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County pumping natural gas

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

The natural gas filling station is currently in full operation at the Hamilton County Correctional Facility.

That was the message loud and clear Tuesday at the Hamilton County Commissioners meeting.

Hamilton County first began utilizing this fueling station in December of 2014.

The county is currently applying for a 2015 Community Conservation Challenge Grant to up fit its fleet of vehicles.

At Monday's meeting, the Commissioners approved Johnson-Melloh Solutions to apply for this \$100,000 grant.

Currently, Hamilton Count has purchased 15 vehicles equipped with natural gas fuel capacity.

"We are still waiting for some of the vehicles to arrive, and we plan to purchase an additional 15 vehicles by the end of the

year," Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt told The Reporter.

The cost the county currently spends is 55 cents per gallon.

"We also benefit by purchasing our natural gas for our county owned buildings at a reduced cost because we buy this commodity on the open market," the Commissioner added.

Along with the cost savings for gas, this fuel burns cleaners, so the life of the vehicle is extended as well as providing an environmental benefit which produces less harmful emissions.

Also at the meeting, the Commissioners approved a construction management



Heirbrandt

agreement with the firm Envoy to begin preservation improvements to the Old Historical Courthouse. The agreement involves exterior painting/weatherization improvements to the upper sections of the building.

Other projects will involve improvements to the front entry of the Government Judicial Center; roof improvements at the 4H Building and at the jail complex, along with upgrades to elevators to meet current ADA requirements.

An update was provided concerning the Judicial Center expansion project. By law, Hamilton County can spend \$12,000, but the Commissioners want to spend more.

A request to amend Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-35 has passed favorably through Committee with a 13-0 vote and then through the Senate favorably with a 44-0 vote. This will now go to the Ways & Means for approval as the next step in the process. If it passes favorably through Ways &

Means, this will then go to the House for three separate readings. If successfully, the Governor then could sign the new bill into law.

Senator Luke Kenley has been instrumental throughout this process.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, an update was provided by Building & Grounds Supervisor Steve Woods regarding the energy-efficiency exterior lighting improvements at the Health Department, at the Jail Complex; at the Judicial Center and at the County Highway Department.

The improvements will provide an increase in area light levels and provide longer life LED technology to reduce energy and operations costs for Hamilton County.

Westfield launches new customer service tool

The city of Westfield this week is launching WeConnect – a new tool that will allow residents to report potholes, fill out permits, pay bills and much more.

"We are completely focused on delivering excellent customer service to the taxpayers of this community," said Mayor Andy Cook. "By using technology like that found in the WeConnect portal, we can easily improve the way we address issues that matter to our neighborhoods and businesses."

"Microsoft is thrilled that the city of Westfield is launching their citizen services program using our Dynamics platform, enhanced by our partner ADXStudios", said Kim Nelson, Executive Director of Microsoft's State and Local Government Solutions Group and the US lead for Microsoft CityNext, that empowers people to make cities safer, smarter, healthier, and modern.

Derrick Cash, director of informatics for the city, sees WeConnect as a starting point for increasing the public's access to city services.

"Non-emergency work order management is just the beginning," Cash said. "This is the technical foundation upon which many aspects of city business will sit. With direct links to our accounting and document retention systems, we aim to centralize the business intelligence of all city resources such as contracts, vendors, projects, fleet and more."

Residents can visit weconnect.westfield.in.gov/ to explore all the services WeConnect offers.

Sheridan Schools ranked in top 100 best places to work in Indiana

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, states.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Sheridan Community School's Board of Trustees 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.

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."

"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.

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Heights' students serve as State House pages

A group of students from the Hamilton Heights school district recently served as Indiana House Pages during the 2015 session of the Indiana General Assembly. The Indiana House of Representatives offers an unparalleled opportunity for students

between the ages of 13 and 18 to visit the Statehouse and experience a full day of legislative activity.

Pages are able to see how the state legislature works firsthand in a behind-the-scenes tour. They will get to work alongside legislators, legislative assistants and interns. On session days, pages experience how a bill becomes a law as they watch legislators on the House floor debate issues. Students also have the chance to tour the statehouse, see where the Governor works and observe floor sessions of the House, Senate and Supreme Court chambers.



Photo provided

Pictured with Rep. Cook is Abby Ross, HHMS, Grade 7, Cheyenne Anderson, HHMS, Grade 7, Erin Haas, HHHS, Grade 11, Madeline Templeton, HHHS, Grade 11, Rachel Wolfe, HHHS, Grade 11, Sarah Wolfe, HHMS, Grade 7, Taylor Cunningham, HHHS, Grade 11.



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Obituaries

Debra Kay Butler

May 7, 1959 - February 14, 2015

Debra Kay Butler, 55, of Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on May 7, 1959 in Marion, Indiana.



Debra was a 1977 graduate of Carmel High School, and worked as a medical billing specialist for Ciproms.

She is survived by her husband, David Butler; son, Josh Lethig; granddaughter, Jasmine; sisters, Kathy Jacobi, Diana McDonald, and Cynthia Kolb; brothers, David Butche and Chuck Butche; step-father, Chett Babb; step-daughter, Stacy Butler; and step-grandson, Brayden.

Debra was preceded in death by her father, Charles Robert Butche Sr.; and mother, Betty Jean (Noggle) Babb.

Services were held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor Gary Bingham officiated. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

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

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Fonza Dean Vickery

September 13, 1933 - February 17, 2015

Fonza Dean Vickery, 81, Pendleton, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at Rawlins House in Pendleton following an extended illness.



She was born on September 13, 1933, in Birdstown, Tennessee to Church and Pearl (Neal) Pemberton.

Fonza retired from the former Firestone Industrial Products plant in Noblesville after 36 years of employment.

She was a member of the Ashbury Pointe family and was well known for her green beans and deviled eggs. Most at the Pointe knew her as "Happy Feet."

She is survived by her son, Rondal Vickery of Lapel; two sisters, Joyce Moles of Birdstown, TN and Ruth Edgreen of Lapel; special friends and caregivers, Jim and Jackie Lewis and Ginger Green all of Pendleton; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Dorman and Dorvel "Pete" Pemberton; and special friend, Dane House.

A funeral service was held Thursday, February 19, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Rev. Richard Cole officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Awareness.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

Freda Mae Males

April 30, 1927 - February 16, 2015

Freda Mae Males, 87, Fishersburg, passed away Monday, February 16, 2015, at Rawlins House in Pendleton following an extended illness.



She was born on April 30, 1927, in Sulfur Springs, Indiana to Ward and Irene (Harless) Renner.

She graduated from Lapel High School in 1944.

Freda retired from Sam's Club in Indianapolis where she worked as a demo lady for many years.

She attended the Lone Oak Wesleyan Church and had been in a bowling league at the former Lapel Lanes for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of, George Males; two sons, Michael (wife, Debbie) Males of Greenfield and Mark (wife, Diana) Males of Anderson; four grandchildren; David (wife, Sheri) Males, Allison (husband, Matthew) Boxer, Amanda Ridgeway (Tim Hood), and Mollie (husband, Kevin) Stephenson; seven great-grandchildren, Stella Mae Males, Sasha Carolyn Boxer, Levi Maxwell Boxer, Caden and Avery Hood, and Katie and Jack Stephenson; one sister, Velma (husband, Alva Edsel) Rich; and one niece, Jan Turberville.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service was held Friday, February 20, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Rev. Ed Purciful officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel on what would have been their 67th wedding anniversary.

Visitation was Thursday, February 19, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lone Oak Wesleyan Church, 486 North 500 West, Anderson, Indiana 46011 or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.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 were held Saturday, Feb. 21, at Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, Indiana, with Visitation prior to the time of Service. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Todd Lamkin officiated.

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.

Carrie Anne Jett

November 6, 1975 - February 16, 2015

Carrie Anne Jett, 39, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, February 16, 2015 at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on November 6, 1975 to Dennis and Frances (Bettag) Jett in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Carrie enjoyed working with transplant patients, as she was a transplant patient herself. She loved cooking, shopping, and being active.

Carrie is survived by her father, Dennis L. Jett; mother, Frances K. Jett; brother, Anthony (Denise) Jett; nieces & nephews, Ryan, Brandon, Mariah, & Jett; and fiancé, Brad Dean.

Her care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville.

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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.

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Prof. Dr. Anjir M. Pradhan

December 9, 1945 - February 16, 2015



Prof. Dr. Anjir M. Pradhan, 69, of Kathmandu, Nepal, passed away on Monday, February 16, 2015 in Fishers, Indiana. He was born on December 9, 1945 to Ganga and Shubhadra (Shrestha) Pradhan in Kathmandu, Nepal. His parents preceded him in death.

Anjir was a Professor of Business Management at Tribhuvan University of Kathmandu, Nepal. He was also a scholar and a poet who used his poems to express human emotions like no other. Anjir was a loving husband, a loving father, and most of all, a very kind human being.

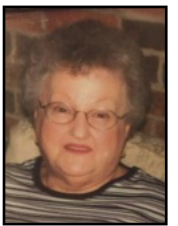
He is survived by his wife, Badan Pradhan; son, Pareej (Neelu) Pradhan; nephew, Rojal (Aarti) Pradhan; grandchildren, Liza Pradhan and Rithi & Prasay Shrestha; sister-in-law, Laxmi Pradhan; and niece, Rojala (Pawan) Shrestha.

Services were held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Badri N. Shastri officiated.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

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.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Deborah Jean Daniels

June 27, 1953 - February 17, 2015

Deborah Jean Daniels, 61, Lapel, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at Community Hospital of Anderson following a brief illness.



She was born on June 27, 1953, in Noblesville, Indiana to Arthur Dale and Wanda June (Meredith) Counciller.

Deborah attended Madison Heights High School and she enjoyed fishing, friends, her three sons, and her grand doggie, Shooter.

She is survived by fiancé, Philip M. Brown of Lapel; three sons, Marcus Stephenson and Shane Stephenson both of Anderson, and Ryan Daniels of Lapel; two step-children Todd and Chad Daniels; Philip's children Frances (husband, Michael) Kent and Eugene Brown; one sister, Kathy (husband, Don) King of Lapel; three brothers, Wayne (wife, Teresa) Counciller, Randy (wife, Anna) Counciller both of Anderson, and Kevin (wife, Lisa) Counciller of Fishersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and step-father, Stan Shaw.

A funeral service was held Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Rev. Neal Brown officiating. Burial followed in Grovelawn Cemetery, Pendleton.

Visitation was Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, 1010 North Main Street, Lapel.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

Tommy B. Whitworth

March 15, 1938 - February 15, 2015



Tommy B. Whitworth, 76, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. He was born on March 15, 1938 to Samuel and Bessie (Russell) Whitworth in Saint Charles, Virginia.

'Uncle Tom' as he was affectionately called, was very much loved by his family and friends. He was an independent contractor, having done work for various body shops in the Hamilton County area; and was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Noblesville, where he sang in the choir.

He is survived by his aunt Rosie Tuttle; a brother, Robert Whitworth; three nieces, Merry Ricketts, Ann Johnson and Nancy Whitworth; nephew, David Whitworth; and sister-in-law, Charlene Whitworth.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Whitworth and Carl Whitworth.

Services were held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Noblesville, with visitation immediately prior to the service. Pastor Steve Walker officiated. Burial was at Stony Creek Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road in Noblesville.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

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 were held on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with Rev. VJ Stover officiating. Visitation was Friday, February 20, 2015 at the funeral home. Burial was 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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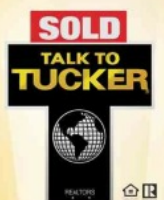


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Lalainya Kristine Harvey

July 21, 1971 - February 12, 2015

Lalainya Kristine Harvey, age 43, of Westfield, Indiana, passed away Thursday morning, February 12, 2015. Lalainya was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 21, 1971 and is a graduate of Westfield High School. Lalainya loved animals.

She is survived by her mother and father, James C. Harvey and Bonnie D. (Heinzmann) Harvey; maternal grandmother, Louise Dixson of Westfield; her brother, Steve (Heather) Harvey of Hemlock; and her niece and nephew, Cassidy J. Morgan of Kokomo and Lcpl. Michael Christian who is stationed in Okinawa, Japan, both of whom she adored more than anything in this world.

Lalainya was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Max and Edith Harvey; and her maternal grandfather, Joseph Heinzmann.

Private family services are being planned for a later date.

Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, Indiana has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Not the perfect mom...

King of Kings

By TAMAR KNOCHEL

And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS". Revelation 19:16

God is not just any king; He is King over all other kings. He is Lord over all other lords. He is the ruler of everyone and everything. Boy it feels so good to say that!!! You know why? Since God is King and we are His sons and daughters (Rom 8:14 & 16 and Gal 3:26-29), that makes us princes and princesses!

As God's royal children we receive royal benefits as well! In Matthew 7:9-11 it says *what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!* If we love and cherish our own children and want to give them good things, then how much more does God our Father want to give good things to us!?! He loves us so much more than we could ever comprehend; of course He wants good things for us!

1 John 3:1 tells of how God LAVISHES his love on us, His children. But that's not even the best part of being His child. The best part is how it makes you valuable. Here's a little bit from one of my journal entries:

"Oh the changes He's made! I had no idea I was so broken. I thought my worth was in my body and my sex appeal, no, not all my worth, but the majority of it. Through this journey I've discovered my TRUE worth and value and that I've been bought with an un-payable price. I'm **more** than priceless, I'm Christ's. By attaching myself

to HIM my value becomes more than who I am or what I do or wear. It's who I'm with. I am the LORD'S and He is mine. My value comes from Him and the fact that I am His child. My children are priceless to me because they are mine. I am priceless to Him because I am His child. With Christ, all things are possible; including turning a stay at home mom into a princess and a mechanic into a prince charming; completely sweeping me off my feet, in every sense of the word. Thank you Lord! Praise be to You alone! You did all this. Thank you for being in the heart-changing business!"

Christian's comments:

Husband, your wife is a daughter of God. God is THE King of kings. So that makes your wife a princess and she should be treated as such. If you start treating her as a princess, she is most likely to reciprocate that back to you. If you want to be treated as royalty, you first need to treat her as royalty.

A side note to the wives. Your confidence in yourself is one of the most appealing aspects about you. If you show off your confidence and royalty (remember not stuck up and snotty, precious royalty), your husband will have no problems treating you as royalty.

Tamar used to wear somewhat baggy clothes to kind of hide her curves. Recently, since our first fast, she has started wearing clothes that fit her well. They show off her curves (which are very sexy) without being revealing. She has confidence in herself so she doesn't feel like she needs to hide anymore. And believe me, I complement her every chance I get.

This is an excerpt from Tamar and S. Christian Knochel's book, True Intimacy. It can be found on their website: TamarKnochel.com, Amazon.com or at Living Truth Bookstore in Noblesville.

Carroll "Sarge" Green

January 4, 1940 - February 18, 2015

Carroll "Sarge" Green, age 75, of Sheridan, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family following a hard fought battle with pancreatic cancer. Sarge was born on January 4, 1940 to the late Harold and Betty (McGee) Green-Potts in Knightstown, Indiana. After graduating from Pendleton Heights H.S. in 1958, he set his sights on the military. Sarge was a proud patriot, devoted to God and his country. Master Sergeant Carroll Green was a 22 year veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Korean War, Vietnam War and also serving in Greece. After retiring from the military, Sarge enjoyed a successful career in the insurance field, advising military personnel for the next 14 years.

Sarge was a member of the East Union Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the K.V. Elliott Post 67 of the Sheridan American Legion. He loved to travel and play golf. He also loved woodworking. Sarge was extremely passionate about his sports, especially the Sheridan Blackhawks.

He is survived by his loving wife, LaDonna (Biddle) Green. Sarge and LaDonna recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. He and LaDonna share 3 beautiful children together, their 2 sons, Kirk Green (Tammy of Fishers and Greg Green of Sheridan; and their daughter, Jill Green Schambaugh (Alan) of Lafayette, all of whom survive him. Sarge is also survived by 4 grandchildren; Kendra, Lydia, Alec and Alyssa Green, who he loved more than anything in this world. Also surviving are his brother, Wendell Green (Joy) of Argyle, Texas; 2 sisters, Doris Cox and Sharon Ballinger, both of Pendleton; and his "BFF" Chi-Chi the cat.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his step father, Harold "Bob" Potts.

A Celebration of Life took place on Sunday, February 22, 2015, at Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, Indiana, with Visitation prior to the time of Service. Reverend Rex Dunning officiated.

Memorial Contributions may be presented to the Wounded Warrior Project or to the American Cancer Society.

Makin' room for the new

By JANET HART LEONARD

"Comfort and joy don't come hand in hand, taken a lifetime to understand. I can find comfort in crosswords and journals and ice cream and Peyton Manning. White picket fences are made to fade, I've learned my lessons, foundation laid. I've barricaded with white picket scrap wood but you in a snap could blow all the old sawdust away...makin' Room for the New".

Those are the words to a song that Scott Leonard wrote and sang at the wedding of his dad and I on February 23, 2014. One year ago.

Those lyrics are the pieces of a puzzle that had connected our hearts. They fit in ways that no one could have expected. Our mutual friends would have never fixed us up. Neither Match.com or eHarmony would have brought us together. But our hearts knew.

Was it by chance that I walked into a car dealership asking for a job to sell cars eleven years ago? Was it by chance that I would say a simple hello whenever I saw Chuck sitting in the dealership waiting room working on a crossword puzzle while his car was being worked on? No. I believe it was a divine plan. Why? Because in so many ways it made no sense. And yet, it felt so right, from the very beginning.

I had waited fourteen years to find someone who would come to know me so well in such a short time. As I read in my journals that I had kept over the years I could see how all of a sudden everything that had made no sense was making perfect sense.

Would anyone ever really understand my heart? Would any man ever care so much that the brokenness that I had felt for so long would be healed? I realized this man was above and beyond what I could have ever prayed for.

It sounds hokey, schmaltzy and too good to be true...but it my story, my incredible love story.

"Closets of memories tucked away, time and again these soothe a sorry day. I can spend hours on moments and spirits and what ifs and why me's but you in your tractor excavate, your matter of factor you never seem to hesitate. You and your quiet fix white picket fences fill all of my senses my comfort with joy makin' Room for the New. Summer through this winter rendezvous...I got some New Room for you."

You may not understand the meaning behind the words to this song but they are words that continue to resound in our hearts. It's our story. Bring on the schmaltz. Mix it with a dash of hokey. The music it creates brings to two hearts a melody of comfort and joy as we continue to... Make room for the New.

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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.

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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Our bodies are our gardens

By SHARON MCMAHON

“Our bodies are our gardens – our wills are our gardeners.” ~William Shakespeare

Have you had enough of winter yet?



This is the time of year when we yearn for the “green” here in Indiana! I am pleased to say that gardening seems to be gaining popularity and indulging in local, fresh produce is both encouraged and enjoyed.

However, today’s column is not directly referring to gardening (believe me, you don’t want gardening or seamstress tips from me!) instead I will discuss the analogy above from Mr. Shakespeare. A garden will only flourish when it is tended, fertilized properly, watered, weeded, and cared for – if our bodies are our gardens, how is your *will* doing as a gardener?

If there is one thing I would ask that you take away from today’s column it is this – the word “diet” is a noun, not a verb! We tend to think of “dieting” (verb) as opposed to a healthy, nutritious diet (noun) or food plan. Another problem with the word “diet” is that the word is closely associated in our minds with “deprivation.” We humans do not like to be deprived! When you omit something from your food plan, introduce a food item to take its place. A great place to start is the grocery store. Unless you are providing potato chips for the annual family reunion, skip that aisle but be sure to pick up a lovely red pepper in the produce aisle and a small container of hummus to enjoy as a snack. One suggestion is to also purchase small portion cups and divide your hummus into those so that you monitor your snack portions. Now, let me also be clear – we all need to indulge in our “comfort food” occasionally! Thanksgiving, you bet! Some cheese ball, cookies and fudge at Christmas, oh my yes! Super Bowl goodies, of course! Keep in mind that these are specific occasions, not our everyday cuisine.

Dr. Brian Wansink, director of the Food and Brand Lab at Cornell University, in his book, *Slim by Design: Mindless Eating Decisions*, recommends changing your eating environment. According to Dr. Wansink, a primary predictor of healthy or unhealthy weight is what food is out on the counter in the kitchen. People who keep chips or cookies on the counter, even a single cookie, weigh an average of ten pounds more than their neighbors who don’t. When the cookies are in sight, you must repeatedly make a decision about eating them. You might resist 25 times, consider it on the 26th, and give in on the 27th. Cereal is even more enticing, according to Wansink, because we perceive it as healthier. If cereal is on the counter, you’re likely to weigh 20 pounds more than average, he indicates. Keep those chips and snacks, if they are in your house, behind closed doors and preferably on a high shelf! Is ice cream your thing? If so, try a fruit/veggie smoothie in your blender or food processor – here is one I especially like: Fresh kale, chopped + fresh chilled pineapple chunks + a good quality protein powder + crushed ice + unsweetened almond milk. Blend all in your blender until smooth and enjoy! Experiment to taste; start with small amounts of kale if you need to do so and increase proportionately. You can also substitute frozen bananas or berries for the pineapple. If you are one who likes to keep some yummy items on your kitchen counter, try a container of varieties of green tea, there are many delicious flavors from which to choose. You will enjoy a filling and tasty beverage and at the same time benefit your immune system, a win-win situation.

I will caution you to be wary of shelf-stable and processed foods. Many canned food items are fine to add occasionally to your meals, but be aware of the sodium content. Boxed “meals” in particular are usually very high in carbohydrates. While today’s busy schedules sometimes call for quick family meals this is one which should not be included on a frequent basis. One of my favorite “quick” meals consists of the following veggies which can simply be stirred into olive oil (using a wok is fine, but not necessary) over a low heat: Brussel sprouts (microwave briefly as they are very dense) along with sliced bell peppers, mushrooms, several cloves of garlic (great for your immunity) some sliced potatoes, and one or more of green beans/snow peas/asparagus – whatever you like best. Combine all in a large frying pan (or wok) when the oil is ready. Stir for several minutes. For added flavor, some low-sodium soy sauce and curry could be added. You may have noticed that I have not included a meat item here but you certainly could, perhaps chicken breast (cook thoroughly before adding to your veggies) or salmon would be a delicious addition. You might wish to add some rice as a side

dish, although I would suggest brown rice instead of white rice.

You may wonder why I am not mentioning “fast food” and, frankly, I do not have enough space in my column this week to do so! Those menu items should be rarely included in one’s eating plan, although there are a few suggestions which can be incorporated on a limited basis – more about that in a future column.

While endless commercials, ads, and apps would endeavor to convince you that their “proven methods” work for your healthy weight-loss goals, (there is a reason that the “diet industry” is a multi-billion dollar industry!) remember that each one of us is different and we need to find the approach that works best for our personality, schedules, family life, and lifestyle. The changes you make in your eating habits

should be changes that you plan to incorporate for a lifetime. A nutrition coach can help you find *your* best plan to begin and sustain a more healthy eating environment and life-long positive changes. There is no one “diet” or identical plan for everyone. You will be surprised how reduction in your consumption of dairy, sugar, salt, flour, rice, “diet” sodas (that’s an oxymoron if I ever heard one!) and other simple carbohydrates can make a difference. The addition of good protein sources and complex carbohydrates will leave you more satisfied with the way you feel *and* your appearance – not to mention better health, better sleep, and more energy!

Indiana is known to many as the “Basketball State” and we Hoosiers are definitely proud of that fact! However, Indiana has also been designated 8th in the

“top 10 least healthy states” and “41st out of all 50 states in overall health” according to Indianapublichealth.org. Those are statistics that can, and should, change – and we are all part of that change. Let’s work together to reduce Hoosiers’ obesity rate, which is largely responsible for diabetes, heart problems, and many other health issues. We can do this!

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In a heartbreaker....

Sheridan is edged, 57-55

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

All week long Coach Jeff Guenther and his Sheridan Lady Blackhawks had worked on a game plan to defend Fountain Central's 6-1 sophomore Macee Williams in Saturday's opening round of the Lapel Basketball Regional.

"We had a game plan," Guenther said. "When that didn't work we went to Plan B. When that didn't work we went to Plan C."

That didn't work, either.

Williams hit a lay-in, just beating the final horn, to defeat Sheridan, 57-55, in a game for the memory books.

It was a back-and-forth battle from the opening tip to the Williams game-winner which broke the hearts of the Blackhawks and ended the greatest season in the history of Sheridan girls basketball.

With the loss, Sheridan finished with a 20-7 record.

"Even so," Guenther said of Williams' shot, "we had opportunities to win the game."

It was a game in which seldom were the two teams separated by more than three points.

Fountain Central led 14-13 after one quarter. Sheridan led 31-29 at halftime.

It was that kind of battle.

Sheridan had the biggest leads of the afternoon. The Blackhawks closed the third quarter with a 41-36 advantage and then opened the fourth quarter with a 43-36 margin on two

free throws by Audrey Reed. The biggest lead of the game was 46-38 on a bucket and free throw by Brittany Welch.

Enter Macee Williams.

Fountain Central coach Amie Anthrop had sat her big center all of the third quarter, saddled with three fouls.

"They had to do that," said Guenther, "because we were going (on offense) right at Williams and we would have fouled her out."

Seven times in the fourth quarter Williams powered her way to buckets, including the game-winner.

Fountain Central finally recaptured the lead at 53-51 when sophomore Kyla Keeling hit two free throws with 36.4 seconds remaining.

Sheridan bounced right back, taking a 54-53 lead on a field goal and following free throw by Reed.

Williams scored for the Lady Mustangs and with 18 second left Fountain Central was back on top at 55-54.

With 9.2 seconds left, Katie Hybarger was successful on 1-of-2 free throws, tying the game at 55-55.

That left enough time for Fountain Central to get the ball down court and into the hands of Williams.

"We played well at times," Guenther said.

The two "baby Hawks," the sophomore Welch and the freshman Reed, put on a scoring show. Welch finished the game with 19 points; Reed with 16. Next came senior Rebekah Hopper with eight points.

Welch had a double-double, scoring 19 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Sheridan didn't shoot well, just 19-of-58 overall and 2-for-12 from 3-point territory.

But, Sheridan did good job on the boards, led by Welch's 11 rebounds. Faith DeVaney and Hopper each collected seven stray shots.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Sheridan senior Rebekah Hopper (10) hit 8 points and 7 rebounds in her final game with the Lady 'Hawks Saturday.

Efficient Millers run past Avon

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Brian McCauley sounded more like a CEO delivering an earnings report than a boys basketball coach Friday after his Millers beat Avon 63-46 at the Orioles' gym.

McCauley was using terms like "balance," and "extremely efficient" to describe how Noblesville played. Asset management? Well, how about "assist management" instead. It helped the Millers to turn a big profit - a Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory.

With the win, Noblesville finished with a 2-4 HCC record. That put the Millers in a three-way tie for fourth place, with Hamilton Southeastern and Avon.

"We had 12 assists on 22 baskets, so over half of our baskets came off an assist," said McCauley.

Noblesville was the very model of efficiency in the first quarter, making its first six baskets and ending the quarter 8-of-10 from the field. Jake Mills had the first two baskets on 3-pointers, with David Cory and Joey Brewer both making layins.

Sean Wilson got into the act with a 3-pointer, and John Kiser added a layin. That's five Millers scoring in the first six minutes of the game.

Avon battled and was still within 20-16 early in the second quarter. But Noblesville scored 11 unanswered points to take a 31-16 lead, again using balanced scoring to extend its advantage. The Millers led 33-21 at halftime.

The lead continued to grow in the third period, up to 50-31 by the time the quarter was finished. Kiser scored eight points. He ended the period by making two foul shots. Mills hit another '3' midway through the period, giving him 16 points for the game.

Kiser then scored his final two points on a fourth-quarter dunk, and that made him the second player to reach 16 points. A few seconds later, Wilson's two free-throws gave him 16 points, and that's where all three Millers would wind up for the game.

"I thought we played outstanding," said McCauley. "Anytime you can go on the road and get a conference win, I think it's a great job by our guys. Really proud of our offensive balance."

The Millers shot 71 percent from the field: 31 attempts, 22 baskets. Mills drained five 3-pointers, while Wilson grabbed five rebounds to lead the boards.



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Tough Spartans end Noblesville’s run

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

The Noblesville girls basketball team’s remarkable season came to an end on Saturday, as the Millers fell in the championship game of the Kokomo regional.

Playing at the legendary Memorial Gym, Noblesville took care of McCutcheon 64-40 in the morning semi-final to earn a date with Homestead. The Millers fought until the buzzer, but the Spartans were too much, winning the regional plaque by the score of 83-66.

"They're just awful good," said Miller coach Donna Keck. "That's what it comes down to. Honest to goodness, they're just really good."

Homestead was only one of three teams to beat Noblesville in its 23-4 season. The two teams played at the Greenfield-Central Tournament, with the Spartans winning 58-44.

The first quarter of the regional was a high-scoring affair - dramatically different from the earlier game. Noblesville matched the Spartans basket-for-basket, leading 13-10 midway through the first period. Kayleigh Herron had five points, and was one of three Millers to have made an early 3-pointer. Katelyn O'Reilly and Becca Bergman were the others.

But Homestead took the lead on a free throw with 3:17 left in the first. That put the Spartans ahead 14-13, and they would actually never trail again. Homestead built its lead up slowly, from 23-18 at the end of the first to 34-27 at the midpoint of the second.

Noblesville cut that advantage to 34-33 with a quick 6-0 run. Bergman hit a layin, Emily Kiser drained a jumper, and Brooke Herron scored on a layin of her own. Two Spartan free throws got them back up by three, but Alexis Shannon's basket put the Millers back within 36-35 at halftime.

A '3' by Kayleigh Herron early in the third got Noblesville within 40-38, but Homestead went on a quick 9-0 run after that. Thus started a pattern in the second



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Becca Bergman was one of five seniors that led the Millers' to a sectional championship and an appearance at the Kokomo regional. Bergman had eight 3-pointers in her two regional games Saturday at Kokomo.

half: The Spartans went on a run, the Millers would get a couple baskets to whittle down the lead, but Homestead would answer with big baskets of their own.

"I thought we played well," said Keck. "We battled every time. To their credit, every time we got close, they hit a big shot. That was the difference in the game."

The 51-40 lead became 53-48 after '3s' by Bergman and Cori Cain, with an Erin Wood layin in between. Homestead responded with two more downtown shots, and led 59-48 after three quarters.

The Millers' last push came when a layin by O'Reilly cut the lead to 71-64, but they would get no closer. Homestead made 10 of 12 free throws in the final 2:34. The Spartans were 25-of-30 from the line in the game, while Noblesville only got four foul shots in the entire 32 minutes, making one.

Bergman, playing her final high school game, poured in five 3-pointers for 17 points, with O'Reilly adding 15 and Shannon 10. O'Reilly had six rebounds, with Kiser and Wood each pulling five.

The semi-final game was just like old times, as the Millers took on their former Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival McCutcheon. The Mavericks, now in the North Central Conference, scored the first basket of the game on a 3-pointer.

O'Reilly then made two free throws, and Shannon's jumper gave Noblesville a 4-3 lead. The lead kept growing, to 16-7 after the first quarter, to 26-9 with 4:28 left in the second period. Shannon had eight points by that time, with O'Reilly scoring six.

"Definitely our defense took them out of what they were trying to do," said Keck.

The Millers' led 33-17 at halftime, then were ahead 50-26 late in the third after Brooke Herron drained a 3. By the fourth quarter, Noblesville was resting its starters. The bench players had great games: Audrey Defoe played some strong minutes, while Rachel Shipman scored five points. Keck also said Haley Conway played tough as well.

"We were kind of small with that line-up out there," said Keck. "I don't know how many times she got knocked to the floor, but she was battling to rebound, and make sure that we didn't give them any easy opportunities to score in that fourth quarter."

In all, 11 of the 12 players that took to the floor scored at least one point. Shannon had 14, while Bergman (on three 3-pointers) and Kiser each added nine points. Shannon pulled six rebounds, with O'Reilly and Kiser each grabbing five. Brooke Herron made four steals. Keck said all 12 players "really did a great job for us."

"At this level, everybody's good," said Keck. "And you want to be able to get everybody in and out, and have everybody rested and ready to go in that night game."

Huskies top new loop foe

Not a bad weekend for Hamilton Heights when it comes to conferences. Old conferences and new conferences.

On Friday evening the Huskies clinched at least a share of the Mid-Indiana Conference when Northwestern unloaded on Eastern, 66-39.

The Huskies are 5-1, while Western and Eastern each have finished conference play with 5-2 records. Heights can win the conference outright with a victory at Peru this Friday. It will be the Huskies’ only game of the week. Peru could play three. The Tigers have a Tuesday home game with North Miami. Peru’s game at Oak Hill was called off Saturday evening because of the weather. If rescheduled, Peru will play two games before Heights comes calling.

So much for the old conferences. Hamilton Heights is leaving the Mid-Indiana after this season.

Saturday evening the Huskies traveled to Monticello to play Twin Lakes, a new partner in the new Hoosier Conference next season. That also went well for Coach Chad Ballenger’s crew. Heights ran down the Indians 66-53.

That decision was Heights’ seventh straight win, moving the Huskies to 16-7 on the season.

Ballenger had predicted that in order to beat Twin Lakes he would need good play from guards. He got that as Hunter Crist poured in 17 points, Jaden White notched 15 and Grant Weatherford finished with 10.

The Huskies hit 25-of-43 shots, including a 6-for-16 night from 3-point range. Crist and Noah Whyde each drilled a pair of 3-pointers.

Heights wasted little time showing its talents to a Hoosier Conference foe. The Huskies jumped to a 20-9 first quarter lead and went to halftime with a 34-19 advantage.

Crist had an overall great night, adding five assists, six rebounds and four steals to his 17-point total.

‘Rocks end losing streak

Westfield snapped a four-game losing streak in fine fashion Friday, taking care of New Castle 70-53 at The Rock.

The Shamrocks got off to a good start, leading the Trojans 18-10 after the first quarter. Westfield led 35-26 at halftime, then comfortable outscored New Castle in both the third and fourth periods for the victory.

Charlie Warner had an outstanding game, scoring 22 points, including a 9-of-10 performance from the free-throw line. Sawyer Olsen added 10 points, while Ian Kristensen added 13.

Olsen led the rebounding with seven, while Warner grabbed six boards. Aaron Bennett handed out four assists, and Robbie Lynch and Warner each blocked two shots.

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County swimmers advance

The Westfield boys swim team finished third at the Carmel sectional on Saturday. The Shamrocks had big success in the diving event, qualifying two for the Fishers regional, which takes place on Tuesday. Trevor Crupi won the event, while Jordan Loeser finished third. Meanwhile, Matthew Carr got a state cut in the butterfly event, where he finished second with a time of 51.72 seconds. The medley relay team also earned a state cut, placing second in a time of 1:37.13. Carr swam on that relay, along with Thomas Kenney, Joseph Niederberger and Christopher Kenney). Hamilton Heights' best finish was a sixth-place effort by John Fisher, Logan Fakes, Marc Mitchell and Nate Russell in the medley relay; it's time was 1:49.82.

Should the Pacers make the playoffs?

By TOMMY GLIDDEN
After a short pause for all-star weekend followed by a Friday night win against Philadelphia, it's interesting to see how the Pacers have been playing lately. This Indiana team who has been repeatedly punished with injury after injury has had a rough season thus far, without Paul George, and other players such as George Hill, who has been on and off the court due to injuries, and David West, who missed the beginning of this year's NBA season. Players like Solomon Hill and Donald Sloan have stepped up quite a bit and proved they can play. They have made tremendous improvements in their games.

The big thing that I noticed, though, was that after a handful of losing streaks in the first half of the season, the Pacers have won four of their last five games before the all-star break as well as the first one back after the break. Are the Pacers turning things around or was this pure luck? Paul George has said he would like to start practicing by March 1 and play after two weeks of practice. If he is back, healthy and playing well, then the Pacers going to the playoffs sounds like a good plan, but what if he isn't ready or isn't playing well? If Paul can't help his team the way he has in the past two years then maybe it would be better for them to not make the playoffs. The team could get

a better draft pick and the organization could plan for the future of the Indiana Pacers. Larry Bird may be able to get a young player with potential to really help the Pacers in the next few years. As a Pacers fan I would like to see the Pacers do well, whether it's in the near future or in the distant future. No matter what happens it seems that the future for the Pacers can only get brighter. Hopefully Paul George returns with full strength and this Pacers team can once again become a title contender. One more thing to think about is how well will some of the players who will be losing playing time when Paul George returns play? Could Solomon Hill be a worthy backup for Paul George? Nothing is sure for Indiana's future at this point, so it looks like we'll just have to sit back as fans and watch it all sort itself out.

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