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## Kmicikewycz fills Cicero's new position



The Town of Cicero has hired Shae Kmicikewycz to fill the newly formed position of Community Development Specialist for the Town. The position was created to assist the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission in the development and implementation of projects to strengthen economic development opportunities and increase the overall quality of life for the Town of Cicero. "We saw a need for this position within the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission to be able to assist our Planning Director, Paul Munoz, develop and implement projects to grow our community," stated Town Board President, Brett Foster. "The Town wants to support growth and development within Cicero and we believe that Shae will bring the kind of knowledge and experience to help us pull all of the pieces together that we need to make our community a destination for businesses, residents, and visitors."

Prior to being hired to work for the Town, Shae was a team member of the Lt. Governor's Family of Business as the Indiana Main Street Program Manager for the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. She worked with 127 local Main Street organizations across the State to develop sustainable organizations to revitalize their downtown areas. Shae was able to assist communities in their organizational efforts by facilitating numerous project planning sessions, board retreats, and strategic visioning meetings across the State.

"I loved my time with Indiana Main Street and working with so many wonderful and unique communities, but I am so excited to begin this new challenge as the Community Development Specialist for the Town," added Shae.

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## Zoeller conducts human trafficking training



Photo courtesy the City of Noblesville

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and his staff hosted training for the Hamilton County Sexual Assault Response Team. Pictured, left to right, are Noblesville Police Chief Kevin Jowitt, Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear, Hamilton County Sheriff Mark Bowen, Carmel Police Chief Tim Green, Attorney General Zoeller, Hamilton County Prosecutor Lee Buckingham and Michelle Corrao with Prevail.

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and his staff held a training session last week for the Hamilton County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) on how to identify and respond to human trafficking, a crime that has victimized hundreds of thousands of individuals, mostly women and children, across the U.S. and Indiana.

The local SART is made up of several government, law enforcement, nonprofit and medical groups that operate within Hamilton County, including the Hamilton County sheriff, county prosecutor, local police departments, child services and several area hospitals.

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Zoeller said human trafficking – in which someone is bought and sold for sex or labor – is a very violent and often hidden crime. The average age at which children in the U.S. first become victims of sex trafficking is 13, and the average age of death of those involved in prostitution is 34, with homicide as the most common cause of death.

Being able to recognize the signs of human trafficking, Zoeller said, is key to recovering victims and prosecuting criminals. Educating the public on these crimes and reducing demand for commercial sex which fuels trafficking are the primary goals of the Attorney General's Not Buying It awareness effort launched in early 2015.

"Human traffickers target the most vulnerable in our society, young girls who may have already been sexually abused or have runaway from home," said Zoeller, who serves on the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Standing Committee Against Human Trafficking. "These victims could be our neighbors or our kids' classmates, and they have likely come into contact with someone who could have helped if they recognized the signs."

## Westfield unveils Grand Junction

David Rubin, the principal of Land Collective, has a big vision when it comes to what will be the City of Westfield's new park.

"I think of Grand Junction Plaza as Westfield's Central Park," said Rubin after finishing his presentation on the new plaza. Over 140 people packed into Westfield's City Hall to view the presentation Thursday evening, and the plaza is certainly cutting edge when it comes to design, aesthetics and ambitions.

"It is the beautiful, public open space at the core of the community that everyone plugs into," said Rubin.

The well-attended presentation afforded Westfield residents a detailed look at each part of Grand Junction. There were additional presentations by Matthias Hollwich of HWKN Architecture, which is providing the landscaping and design of the park, and a representative from Bruce Mau

Design, which is working on the imaging and branding of Grand Junction.

Several Westfield public officials were in attendance as well, including councilman Jim Ake.

"I'm very pleased that we had the turnout we did," said Ake. "The hall was filled to overflowing."

Ake noted that at the start of the meeting, the attendees were asked if they had seen the Grand Junction concept, or were familiar with it.

"I don't think any hands went up," said Ake. "So everybody was here that they knew about the project, but it looks like they came to learn more about the final presentation and what that looked like."

One of the first phases of the project will be the re-alignment of Mill Street, a north-south road that starts at Main Street (State Road 32) and currently ends at Park Street.

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## Candidates begin filing

The following is a complete list of candidates filed with the Hamilton County Clerk for the May 3 Republican primary election as of 4 p.m. Friday. Candidates may file in the Clerk's elections office until noon February 5.

Steve Dillinger for County Commissioner, Dist. 2; Mark Heirbrandt for County Commissioner, Dist.1; Rick McKinney for County Council-at-large; Brad Beaver for County Council-at-large; George Kehl for County Council-at-large; Robin Mills for County Auditor; Kenton Ward for County Surveyor; Jennifer Templeton for County Treasurer

REPUBLICAN PRECINCT COMMITTEE; Dixie Packard, Brookshire; Matt Milam, Orchard Park; Laura Campbell, Spring Farms; Robert Locke, Delaware 22; Brian Baehl, Fall Ceek; Maurice St. Louis, SW Arcadia; Dianne Morgan, Nob 1; Dianna Lynch, Nob 9; Beth Sheller, Nob 15; Steven Dillinger, Nob 19; Lee Clark, Nob 26; Kenton Ward, Nob 38; Coria DelGreco, Jolietville; Bill Clifford, SW Westfield; Jane Voss, Hunters Creek; Brad DeReamer, Fall Creek 37

DELEGATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION: Robert Locke, Delaware

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## Riverview Health welcomes New Year's baby



New parents Kyle and Heather Jarman rang in the new year with the birth of their baby girl at 11:43 am on January 1, 2016. Shelby Jarman, the first baby born in 2016 at Riverview Health, weighed seven pounds, three ounces and measured 20.5 inches long.

"We wouldn't have gone anywhere else to have our baby because of the relationships we've established," Kyle said. "Everyone is so caring and knows us by our first names."

Kyle, a teacher, and Heather, a cardiac nurse, live in Noblesville and are excited to begin their new lives as a family of three.





## Blanche E. Stoll

April 17, 1926 - January 7, 2016



Blanche E. Stoll, 89, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. She was born on April 17, 1926 to Ross and Edna (Smith) Pollock in Winamac, Indiana. Blanche worked as a seamstress, and was a member of White River Christian Church.

She is survived by her children, Terry J. (Judy) Stoll, Brenda (Charlie) Siebert, and Cheryl M. (Mike) York; four grandchildren, Angela Cox, Amy Cornwell, Tom Saltsman, and Bobby York; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Blanche was preceded in death by her husband, James V. Stoll, on November 12, 1989; two sisters; and one brother.

Services were held on Sunday, January 10, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor Phil Heller officiated. Burial will be at McKinley Memorial Gardens in Winamac, Indiana at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heaven's Handiwork Quilt Club, c/o White River Christian Church, 1685 North 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060.

## Helen Marie Chadwick

February 16, 1935 - January 9, 2016



Helen Marie Chadwick, 80, of Arcadia, passed away in the early morning of Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on February 16, 1935 to Howard and Latishey (Bray) Hall in Hallville, Arkansas. Helen was a seamstress; and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia. She had been a pastor's wife for 30 years.

She is survived by three daughters, Kathy Lynn (Meveral C.) Thistlethwaite, Mary Lou (Danny M.) Dozier and Nina R. (Mike R.) Westfall; two sons, Leslie N. (Cyndi C.) Chadwick Jr. and D. DeWayne (Lori G.) Chadwick; son-in-law, Jack L. Miller; four sisters, Nola Fay Hampton, Ozella Rogers, Julia Hicks and Betty Brannon; one brother, Kenneth Hall; 12 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Leslie N. Chadwick Sr. who passed away in 2008; daughter, Phyllis Marie Miller; a brother, Dewey Hall; a grandson, Kenneth Lee Baker; and a granddaughter, Sarah Sholty.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road in Fishers, with visitation beginning at 10:00 am prior to the service. Pastors D. DeWayne Chadwick and Jim Butler will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

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

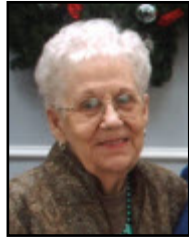
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The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights as to Brantley Wasson. It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby **ORDERED** to serve upon Jill Marsee, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children Services, 600 Hearthwood Court, Cookeville, Tennessee 38506, (931) 646-3010, an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Tennessee Department of Children Services, within five (5) days of the last day of publication of this notice, and pursuant to Rule 39(e)(1) of the Tenn. R. Juv. P. you must also appear in the Juvenile Court of Cumberland County, Tennessee at Crossville, Tennessee on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., for the Hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n) and Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, Crossville, Tennessee.

## Patricia Ann Landis Hayes Wood

July 20, 1933 - January 3, 2016



Patricia Ann Landis Hayes Wood, 82, of Noblesville, departed to her heavenly home on January 3, 2016. She was born on July 20, 1933 to Elsworth and Florence Berniece (Armstrong) Landis in Noblesville, Indiana. Pat greatly appreciated the love of her step father, Paul Hayes.

She was a lifelong resident of Noblesville and graduated from Noblesville High School in 1951. Pat knew the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour and attended Union United Methodist Church in Noblesville. She worked many years as bookkeeper for Essig Brothers Western Auto in Noblesville, and for the Hamilton County Auditor's Office as a Deputy Clerk in the land mapping and transfer office. Pat was an avid antique enthusiast and did antiques most of her married life. She had several different antique booths in Noblesville. Pat loved to go to lunch with her cousins and her many friends. She was very thankful for her wonderful friend and neighbor of many years, Rose Harger. Pat told others that Rose was like the sister she never had. Pat enjoyed going to Florida on her annual vacation. She greatly enjoyed her last trip to Florida in September with her daughter, LeAnn and son, Patrick. She also enjoyed her trip of a lifetime to Hawaii with her husband, Bill.

Pat was preceded in death by the love of her life, Paul William Wood, in 2005. Pat and Bill were married for 53 wonderful years, and had three children who Pat considered her greatest joy: Paula Kim (Terry) Coomer, LeAnn (Brent) Arrant, and Patrick (Michele) Wood. Pat loved her grandchildren, Teresa Steege, Jennifer Maruszewski, Lauren Hall, Sam Wood, Kara Kennedy and Elizabeth Kennedy; and adored her great grandchildren, Zoe Steege, Nella and Lilliuanna Maruszewski, Kaylin Gill, Xzavior Clayton, and Quintin Kennedy. Pat is also survived by many extended family members.

Services were held on Friday, January 8, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with Pastor Robert Case of Union United Methodist Church officiating. Visitation was Thursday, January 7, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Prairie Lakes Health Campus, Noblesville, for their kindness and care, and also Dr. Agnes Schrader, Dr. Ruemu Birhiray, and Dr. Tetrick for their care of Pat.

Contributions can be made in Pat's name to Union United Methodist Church, 19090 DeShane Avenue, Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

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She began her position on Jan. 5, which some of her responsibilities will include: communication and marketing, grant administration, project development, implementing strategies for business attraction, and working with Our Town Cicero on downtown enhancement. "We believe this position will give the Town a better opportunity to find funding resources through grants, to build and strengthening local, regional, and State partners, and continue the energy and excitement for Cicero's future," said Town Board Vice President, Chad Amos.



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Anna Marie Kinkead

February 3, 1967 - January 1, 2016

Anna Marie Kinkead, age 48, of Sheridan, passed away on January 1, 2016, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on February 3, 1967, in Lebanon, Indiana, to Jerry W. "Smiley" and Beverly I (Mulder) Kinkead. Anna was raised in Sheridan, and was a graduate of Sheridan High School. Family was very important to Anna. She took the role of the family care giver to heart.

Anna is survived by her parents, Jerry "Smiley" and Beverly Kinkead of Sheridan; her loving daughter, Dawn M. Kinkead and boyfriend Glenn L. Hampton of Sheridan; 2 grandchildren, Chandler Ray Harris and Mackenzie Lynn Hampton; 2 brothers, Johnny Ray Kinkead of Sheridan and Terry Warren (Lisa) Kinkead of Westfield; her aunt and uncle, Marlene and Ronnie Burroughs; and close family friends, Paul R. Harris, Krystal R. Harris and Christina Worthman.

Daughter, mother, grandma, friend, rest in peace, you may be gone, but you'll never be forgotten and always loved.

The family would like to thank the Sheridan Church of God for all of their love and support.

Services were held at Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor George Cooper officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, to help defray funeral costs.

Kirk Douglas McKimmy

November 23, 1963 - January 7, 2016

Kirk Douglas McKimmy, 52, of Indianapolis, passed away on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on November 23, 1963 to Jacob and Janet (Philips) McKimmy in Howell, Michigan. His father preceded him in death.

Kirk worked for Reynolds Farm Equipment, and enjoyed fishing, playing pool, writing, and tattoos; and his high school marching band drumming experience led him to a lifelong love of drumming. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was very active in the VFW, where he was a member of the funeral honor guard team. Kirk had a heart for his fellow veterans and would take them to Dr. appointments or run errands for them when asked. He was a witty guy and always the first to tell a joke. He will be loved and missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Janet Kathleen McKimmy of Noblesville; wife, Stephanie McKimmy of Fenton, MI; daughters, Mallory Liedel of Kalamazoo, MI and Audrey (Zack) Greenshields of Burton, MI; son, Chance J. McKimmy of Fenton, MI; brother, Michael McKimmy; sisters, Patricia (Jeff) Mahoney and Peggy McKimmy; two grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles & cousins.

Services will be held in Michigan at the family's convenience.  
Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

Tyson Timothy &  
Tyrus Anthony Battle  
Manifold  
January 2, 2016

Tyson Timothy & Tyrus Anthony Battle Manifold, infant twins of Anthony B. Manifold and Madison D. Battle, were safely delivered into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

In addition to their parents, Tyson & Tyrus are survived by maternal grandparents, Jodi Redick-Battle, and Timothy Battle; paternal grandparents, Takesha Washington, and Brian Manifold; maternal great-grandparents Cindy Redick, and Dan Redick; and paternal great-grandmothers, Elizabeth Washington, and Mary Battle. Private services are being held. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

Guelma Inez Fielder

December 13, 1915 - December 31, 2015

Guelma Inez Fielder, 100, of Fishers, passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on December 13, 1915 to Will and Ella (Smith) Fielder in Union Springs, Alabama.

Guelma worked in housekeeping and environmental services at Providence Hospital in Cincinnati. She was a lifetime member of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, and enjoyed gardening and taking care of her family. Guelma and her family celebrated her 100th birthday in December.

She is survived by her son, Mark (Kristen) Fielder; 3 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 4 brothers; and 3 sisters.

No services will be held. Guelma's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fishers United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 9691 East 116th Street, Fishers, IN 46037.

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

Jason Alan Gore

October 3, 1981 - January 4, 2016

Jason Alan Gore, 34, Lapel, passed away Monday, January 4, 2016, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis.

He was born on October 3, 1981, in Anderson, Indiana to David and Donna K. (Carter) Gore.

He graduated from Lapel High School in 2001. He loved spending all available time with his daughter Laylah. Jason also enjoyed volunteering at Lapel Optimist Club referring Pee Wee Football.

He is survived by his father, David Gore, Lapel, IN; sister Heather (husband, Rusty) Dollar, Lapel; daughter, Laylah Gore, Lapel, IN; two nephews, Mason Whetsel, and Tyler Dollar, Lapel, IN; grandfather Logan Carter, Sheridan, IN.

He was preceded in death by his mother Donna K. Gore

A funeral was held Friday, January 8, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel, IN. Visitation was Friday, January 8, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, sLapel. Memorial contributions may be made to AML Leukemia. Online condolences: [www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com)

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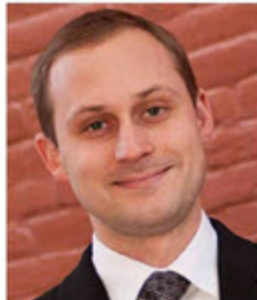
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Michael Allen Harwood

December 25, 1953 - January 4, 2016

Michael Allen Harwood, age 62, of Sheridan, passed away Monday afternoon, January 4, 2016, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born December 25, 1953 in Noblesville, Indiana to Billie Junior and Virginia M. (Jennings) Harwood. Mike loved the town of Sheridan, Indiana with great passion. To him, it was a wonderful place to grow up, work, live, build a family, and watch that family grow up, have a family of their own, and raise that family in the community he enjoyed so much. Mike served the residents of Sheridan for 13 years as a member of the Sheridan Town Council. During those years, he was proud to serve as the Police and Fire Commissioner, attending every meeting and riding with the officers every chance he could. He was a beloved and highly respected member of the Sheridan community, whose presence will be greatly missed. Mike was a plant supervisor for Biddle Precision Components for over 30 years. He would later go to work as a jack of all trades for Wallace Grain for a couple of years. After leaving the elevator, Mike went to work with the Zionsville School System maintenance and grounds keeping crew. He would remain there for the next 6 years, until his retirement in 2010.

He was a member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church and the Sheridan Jaycees.

Mike was a very talented woodworker. Many of his pieces of art are present throughout the Sheridan community.

Of all of the many passions and joys in his life, there was nothing more important to him than his family. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. He never missed any of their events, games or practices.

Mike is survived by the love of his life, Pamela R. (Heffelmire) Harwood. Pam and Mike were married on January 6, 1973. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Virginia Harwood; his son, Brian M. (Stacey) Harwood of Sheridan; daughter, Jennifer M. Shepard of Sheridan; 4 grandchildren, Kyle Harwood, Abbey Harwood, Connor Harwood and Adam Shepard; and his sister, Margaret E. (Glen) Bougher of Sheridan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billie Junior Harwood; 1 brother, Robert K. Bidgood; and his canine "Best Friend", Buddy.

A very special thank you to all of the doctors and nurses at Riverview Health, especially the staff of the ICU.

Services were held on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Carol Fritz officiated. Visitation was held son Friday, January 8, 2016, at the First United Methodist in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan High School Athletic Department, c/o Brian Jones or Kim DeVaney.

Ruby Delores Campbell

November 19, 1927 - January 1, 2016

Ruby Delores Campbell, 88, Indianapolis, peacefully passed away January 1, 2016. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri, November 19, 1927 to Samuel T. and Harriett E. (Wiley) Nickelson. Ruby spent most of her life in St. Francois County Missouri.

She is the widow of Donald G. Campbell. They were married 40 years, residing in Desloge, Missouri, where they were members of the First Baptist Church. Ruby and Don established Campbell's Shoe & Sportswear Store in Flat River, Missouri in 1963. She managed the popular shop for over 25 years. Playing cards and board games with family and friends was one of her favorite activities. She loved animals, especially her dogs! Another pastime was sitting on her porch reading, crocheting, drawing and bird watching. She especially enjoyed watching the many deer that often visited the backyard and woods of her Indianapolis home. Ruby spent a great deal of her life taking care of family members; she had a giving heart. She touched the lives of those she knew with her bright smile and great sense of humor.

Ruby is survived by her daughter, Kathleen House (Larry); son, Samuel Asher; sister, Barbara "Bobbi" Morrison (Chuck); brothers, James "Nick" Nickelson (Lela) and Jim "Tots" Nickelson (Lenore); grandchildren, Todd, Becky and Tommy; great-grandchildren, Britany, Todd, and Christopher; great-great grandson, Ryder; along with many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, Fishers, Indiana. Funeral Services and Interment was in Park Hills (Desloge), Missouri, Saturday, January 9, 2016. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)

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Bruce Wood

March 5, 1934 - December 31, 2015



Former Anderson resident, Bruce Wood, 81, Boynton Beach, FL, passed away Thursday, December 31, 2015, at J. F. K. Medical Center in West Palm Beach following a brief illness.

He was born on March 5, 1934, in Tipton, Indiana to Morris and Mary (Knapp) Wood.

He graduated from Tipton High School. And he served in the U. S. Army.

Bruce retired as a store manager from Payless in Anderson.

He was a member of the South Meridian Church of God in Anderson.

He is survived by two sons, Doug (wife, Kelly) Wood of Lapel and Brian (wife, Penni) Wood of Osgood; three grandchildren, Monte Wood of Arizona and Danielle and Brandon Wood of Lapel; one great-grandson, Ivan Wood of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife whom he married October 2, 1955, Joan Mary (Brown) Wood; five brothers, Jim, Walter, Victor, Mike, and Richard Wood; and four sisters, Sandy Siders, Jean Baxter, Jackie Jackson, and Patricia Boyd .

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 9, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation was Saturday, January 9, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association.

Online condolences: [www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com)

Grand Junction...

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The new Mill Street will begin to curve at its intersection with Park Street, then turn east and go to a new ending point at Union Street. The new Mill-Union intersection will end at around where the Midland Trace Trail junctions with Union.

The main stages of Grand Junction include Jersey Plaza, which is appropriately located at the intersection of Jersey and Mill streets. Jersey Plaza will have something for everyone during all seasons, including fountains for people to enjoy in the summer, and an ice skating rink in the winter. Refreshments will be available at the Cafe Pavilion on the east side of the plaza.

South of the plaza will be the Great Lawn, which gently slopes downward towards the Stage Pavilion. That will be a place for plays and concerts, with plenty of seating on the lawn.

One of the major phases includes the re-alignment of Grassy Branch Creek, which will help control flooding, "increase the health of the creek, and tie it in with stormwater management goals for the City of Westfield," according to an information packet on the city's Web site.

Across the stream from the Great Lawn is the Wetland Amphitheater and the Boardwalk Stage, another area for plays and performances. A large Meadow south of the wetland area provides another place for socialization.

"It's a clean design," said Ake. "It works well with the different venues, circulation pattern, the circuit board he talked about, connecting people with the different areas of the park. It's just wonderful."

Finally, two important Westfield trails, the Anna Kendal and Midland Trace trails, will connect with each other at the park. That will give trail-goers complete access to Westfield's trail system.

"I was very excited by the large turnout," said Rubin. "I think it was a very positive response to a very exciting project that will have an extraordinary impact on the City of Westfield in ways that will promote socialization and people gathering. It's emblematically as creative as the people of Westfield."

Rubin said that the design development drawings were 100 percent completed, so now the construction documents will be put together. He said those "will take several months."

Candidates...

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# Though they be little, they be mighty No more trash talk



**By JANET HART LEONARD**  
 I wish I had the energy of a three year old at 7:00 a.m. when I am with a three year old at 7:00 a.m..  
 These were my words on Thursday morning after very little sleep. On a good day, I am not a morning person. I had not yet had my coffee when Leah burst into the bedroom to make sure Grand Chuck was making scrambled eggs. Chuck was already in the kitchen, whistling and cooking. He is a morning person.  
 As I left the still darkened bedroom with Leah wrapped around my "not ready for daylight" body, Aiden jumped out from underneath the covers and scared the bejeebers out of me. He said "Grandma Janet, you are so funny when you scream."  
 Chuck and I had begun the first day of being in control of Leah and Aiden while Emily and Drew were on a getaway trip. I use the word "control" loosely.  
 We stayed at their house. Being in their home gave them an unfair advantage. They knew where to run and hide. We learned to listen for the giggles. Sometimes we listened a bit longer so we could catch our breath.  
 They told us that Mommy and Daddy let them stay up later. They told us that they could have cookies for breakfast. We told them differently.  
 Grand Chuck told Leah that she was a perpetual motion machine. She said "Grand Chuck, I'm not a machine". Funny thing is that Leah is known as Pokey Little Leah by her teachers.  
 Leah informed me that it was not necessary to brush her hair. I brushed it anyway. She messed it up. I gave up.  
 Aiden told me he wasn't hungry but if I chased him he would eat. Let's just say I got in a full workout by the time I got them to preschool.  
 When I got to the school I realized that I had not brought the back pack with Leah's blankeys. The teacher told me she would not take a nap without them. Grand Chuck drove the seven miles to bring them to Leah.  
 I will say that gum was the object of negotiation this week. A little Juicy Fruit motivates and entices quick action and good behavior. I believe that Aiden will someday go into a profession that requires intense negotiations. I pity those who oppose his views.  
 At the end of the day I knew memories had been made. No tears had been shed and no one got hurt. It was a good day. And I realized that I never did have my morning coffee.

## Sheridan Blackhawks basketball 2015 - 2016



**By SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ROBBIE HOPKINS**  
 The Sheridan Blackhawks' basketball season is underway. The Blackhawks' record currently stands at two wins and seven losses as of press time, with an average score of 55 points per game. The season started with a loss to Rossville on November 25 but rebounded nicely with two consecutive wins against Anderson Prep Academy and Faith Christian. Unfortunately, the Blackhawks have lost their last several games, with the most recent being December 22 to North Montgomery and December 30 to Lapel.  
 Shooting guard, sophomore Jack Waitt, and center, junior Weston Burtron, both agree that Hamilton Heights is the toughest of their upcoming opponents. Their game against Heights is scheduled for January 23 at home.  
 When looking at the team's strengths, Waitt and Burtron agreed that everyone is willing to work hard. Additionally, the team put in a great amount of time preparing in the off-season. Power forward, senior Christopher Roberts, said, "This team has experienced seniors, height, and willingness to work." When asked about what skills the team needs to work on, Roberts commented, "The team needs to be tough, maintain focus and energy." Mental resilience was the common theme of both Waitt and Burtron for skills the team needs to work on. When a mistake is made it should be acknowledged and learned from, but then the players must move on. Don't dwell on the mistakes. Waitt and Burtron felt that to overcome this weakness they just need to come together as a team and keep working hard. Waitt stated, "If we keep improving as a team and come together, we might have a chance at winning sectionals." Burtron felt, "The sky is the limit." Sheridan's head varsity basketball coach, Chris Schrank, concurred: "If we keep practicing and growing as a team, we could take it to the next level." Waitt and Burtron share the same goal for this year's basketball team, to achieve a record above 500. Hopefully the Blackhawks can achieve this goal!



**By MARY SUE ROWLAND**  
 Is the city of Noblesville trash fee discussion the only comparison being made with other communities in Hamilton County? It is clear that for over 20 years previous councils have set aside the tax payers dollars to pay for individual household trash collection. No one seems to remember, the original intent of the action was to give something back to the citizens. The issue is that no other community in Hamilton County has such a policy. It is important to also realize that the four largest communities in Hamilton County are very different. So comparing trash fees could be expanded to other areas of management and progress for each city.  
 Before such an attempt to compare is discussed a last focus is in order concerning the trash fee in Noblesville. The city administration has determined that the \$2.6 million it takes to pay for trash collection could be better spent on other more demanding projects. Projects such as road improvements, police, paving alley ways to name a few are planned. This means that every household will pay more on their monthly sewer bill by \$10.57 per month. People who live in apartments pay through their rents and that too will probably increase. Discussion continues about budgets in the red yet today the budget is in the black plus \$2.5 million was returned to the general fund in late December from city budgets. That means \$2.5 million was not spent yet budgeted. Debating numbers can go on forever and the bottom line can look different depending on who is doing the figuring.  
 It has been said that the trash fee is a way for citizens to reinvest in their community. Based on that logic, how do the citizens feel about the reinvestment? There is much discussion on the street but are the citizens contacting their council member to say "yes" or "no" on the question. Some say, "It should have been discussed during the election". Some say, "What is the long term plan for the money or will it fall into a black hole"? Some say, "How about more information, what is the big picture"?  
 It is always good to hear from the concerned citizens. To make it convenient, here are a couple of Noblesville Council member's phone numbers where you can leave a message concerning trash collection or any other concern. No debate just say "Yes, I want to reinvest in my community by giving up the paid trash collection currently in place" or "No to passing the cost of trash collection back to the citizens to be paid on my monthly sewer bill". Rick Taylor – 317-774-7786 or Greg O'Connor – 317-774-7784, call and leave a message.

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*Clutch shooting and solid defense sends Westfield past Carmel...*

# 'Rocks shock 'Hounds

By **RICHIE HALL**

**Reporter Sports Editor**

Confidence can take a basketball team far, and confidence took the Westfield boys basketball team to one of its biggest wins in years Saturday.

The Shamrocks used clutch shooting and strong defense in the fourth quarter to upend Carmel 40-36 at The Rock. It was the first time since March 5, 2010 that Westfield had beaten the Greyhounds.

"I'm happy that we got a win," said Shane Sumpter, in his first year as the Shamrocks' boys basketball coach. "We don't really get into that. We come out every game and try to prepare, get better every single game."

Carmel led by as many as nine points twice in the third quarter, and still led by 33-26 early in the fourth period. But after that, the 'Rocks rolled on to a 14-3 run. It started with a 3-point play by Charlie Warner with 6:10 to go, and that made the score 33-29.

Warner later hit a 3-pointer to cut the Greyhounds' lead to one, then Ian Kristensen nailed two free throws at the 2:23 mark to put Westfield in front, 34-33. Carmel's PJ Baron made a layin to get his team back in front, but Kristensen delivered a 3-pointer with about a minute to go. That got the Shamrocks ahead 37-35, and they wouldn't trail again.

"Confidence all the way," said Kristensen of his big shot. "We were sharing the ball there at the end real well."

"That's just a gutty play by a gutty kid," said Sumpter.

Carmel tried for a shot, but couldn't get it and the ball wound up back in the hands of Westfield. Josh Van Dyke was fouled with 14.1 seconds to go, and he sank two more free throws to get the Shamrocks up 39-35. Westfield hung on from there, with Sawyer Olsen's foul shot answering a free throw by Carmel's Sterling Brown.

The 'Hounds opened up a 14-6 lead after the first quarter, with Trent Richardson scoring six points in that period. Westfield was able to hang around for most of the game, but Carmel maintained a lead of anywhere from four to nine points before the Shamrocks made their run.

Warner wound up with 17 points on the night.

"Charlie Warner played with a lot of confidence," said Sumpter. "The way Charlie Warner played tonight is the way Charlie Warner's capable of playing."

Warner credited that with a conversation he had with his coaches before the game.

"Do you trust me?" he asked. "Absolutely," they said. Then they added, "You have to trust yourself first."

"And I think that's what I did tonight," said Warner. He also believes this could be the start of something good for the Shamrocks.

"I think it's a huge confidence-booster for us," said Warner.

Olsen finished with 11 points, while Kristensen added nine.

Baron scored nine points to lead the Greyhounds, while Preston Flamion led the rebounding with eight boards. Richardson wound up with eight points, and Flamion scored seven.

Westfield improved to 3-7, and will host Hamilton Southeastern Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Westfield on the road Friday evening ran into a tough McCutcheon squad and came away with some bruises as the Mavs unloaded on the Shamrocks 55-35.

McCutcheon took a 15-2 first quarter lead and then put away Westfield with a 14-6 run in the third period.

Robbie Lynch led Coach Shane Sumpter's club in scoring with 11 points.

Charlie Warner pulled 7 rebounds and Ian Kristensen collected 5 to lead the Shamrocks on the boards.



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Charlie Warner scored 17 points for Westfield in its basketball win over Carmel Saturday at The Rock.

*Johnny type night with 27 points...*

# Millers stun Bearcats

Not a bad start to the second half of the season, wouldn't you say?

Noblesville marched into Muncie Central Saturday evening and knocked off a Bearcat team, 60-57, which so far this season had lost only to Hamilton Southeastern and Logansport.

Actually, the game wasn't as close as the final outcome. The Bearcats outscored Noblesville 23-14 in the fourth quarter when the Millers had trouble at the charity line.

Muncie Central once sliced Noblesville's lead to two. But, Corby Mertens sealed the victory when he stole a pass with time running out.

"We had a really good start," said Miller coach Brian McCauley.

Noblesville led 13-11 after one quarter and then Mertens hit 5 straight shots in the second frame to push Noblesville's lead to 27-16 at halftime.

The Millers once led by 18 points in the third quarter.

"It was another all-star night from John Kiser," McCauley. "Just another sound night with 27 points and 8 rebounds."

Kiser hit 11-of-17 shots, including a 3-pointer.

Mertens finished the night with 12 points.

"We really had great balance," said McCauley.

"Max (Flinchum) finished with 7 points; McGwire (Plumer) scored 7 and Ryan Ogden had a solid night with 5 points and 5 rebounds. Five of Plumer's 7 points came in the fourth quarter."



Kent Graham/File photo

John Kiser scored 27 points for Noblesville in its Saturday win over Muncie Central.

With Noblesville now starting the second half of its season with a 6-5 mark, the Millers will face a double-header next weekend, playing at Zionsville in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game on Friday and then hosting Columbus North on Saturday.

*Crist scores 19 Friday, out with injury*

# Huskies blast Northwestern, fall to Twin Lakes

By **DON JELLISON**

**Reporter Editor**

Batman & Robin.

That might be a nice tag for Hamilton Heights' dual scoring machine of Hunter Crist and Sterling Weatherford.



Weatherford

Crist netted 19.

Both put on a show for a big home crowd, Crist with his outside bombing and Weatherford with his athletic play all over the court. Crist was 4-of-8 from 3-point range. Weatherford hit 10-of-18 shots. Weatherford also led the Huskies in rebounds with 6 and Crist pulled 4.

The victory moved Hamilton Heights to 9-4 on the year and to 3-0 in the Hoosier Conference. Heights extended its current win string to 3.

Hamilton Heights jumped out quickly to an 11-0 lead. The Huskies led 33-19 at halftime.

"We had a good first half," said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. "We got a little soft in the third quarter, but then we had a nice finish."

"Weatherford and Crist make for a nice mismatch for opposing teams," said the coach.

Caymn Lutz also was in double figures for Heights, scoring 14 points.

Heights will be back in the Husky Dome tonight for what likely will be more of a competitive contest. Twin Lakes will be in town, bringing in a 9-2 record.

"They're good," Ballenger talked about his next opponent. "They are physical."

Despite being short-handed, Hamilton Heights' boys basketball team battled bravely against Twin Lakes Saturday night before falling 69-61.

The Huskies trailed 35-24 at halftime, but managed to stay within shouting distance with a 21-point third quarter. This was all without Hunter Crist, one of Hamilton County's best players, who broke his wrist during the Huskies' Friday game and will be out for some time.

Sterling Weatherford scored 21 points to lead Heights, while Austin Sauerteig scorched the baskets for five 3-pointers, totaling 15 points. Max Wahl scored nine and handed out eight assists. Weatherford grabbed eight rebounds and Caymn Lutz had five.

The Huskies are now 9-5, and host Lapel on Friday.



Beating Chatard, falling to Marion and Luers...

# Golden Eagles go 1-of-3 last week

A poor third quarter doomed Guerin Catholic boys basketball team Tuesday night, as they were defeated by Marion 78-61 in Bill Green Arena.

The Golden Eagles quickly fell behind 9-0 as the Giants (6-3) got six consecutive offensive rebounds to start the contest. However Coach Pete Smith's team recovered from the bad start to go on an 11-0 run in the second period and grabbed a 23-20 lead early in the second quarter.



Daniels

Sophomore Jack Hansen scored twelve points in the frame for Guerin Catholic (4-8) but 6'6" senior Reggie Jones had a tremendous half with 21 points to lead the Giants back for a 38-35 lead at the intermission break.

As has happened often to Coach Smith's squad this season, the team was flat coming out of the locker room and the Giants dominated the third period. They outscored GC 26-12 and was never really challenged after the third quarter. Jones had another ten points in the stanza to score a game-high 31 points.

"We struggled with their athleticism, as they got (literally) all the 50-50 balls and followed many missed shots with offensive putbacks," said Smith. "We made some poor choices in the third quarter that led to several turnovers that really Marion really fed off of. I thought our effort was good, but those aspects of the game really hurt us."

Three Golden Eagles scored in double figures, led junior Matthew Godfrey's 18 points. Hansen finished with 17 points and a game-high 9 rebounds, and Christian Mun-

son "was guarded like a blanket" in the words of his coach while adding 16 points. Smith was referring to the fact his senior leader was held to only four field goal attempts after halftime and mustarded only two points.

On Friday, Godfrey connected on all four of his 3-point shots and Munson scored a game-high 22 points as Guerin Catholic rolled over rival Bishop Chatard 70-43. Jack Hansen scored all nine of his points in the first quarter to get to the Golden Eagles (5-8) quickly out to a 19-11 lead after the first quarter in the hostile Trojan Gymnasium. The Golden Eagles nailed five 3-point shots in the second quarter, but none bigger than junior Grant Fremion's half-court shot at the halftime buzzer to give GC a huge lift and a 38-22 lead.

"Grant's shot gave us a big, big boost heading into the locker room," said Coach Pete Smith. "His minutes were limited tonight due to Matthew's (Godfrey) solid game, but Grant gave us a big lift defensively tonight when he was in there, too."

There was no let up after Fremion's buzzer beater, as Guerin poured in another 20 points in the third quarter to thwart any comeback plans by the home team. Chatard (6-4) committed seven of their 18 turnovers in the stanza as well. Guerin made 10-of-14 shots from behind the 3-point line for the contest, and had their best rebounding effort of the season, winning the battle of the boards over the taller Trojan squad 29-15.

Rhett Helt and Godfrey joined Munson in double figures, scoring 13 and 12 points, respectively. Smith singled out the good play of Christian Daniels, who had a career and game-high 6 assists and also led the rebounding efforts with five.

On Saturday, Bishop Luers shot 56 percent from the field and defeated Guerin Catholic 65-59.

Godfrey connected on his first four 3-point goals in the opening stanza and the Golden Eagles led 21-15. However, after having no turnovers in the first eight minutes, the second quarter was an offensive struggle against the taller Fort Wayne squad. Guerin was only 3-11 in the second quarter and committed five turnovers as the Saints went on a 12-0 run during the quarter and led going into halftime 29-27.

Munson led a third quarter charge, scoring 12 of his game-high 22 points in the period but Luers (4-3) led 48-47 heading into the fourth quarter, and the Golden Eagles never could get a lead in final period. Six-foot-seven Division I prospect Sydney Curry shared high points honors with Munson, as the 230-pound freshman totaled 20 points and 10 rebounds.

"Their size was very difficult (for us) to defend when they have a great guard in JJ Foster on the perimeter," said CG mentor Pete Smith.

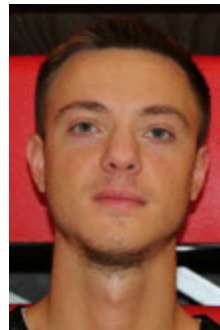
Foster had nine assists and 11 points. Calen Cunningham had a career-high 14 points while Godfrey was unable to score after the first quarter, finishing with 12 points.

"Calen was very active. He's been in sort of a slump, so it was great to see him have a game like he did today," said Smith. "We improved this weekend with our win Friday night and then how we played this afternoon. We just couldn't get a stop defensively when we needed to."

The Golden Eagles (5-9) will play their eighth straight game away from Guerin Catholic next Friday night at Broad Ripple (7-4).

Roberts totals 39 points in two

## 'Hawks split over the weekend



Roberts

Sheridan split a pair of games over the weekend, losing to Tri-Central 76-60 on Friday, then beating Fountain Central 59-46 on Saturday.

The Trojans outscored the Blackhawks 20-9 in the first quarter, then led 43-25 at halftime. Sheridan

found itself down after one quarter against FC, 13-9, but then outscored the Mustangs 22-7 in the second period to jump ahead 31-20. Sheridan cruised from there.

Chris Roberts was the leading scorer in both games, pouring in 18 points against TC and 21 points over Fountain Central. Jake Chesney added 15 points in the Saturday game and also had six steals. Roberts grabbed nine rebounds against the Mustangs and blocked two shots.

Sheridan plays at Elwood next Saturday.

Over Kokomo and Mount Vernon...

# Two big wins for Lady Millers

The Noblesville girls basketball team traveled up to Kokomo on Wednesday night, and came home with a 59-45 win.

The Millers led 23-15 after the first quarter and 37-21 at halftime. Three Noblesville players scored in double figures: Alexis Shannon was the leader with 19 points. Katelyn O'Reilly added 12,

and Emily Kiser earned another double-double: Twelve rebounds to go along with 10 points. If that wasn't enough, Kiser blocked four shots.

Brooke Herron handed out seven assists for the Millers.

It was a perfect Senior Day for Noblesville Saturday, as the Millers overwhelmed Mount Vernon 67-34 in an afternoon game at The Mill.

Noblesville blasted off to a 19-3 lead after the first quarter, and rolled to a 36-15 advantage at halftime. The Millers then led 53-22 after three quarters.

Katelyn O'Reilly dominated as a senior should, scoring 26 points, pulling eight rebounds and making five steals. Alexis Shannon, another senior, added 13 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals, with senior Rachel Shipman scoring 12. Haley Conway is the fourth senior on the Millers' roster; she scored four points.

Noblesville is now 18-4 and plays at Zionsville on Friday.

Lady 'Hawks playing tough

# Sheridan girls knock off Tipton, fall to 4A Eagles

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

With the Hoosier Heartland Conference Tourney just around the corner, Sheridan's Lady Blackhawks appear to be heating up.



Leonard

"It looks like we'll enter the tourney as a four-seed," said Sheridan coach Jeff Guenther.

Sheridan, with a 2-2 conference record, last evening knocked off one of the big conference dogs, Tipton, 58-48.

This contest at Hobbs Memorial Gym wasn't as close as the final score might appear. Sheridan kept a double-digit lead most of the night, once leading the Blue Devils by 16 points.

Sheridan's tough schedule may be paying off. The Blackhawks were coming off playing in the Plainfield Tourney.

"We struggled a little in the tourney, but we put 62 points on the board against a pretty good Martinsville team," Guenther said.

Last evening against Tipton it was another explosion of the "twin bombers,"

junior Brittany Welch with 24 points and sophomore Audrey Reed with 17 points, along with some long-range bombing by Morgan Leonard, Jillian O'Flaherty and Cherysh Bishop. Leonard hit a pair of 3-pointers and O'Flaherty and Bishop each canned one.

Sheridan led 15-13 after one quarter, 33-19 at halftime and 41-36 entering the fourth period.

Welch had an outstanding evening, canning 11-of-21 shots.

Welch and Reed each had a double-double, Welch with 15 rebounds and Reed with 10.

Class 2A Sheridan fell behind Class 4A Zionsville 17-8 in the opening quarter and never recovered while losing to the Eagles 53-38.

Brittany Welch scored 17 points for the Lady Blackhawks, but Zionsville's defense held Audrey Reed to just 6 points.

Nobody except Welch scored in double figures. Jillian O'Flaherty was next in line with nine points.

Welch had another double-double, adding 10 rebounds to her 17 points.

Sheridan hit just 10-of-39 shots from the field.

Sheridan is now 9-8 for the season and will continue tough competition play on Jan. 15 at McCutcheon.

After beating Chatard...

# Greenfield ends Shamrocks' win streak

The Westfield Express continued to roll Tuesday evening as the Lady Shamrocks poured out a 60-52 victory at Chatard.

Unfortunately, the express was stopped on Saturday, as the Shamrocks fell to dropped a 48-40 Saturday afternoon contest with Greenfield Central at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Coach Ginny Smith's powerhouse defeated Chatard with a balanced scoring punch. Jalyn Foland led the way with 12 points, while Haleigh Reinoehl, Abby Reeder and Annaleise Drudge each notched 11 points.

Reinoehl nearly had a double-double, collecting 9 rebounds.

Westfield outscored Chatard 17-8 in the fourth quarter.

Westfield had its seven-game winning streak snapped and its rematch with Greenfield Central spoiled when it lost on Saturday. Westfield had defeated the Cougars, 42-34, a week ago in Greenfield's Holiday Tourney.

The loss left Westfield 17-2 on the year, it's only other loss coming to Carmel.

At Bankers Life, Westfield led Greenfield 9-5 after one quarter, but the Cougars went on a 16-8 second quarter run.

Maddy Grennes led Westfield in scoring with 19 points and she also pulled 11 rebounds for a double-double.

Westfield shot just 29 percent from the field, hitting 16-of-51 shots. The Shamrocks were just 4-of-13 from 3-point range.

Westfield's next game will be a Hoosier Crossroads Conference home contest against Hamilton Southeastern on Jan. 15.

To Chatard and Warren...

## Guerin girls drop two games



Demas

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team fell to Bishop Chatard 59-42 Friday night at the Trojans' gym.

The Golden Eagles fell behind 11-6 after the first quarter and 27-13 at halftime. Annamarie Augustinovic led Guerin with 14 points, while Grace Demas grabbed six rebounds.

Guerin Catholic was overwhelmed by Warren Central 65-26 on Saturday.

The Warriors led 39-10 at halftime. Annamarie Augustinovic led the Golden Eagles with a double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds. Danielle Mason pulled six rebounds.

Guerin is now 11-8, and plays at Bowman Academy next Saturday.

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It's learning a new culture at Heights....

# Pups grow up; Huskies win two



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

AireAnna Stretch came off the bench and scored nine points for Hamilton Heights in its Thursday win over Lewis Cass.

By DON JELLISON  
Reporter Editor

Those pups Hamilton Heights fans watched under new coach Omega Tandy early this girls basketball season have grown into a good Lady Husky team.

Heights won two games last week, taking care of Shenandoah 57-31 on Tuesday, then beating Lewis Cass 71-44 on Thursday.

Heights used pressure defense and balanced scoring to defeat Shenandoah on Senior Night.

Led by sophomore Ana Collar's 16 points, six steals and seven rebounds, Coach Omega Tandy's Lady Huskies took charge of the game early and never looked back. Senior Bri Henson added eight points, three assists and seven rebounds, senior Amy Griffey added two points and six rebounds, and senior Logan Wiley added two points and five rebounds. Junior Ashton Runner added 12 points, five rebounds, and four steals while sophomore Lexi Branham added 8 points two rebounds and two steals.

The Lady Huskies improved to 5-9 on the season, and face Lewis Cass Thursday at home.

Heights' junior varsity team also won, 40-27. The Lady Huskies also capitalized on defensive stops and improved to 7-7 on the year.

The win over Cass gave the Huskies an important Hoosier Conference victory. It's a different-looking Husky team, a team which has now won four straight after losing seven consecutive games.

"We're making an adjustment to a new culture," said Tandy after the Huskies completely destroyed Lewis Cass from start to finish.

Heights leaped to a 15-0 lead and had a 22-2 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

Sophomore Kayla Kirtley, Heights' leading scorer who didn't start against Lewis Cass, came into

the game early in the first quarter and scored 14 points in the period and went on to finish with 24 points and 6 rebounds.

"It's learning the new culture," Tandy said with a big smile.

Lexi Branham, another sophomore, finished in double figures with 13 points. AireAnna Stretch, who had trouble finding playing time early in the season, came off the bench and netted 9 points.

"AireAnna deserved the playing time," Tandy said. "She works so hard in practice; she deserved getting the time. She is going to be a good basketball player."

Another standout player was 5-11 freshman center Sydney Griffey with 4 points and 10 rebounds.

Lewis Cass made a brief run at the Huskies at the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half, cutting the Huskies' lead to 12 points. But Branham scored from the field and Kirtley hit a pair of 3-pointers and the Huskies were off and running once again.

Kirtley nailed 5-of-6 shots from 3-point range during the game.

Heights finished the third period with a 52-31 advantage.

What can the Huskies accomplish yet this season? They currently are 6-9 overall and 1-1 in the conference with loop games still remaining with Western and Tipton. The Hoosier Conference Tourney is set for Jan. 23.

"We're not going to win the conference because of our loss to Northwestern earlier in the year," said Tandy. "But, we've got a shot to finish second."

"I tell the kids that the door is open. Nobody is going to give us anything. I tell them to go out and have fun every game," Tandy said.

Hamilton Heights' next game is at home, a Tuesday conference tilt against Western.



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