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Cicero to conduct public workshop

A public workshop to identify and discuss priorities for the Cicero Downtown Revitalization Plan will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 at the Red Bridge Park Community Building, 697 W. Jackson St.

The Town's Planning Consultant, HWC Engineering, and the Cicero Downtown Revitalization Plan Steering Committee will be in attendance to discuss questions, concerns, and receive input on the plan. The plan is to be funded through a Planning Grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

The purpose of the downtown revitalization plan is to identify opportunities which will allow Cicero to

take the next steps towards attracting future investment in the downtown. This includes establishing an understanding of the current conditions, analysis of the factors that will impact and influence future decisions in the downtown, establishing the core vision and goals for redevelopment of the study area, as well as establishing the tools and methods to implement work. The three focus areas of the plan will include: research and analysis, creation of a downtown market analysis, and an historic facades evaluation.

Area residents are encouraged to attend this public workshop to assist the town in developing the future of downtown Cicero.

Heights winter royalty



Hamilton Heights crowned its Winter Homecoming King and Queen Friday night during the Huskies boys basketball game with Lapel. Pictured are the King, Dalton Hartwick, and the Queen, Molly Mitchell.

Westfield makes list of top 10 safe cities



Andy Cook

A Consumer Affairs report has named Westfield as one of the top ten safest cities in Indiana.

The report, which uses data from the Census Bureau and FBI crime statistics, ranks Westfield at #7 in the state.

"I'm not surprised that Westfield is consistently listed as one of the safest communities in Indiana," Mayor Andy Cook said. "Our public safety professionals take their jobs very seriously and work tirelessly to keep our residents and visitors out of harm's way."

The Consumer Affairs Report comes out just as Westfield's Police Department released its year-end report. This report compiles information over the past year on traffic accidents, arrests and other calls for service.

The report shows decreases in robberies, hit-and-runs and traffic fatalities when compared to 2014 numbers.

"Our officers and civilian staff continue to make me proud with the work they do," Police Chief Joel Rush said. "They perform their duties diligently and take great pride in serving the Westfield community."

"We are very blessed to have the dedicated public safety professionals we do," Cook said.

Holly Ramon wins 'Stake in the Ground'



Holly Ramon, the Human Resources Director for the City of Noblesville, was awarded the annual "Stake in the Ground" Award for 2015 by the Noblesville Common Council. Ramon is shown here being presented the award from Common Council president Rick Taylor.

On her 16-year anniversary with the City of Noblesville, Human Resources Director was awarded the annual "Stake in the Ground" Award by the Noblesville Common Council for 2015.

"I feel very honored to receive the award," Ramon said.

Ramon was hired in as the human resources director because the city didn't have an official HR department before she started.

"With insurance steadily going up Holly has done an excellent job of keeping cost down for the city," said 2015 Common Council President Rick Taylor, who presented the award on behalf of the council. "She implemented the Quad Med center years ago which has helped defer costs and keep increases to a minimum. She is consistently in negotiations with providers to minimize expenses. Noblesville has yet to field major complaints about employment due majorly by Holly's excellent work."

The "Stake in the Ground" Award is designed to recognize city employees – at the director level –who go way above and beyond their jobs. Each councilor makes a nomination and then all members vote on the award.

Voters to decide on referendum

Voters in the Noblesville Schools district will be asked to decide on a continuation of their current 2010 operating referendum this May.

The school board gave the go-ahead for the referendum at Tuesday's meeting. The operating referendum funds people and programs for Noblesville Schools, and is scheduled to expire in 2017.

"The purpose of the referendum is to continue the funding that we have in place now, to make up for the loss that we had through the property tax cap and state funding," said Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer.

"The referendum is an opportunity for us to go to the taxpayers, to ask them to levy a tax rate so that we can make up for the lost funding that Dr. Niedermeyer just talked about," said Robin Phelps, the executive director of business for Noblesville Schools.

Since 2009, Noblesville Schools has lost \$38 million in state funding, this despite the district growing by over 1200 students in the same period. A press release pointed out that if the referendum doesn't continue, the district could lose \$6 million per year for funding of staff and academic programming.

However, Phelps pointed out that if the referendum is continued, the rate will be

dropped to 18.9 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation, which would be a decrease of 10.5 percent from the current referendum rate of 21.15 cents per \$100. The new rate would start a year early, in 2016.

Phelps said the lower rate is possible because the district will get an increase in state funding over the next two years, plus growth in Noblesville property tax values.

Due to state law regarding referendum communications, residents won't find information about the referendum on the district website or social media. A political action committee has been formed to support the referendum campaign and is providing a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions and a tax calculator on its website, milleries.org.

Additionally, Niedermeyer will be presenting more referendum details to various groups in the community in the coming months. She will also be available for questions at her open community Table Talk meetings, which are held the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Noble Coffee and Tea.

2016 Sheridan Town Council



Photo provided

2016 Sheridan Town Council: Elizabeth Walden, Clerk-Treasurer; David Kinkad, President; Steve Fisher, Vice President; Darryl Waters, Member; Glen Bougher, Member; and Jeremy Somerville, Member. The Town Council meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm.



Elaine (Pedigo) Epp**April 14, 1932 - January 10, 2016**

Elaine (Pedigo) Epp, 83, of Noblesville, passed away in the evening of Sunday, January 10, 2016 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on April 14, 1932 to Drury and Ida Mae (Wallace) Pedigo in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Elaine retired from American National Bank after over 20 years of service as a bookkeeper. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville; the Dosie Squares; and was a Eukerette.

She is survived by husband of 62 years, Donald Epp Sr whom she married on August 23, 1953; her children, Donald Epp Jr, Rita (David) Landis and Greg (Errin) Epp; sister, Anna Dickson; brothers-in-law, William (Rosie) Epp and Jack (Julia) Epp; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Pedigo; two sisters, Helen Nelson and Betty Huffman; sister-in-law, Francis King; two brothers-in-law, Robert Epp and Jim Epp; and a grandson, Adam Landis.

Services were held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with Rev. Adrian Piazza officiating. Visitation was Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Peyton Manning's Children's Hospital, c/o St. Vincent Hospital, 8402 Harcourt Rd., Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260; or, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Jason Sipher**March 11, 1993 - January 9, 2016**

Jason Sipher, 22, of Fishers, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 9, 2016. He was born on March 11, 1993 to Tom and Cindy (McHugh) Sipher in Indianapolis, Indiana.

An intensely loving, caring, and kind person, Jason attended Ball State University, studying film. A strong athlete, earning varsity letters in high school for wrestling, cross country, and track, as a young man Jason had transitioned to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu after high school. He was a recipient of the Heart of the Tiger award. Not known by many people, Jason was also an expert origami artist.

He is survived by his parents, Cindy and Tom Sipher of Fishers; brother Zach of Chicago, IL; and sister Sarah of Bloomington, IN.

Visitation was Friday, January 15, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, Fishers, with a prayer service following. Mass was held at 10:30 am on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers, with Rev. Patrick Click officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Timothy Lee Simmerman**January 6, 1940 - January 9,**

Timothy Lee Simmerman, 76, of Denver and formerly of Eaton Rapids, Mich. and Westfield, passed away on January 9, 2016 after a sudden illness. He was born on January 6,

1940 to Glenn D. and Laurna M. Simmerman.

Tim was a USAF veteran, and very proud of his service to his country. His passion was "his" B-52 Bombers and his GWTA Gold Wing motorcycle. He had only Hawaii and Alaska yet to ride in to have covered all 50 states.

Tim, a gentle giant and very loving man, "left behind" his wife, Jan; children, Laura K. Simmerman (Gale), Michael L. Simmerman (Yalonda), and Cary D. S. Simmerman (Stephanie); seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. His family and multitudes of friends will miss him greatly.

Tim was predeceased by his parents.

No services are planned at this time.

Hamilton County Reporter**Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper****Marie V. Graham Bradfield****November 13, 1931 - January 9, 2016**

Marie V. Graham Bradfield, 84, of Westfield, passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at her home. She was born on November 13, 1931 to Celestino and Annie (Tomko) Bergero in Wise, Virginia.

Marie was a member of Victory Baptist Church, and attended New Light Christian Center, Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, and Noblesville Baptist Church. She married Walter Bradfield on November 17, 2007.

Marie is survived by her husband, Walter Bradfield; daughter, Freda G. (Dennis) Russ; sons, Don R. Graham, Coy L. (Jodi) Graham, and Randell W. (Beth) Graham; sister, Inez Standifer; step-daughter, Lisa Jamison; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Curtis J. Graham on October 22, 1998; and daughter, Marsha Graham.

Visitation was Thursday, January 14, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, Noblesville. Services were held on Friday, January 15, 2016, at the funeral home, with Pastor Michael W. Risden officiating. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wheeler Mission Ministries, 205 E. New

Marlene T. Conway**February 23, 1938 - January 10, 2016**

Marlene T. Conway, 77, of Cicero, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on February 23, 1938 to Walter and Helen (Stanislawski) Krus in Detroit, Michigan.

Marlene was a 1956 graduate of Eastern High School in Detroit. For 44 years, she worked for the S.S. Kresge Corporation (now K-Mart), as secretary to the vice-president in Detroit, and as office manager in Elk Grove Village, IL, retiring in 2001. Marlene was previously a member of St. Peter Damian Catholic Church in Bartlett, IL. She was a homemaker, and loved to read, garden, and work jigsaw puzzles.

Marlene is survived by her husband, William Conway; son, William F. Conway, Jr.; grandchild, Logan Conway; brothers, Walter Krus and Richard Krus; special nephew, Father Simon; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her in-laws, Reginal & Mary Conway; and sister, Geraldine Michalski.

No services are planned. Marlene's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Central Indiana Affiliate, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 2070, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

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Eric Seward “Ric” Sharpnack

August 23, 1949 - January 10, 2016



Eric Seward “Ric” Sharpnack, 66, Markleville, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2016, at Saint Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital following a hard-fought battle with cancer.

He was born on August 23, 1949, in Indianapolis, Indiana to Harry and Jeanne (Seward) Sharpnack.

He graduated from Lawrence Central High School in 1967 and attended IUPUI until he was drafted to serve in the U. S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Eric retired in 1999 from the former Guide Lamp division of General Motors in Anderson. Following retirement he worked at Navistar in Indianapolis, Chrysler in New Castle, and National Starch in Indianapolis.

He was a member of Northview Church Fishers Campus and was an avid coin, currency, and classic car collector. Eric loved being outdoors and walking with his cat Sadie.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Roxann (Hudson) Sharpnack; four children, Erika (husband, Ahmed) Elganzouri of Chicago, IL, Kristin (husband, Brandon) Buck of Pendleton, Sara (husband, Andy) Horning of Lapel, and William (wife, Hillary) Sharpnack of Orange Co., CA; two step-sons, Matthew Vaught of North Vernon and Aaron (wife, Joy) Vaught of Fishers; seven grandchildren, Ziden, Grant, Zane, Caleb, Blake, Ronan, and Skylor; one sister, Dianne Stephenson of Cincinnati, OH; and a brother-in-law, Gary Havens of Carmel; and life-long friends, Bill, Joe, and John.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Jacob Horning; and a sister, Lynda Havens.

A funeral service was held Thursday, January 14, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Pastor John Smith officiating. Burial followed in Grovelawn Cemetery, Pendleton.

Visitation was Thursday, January 14, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

Ola Elizabeth (Gee) Boone

May 24, 1924 - January 11, 2016



Ola Elizabeth (Gee) Boone, 91, Noblesville, passed away Monday, January 11, 2016, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville following a brief illness.

She was born on May 24, 1924, in Rutherford County, Tennessee to Orell and Sallie Sue (Rieves) Gee.

Ola retired in 1982 from the former Delco Remy division of General Motors in Anderson after over 30 years of employment.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church; and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She is survived by two children, Brian (wife, Diann) Boone of Carmel and Vicki (husband, Bruce) Copeland of Noblesville; and four granddaughters, Natalie, Lindsay, and Sally Boone, and Betsy Copeland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 44 years, Lloyd W. Boone; two brothers, and three sisters.

A funeral service was held at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Dr. Wayne Caldwell officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation was Saturday, January 16, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cystic Fibrosis, Parkinson's or the Epilepsy Foundation.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

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Kevin L. Peters

November 21, 1961 - January 8, 2016



Kevin L. Peters, 54, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, January 8, 2016 at his home. He was born on November 21, 1961 to Robert and Kay (Gibson) Peters in Indianapolis, Indiana. His parents preceded him in death.

Kevin was an OSHA trainer; and attended Ben Davis Christian Church in Indianapolis. He was an Eagle Scout, earned the Wood Badge and Silver Beaver Award, and was the Scout Master of Troop 208 in Anderson for 11 years. He was a member of the National Speleological Society and enjoyed caving whenever he had the chance. He also enjoyed geocaching and watching Colts football.

He is survived by his wife, Constance Peters; step-son, Adam (Alicia) Howard; step-grandchildren, Joshua, Evelyn, Daniel, brother, Tim (Julie) Peters; brother, Scott (Yvonne) Peters; sisters, Brenda (Rick) Tarquino, Stephanie (Duke) Cumbelich and Jennifer (Steve) Stoops; nephews, Joshua, Justin, Robert, Chase, Clay and Ashton; nieces, Holly, Krista, Megan, Gracie Kay and McKenna Leigh; five great-nephews; and three great-nieces.

Services were held on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the service. Jim Burks officiated. Burial was at Saunders Cemetery in Daleville. Memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America, 7125 Fall Creek Road North, Indianapolis, IN 46256; or, American Cancer Society, 5635 W 96th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

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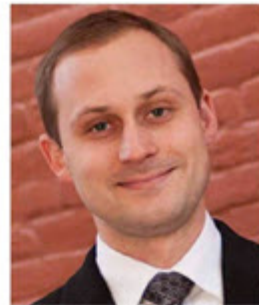



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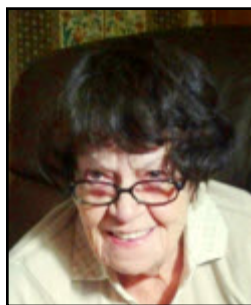
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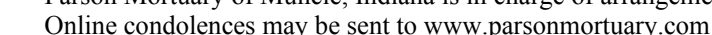
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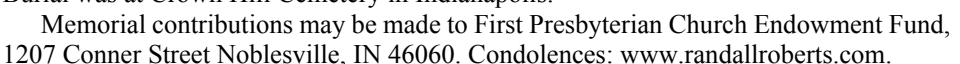
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About that lottery



By JANET HART LEONARD

Yes, the sun came out on Wednesday's tomorrow. It was Thursday morning and I was on my way into work. I was smiling.

The sun on the crest of Tuesday's snow fall was still giving visions of powerball winnings to those of us who had bought a ticket, hoping to become a billionaire. I didn't actually buy a ticket but I donated my five dollars to the company lottery pool. I did not want to be left out if there was a "party".

I entertained the thoughts of what I would do if I won all that money. I kept thinking about all the mortgages of family and friends that I would pay off. I thought about starting an "Anonymous Fund " where I would find families that were struggling and surprise them with checks to make their life easier.

I thought about how the money would affect my lifestyle. Would I move from my little house on the alley? Probably not. I know it sounds crazy but I have lived in my 110 year old house since 1975 and I have never had the desire to move. My little yellow house on 12th street is home. It's my place of comfort and refuge. I can't imagine ever clicking my ruby red slippers (if I had a pair) and wanting to be anywhere else.

Thinking about having all that would be possible if I had that much money also gave way to many questions. Would it change me? Would it change the way people looked at me? Would I lose friends? Would I become stressed out by not taking care of every need that people brought to me? Would my life become more complicated? Would I be constantly having to make hard decisions? Whew. I was relieved there wasn't a "party".

And so I continued to smile as I drove. No, I hadn't won the lottery but my life was good. I was content. Money cannot buy contentment. Money cannot buy peace of mind that I am loved. It sounds so corny to say but I have just about everything that I have ever dreamed of having. A little house to call home. A husband who loves me unconditionally. A family and bonus family that I can love by cooking them big family dinners. A job that I enjoy. I live in my hometown where people know my name when I am out and about. My love of writing is shared each week with the community that can relate to my thoughts. My brave editors allows me to say whatever I am thinking. (Brave men)

I wouldn't say that I am lucky but I am blessed. And so I smile.

Now I just need a pair of ruby red slippers.

El Nino



By SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TABITHA ALLEN

The United States is expected to have an irregularly warm winter this year, and that's mostly because of El Nino. El Nino is a weather phenomenon that occurs irregularly every two to five years. It brings warm water from the eastern Pacific Ocean, and it flows eastward, near the equator. The warm water affects the atmosphere, resulting in a change of weather patterns. According to CNN, the conditions of this El Nino are predicted to last into spring 2016. El Ninos develop during the summer months and typically last seven to nine months. However, they have been known to last from nine months to two years. This would be classified as an El Nino "episode".

El Nino also dramatically affects cyclone seasons around the planet, and scientists are predicting a calm hurricane season in the US. However, there will most likely be more and stronger typhoons. According to the National Weather Service, there have been five times more than normal so far this year. Almost every forecast prediction this year is stating that this will be the strongest El Nino ever recorded, which will most likely cause a significant increase in the prices of seafood and coffee, among other things. Scientists are also predicting that this could dramatically affect rainfall in California, which will lower the price of beef and help slow down the draining of groundwater.

What this means for Indiana is increased temperatures and decreased precipitation. Jan Wright, Sheridan resident, states, "It's wonderful that's it's going to be warmer out, but I'll miss the snow." With a warmer and drier winter, road conditions should be improved, making travel saver. Anna Gilbert, Sheridan resident, is overjoyed, "I'm happy (about El Nino), I absolutely hate the cold for so long. We already had a little snow and that was enough for me." Paul Wright, Sheridan resident, states, "Hopefully it will melt the icecaps

See El Nino

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The rest of the story



By MARY SUE ROWLAND

On a very cold snow covered evening, 25 plus citizens came to City Hall in Noblesville to speak and learn about the proposed Trash Free Ordinance, first hand, that would add \$10.57 cents to their wastewater bill per month to pay for home trash pick. The ordinance also has three increases built into the legislation topping out in 2020 at \$10.94 fee. Everyone who wanted to speak was given the opportunity. Concerns were expressed about the new recycling service that came in the mail a

few weeks ago with interest in costs for the new service. The answer was no cost to the homeowner for the door to door service but some still questioned the purpose. Concerns about new parks as the city has existing great parks, was addressed. How will money be found for maintenance and was that considered, was expressed? The preference was police and fire over new parks. One citizen spoke to the tax caps and that the caps were there for a reason, to force government to operate within the revenues collected and stay within the budgets. Others wanted more information on the City web site. Concerning the fee, one citizen expressed concerns with the flat fee for wastewater implemented 5 years ago and now a proposed flat fee for trash collection was not based on usage and that it was unfair. That means a family of 10 pays the same as a one person household. It could even be said the one person household helps to pay for the family of ten. Four increases have been attached to the wastewater bill in the last four years and with increases already stated for the trash fee, what will the end result be? Tax abatements came to the table with questions of good return on investment for the citizens? Insurance and benefits were also a concern for citizens as it applies to elected officials and city employees. One very informed citizen said a lot of people have a lot of questions. Obviously revenue is not meeting expenses but is the answer more revenue from the citizens who have continued costs pilling on from all who can pile on with no end in sight. She noted that perfectly good roads are torn up to make roundabouts? Is that a good use of tax payer's money? "The increase in the trash fee is actually a 16% increase in the taxes already being paid", stated on citizen. The informed citizen said, "Fund what we need not what we want". Overall citizen want more information, no trash fee increase and no drop in service. If the city can provide the services now, then how will the additional funds be used? What will be the next call for more money from tax payers?

One item that was cleared up is that the statement, "The trash service is a free service to the citizens" was a misstatement made over and over again in state of the city speeches, in the wastewater newsletter that is included in everyone's bill and in general Council conversation. The truth is the tax payers pay now for trash pickup and always have paid through their property tax. The new ordinance will ask the tax payers to pay twice, once through tax revenue and once by direct pay. The dollars set aside now by the city for trash collection and paid by the citizens will melt into the general fund to be scattered amount budgets and projects.

Most of the citizens who attended the 12th of January City of Noblesville Council meeting lived in old town. These are the folks who walk to the historic downtown for a sandwich or a cup of coffee. Many of the old town citizens stated that they had cut out all expenses possible from their fixed income. That means no more occasional sandwiches or cups of coffee resulting in \$2.5 million dollars taken from the local economy and sent to city hall. It could be said that \$10.57 per month will be exchanged for that gallon of milk per week now in the refrigerator. In fact, one citizen made that very statement.

The next opportunity to sit in on the discussion is January 23rd when City Council meets in the first retreat of 12 scheduled for 2016. This meeting starts at 8:30 am to noon at City Hall, 2nd floor meeting rooms just north of the stairs. This meeting is open to the public. The public can listen but are not invited to speak. The speaking opportunity will be at the next regular City Council meeting on January 26th, at City Hall, second floor starting at 7:00 pm. At that meeting, the trash ordinance will be discussed as a public hearing. The Council meeting will be open for comments. If you plan to speak, fill out the form at the door that indicates you want to address the council and hand the form to the clerk who sits at the front desk in the Council Chambers. The forms need to be filled out and turned over to the Clerk before the meeting starts.



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Simmons is Millers' Man

By **RICHIE HALL**

Reporter Sports Editor

Noblesville Schools didn't have to look too far to find its next high school head varsity football coach.

Jason Simmons, who has been with the Millers since 2013 as their offensive coordinator, was officially hired as the new head coach at Tuesday's Noblesville Schools board meeting. Simmons was in attendance with his family, his wife and four children watching.

"We are home," Simmons told the board after it voted in favor of the appointment. "Noblesville Schools is home for our family."

Simmons has lived in Noblesville for eight years, even when he was coaching at other schools. He was the head coach in Hamilton Heights during the 2009-10 seasons, compiling a 21-4 record, winning Mid-Indiana Conference championships both years, and a sectional championship in 2010.

After that, he was the offensive coordinator and assistant athletic director at Ben Davis before coming to NHS, where he was part of Lance Scheib's staff. Scheib announced in November he would

not return as the Millers' coach, a position he had held since 2008.

Simmons is the dean of students at Noblesville, and will continue in that position while serving as the Millers' head coach.

"The opportunity came open to be a head coach again," said Simmons. "It was something that I was eager for, having been in that seat before, having a good idea of what it takes. We're certainly excited for the opportunity and I'm certainly ready to be a head coach again."

Simmons said the one characteristic he can bring to the head coaching position he will be "a lot of positive energy, a lot of drive."

"We're certainly going to expect great things out of our student-athletes, not just on the field, but in the classroom, out in the community," said Simmons, who said he wants his players to be "stewards of Noblesville," both the city and the school district.

"We got some things that will be different," said Simmons. "But change comes about with transition."

After Scheib resigned, Simmons asked NHS athletic director Mike Hasch and principal Jeff Bryant "for the opportunity to be

the voice of leadership in the transition," which they did.

"I haven't lost touch with our kids in any way, shape or form," said Simmons. "We've been in the weight room, we've stayed on top of them from an academic standpoint."

Simmons was one of four people selected from a large group that expressed interest in the position. Noblesville Schools assistant superintendent Dr. Steve Stephanoff said that Simmons was the No. 1 choice of 22 of the 25 people on the Miller's interview committee.

Bryant said as part of a statement: "It was clear to the interview committee that he is committed to our students and our community. He has a vision and a plan for making our football team successful on the field and for making our student-athletes better off the field. That combination is important to the values of NHS."

Simmons is the assistant executive director of the Indiana Football Coaches Association. He holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University and a master's degree from Ball State University.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Jason Simmons (right) talks with IHSA Assistant Commissioner Robert Faulkner after Simmons was approved as the new head football coach for Noblesville High School. Simmons has been the Millers' offensive coordinator since 2013, and previously was a conference and sectional championship coach at Hamilton Heights.

NHS falls in double OT to Eagles, beats Columbus North

By **RICHIE HALL**

Reporter Sports Editor

It was a down-and-up weekend for the Noblesville boys basketball team.

The Millers first went to Zionsville for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game that was a thriller, but unfortunately ended in a loss. Noblesville fell to the Eagles 61-59 in double overtime.

After suffering such a tough loss, coach Brian McCauley wanted to know how his team would respond back at The Mill against Columbus North on Saturday. McCauley got his answer, and it was the one he was looking for: The Millers used blistering 3-point shooting and solid defense to overwhelm the Bull Dogs 62-34. While Columbus North kept things close in the first quarter, Noblesville sailed through the second quarter 21-5, putting the Millers ahead 33-16 and giving them firm control.

"So proud of our guys' character, the response that they showed from a really disappointing loss last night on the road, but to a good team," said McCauley.

McCauley said the Millers came out focused Saturday morning, then came into the game with "a lot of energy this evening."

The first period saw several lead changes, and three consecutive 3-pointers: John Kiser drained a long-range shot for Noblesville, Nathan Van Deventer answered for the Bull Dogs, and put the visitors ahead 11-9.

But Corby Mertens drained a 3 at the buzzer, and that gave the Millers a 12-11 lead after one quarter. It was also a sign of things to come for Mertens.

The buzzer-beater started a 9-0 run for Noblesville, which led 18-11 before Columbus North finally scored again. But the Millers skipped off on a 10-0 run, which was capped by back-to-back 3s from Mertens. The half ended with another Miller, Nick Mills, scoring four tough points off a floater and a pair of free throws.

Noblesville continued its hot-shooting ways in the second half. Mertens drained three more 3s; he had six downtown shots in total and wound up the leading scorer off the bench with 24 points. Max Flinchum also threw in a couple of 3s as well.

"After every practice we're working on shots, driving kicks and stuff like that," said Mertens. "Just game-like shots, so we were prepared for that."

In all, the Millers' efficiency won the day. Noblesville shot 55 percent from the field (22-of-40), a remarkable 69 percent from 3-point land (9-of-13), and did well at the free throw line too, making 9-of-11 attempts. The Millers' defense, meanwhile, held the Bull Dogs to 30 percent shooting, as they made 12 of 39 shots.

Kiser scored 16 points, and was strong all through the scoreline with seven assists and five rebounds. Mertens pulled five boards as well. Flinchum wound up with 12 points. There were other stars as well.

"So proud of Brandon Barthel," said McCauley. "His effort off the bench was awesome. He got on the offensive glass, he defended well, hit a short-corner shot, that was big."

Against Zionsville, Noblesville led 38-34 with 33.6 seconds left in regulation, but two Eagles baskets sent the



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville honored its 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Class during halftime of the game. Members are Tom Browning, Tom Coverdale, Tony Etchison, Jana Thompson, NHS golf coach Robert Spacey and the 1998 and 1999 state champion boys golf teams.

game into the first overtime at 38-all. Zionsville then led a couple times early before Kiser scored four straight points to get the Millers up 44-42.

A Zionsville 3-pointer pushed the Eagles ahead 45-44, then Kiser drained two free throws with 22 seconds left to give Noblesville the lead at 46-45. But the Eagles tied the game with a free throw with 7.4 seconds left. The score was 46-all, and that's where overtime ended.

That set the stage for a second overtime that defies belief. Zionsville's early basket put them up 48-46, but then both teams set the nets afire by making seven - yes, SEVEN - 3-pointers in a row.

The Millers' Max Flinchum made the first, the Eagles' freshman sensation Isaiah Thompson made the second. Noblesville answered with Corby Mertens fearlessly hitting a 3, then Zionsville's Riley Bertram drained a long-range shot.

How about another 3, Corby? Swish.

The Eagles' Jack Pilcher stepped in. 3-point shot, nailed it.

Flinchum, anything to add? Boom - another 3.

When the dust settled, Noblesville held a 58-57 lead, and Kiser's free throw made it 59-57 with 32.4 seconds left. But the Eagles got within one after Thompson hit a free throw, then stole the ball and laid it in to take the lead at 60-59. The Millers' final shot attempt didn't go, and another Zionsville free throw sealed the game.

The overtime fireworks overshadowed the other three quarters, but those were exciting, too. Neither team led by more than four points, which is a good example of just how close this game was.

Kiser scored 24 points and grabbed seven rebounds, with Flinchum adding 17 - he drained five 3-pointers on



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Grant Bullard goes in for a layup.

the night. Mertens added 11. McGwire Plumer dished out nine assists.

Noblesville is now 7-6 for the year. The Millers' next game is next Saturday, a trip to Logansport.

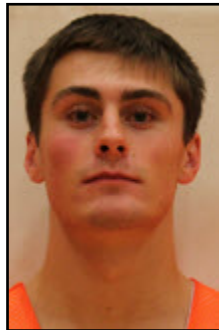
Loss to Lapel, win over WeBo...

Huskies split weekend games

Hamilton Heights’ boys basketball team split a pair of weekend games, falling to a tough Lapel team 68-56 on Friday, then coming from behind to beat Western Boone 51-41 on Saturday.

The Friday game was close until the Bulldogs, beaten in 13 games only by Pendleton Heights, outscored the Huskies 26-14 in the third quarter. Heights led 13-10 after one quarter and 25-22 at halftime.

Playing without injured shooting ace Hunter Crist, Coach Chad Ballenger’s Huskies still had a good shooting night from the field. The Huskies hit 24-of-42 field goal tries, but went to the free



Lutz

throw line just 4 times, hitting all four. Caymn Lutz had all 4 free throws.

Sterling Weatherford and Lutz led the charge for the Huskies, scoring 18 and 16 points respectively. Max Wahl was 2-of-4 from 3-point range.

Lutz, with seven boards, and Weatherford, with 5 rebounds, led the Huskies in rebounding.

The first half of Saturday’s game was one Ballenger likely just as soon missed. Maybe loaded up the bus a couple of quarters into the game.

Hamilton Heights trailed host Western Boone 28-22 at halftime.

The final two quarters were different.

Heights outscored the Stars 11-5 in the third quarter and 18-8 in the fourth period while posting a victory.

With Crist injured, Ballenger couldn’t find a third scorer on this night. Caymn Lutz and Sterling Weatherford combined for 35 of the Huskies’ 51 points.

Lutz led the way with 18 points and Weatherford followed with 17.

It wasn’t an overall great shooting night for Heights. The Huskies did hit 19-of-34 attempts from 2-point territory but went just 1-of-12 from 3-point range.

Weatherford, with 12 rebounds, had a double-double. Lutz just missed, collecting 9 boards.

They Huskies are 10-6 on the year.

Hamilton Heights will play just one game next weekend, facing an old rival, Sheridan, at Larry Hobbs Memorial Gym in Sheridan on Saturday.

‘Rocks fall to HSE, roll past Bronchos

Westfield and Hamilton Southeastern split a boys/girls double-header Friday at The Rock in Westfield, Southeastern winning the boys game 58-47 and Westfield’s girls winning the opener, 45-36, over the Lady Royals.

Coach Brian Satterfield’s Royals moved to 3-0 in the HCC with the boys victory. Overall, the Royals are 9-5 with a home game against Anderson tonight.

Zach Gunn with 18 points and Greg Miller with 14 led the Royals was 32 of Southeastern’s 58 points.

Gunn finished with a double-double by claiming 10 rebounds and Miller nearly did the same with 9 boards.

Westfield’s 2 big men led the scoring for the Shamrocks. Ian Kristensen notched 14 points and Charlie Warner finished with 11. Kristensen claimed 8 rebounds.

Southeastern hit 26-of-33 free throws.

Westfield continued to play good basketball when Saturday evening the Shamrocks rolled into Lafayette Jeff and

came away with a 61-54 victory over the host club.

Charlie Warner, Ian Kristensen and Josh Van Dyke combed for 50 of Westfield’s points.

Warner poured in 24; Kristensen added 16 and VanDyke scored 10 points.

Kristensen and Warner also had big games on the boards, Kristensen with 9 rebounds and Warner with 8.

Westfield canned 20-of-25 free throws, with VanDyke leading the way with 7-of-8.

VanDyke also had 2 assists and 3 steals.

Westfield led 10-8 after one quarter and then went on a 2-9 run in the second period.

The Shamrocks had to fight off a 27-20 Jeff run in the fourth period.

Going through a tough period in its schedule, Westfield now has beaten Carmel and Lafayette Jeff while losing to Hamilton Southeastern in its last three games.

Now 4-8 on the year, the Shamrocks will return to action on Jan. 19, hosting Plainfield.

Fast Rockets blast past Golden Eagles

Broad Ripple's boys basketball team won their seventh straight game Friday night, defeating Guerin Catholic 70-55.

The host Rockets never trailed after taking a 25-23 lead in the second quarter on one of Isaiah Banks five 3-point goals in the contest. For the game Broad Ripple (8-4) canned 9 out of 18 from behind the three points stripe, and shot 60 percent overall from the field.

Guerin Catholic (5-10) struggled with the Rockets quickness defensively, committing 16 turnovers while only forcing 'Ripple into five the entire night. They also made only 44 percent of their field

goals, including a feeble 6-22 from 3-point range.

"Just a tough night for the boys," said GC Coach Pete Smith. "They beat us to all the 50-50 balls, and when we did have an opportunity for a steal or a loose ball they snarfed it and scored. Defensively we could never find a defense to neutralize them, either."

Christian Munson scored a game-high 22 points to outscore Banks by one. Munson grabbed a team-high 7 rebounds as well. Jack Hansen tallied 17 points while Matthew Godfrey finished with 12 points.

Roncalli will pay a visit to the Eagles Nest next Tuesday night.

Lady Huskies continue win streak

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team earned its fifth straight win Wednesday night, cruising past Western 80-39 in a Hoosier Conference game.

The Huskies led all the way, jumping ahead 17-3 after the first quarter and 34-12 at halftime. Ashton Runner scored 16 points and got a double-double by grabbing 11 rebounds.

Sophomore Ana Collar finished with 14 points and nine steals, while sophomore Lexi Branham added seven points and nine assists. Sophomore Kayla Kirtley added 13 points with a game high two 3-pointers.

Juniors AireAnna Stretch and Audrie Catron added seven points each, and freshman Sydney Griffey added eight points and six rebounds. Freshman Abby Christiansen had a career-high four points while senior Amy Griffey added two.

The Lady Huskies improved to 7-9 on the season and also improved to 2-1 in the conference. Heights hosts Tipton Saturday in a big rivalry game.

The Lady Huskies junior varsity team won 38-21, led by freshman Lauryn Wiley’s 15 points.

"Every Lady Husky scored in the game," said Heights coach Omega Tandy. "The Junior Varsity team is playing great pressure defense at this point in the season and it is really paying off."

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team won a hard fought battle Saturday afternoon to solidify the #2 seed in the East of the Hoosier Conference.

After the first quarter ended in a 7-7 tie, the Huskies blasted to a 24-13 halftime lead, which they extended to a 37-23 advantage after three quarters. The Blue Devils continued to fight, scoring 26 points in the fourth period, but Heights was able to hang on.

"Our kids are just getting mentally tough," said Heights coach Omega Tandy. "They're learning how to win basketball games. They're learning how to be mentally strong and close out the game, and I think that even though we had adversity through the game - didn't play as well as we should have, missed a lot of free throws - they've learned how to win."

Sophomore Kayla Kirtley led the way with 16 points and 10 rebounds, followed by sophomore Ana Collar’s 10 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Sydney Griffey added eight points and 13 rebounds and Lexi Branham scored six points and handed out eight assists.

AireAnna Stretch added five points, Bri Henson seven points, and Ashton Runner two.

The Lady Huskies - now winners of six straight games - improved to 8-9 on the season and 3-1 in the conference.

The Heights junior varsity team defended Tipton 43-34, led by Freshman Lauryn Wiley’s 15 points and sophomore Emma Knowles nine points.

The Lady Huskies face Western Boone at Western Boone on Tuesday. The JV tips off at 6pm, and Varsity to follow.

After that is the Hoosier Conference Tournament. Heights will play at Benton Central (the No. 4 team in Class 3A), the No. 1 West seed, at 10 a.m. Saturday at Northwestern.

Millers win, O'Reilly reaches 1000

The Noblesville girls basketball team made some history in its big win at Zionsville Friday.

The Millers beat the Eagles 51-48, improving to 19-4 for the season and 5-1 in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. In addition, senior Katelyn O'Reilly passed the 1000-point mark for her career during the game.

The Millers were down 23-19 at halftime, The back and forth continued until Alexis Shannon hit a 3-pointer with under two minutes to go. That moved Noblesville ahead 47-46, and it would not trail again.

Millers coach Donna Buckley credited her team with making "enough plays at the end" to get the win, which is Noblesville's third straight. The Millers are 19-4 for the season.

"Our seniors stepped up and made a lot of big plays to get the win," said Buckley.

Katelyn O'Reilly led the scoring with 24 points. She joined her teammate Alexis Shannon, in the 1000-point club; Shannon reached that level earlier in the season.

"I'm so proud of her," said Buckley. "It's a huge accomplishment. We've only had a handful of kids do that in the history of this amazing program. She's definitely one of the all-time greats here and just really proud of her and happy for her accomplishment."

Shannon added 12 points for Noblesville. Emily Kiser pulled down 13 rebounds for the game, with O'Reilly grabbing nine. Kiser also handed out four assists and blocked two shots.

Next up for the Millers is a huge Thursday game at The Mill: Heritage Christian, winner of the last two Class 2A state championships. Heritage is playing in 3A this year, and is ranked No. 2 in that division with a 16-2 record.

Sheridan edged by Elwood

Sheridan’s comeback was a little short and a little late as the Blackhawks dropped a 63-58 decision Saturday evening at Elwood.

Sheridan outscored Elwood 21-12 in the fourth quarter.

Elwood had jumped to a 15-4 first quarter lead.

Jake Chesney scored 22 points and Chris Roberts collected 17 to account for most of Sheridan’s offense.

Sheridan was 22-of-55 from 2-point territory but hit just 3-of-13 shots from 3-point range.

Roberts had a double-double, adding 12 rebounds to his 17 points.

Chesney had 4 steals and 2 assists to go with his team-high 22 points.

The Saturday night game at Elwood was Sheridan’s only game of the weekend.

The Blackhawks will play two, both at home, next week. They will host Indiana Math & Science on Friday and then long-time rival Hamilton Heights on Saturday.



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The Hamilton Heights wrestling team finished second at the Hoosier Conference meet on Saturday. The Huskies had six individual champions.

Wrestling

Huskies place second at Hoosier

Despite giving up two weight classes, the Hamilton Heights wrestling team finished second at the Hoosier sConference meet on Saturday.

The Huskies scored 221 points, behind only West Lafayette's 291. Heights had six conference champions: Chris Loy, Hunter Haynes, Riley White, Clayton Cowan, Trezdon O'Neal and Luke Pieper.

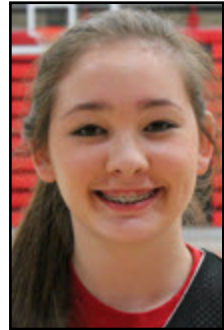
Team scores: West Lafayette 291, Hamilton Heights 221, Benton Central 165, Western 160, Twin Lakes 145.5, Northwestern 142, Lewis Cass 132.5, Rensselaer Central 97, Tipton 87, Lafayette Central Catholic 11.5.
Heights place winners
113: Cody Turner 3rd, had a Record of 3-1 on the day with 1 Pin
120: David Bryant 2nd, had a Record of 3-1 on the day with 1 Pin
126: Chris Loy 1st, had a Record of 3-0 on the day with 1 Pin and 1 Major Decision
132: Hunter Haynes 1st, had a Record of 3-0 on the day with 1 Pin
138: Riley White 1st, had a Record of 3-0 on the day with 1 Pin
145: Clayton Cowan 1st, had a Record of 4-0 on the day with 2 Pins
152: Trezdon O'Neal 1st, had a Record of 3-0 on the day with 2 Pins
160: Luke Pieper 2nd, had a Record of 2-1 on the day with 2 Pins
182: Jaleel Pugh 5th, had a Record of 3-2 on the day with 2 Pins

The two Hendricks County teams dominated the **Hoosier Crossroads Conference** wrestling meet Saturday at Avon. Second-ranked Brownsburg scored 254.5 points and had seven individual champions to win the team title, with No. 17 Avon the runner-up with 208 points and

four champs. Hamilton Southeastern was third with 179 points, and had the remaining three individual champions: Austin Holmes, Spencer Irick and Kolby Ferris. Westfield was fourth as a team; with Evan Eldred and Liam Jagow each getting second place finishes. Noblesville was sixth; David Kitko was the runner-up at 145 pounds. Fishers placed seventh; Alexander Strueder took third at 106.

Team scores: Brownsburg 254.5, Avon 208, Hamilton Southeastern 179, Westfield 150, Zionsville 118, Noblesville 87, Fishers 79.5.
Hamilton County place winners:
106: 3. Alexander Strueder (F), 5. Esteban Perez (W), 6. Chris Jones (N)
113: 3. Blake Forbes (HSE), 4. Nick Brady (N), 5. Reid Huston (W)
120: 2. Jacob Garcia (HSE), 3. Noah Long (N), 4. Luke Brogan (W), 6. George Vrachnos (F)
126: 1. Austin Holmes (HSE), 3. Noah Robinson (W), 4. Andrew Nicholson (F)
132: 4. Zachary Steele (W), 5. Noah Scott (F), 6. Jacob Chastain (HSE)
138: 2. Evan Eldred (W), 3. Trey Hubbard (HSE), 5. Caleb Wright (F), 6. Ryan Bell (N)
145: 2. David Kitko (N), 6. Cade Hartman (HSE) - full results not available.
152: 1. Jacob Ferris (HSE), 4. Spencer Bischoff (F), 5. Justin Miller (W)
160: 3. Alec Jessop (HSE), 5. Josh Marlow (N), 6. Hayden Grow (F)
170: 2. Liam Jagow (W), 4. Dan Stevens (F), 6. Joe Mazero (HSE)
182: 1. Spencer Irick (HSE), 5. Sam Trompen (W), 6. Josh Ahmed (F)
195: 1. Kolby Ferris (HSE), 2. Ryan Leslie (N), 4. Nick Schaeffer (W)
220: 3. Joe Myren (HSE), 5. Levi Gleason (W), 6. Nathan Pairitz (F)
285: 2. Bryce Chastain (HSE), 3. Austin Dollens (W), 4. Bradley Killion (N)

HHC Tourney is next...
'Hawks beat 4A McCutcheon



O'Flaherty

Sheridan's girls basketball team got a big win at a big school Thursday night, as the Class 2A Blackhawks beat Class 4A McCutcheon 41-39. Sheridan led 19-9 after the first quarter, but the Mavericks came back to cut the Blackhawks' lead to 24-22 at halftime. The teams played even in the second half, with Sheridan coming out on top at the buzzer. Brittany Welch scored 16 points to lead the 'Hawks, while Jillian O'Flaherty drained three 3-pointers on her way to 13 points. Audrey Reed scored 11, grabbed six rebounds, and made four steals. With the win, the Blackhawks are now 10-8 for the season. Next up for Sheridan is the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament, which begins on Tuesday.

Westfield girls defeat HSE...
'Rocks still perfect in HCC

In a key opening game of the boys and girls double-header, Southeastern jumped out to a 4-7 first quarter lead and then it was Westfield all the way as the Lady Shamrocks rolled to a 45-36 victory. Southeastern still led at halftime, 21-20, before Westfield outscored the Royals 24-16 in the second half. The victory moved Coach Ginny Smith's Westfield club to 18-2 overall and kept the Shamrocks unbeaten in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference at 5-0 with only Brownsburg still remaining. Westfield will go after a perfect HCC season when on Jan. 23 Brownsburg comes to The Rock for a 1:30 p.m. game. Westfield's defense held Southeastern to 13-of-33 shooting from the field. The Royals hit 5-of-7 shots from 3-point range. Only one Southeastern player finished in double figures, freshman Amaya Hamilton with 10 points. Westfield was 15-of-46 from the floor. The Shamrocks were led by Haliagh Reinoehl with 13 points and 7 rebounds. Abby Reeder had 4 assists and 6 boards. Westfield's new game is Jan. 20 at New Castle.



Reinoehl

El Nino...

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so we won't have to travel as far to go to the beach." So even if you can't have a white Christmas, you're guaranteed to have a warmer holiday season. This El Nino will likely result in fewer two hour delays and snow days for Sheridan Community Schools. Cori Watts, sophomore Sheridan student, says, "It's really sad. I'm not in the normal holly jolly mood." Rachel Adams, another Sheridan sophomore, states, "I'm really sad. I appreciate snow days. I like staying at home and watching movies during winter instead of going to school." Despite the safer road conditions, students are not excited about the warmer weather and less snow days. School bus drivers, on the other hand, are quite happy about the warmer weather. Sheridan Community Schools bus driver Debbie Merriman states, "The warm weather we have had makes it easier on the buses. They don't have to be plugged in and they don't get as cold, so the children stay warmer. Nice weather is the best and makes for good bus rides all the way around."



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