parke {2A}	W 47-41	
Jan. 31	Clinton Central {2A}	W 64-26	
Feb. 2	at Benton Central {3A}	canceled	
Feb. 3	Seeger {2A}	L 33-34	
Feb. 10	Seeger {2A}	W 39-23	sectional
Feb. 13	Clinton Central {2A}	W 72-22	sectional
Feb. 14	Riverton Parke {2A}	W 43-32	sectional

Sheridan's season			
Nov. 11	at Speedway {2A}	W 57-28	
Nov. 13	at Faith Christian {1A}	W 55-14	
Nov. 15	Eastern (Greentown) {2A}	W 58-51	
Nov. 18	at Tri-West {3A}	L 43-56	
Nov. 22	at Elwood {2A}	W 59-41	
Dec. 5	at Carroll (Flora) {1A}	L 35-36	
Dec. 8	at Fall Creek Academy {1A}	W 83- 9	
Dec. 9	Clinton Central {2A}	W 77-39	
Dec. 13	(n)Clinton (Ill.)	W 49-38	
Dec. 16	Anderson Prep Academy {1A}	W 85-19	
Dec. 20	Tri-Central {1A}	W 72-51	
Dec. 22	Lapel {2A}	W 59-56	
Dec. 29	Indiana Math & Science {1A}	W 90-21	tournament
Dec. 30	Hammond Gavit {3A}	W 56-21	tournament
Dec. 30	Franklin County {3A}	W 58-41	tournament
Jan. 9	at Zionsville {4A}	ot W 57-56	
Jan. 10	at Tipton {2A}	L 53-54	
Jan. 15	at Clinton Prairie {1A}	L 39-44	
Jan. 16	McCutcheon {4A}	L 39-52	
Jan. 22	at Delphi {2A}	L 41-51	
Jan. 27	Rossville {1A}	W 63-30	
Jan. 31	Muncie Burris {2A}	W 79-25	
Feb. 3	Frankfort {3A}	W 71-61	
Feb. 11	at Taylor {2A}	W 47-28	sectional
Feb. 13	(n)Tipton {2A}	W 60-44	sectional
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Carmel's Mary Woods finished 13th in the 50 freestyle and the breaststroke at last weekend's IHSAA state swimming and diving meet.

*From junior to senior to alumni...*

# Every one is important for Carmel swimming

By **RICHIE HALL**  
**Reporter Sports Editor**  
The Carmel girls swim team's historic 29th consecutive state championship is a story in itself - but there's always more than just the results.  
Every individual has her own story, and her own journey to being a part of such an amazing legacy. The champions may get the headlines, but every member of the team is important.

Take senior Mary Woods, for instance. Woods was competing for the first time at state. She had been on the deck at the IU-PUI Natatorium before, but had never been in the water. At this year's state meet, Woods placed 13th in both the 50 freestyle and the breaststroke.  
"It was everything I could've imagined it would be and even more," said Woods of the experience. "To see everybody up in the stands cheering for you, everyone on deck

cheering for you, it's a great environment and it's so much fun."  
Woods will swim at DePauw University next year.  
Probably the most incredible race of the entire state meet was the 400 free relay. Carmel smashed the state and national record by almost six seconds with a time of 3:15.38. There will be some boys teams that win sectional championships in that event this weekend who won't swim as fast as the Greyhound girls did.  
One of the members of that team was junior Kendall Smith. She was part of two state champion relay teams, also helping the 200 free relay to victory. Smith was also the state runner-up in the 50 and 100 freestyles.  
"I love racing relays at state, because the energy in the room is out of this world, and it was just really great, racing with my friends," said Smith.  
And then there's Amy Bilquist. The senior transferred from Arizona to Carmel in her junior year, and took to Indiana swimming like a cactus takes to the desert.

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*Phil Gibson*, Certified Crop Advisor, Bayer Crop Science  
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Phil will be discussing the importance of protecting pollinators from agricultural hazards, and will cover the following: A. Why Important (Feeding a Hungry World, Population Growth in Emerging Economies) B. Benefit of Pollinators (Fruit & Vegetables, Worldwide Food Production) C. Pollinator Threats (Parasites, Nutrition, Diseases, Pesticides) D. Pollinator Protection and Health (Communication, Be Aware of Surroundings, Ensure Seed is Planted to Minimize Dust) E. Projects to Improve Pollinator Health + Safety (Communication, Cover Crops, Flowers & Trees, Current Stewardship – Seed Finishers & Fluency Agent).  
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*Curt Emanuel*, Extension Educator (ANR & CED), Purdue Extension  
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Curt will be discussing the importance of keeping pesticides out of the water supply when mixing chemicals, and steps that can be taken to avoid well contamination. This session will also include a discussion on proper procedures to plug an abandoned well.  
**"Starting and Managing a Home Orchard"**  
*Roy Ballard*, Purdue Extension agent & orchard owner  
In this session, Roy Ballard, Purdue Extension Educator and practitioner will discuss how to start and manage a small home orchard. He will discuss what trees do well in Central Indiana, spacing and size. Roy will also discuss how to manage your fruit trees for pests, production and pruning.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Whether they graduated two years or 25 years ago, all the former swimmers for Carmel were celebrating the Greyhounds' 29th consecutive state championship last weekend at the IUPUI Natatorium.



SWIMMING

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Bilquist was a perfect eight-for-eight in her Greyhound career. In addition to swimming on the medley and 400 free relay teams, Bilquist won the 50 and 100 freestyles as well. She set state records in her individual swims, and state and national records on the relays.

"I think we did the best that we could and I couldn't have asked for a better ending to my high school career," said Bilquist, who is committed to the University of California. "When I look back when I'm in college, I'm going to just be so proud of the girls coming through, because I know how hard they have to work to make this happen, and I just think it's really understated. People think we get it given to us, and we work hard for it. So I'm proud of it."

At the end of the meet, when the Greyhounds were once again holding up the state trophy, some of the former Carmel swimmers were seen on the deck celebrating. They included such recent graduates as Rhiannon Sheets and Trish Regan - both of whom went on to swim at Division I schools - to Christine Simmons.

Simmons graduated from Carmel High School in 1989 and was on the first three state championships of the streak. The Greyhounds received those trophies in 1986, 1987 and 1988 - back then, girls swimming was a fall sport. The IHSAA moved it to the winter season beginning with the 1996-97 school year.

Simmons could never have imagined that she would be a part of what would become a 29-year state championship streak.

"I think that at the time, three in a row was an amazing feat," she said.

Simmons won four state championships; as part of the medley relay in 1986-87-88, along with an individual victory in the individual medley in 1988.

"I'm very proud to be a part of this Carmel legacy," said Simmons. "To know that the community continues to embrace swimming, that parents really dedicate their time to bringing their kids to practices, and that the high school continues to support swimming at the highest level in Carmel. I really appreciate that as a former swimmer."

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Wrestling...

# A look at the state finals

It's the weekend when the sound of bouncing Indiana Pacer basketballs is replaced by the sound of people hitting the mat - either a wrestler on a takedown, or a referee signaling a pin.

That's right - it's state finals time! The 224 state qualifiers - 16 wrestlers each in 14 weight classes - will march into Bankers Life Fieldhouse Friday night for what will be a rollicking two days of wrestling. Even an overtime Pacers game can't compare to the tension and drama of the IHSAA wrestling state finals.

Ten of those wrestlers are from Hamilton County. Hamilton Southeastern qualified the most with six, while Fishers will have two competing at state. Westfield and Carmel will have one wrestler each on the mat.

Of course, there are good wrestlers everywhere, and it doesn't matter where one winds up in the draw - a wrestler must be prepared.

Take the 106-pound division, for example. Hamilton Southeastern's Klayton Anderson is ranked second in the state. He gets eighth-ranked Christian Hunt in his first-round match. Who could be awaiting the winner? The top-ranked wrestler, Colton Cummings of Lowell.

Wrestlers must win their match tonight to advance to Saturday's top eight. Those who make it to Saturday are guaranteed to wrestle three more matches and will receive at least a top eight place in the state in their weight class.

Here's a complete list of the brackets for each weight class that Hamilton County wrestlers will be competing in.

106 POUNDS

Graham Rooks (Columbus East), freshman, 41-1 vs. Kory Cavanaugh (Penn), sophomore, 29-9  
Cameron Diep (New Palestine), junior, 41-3 vs. Ben Streeter (Fort Wayne North Side), junior, 27-4  
Colton Cummings (Lowell), sophomore, 41-1 vs. Levi Miller (North Posey), freshman, 49-6  
Christian Hunt (Yorktown), freshman, 46-3 vs. Klayton Anderson (Hamilton Southeastern), freshman, 38-2  
Cainan Scafefer (South Dearborn), sophomore, 45-2 vs. Tanner DeMien (NorthWood), freshman, 40-4  
Tyler Mills (Brownsburg), freshman, 33-6 vs. Jon Anderson (Lafayette Jeff), sophomore, 47-2  
Geoffrey Davis (Fort Wayne Wayne), junior, 34-6 vs. Alexander Strueder (Fishers), freshman, 35-9  
Tyler Triana (Hobart), freshman, 37-4 vs. Mason Miranda (Avon), freshman, 20-5  
NOTES: Strueder is in as an alternate - he lost in the ticket round at New Castle, but was first alternate in to state. The 19th-ranked Davis won the Fort Wayne Wayne semi-state, but Strueder has wrestled a tough schedule and will be tournament-ready.

113 POUNDS

Austin Holmes (Hamilton Southeastern), junior, 42-3 vs. Anthony Mosser (Adams Central), sophomore, 36-8  
Rickie Rodriguez (Hammond Morton), senior, 34-3 vs. Jacob Skaggs (Avon), sophomore, 32-8  
Garrett Pepple (East Noble), senior, 42-0 vs. Ethan Smiley (Beech Grove), freshman, 34-7  
Kyle Luigs (Evansville Mater Dei), sophomore, 32-4 vs. Dustin Miller (Lafayette Jeff), senior, 36-1

Drew Hildebrandt (Penn), junior, 35-0 vs. Kaden Poe (Decatur Central), sophomore, 23-5  
Jabin Wright (Kokomo), sophomore, 34-8 vs. Skylour Turner (Cathedral), sophomore, 40-3  
Paul Konrath (Mount Vernon Posey), sophomore, 46-3 vs. Michael DeLaPeña (Merrillville), sophomore, 35-6  
Alec White (New Palestine), sophomore, 40-4 vs. Blake Glogouski (Fairfield), junior, 49-2  
NOTES: Holmes gets an unranked sophomore in his first match, but the Royals junior is experienced enough to not take anyone lightly. Holmes finished fourth at 113 last year.

132 POUNDS

Austen Laughlin (South Bend Riley), junior, 46-6 vs. Evan Eldred (Westfield), junior, 33-9  
Connor Knapp (East Noble), senior, 41-2 vs. Austin Bethel (Mount Vernon Posey), sophomore, 37-4  
Jordan Vaughn (Franklin Central), junior, 40-5 vs. Jarrett Carden (Lewis Cass), senior, 41-3  
Griffin Schermer (Bloomington South), senior, 38-4 vs. Kyle Egolf (Columbia City), senior, 27-3  
Nick Lee (Evansville Mater Dei), sophomore, 31-0 vs. Fernando Luevano (West Noble) freshman, 27-9  
Jack Chastain (Hamilton Southeastern), senior, 41-4 vs. Zach Donaldson (Crown Point), senior, 36-3  
Sage Coy (Delta), junior, 39-1 vs. Cale McCoy (Northview), junior, 40-9  
Blake Strawsma (Benton Central), junior, 39-3 vs. Nick Ellis (Roncalli), junior, 37-8  
NOTES: The fifth-ranked Chastain takes on the 10th-ranked Donaldson in his first match, while No. 7 Eldred gets unranked

Laughlin, who upset Donaldson to win the Merrillville semi-state.

138 POUNDS

Clayton Moore (Manchester), senior, 35-1 vs. Kasper McIntosh (Portage), freshman, 29-9  
Alan Dixon (Evansville Reitz), senior, 36-13 vs. Tommy Cash (Lawrence North), senior, 41-2  
Clarence Johnson (Merrillville), senior, 39-1 vs. Jay Franko (Jimtown), senior, 39-6  
Keegan Stansberry (Hamilton Southeastern), senior, 37-1 vs. Kyle Todrank (Gibson Southern), senior, 43-3  
Joe Lee (Evansville Mater Dei), freshman, 31-1 vs. Connor Moore (Southmont), junior, 36-8  
Isaac Eicher (Leo), junior, 39-1 vs. Riley Akers (Crown Point), senior, 34-3  
Brandon James (Perry Meridian), senior, 41-0 vs. Benjamin Castleberry (New Albany), senior, 39-7  
Triston Rodriguez (Culver Community), junior, 38-3 vs. Brad Laughlin (Yorktown), sophomore, 46-4  
NOTES: The sixth-ranked Stansberry, who suffered his first loss of the year at semi-state in an injury default, gets the fifth-ranked Todrank in his first match.

145 POUNDS

Trent Pruitt (Warren Central), junior, 39-2 vs. Doug Levitz (Prairie Heights), junior, 45-8  
Bryant Haynes (Charlestown), senior, 43-5 vs. Jacob Covaciu (Merrillville), junior, 40-1  
Cael McCormick (Yorktown), junior, 48-1 vs. Alston Bane (Richmond), sophomore, 38-4  
Tavonte' Malone (South Bend Adams), sophomore, 35-3 vs. Blake Jourdan (Evansville Mater Dei), junior, 24-3  
Andrew Herrin (Jennings County), junior, 46-2 vs. Daylan Schurg (Crown Point), junior, 35-7  
Evan Smiley (Beech Grove), senior, 39-5 vs. Anthony Vaughn (Elkhart Memorial), senior, 40-3  
Steven Lawrence (Portage), junior, 35-3 vs. Patrick Schnell (Castle), senior, 39-7  
Tanner Shipley (Huntington North), senior, 41-3 vs. Mason Gaines (Fishers), senior, 38-5  
NOTES: Gaines, ranked 17th, won't be taking the unranked Shipley lightly: Shipley beat the No. 19-ranked wrestler in the Huntington North semi-state ticket round.

152 POUNDS

Isaiah Kemper (Evansville Central), senior, 40-1 vs. Mike Krzyston (Andrean), senior, 32-3  
Dominic Herrick (Warren Central), junior, 32-10 vs. Marquis Schieber (Jimtown), senior, 30-8  
Tommy Forte (Mishawaka), senior, 33-0 vs. Gleason Mappes (Center Grove), freshman, 23-19  
Josh Garman (Fort Wayne Carroll), junior, 43-1 vs. Corbin Gregg (Hamilton Southeastern), senior, 36-12  
Dru Berkebile (Yorktown), freshman, 36-5 vs. Isaiah Michaels (Centerville), junior, 40-4  
Elijah Dunn (Indian Creek), junior, 42-2 vs. Jarod Swank (Penn), sophomore, 32-5  
Kellen VanCamp (Lebanon), senior, 42-1 vs. Peyton Sturgill (Peru), junior, 42-4  
Kodie Christenson (Lake Central), senior, 36-5 vs. Cayden Whitaker (Martinsville), junior, 36-5  
NOTES: Gregg will face the third-ranked wrestler in Garman, but the HSE senior has gotten some big wins over ranked opponents this year.


170 POUNDS

Joseph Mammolenti (Penn), senior, 33-2 vs. Blake Jeffress (Castle), senior, 33-5  
Zachary Worm (Southmont), junior, 37-7 vs. Kaine Luginbill (Adams Central), senior, 39-4  
Dylan Lydy (Ben Davis), senior, 42-0 vs. Ben Norton (LaVile), senior, 31-8  
Brett Baker (Bellmont), senior, 26-11 vs. Cameron Jones (Lawrence North), junior, 38-6  
Ben Harvey (Cathedral), senior, 42-1 vs. Zachary Davis (Concordia Lutheran), junior, 39-2  
Nathan Walton (Brownsburg), freshman, 39-7 vs. Hunter Mote (Delphi), junior, 36-1  
Dillon Jackson (Yorktown), senior, 32-4 vs. Spencer Irick (Hamilton Southeastern), junior, 36-9  
Ismael Cornejo (Portage), sophomore, 29-7 vs. Jacob Stevenson (Franklin Community), senior, 34-6  
NOTES: Irick is ranked 19th, and won't be taking Jackson lightly: He won the Fort Wayne semi-state.

195 POUNDS


Randy Scott (Mooresville), senior, 42-1 vs. Carter Friedt (Bellmont), junior, 32-10  
Sam Hipple (Carmel), junior, 27-4 vs. Tanner Bradley (Mishawaka), senior, 26-4  
Myron Howard (Yorktown), senior, 23-1 vs. Jake LaMar (Castle), senior, 19-7  
Matt Hedrick (Portage), senior, 26-7 vs. Tristen Tonte (Perry Meridian), sophomore, 40-2  
Nick Fowler (Calumet), senior, 40-0 vs. Scott Fuller (Zionsville), junior, 34-8  
Bo Davis (Garrett), senior, 41-6 vs. Garrison Lee (Monrovia), sophomore, 29-9  
Blake Rypel (Cathedral), junior, 43-0 vs. Justin Akers (Crown Point), sophomore, 24-11  
Christian Redmond (Jennings County), junior, 41-7 vs. Scottie Evans (Delta), junior, 24-6  
NOTES: The 11th-ranked Hipple will wrestle the 16th-ranked Bradley.

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