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## Suspect escapes handcuffs and flees in deputy's car

Friday evening, a deputy from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office observed a stolen red Dodge passenger vehicle northbound on I69 near the 210 mile marker. The deputy, waiting for backup officers to arrive, followed the vehicle to a McDonalds restaurant near I69 and State Road 38 in Pendleton before stopping the vehicle.

During the traffic stop a female passenger, identified as Tori Hostetler age 21 of Monrovia, was handcuffed and placed in the back seat of the deputy's patrol car.

Indiana State Police, assisting in the investigation, stated, while the deputy was outside his vehicle, Hostetler, who is thin with a slight build, was able to somehow slip the handcuffs and gain control of the police car.

A pursuit of the stolen deputy's car, beginning in Pendleton, ensued through Madison County and ended in Henry County when Hostetler crashed the police

car. A perimeter was set up by officers from multiple agencies, and K-9 officers searched the area, but were unable to locate Hostetler.

On Saturday police were able to apprehend Hostetler after receiving information that she was hiding in a nearby residence.

Hostetler was taken to the Henry County jail for two Felony warrants out of Hendricks County for Resisting Law Enforcement, and Probation Violation for a Dealing Marijuana charge.

Law enforcement officials indicated, as a results of Friday's incident, Hostetler will most likely face additional charges for vehicle theft, leaving the scene of an accident and resisting law enforcement.

Agencies involved in the incident include the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Fishers Police Department, Indiana State Police, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Pendleton Police Department, and Henry County Sheriff's Office.

**Kenley will face an opponent...**

## Westfield resident files for District 20 seat

The long-rumored candidacy of an opponent for State Senator Luke Kenley became official last week when Scott Willis, Westfield area resident and Carmel business owner, filed for the State Senate District 20 seat.

Kenley, a longtime legislator who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, is a Noblesville resident, local businessman and former city judge. The two men will face each other in the May 3 Republican primary with the winner almost certain to be elected in November in the heavily Republican district.

In other election news, to no one's surprise, U.S. Representative Susan Brooks also filed her candidacy for re-election. She is expected to have little or no opposition in the primary, but a Democrat, Allen Davidson, has filed and will likely face Brooks in the November election to represent the 5th congressional district.

Candidates for all offices and party posts have until noon on February 5 to file at the County Elections Office.

## Sheridan Lions Club collects over 500 pairs of used eye glasses



**Sheridan Lions Club member Vance Wallace thanks members of the community for the donation of eye glasses.**

The Lions Club of Sheridan sendt out a big thank you to all the residents who donated used eyeglasses to the club last year. Club member Vance Wallace reports that in 2015 the Sheridan community donated over 500 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.

One of the major programs of Lions Clubs International deals with vision services for the needy. According to Wallace, the eyeglasses donated in Sheridan can end up any place in the world.

Sheridan Lions have multiple drop-off boxes within the community, including at the public library and the schools. In addition to recycling used glasses, the Lions club will also assist with the purchase of new eyeglasses for needy individuals. Wallace also says

that the Lions club accepts donations of used hearing aids. Like glasses, the hearing aids are used worldwide to improve the lives of needy people.



## Heights Elementary get impromptu visit from Governor Pence



Photo by Brian Reddick  
**Governor Mike Pence is pictured here with Hamilton Heights Elementary School K-Kids officers, President Owen Martin, VP Chloe Flanders, Secretary Grace Hunt, Treasurer Justin Franklin and Media Specialist Norah Thompson. Pence made an impromptu visit to Heights Elementary Thursday morning.**

## Noblesville teachers honored with Lilly Endowment Award

Noblesville Schools announced today that two of its teachers, Joe Akers and Emily Crapnell, are winners of a 2016 Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship. Akers, a media teacher at Noblesville High School, and Crapnell, a science teacher at Noblesville West Middle School, were selected from over 500 applicants across the state and were each awarded \$12,000 to pursue an educational passion project.

The Teacher Creativity Fellow Program is in its 29th year and gives Indiana educators



**Crapnell**



**Akers**

financial support and encouragement to renew their commitment to the profession of education, ultimately benefiting students.

Akers' project will focus on the creation of an informational children's book about sea turtles and the launch of a Little Free Library, both in memory of his daughter Grace who passed away last year.

Crapnell will use her fellowship funding to analyze the environmental health of U.S. volcanoes, working alongside other

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## Buckingham presents Detective Marlow with Investigator of the Year Award



**Westfield Police Department's Detective Greg Marlow (left) accepts the 2015 Hamilton County Investigator of the Year Award from Hamilton County Prosecutor Lee Buckingham.**

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## Donald James Osinski

August 30, 1960 - January 16, 2016

Donald James Osinski, 55, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on August 30, 1960 to Alvin and Beatrice (Napierala) Osinski in Toledo, Ohio.

Don was a 1978 graduate of Bowsher High School in Toledo, where he played basketball and was second team All-City. He went on to play basketball, on a scholarship, at Monroe Community College in Monroe, Michigan. Don was employed with Menard's for several years and was a loving husband and proud father. He enjoyed sports and loved watching his daughter's sporting events. He had been an avid Boston Red Sox fan since childhood and was even more so after moving to the Boston area. Don also enjoyed the Ohio State Buckeyes and while living in Portland, OR, he developed a love for boating. He was a handyman who could repair or fix almost anything and will be remembered as an excellent cook. After his daughters went to college, his heart was with the University of Evansville and Trine University. Don was happiest when spending time with his family and especially enjoyed buying his wife her favorite cup of Starbucks tea. Don was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville.

He is survived by wife, Valerie S Osinski; daughters, Carly Osinski and Sara Osinski; siblings, Christine (Terry) Sexton, Ed (Amy) Osinski and Bob Osinski; father & mother in-law, Valerio and Mary Beth Macioce; Auntie Donna Napierala; several brothers & sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with Rev. Joshua Janko officiating. Visitation was Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Guerin Catholic High School girl's soccer or basketball programs, 15300 Gray Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

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

## Dennis J. Hoffman

January 15, 2016

Dennis J. Hoffman, 72, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2016. He was the son of George and Alice (Sullivan) Hoffman.

Dennis was a graduate of Marian College in Indianapolis. He worked as a reporter for The Criterion in the 1960s. Thereafter, he worked for more than 40 years as a reporter and copy editor for the Indianapolis Star, retiring in 2007. In recent years, Dennis was an active volunteer at the St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry. He enjoyed helping others and working with the other volunteers, especially James Haffner and Pam Haffner.

Dennis is survived by more than a dozen first cousins. He is also survived by nephews, Adam Chandler and Matthew Sergi; and nieces, Erin Chandler and Katherine Sergi.

Family and friends gathered on Friday, January 22, 2016 in St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, Fishers, where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Rev. Patrick Click officiated. Burial took place at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis. Randall and Roberts Funeral Homes are handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made to the Society of St Vincent DePaul, 3001 E. 30th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218; or to the donor's favorite charity.

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## Martha June Land

June 7, 1926 - January 16, 2016

Martha June Land, age 89, of Sheridan, passed away on Saturday evening, January 16, 2016, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Martha was born in Cicero, Indiana on June 7, 1926 to the late Luther O. and Esther May (Scherer) Clifford. She was very proud to be a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> graduating class from Jackson Central High School, the class of 1944. Martha worked for Firestone in the bookkeeping department from 1946-1962. Family was very important to Martha, and she was blessed to have two families to help look after and take care of. She was a member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. She was honored to serve her church family for 32 years as their secretary. A role that she faithfully served from 1970 until her retirement in 2002.

First and foremost in her heart, was her family at home. Martha was a wonderful homemaker, loving wife and mother, and most importantly, proud grandmother of 5.

On November 17, 1946, Martha married the love of her life, Robert M. Land. He would precede her in death on November 9, 2002.

Martha is survived by her 2 sons, Reverend Robert Alan Land (Amy) of Huntington, IN and Charles E. Land of O'Fallon, Illinois; her daughter, Deborah M. Neibold of Indianapolis; 5 grandchildren, Sarah Neibold, Madison Land, Jacob Land, Katherine "Katie" Land and Michael Land; 1 brother, Robert Clifford (Shirley) of Noblesville; and 3 sisters, Mary Catherine Waltz of Arcadia, Janet Sietsma of Tampa, Florida and Carole Meyer (Ed) of Fishers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Land; and her sister, Janice Wiles.

Services were held on Friday, January 22, 2016, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Carol Fritz and Martha's son, Rev. Robert A. Land officiated. Visitation was held from on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First United Church Memorial Fund.

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## Pamela J. Steele

June 14, 1950 - January 20, 2016



Pamela J. Steele, 65, of Carmel, passed away on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on June 14, 1950 to the late Robert and Thelma (Corwin) Steele in Tuscola, Illinois.

For 20 years, Pamela worked as a Deli Clerk at Marsh Supermarket. She was an avid Colts fan, and loved to read, do crafts, watch movies, and listen to country music. Pamela was also known as the "Bingo Queen".

She is survived by her siblings, Nancy (Steven) Gray, Robert (Lisa) Steele II, Theresa (Jack) Straw, and Thomas W. (Gail) Steele; and several nieces & nephews.

Visitation was Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, Noblesville. Graveside Services will follow at 2:00 pm at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

## Joann Lyon-McLukie

May 27, 1943 - January 21, 2016

Joann Lyon-McLukie, 72, of Fishers, passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at home. She was born on May 27, 1943 to Wallace and Dorothy (Dozier) Horn in Noblesville, Indiana.

Joann was a branch office administrator for Edward Jones in Noblesville. She worked in banking and mortgages her entire career. She was a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Edgar A. McLukie; son, William Gregory (Cynthia) Lyon; three grandchildren, Hannah Mackenzie Lyon, Bryce Gregory Lyon and Parker Joseph Lyon; and sister-in-law, Judith McLukie.

Services were held on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with Rev. David Williamson officiating. Visitation was Friday, January 22, 2016 at the funeral home. A private burial was held at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

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S. Jane Penwell Endicott

July 16, 1936 - January 22, 2016



S. Jane Penwell Endicott, 79, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, January 22, 2016 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on July 16, 1936 to Kenneth and Mary Edith (Liptrap) Baldwin in Noblesville, Indiana.

Jane was a 1954 graduate of Noblesville High School and a 1974 graduate of the IUPUI School of Nursing. She retired from Riverview Hospital in 1997 after 23 years as a labor and delivery nurse. After retirement, Jane continued volunteering at Riverview Hospital and gifted many new moms and babies with homemade knitted blankets. She was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church; enjoyed playing Bridge with multiple clubs; and loved her poodles. She felt blessed to have such a large, loving family, and hosted many family meals.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Endicott; son, William 'Bill' (Mary Ellen) Penwell, and their children, Andy, Stewart, Emily and Tim; daughter, Elizabeth 'Beth' Hedlund (Tom) Middleton, and her children, David, Daniel and Ashley; son, Charles 'Ben' (Ellen) Penwell, and their child, Sam; step-daughter, Donna Jane (Scott) Gibson, and their children, Avery and Megan; sister, Kay (Jerry) Myers; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren (soon to be 10).

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Frank Penwell who passed away in 2002.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, January 29, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with Pastors Dick Judson and Jody Brown officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, January 28, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

Frank "Tony" Minnich

August 12, 1954 - January 12, 2016

Frank "Tony" Minnich, age 61, of Springville, Indiana, formerly of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, January 12, 2016, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. Born on August 12, 1954, he was the son of the late Jerry and Georgianne (Talbert) Minnich. Tony loved reading, going to music festivals, slow pitch softball – "GO Bombers", coaching youth baseball, and spending time with his family. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Grateful Dead fan.

Tony is survived by his wife, Mary (Duckworth) Minnich; his brother, George "Bond" Minnich; his children, Shawn Minnich (Heather), Melissa Minnich-Harper (Eric), Joe Minnich (Indy Newton); and his grandchildren, Seth Minnich, Irie Oshea, Kalie Harper, Kaydance Minnich, Mason Minnich, Emily Harper, Lyla Minnich, Aki-na Minnich and Xavier Minnich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Jerianne Minnich-Upton; and his uncle, Richard Talbert.

A Celebration of Life took place on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at the Sheridan Community Center, Sheridan, Indiana. Tony will be greatly missed by many. Fare Thee Well Tony, until we meet again.

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Ollie C. Davis

July 18, 1929 - January 17, 2016

Ollie C. Davis, 86, of Noblesville, passed from this life on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. He was born on July 28, 1929 to the late Clifford and Ruth (Harness) Davis in Sheridan, Kentucky.

Ollie proudly served his country in the United States Army/Air Force, and graduated from Western Kentucky College. Professionally, he worked for Carnation Company, eventually working his way up to district manager before becoming the owner of Mid-West Sales Agency in Indianapolis. Ollie was an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie W. Davis; son, Jim (Ann) Davis; step-children, Colleen (Tim) Whitaker, John (Jackie) Towle, Pat (Becky) Towle, Rick Towle, and Rob (Laura) Towle; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with visitation prior to the time of service. Burial was at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mended Hearts Rescue, PO Box 36868, Indianapolis, IN 46236; or Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com).

Teachers...

scientists in Wyoming, Washington and Hawaii, and ultimately publishing her research findings on a scientific website. "As an administrator at Noblesville High School and now in the district office, I have seen the benefits of Teacher Creativity Fellowships, said Annetta Petty, executive director of learning for Noblesville Schools. "Teachers who have been able to pursue

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their passions have gained experiences and energy that have, in turn, informed and energized their teaching. The symbolic value of the Teacher Creativity Fellowships is also noteworthy: this special opportunity exclusively for teachers honors their profession and their personal commitment to helping students."

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# A mother’s hands



**By JANET HART LEONARD**

The gift was simply a picture of my mother's left hand laying on her opened Bible by her favorite scripture verse. Psalms 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God". I gave the framed picture to Brandon and Emily and their families for Christmas. I knew it would be cherished because it was a picture that symbolized their Grandma and her faith.

My mother taught me to not only read my Bible but write in it. That's right, I make notes and dates on those pages that crackle beautifully when turned. Pages that tell the stories of how the people in Biblical times wrestled with God and their faith. When they prayed, they questioned God. When life wasn't fair for them, they asked God why. So does my mother.

I now write in my Bible as if it is a journal, because it is. I have written my thoughts. I have dates marked when I wrestled with God. I also have dates marked when prayers were answered. Many times there are years in between the prayers and the answers.

My mother has always lived her faith. I always said that she has a hotline to heaven. She has this soft voice when she prays yet you can hear the strength in it. She believes and I know God listens. Many times she has had to wait for the answers. Sometimes the answers were not what she wanted . Yet, she believed. She knew that God had a plan. She knew that God was good.

She has told Chuck that he is an answer to her prayers that I would have someone to take care of me when she no longer can do so. A mother will always be taking care of her children until...

My mother's hands were folded in prayer as she knelt beside her bed every night. While she can no longer kneel, her prayers are still prayed every night. Her family feels those prayers.

Faith, like my mother has, is hard to find. David had it as he threw the small stone towards Goliath. Daniel had it as he stood facing the lions in the lion's den. Sarah had it as she waited for a child. My mother knows her Bible and she knows her God.

They say that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. I also believe if there were more mothers that prayed, then the world would be a softer place to live.

My mother's hands show their age while they show her faith. The picture I gave my kids will be cherished, I know. And I know her faith will be her legacy. The picture and my Bible tell me so.

# Digging deep for the tax payer



**By MARY SUE ROWLAND**

Living at the 1999 wage level in 2016 has many challenges considering the United States, Indiana and Hamilton county has some of the highest tax and cost of living rates. Taxes and death are certain but everything else can be negotiated. The economy, world conditions, fewer good paying jobs have given way to raw nerves and strained budgets. Can anyone live on their social security payments the government has held for the entire working years and now giving it out in small monthly dabs? The looming threat of no payments of social security is a concern as the government continues to tax and spend at the highest level.

The income side is certainly fixed by many outside sources but the expense side is being drained by everyone who can. Without a lot of coupons and some keen shopping skills even the food we need is out of reach. Referendums create an extra draw down as everyone must go along with the majority, no matter how the individual voted. Some tax and fees are passed along without much discussion as is currently the city trash fee in Noblesville. Tax Payers are discovering that the city trash fee has been part of the property tax collected by the city for years. Now the city wants to redirect that money and ask for the tax payers to pay again for the same service. Does a tax and a fee equal double taxation?

Taxes are authorized at the State level and then distributed back to the cities. There are four major taxing areas. Sales tax at 7%, State income tax at 3.3%, Excise tax charged on motor vehicles, alcohol, tobacco and gasoline that funds state and local roads, Property tax capped at 1% calculated by the city tax rate (Noblesville has the highest tax rate of the major cities in Hamilton County), Gaming tax (if you win the lottery and go to casinos), Gasoline at 22.9 cents a gallon, additional taxes on alcohol and cigarettes just to name a few. On top of state and city tax is Federal income tax and business tax which is the highest in the world adding two more to a very long list of opportunities to take money.

**Note: By cutting out eating, not buying a car, not owning any property, not buying anything with sales tax attached, paying any taxes or fees, a family could do pretty good!**

All of the costs and taxes do add up to a significant amount of money for seniors and families. Is it too much to ask government, that continue to spend other people's money, to “dig a little deeper” into the government budgets? Certainly, the Federal level has some real work to do or life as we know it is going to be very different in the years to come. One idea is asking the city to consider a zero base budget process where each department starts with zero and assess the needs for the coming year from there. Logic says the result would probably have some real savings. The reason for the savings is that every item must be given consideration - is necessary to serve the community. Giving real thought to the process would result in some very sound awareness of the potential for over spending. How about those abatements and are they over competitive? It is the job of the council's around the county to work hard and “dig deep” keeping the tax payers in mind. Providing services at a rate that the tax payer can afford along with the fees, school taxes, libraries, state and more is a balancing act that needs close attention. It is time to calculate the cumulative effect of all tax impact to the payers not just the cities piece of the pie. Before any government asks for more money for any reason, look at the multi-million dollar budgets and see how to make it work within the dollars already collected.

**Think of the tax payer first and “dig a little deeper”.**

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# “Every nanosecond is a moment in history after it’s passed.” Lt. Commander Data, Star Trek, The Next Generation



**By SHARON MCMAHON, CNWC**

Motivation – don’t we get just a little weary of hearing that word in the month of January? Every infomercial on dieting, exercising, organizing, taking a class, running a race, etc. just loves to tell us we need to get motivated! The unfortunate thing is that it is true. I have heard, overheard, and participated in many conversations the past few months about getting motivated in January. The object of that motivation is usually losing weight and/or getting more fit and healthy. Both good objectives for most of us out-of-shape Americans!

The demands of family, work, relationships, home ownership, pets, and anything else imaginable seem often to take precedent over those goals, however. Looking back at the month of October, for example...already passed, gone, done. We cannot go back in time. We cannot fit that workout we need into the month of October, because October is history. What are you going to do with your “nanoseconds” today, tomorrow, and beyond? We humans often say that we don’t have “time” to focus on preparing meals and eating healthy (do you have time to sit in a long line of cars in a drive-thru?) or that we just cannot seem to “fit in” that 20-30 minutes for a workout several times each week, but we seem to manage to carve out time for “American Idol” or NCIS, social media, video games – you get the picture. I can say with experience that through our youth and mid-years that those nanoseconds don’t seem very important for most of us. However, as we begin to pass the “middle years” we realize that apart from health conditions beyond our control, most of us have not been the best stewards of our bodies. According to the Harvard School of Public Health, one of the most recent and careful global estimates finds that roughly 500 million adults are obese (defined as a body mass index, or BMI, of 30 or higher). That’s almost 10 percent of men and 14 percent of women—and it’s nearly double the rate of obesity in 1980. Nearly 1.5 billion adults were overweight or obese (defined as a BMI of 25 or higher.) If nothing is done to reverse the epidemic, more than 1 billion adults are projected to be obese by 2030.1

Obviously there is nothing we can do about the passing of time, but each day we all have a total of 24 hours, 1,440 minutes, 86,400 seconds, and a LOT of nanoseconds (One nanosecond is to one second as one second is to 31.71 years – so you do the math...!) Each day provides another opportunity to focus on some aspect of your health and well being – these opportunities may be short in duration around your busy schedule, but they do exist. As we take on this new year of 2016, remember that you can be in charge of increasing your fitness level, developing a healthier eating plan, and finishing up the year knowing that those nanoseconds have been well cared for along the way!

*1.Kelly T, Yang W, Chen CS, Reynolds K, He J. Global burden of obesity in 2005 and projections to 2030. Int J Obes (Lond) 2008;32:1431-77*

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*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

# Sheridan High School wrestling



**By SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COLLIN ELLS**

Sheridan High School's wrestling team is growing. Two or three years ago the team was made up of only a few wrestlers but this year and last they’ve added a few freshmen. The team is young but the numbers are up. They currently have 10 of the 14 available weight classes filled. The team consists of two seniors, six sophomores, and three freshmen. The team is coached by head coach Mike McCarthy and assistant coach Garland Cooper. Coach McCarthy came to Sheridan for a teaching/coaching position and the wrestling program has only been getting better thanks to his dedication to the program.

Last year in the 2014-2015 season Sheridan's varsity wrestling team broke the school's current record of having the most dual meet wins in the school history with a record of 15-6. One of the team's goals is to try and face the toughest competition that they can so it will prepare them for the sectional at Frankfort which is loaded with 5A and 6A programs.

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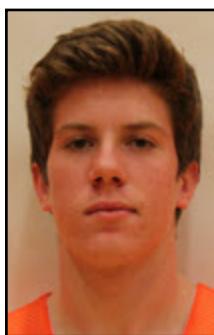
*Both teams show they're "MundyStrong"...*

# Huskies cruise past 'Hawks, 61-36

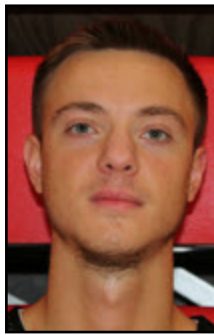
By **RICHIE HALL**

Reporter Sports Editor

It was a special edition of the Hamilton Heights-Sheridan boys basketball rivalry Saturday night, as the Blackhawks and Huskies showed that they were "MundyStrong."



**Max Wahl**  
 Heights



**Chris Roberts**  
 Sheridan

Both teams and their fans at Hobbs Memorial Gym donned t-shirts with that label, in support of Sheridan Schools Superintendent Dave Mundy and his fight against cancer. That spirit of unity carried throughout a game that may have looked one-sided, but was competitive until the fourth-quarter buzzer.

Heights won the game 61-36, improving to 11-6 after their only game of the week. The Huskies are still trying to get into a rhythm without leading scorer Hunter Crist, as coach Chad Ballenger put it. The

coach said the team is moving people around, but noted that "a lot of kids scored" for Heights - actually, nine kids scored.

"We did a good job," said Ballenger. "I thought we did a great job defensively and played it the way we wanted."

Heights led 12-2 early before Sheridan made a 7-0 run to cut the lead to 12-9. But the Huskies scored the last five points of the first quarter, with Austin Sauerteig making a 3-pointer and Max Wahl scoring off a steal.

Heights then outscored the 'Hawks 16-7 in the second period to take a 33-16 lead into halftime. Sterling Weatherford scored seven points in the quarter, including a 3-point play that capped a 12-0 run for the Huskies. Wahl added five more points; he played tough during the game, tumbling hard to the floor a couple times.

Wahl led the scoring with 16 points, while Weatherford added 11. Caymn Lutz and Sauerteig both scored eight, while Noah Wallace added seven points. Tyler Wiltermood led the rebounding with six.

"Noah's really played well the last few games," said Ballenger. "With Hunter out, he's stepped up. I thought Noah played really well against Western Boone and then tonight came in, did a great job, made a nice assist on a couple of buckets and hit a nice 3, and we need that. He's capable."

"Tyler did a nice job coming in, hit a nice shot. Sauerteig shot the ball well early. Sometimes it's tough when you get a lead like that to play really disciplined, but for the most part I thought we did."

Sheridan did go on a 6-0 run during the third quarter, cutting a 38-16 Heights lead to 38-22. Jacob Chesney scored four points of that run. Sheridan got some nice play from a freshman, Drake Delph, in the second half, as he scored six points.

"We knew Heights is tough going in," said Blackhawks coach Chris Schrank. He noted that the Huskies are a physical team, and Schrank told his team that it has to learn to play those physical teams.

They're just physical, and that's what I told these guys here, is that we got to learn to play (the teams

"That's our kryptonite right now," said the coach.

"I think this weekend was good for us," Schrank continued. "We played well yesterday, got a win, which was good for our self-confidence. I think we did some good things, we just got to do more good things against a team like that."



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger (left) and his Sheridan counterpart Chris Schrank got together to show their support for Sheridan Schools Superintendent Dave Mundy and his cancer fight during the Huskies-Blackhawks game Saturday night at Hobbs Memorial Gym. The game had the theme of #MundyStrong, with many people in the crowd wearing #MundyStrong T-shirts and donating money to help fight cancer.

Weston Burtron scored eight points to lead Sheridan. Chris Roberts pulled down eight rebounds.

The Huskies, now 10-6, host undefeated Tipton on Friday in a huge Hoosier Conference game.

Sheridan, now 4-10, begins play in the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament on Tuesday, taking on Frontier at 7 p.m. at the Falcons' gym.

On Friday, Schrank got a balanced scoring punch from his Blackhawks, including a big 16 points from sophomore guard Jack Harris, and Sheridan defeated Indiana Math & Science 72-60 last evening at Hobbs Memorial Gym.

Three different Blackhawks scored in double figures, led by Chris Roberts with 19 points. Jake Chesney added 10 points.

Sheridan was red-hot from the field, canning 27-of-43 attempts for 62 percent shooting. The Blackhawks drilled 8-of-12 attempts from 3-point range. Waitt hit 4-of-4 of the boomers and Tommy Glidden canned 2-of-4.

Sheridan trailed 18-15 after one quarter but then took a 33-29 halftime lead and stayed on top the rest of the evening.

Roberts had a double-double, adding 10 rebounds to his 19 points.

Waitt came into the game averaging 3.4 points a contest.

Patrick Weitzel pulled seven rebounds and also had four steals. Chesney collected five boards.

Sheridan now has a 4-9 record going into a big home game tonight against long-time rival Hamilton Heights.

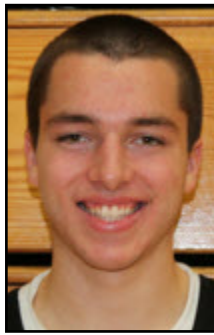
*Another upset for the Millers....*

## Noblesville picks Berries

By **DON JELLISON**

Reporter Editor

Noblesville is 3-0 against North Central Conference teams, leading the conference.



**Flinchum**

Oops, the Millers don't play in the NCC; they play in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

Still, wins over North Central teams bring smiles to the face of Noblesville coach Brian McCauley, who for years

bled the colors of the NCC while a player and later as a coach at Kokomo.

"NCC teams are tough to beat. They have a comfort zone while playing at home," McCauley said.

The Millers shattered that comfort zone when last evening they rolled into Logansport and came away with a 69-55 licking of the state's No. 12 ranked Berries.

"We've done okay in the Hoosier Crossroads, too," the coach continued. "We lost on the road by four points to Fishers early in the season and we could have, should have, won in our double-overtime loss to Zionsville last week."

Noblesville will have an opportunity, perhaps, to decide the HCC champion when next Friday hosting Hamilton Southeastern. The Royals lead Fishers by a game in the conference.

"It has been a while since we've beaten Southeastern," McCauley noted.

Following back to back losses to Fishers and Carmel early in the season, Noblesville

has won seven of 11 games, falling to Ft. Wayne South in overtime; losing to Columbus East in double overtime, losing to Bloomington South and falling to Zionsville in double overtime.

Against North Central foes, Noblesville has now upset Logansport and Muncie Central and defeated an Anderson team which the Millers could face again in the Noblesville Sectional.

In the win over Logansport last night, McCauley got a huge 1-2-3 punch from Max Flinchum, Corby Mertens and, of course, John Kiser. Flinchum led the way with 20 points, followed by Kiser with 16 points and Mertens with 14. Flinchum canned 4-of-5 shots from 3-point range and was 7-of-11 overall.

"Kiser had an outstanding game," said McCauley. "He hit 6-of-9 shots and 4-of-4 free throws. He also had 6 rebounds and 3 assists."

Kiser got into a little foul trouble and had to sit for about 4 minutes.

"The guys did a great job of taking care of the ball with Kiser on the bench," said McCauley. "Kiser played a heck of a defensive game against Jalen Atway, holding him to 2-of-11 from the field."

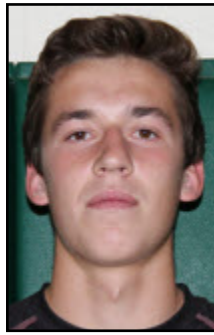
Atway is a junior averaging 21 points a game. Another junior averaging 22 points a game, Matt Jennings, pumped in 30 Logansport points.

"Our offensive contribution from five players was great," McCauley said. "McGwire Plumer at the point had 6 points and 7 assists and Ryan Ogden added 7 points."

Noblesville is 8-6 with Southeastern coming to The Mill next Friday.

## First conference win since 'Rocks defeat Brownsburg

Coach Shane Sumpter is cooking up some things which haven't been in the Shamrocks' kitchen for quite a few basketball games.



**Warner**

Last evening the Shamrocks on the road at Brownsburg picked up their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory since 2012 with a 47-38 win over the Bulldogs.

It was the first Westfield basketball win over Brownsburg since 2010.

The Shamrocks now have won three in a row and four of their last five game under Sumpter, who this year left an extremely strong Westfield girls program

to move in as the school's head boys coach.

It was another defensive gem for Westfield.

After trailing 12-7 at the end of the first quarter, Westfield went on a 9-2 second period run to get back in the game and then outscored Brownsburg 19-11 in the fourth quarter to win going away.

"Tonight was a solid night for junior Jonah Welch," said Sumpter. Welch scored 10 points and collected six rebounds.

Senior Charlie Warner led Westfield in scoring with 14 points. Junior Ian Kristensen led the team in rebounding with seven and he also collected 10 points.

Westfield hit 16-of-28 field goal attempts.

Westfield, now 6-8 on the season after starting the year 0-3 and 1-5, is idle until next Friday when the Shamrocks have another conference game, hosting Avon.

## Guerin beats Brebeuf

A packed Eagles Nest saw Guerin Catholic's Golden Eagles defeat Brebeuf Jesuit 56-49 Friday night in boys basketball.

Coach Pete Smith's Golden Eagles raced out to an 16-9 lead early in the second quarter. However, GC made only one of their first 12 shots in stanza, and Brebeuf (7-6) cut the lead to three at halftime.

The third quarter was a defensive battle, as the game's physicality increased. Brebeuf outscored Guerin 11-6 to take a 32-30 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

However, in that pivotal final period, the Golden Eagles played their best fourth quarter of the season.

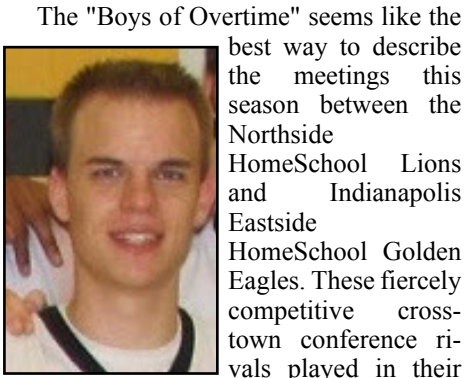
They outscored the Braves 26-17 behind 20-of-24 free throw shooting. Smith said his team played with poise once getting the lead, and never relinquished it after getting ahead 35-34.

"It was our best effort defensively of the season," said Smith. "The guys did a better

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# Northside Lions fall in OT to Eastside Golden Eagles



Abbott

The "Boys of Overtime" seems like the best way to describe the meetings this season between the Northside HomeSchool Lions and Indianapolis Eastside HomeSchool Golden Eagles. These fiercely competitive cross-town conference rivals played in their second overtime game of the season against each other Friday night. The first overtime meeting in early December had the Lions coming out on top with the 77-75 overtime victory. Friday night it was the Golden Eagles turn as they defeated the Northside Lions in what turned out to be an overtime shootout 87-83.

The visiting Lions knew they were in for another hotly contested game with the Eastsiders as the Golden Eagles are always a tough opponent on their home floor. But the Lions were up for the challenge with everyone but one player back in action from injuries. By the end of the first quarter the Lions were able to grab a 4 point at 18-14. But the Golden Eagles were able shorten the margin by halftime with the Lions holding onto a 2 point lead 36-34.

Eastside went on a run in the 3rd quarter blitzing the Lions for 25 points to take a 59-55 lead into the final stanza. At the 3:00 mark in the 4th quarter the Northsiders were finally able to re-take the lead at 65-64 when Riley Vitales drove the lane from the left elbow for a lay-up. On the next Eastside possession, Vitales stole the ball and drove

the length of the court for another lay-up to make the score 67-64 with 2:50 left in regulation.

At the 1:53 mark the Golden Eagles hit 1 of 2 free throws to cut the Lions lead to 67-65 and they tied the Lions at 67-67 hitting 2 of 2 from the charity stripe on their next trip down the floor. The Northsiders came up empty on their next trip down the court and the Golden Eagles capitalized on it with a put back on their end to retake the lead at 69-67 with 1:13 left in regulation. The Lions misfired with their next possession and Eastside was fouled again and hit 1 of 2 from the free throw line to stretch their lead to 70-67 with :33 seconds left in regulation.

On the Lions next possession, Caleb Jones drove the lane and hit a lay-up at the :22 second mark to close the gap to 70-69. After a Golden Eagles time out the Eastsiders got an easy lay-up on a give and go to go back on top by 3 at 72-69 and set the stage for the Lions' final heroics. With the final seconds ticking off, Caleb Jones received the ball at the top of the key and fired the ball to a hot Graham Stieglitz in the left corner. Stieglitz's 3-pointer at the buzzer found nothing but net to send the game to overtime with the score tied at 72-72.

In the overtime the Golden Eagles reeled off the first 5 points to take a 77-72 lead. Their run ended when Daniel Abbott was fouled in the act of shooting and nailed both free throws to make the score 77-74. The Eastsiders hit 2 free throw on their next possession to retake a 5 point lead at 79-74. A Lions turnover on their next possession gave the ball back to Eastside and after they were fouled, converted 2 more free throws

to extend their lead to 81-74 with 1:49 left in overtime.

The Lions weren't done as Daniel Abbott drove the lane for 2 points to make the score 81-76 with 1:20 left and on the next Golden Eagle possession Riley Vitales stole a full court Eastside pass and with 1:07 left and the Lions worked to ball to Daniel Abbott who drove the baseline for 2 more Lions' points to draw the Lions back to within 3 at 81-78. Eastside was able to convert 5 free throws on their next 3 possessions while the Lions were coming up empty on their end to make the score 86-78 with :23 seconds left in overtime.

With 13 seconds left, Graham Stieglitz hit the last of his 3-pointers on the night to bring the Lions back to within 5 at 86-81. The Eastsiders hit another free throw after the Lions fouled immediately on the in-bounds pass to make the score 87-81. The Lions drove the length of the floor on the final possession of the game and Vitales missed a shot, got his own rebound, and put it back in as the final buzzer was sounding to end the game as the Golden Eagles took the hard fought overtime game 87-83.

Graham Stieglitz was the star of the game for the Lions. He kept the Northsiders in the game all night long with 12-25 shooting from the field including 6-13 from the 3-point arc. Stieglitz completed his night with a double-double grabbing 10 rebounds as well. Daniel Abbott ended a terrific night with 22 points and Riley Vitales rounded out the Lions in double figures with 10 points. Other Lions in the scoring column included Stephen Schwartz 8, Caleb Jones 7, and Aaron Tharp 6.

Stephen Schwartz and Caleb Jones also had outstanding games. Schwartz lead the

Lions under the boards grabbing 13 rebounds and Caleb Jones fed his Lions' teammates all game long as he lead the Lions with 10 assists.

The Lions, 16-7 and 6-5 in conference play, are back in action next Friday and Saturday as they travel to Chicago, Illinois to play in the Midwest Christian Home-School Conference (MCHC) Tournament at Trinity Christian College.

## Eastside Golden Eagles 87, Northside Lions 83

Northside	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nick Jennings	0-0	0-0	0	0
Daniel Abbott	7-13	6-6	22	0
Riley Vitales	5-10	0-0	10	4
Ian Smith	0-1	0-0	0	1
Erik Job	0-2	0-0	0	1
Elijah Smith	0-0	0-0	0	0
Stephen Schwartz	3-5	2-3	8	3
Seth McCullough	0-0	0-0	0	0
Aaron Tharp	2-6	2-3	6	5
Caleb Jones	3-7	1-3	7	3
Graham Stieglitz	12-25	0-0	30	4
Ethan Rollins	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32-69</b>	<b>11-15</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>21</b>

Score by Quarters:

Northside Lions	18	18	19	17	11	-	83
Eastside Golden Eagles	14	20	25	13	15	-	87

Northside 3-Point Shooting (8-22): Abbott 2-4, Vitales 0-1, Job 0-1, A. Tharp 0-2, Jones 0-1, Stieglitz 6-13.

Northside Rebounds (40): Abbott 3, Vitales 6, I. Smith 1, Schwartz 13, A. Tharp 3, Jones 4, Stieglitz 10.

Northside Assists (17): Abbott 3, Vitales 1, Job 2, Jones 10, Stieglitz 1.

Northside Steals (9): Abbott 2, Vitales 4, Jones 2, Stieglitz 1.

Block Shots: (0)

Northside Turnovers: 13.

# Golden Eagle girls split two games



Wampler

Playing their first game in 13 days, the Guerin Catholic girls basketball team got back into action Thursday with a nice 51-38 win over International at the Eagles Nest.

After a close first quarter, the Golden Eagles outscored the Gryphons 19-8 in the second period, giving them a 31-19 halftime lead. Guerin was led by nine 3-pointers, with three downtown shots each from Annemarie Augustinovicz and Sarah Yount.

Augustinovicz reached double-double territory, totaling 17 points and 10 re-

bounds. Yount and Abigail Wampler both scored nine. Kate Anderson grabbed seven rebounds, with Wampler pulling down five. Yount dished out five assists.

After a back-and-forth first half in the first game of a girl/boy doubleheader Friday, Brebeuf Jesuit pulled away from Guerin Catholic in the second half, and the Golden Eagles girls team fell 48-35.

Guerin lead 20-19 at halftime, but the Braves outscored GC 11-6 in the third period, and then 18-9 in the fourth. Annemarie Augustinovicz led Guerin Catholic's scoring with 11 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Sarah Yount hit two 3s as well. Abigail Wampler and Augustinovicz both pulled seven rebounds.

The Golden Eagles are now 12-9, and host Bethesda Christian on Tuesday.



Photo provided

The Westfield girls basketball team beat Brownsburg 42-38 Saturday to clinch an undefeated championship in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

# Lady 'Rocks win HCC

Westfield may have struggled at the end, Saturday slipping by Brownsburg 42-38 at The Rock, but there is little doubt that the Lady Shamrocks are the best team in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference this season.

Coach Ginny Smith team finished undefeated in the HCC.

The Shamrocks showed some grit and determination to earn a hard fought victory.

Westfield struggled offensively in the second and third quarters, but with the help of a great team effort on the defensive end and the emergence of offensive power from Allison Van Dyke and Maddy Grennes, the Rocks were able to seize control and hold on for the win.

Van Dyke had a huge game with 23 points and Grennes finished with 15 points.

Combined, Van Dyke and Grennes accounted for 38 of Westfield's 42 points in a game Westfield played without outstanding scorer and rebounder Haliagh Reinoehl.

Westfield led 10-7 after one quarter, but then notched just 4 points in the second period.

Now 19-3 on the year, Westfield will finish its regular season on Thursday at home against Hamilton Heights.

A Wednesday game between two very good girls basketball teams turned out to be a defensive one.

Class 4A No. 8 Westfield traveled to New Castle, but went home with a 36-27 loss. The Trojans, who improved to 17-3 after the win, broke a 17-17 halftime tie by outscoring the Shamrocks 6-2 in the third quarter, and then ran through the fourth period by a 13-8 advantage.

Westfield, now 18-3 for the season, was led by Jalyn Foland's nine points. Allison VanDyke pulled nine rebounds, with Maddy Grennes grabbing eight and Sophia Kraeg five.

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job of cutting off driving lanes. But we struggled stopping Broderick. He's really improved."

Smith was referring to 6'8" senior Matt Broderick, who finished with a game-high eight rebounds and tied for game honors in scoring with Golden Eagle Jack Hansen. The 6'5" sophomore's 18 points came despite battling foul trouble, and is a career high. He also grabbed six caroms.

Rhett Helt played well off the bench, scoring 14 points. He needed to, as Brebeuf held Christian Munson to eight points.

The Golden Eagles (6-11) will be back in action next Friday night, trying to defend its possession of the Bishop Cup, against Lafayette Central Catholic.

On Tuesday, Guerin dropped a 62-58 to Roncalli at the Eagles Nest, despite a career-high 35 points from Christian Munson.

After trailing 16-8 after the first quarter, Matthew Godfrey's 13 points rallied Guerin Catholic and powered them to a 29-26 halftime lead. As in the opening stanza, ice cold shooting hurt the Golden Eagles in the third quarter.

Roncalli (7-5) stretched the lead to eight points in the third quarter, but the Golden Eagles fought back and was in the game the entire fourth quarter despite serious foul trouble. Coach Pete Smith's squad was down with 11 seconds left when Smith was whistled for a technical foul, and Roncalli closed the game out.

"It was a poor time to express my displeasure with the officials," said Smith. "I



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Guerin Catholic's Matthew Godfrey scored nine points and had six rebounds for the Golden Eagles in their Friday win over Brebeuf Jesuit.

regret that I didn't just stay quiet about things, and told the team that afterwards."

A pivotal stat in the game was three-point shooting. The Rebels connected on 7 out of 12 from behind the arc, while Smith's squad was a cold 20.7 percent (6-of-29), and overall shot only 30.9 percent from the field.



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With exciting win over Northwestern...

# Huskies finish third in Hoosier Conference

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team finished third in the Hoosier Conference tournament on Saturday.

The Huskies played their first game against Benton Central, ranked No. 4 in Class 3A, and fell 69-45. Heights got out to a fast start by scoring the game's first eight points, and finished the first quarter up 10-8. In the second quarter the Bison outscored the Huskies 18-10 to enter halftime 26-20.

Benton Central further extended its lead by outscoring Heights by six in the third quarter, moving ahead by 12, 44-32. The Lady Huskies never recovered.

Heights was led by Kayla Kirtley's 11 points, while Aire' Anna Stretch and Sydney Griffey scored eight points each. Ashton Runner had six points. Lexi Branham added six assists.

Heights clinched third place by beating Northwestern 53-50 in the third-place game. In a reversal of the Benton Central game, the Huskies found themselves on the other

side of a fast start, with the Tigers jumping out to an 8-0 lead.

Heights used its defense to battle back, and trailed by 15-10 at the end of the first quarter trailing. Both teams battled foul trouble in the second quarter, which ended in a 27-27 tie. Northwestern then led 39-36 at the end of three quarters; that set the stage for a fourth quarter that Huskies coach Omega Tandy called "incredible."

Heights held a two-point lead with 28 seconds left when Northwestern called timeout, then executed an incredible play to hit a 3-pointer. That put the Huskies down by one with 22 seconds left.

Senior Bri Henson pushed the ball and found Branham at the top of the key. Freshman Sydney Griffey was left alone at the basket and finished a layup to go up 51-50 with 5.2 seconds left. A steal by Henson and free throws solidified the win, and the top spot in the Hoosier Conference East Division.

Kirtley and Henson led the scoring with 11 points each; Kirtley pulled seven rebounds and Henson had four boards and two steals. Griffey had a double-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds and Branham added five assists and four steals.

The Lady Huskies face the Frankfort Hot Dogs in a home contest Tuesday, with the game supporting Coaches vs. Cancer Week.

On Tuesday, Hamilton Heights used a big first half to beat Western Boone 50-41.

The Lady Huskies got out to a 15-5 start, taking charge early. Heights continued to roll in second quarter, leading 31-16 at halftime. The Huskies then overcame a cold shooting third quarter, continuing to use their strong defense to get the victory, their seventh in a row. It also came against a Stars team that had won 14 games coming into Tuesday night.

Heights was led by sophomore Kayla Kirtley's 14 points and six rebounds. Junior Ashton Runner (12 points and 10 rebounds) and sophomore Ana Collar (10 points and 11 rebounds) both reached double-double territory. Freshman Sydney Griffey added eight points and grabbed four rebounds.

Lexi Branham had six boards and handed out four assists. Collar made nine steals. Kirtley blocked three shots, while Griffey had two blocks.

The Huskies junior varsity team won a fast-paced battle, lead by sophomore Brooke Pennington's 14 points, sophomore Emma Knowles nine points and freshman Lauren Wiley's 11 points.

## 'Hawks place fifth in Hoosier Heartland Conference

After losing to Clinton Prairie in the opening round of the Hoosier Heartland Conference Tourney on Thursday, Sheridan finished a strong fifth by first knocking off Frontier 63-58 and then beating Taylor 55-41 on Saturday.



Welch

Clinton Prairie won the conference championship with a 42-41 victory over Carroll.

Whenever Coach Jeff Guenther "Twin Bombers" are unloading in the same game, Sheridan is tough to beat. That was the situation on Saturday when Audrey Reed scored 25 points and Brittan Welch added 19 in the win over Frontier. Then, in the win over Taylor, Reed drilled 27 points and Welch finished with 24.

Reed and Welch had double-doubles against Taylor, pulling 12 and 11 rebounds,

respectively. Same results in the win over Frontier with Welch pulling 15 rebounds and Reed 13.

Sheridan first had to beat Frontier and that the Blackhawks did with a 14-8 run in the second period and a closing 19-9 run in the fourth period.

In the win, Sheridan went to the free throw line 33 times and canned 18.

Jillian O'Flaherty scored 12 points and had 4 assists and Reed came up with four steals

In the victory over Taylor, a fast 17-11 start and then an 18-8 third quarter run did the job for Sheridan. The Lady Blackhawks were 9-of-17 from 3-point range, with Reed going 5-for-5 and Welch 3-for-7.

Playing arguably the toughest schedule ever in Sheridan girls basketball history, Guenther's Blackhawks will take a 12-9 mark into a regular season finale at Rossville next Tuesday.

After playing some great defense and holding Clinton Prairie to seven points

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## Millers get two huge wins

By RICHIE HALL  
Reporter Sports Editor

With sectionals now less than two weeks away, a girls basketball team is looking to get something out of every game to prepare it for the tournament.

Noblesville got quite a few things out of its Thursday game with Heritage Christian at The Mill. The Millers rebounded spectacularly, played with great toughness and composure, and the end result was a thrilling 57-52 win over the Eagles, a team that won the previous two Class 2A state championships. Heritage is playing in 3A this year due to the IHSAA's success factor.

"We definitely understand that we beat a really good basketball team," said Millers coach Donna Buckley. "But, we also think we're a pretty good basketball team and understand that when we play well, we have a chance to do some things."

"It was definitely nice for our kids. I thought we defended really well and just did all the little things that it takes to beat a team like that."

While the final score was close, the Millers actually held the lead for the ma-

jority of the game. Noblesville was ahead for the last nine minutes of the second half, when Rachel Shipman was fouled while making a 3-point shot. Shipman drained all three free throws to move Noblesville ahead 36-33, and the Millers were in front from then on.

That included all of the fourth quarter, with Noblesville getting up by as much as 49-41 when Maddie Knight - she's a freshman - banked in a 3-pointer with around three and a half minutes to go.

Noblesville still led by 53-50 with 30 seconds left, after which Heritage chipped that lead down to one, 53-52, with a couple of free throws. But Shipman was fouled with 12.4 seconds left, and she made both her shots. Noblesville got the ball back, Shipman went to the line again, and her two free throws with 4.9 seconds left sealed the win.

"We worked so hard throughout the whole game, and I didn't want to give it up for our team," said Shipman. "So I just kind of stepped up and pretended like I was in practice, just hit them."

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The game started with some back-and-forth, which led to Heritage Christian leading 6-5 early. But that's when Noblesville scored 10 unanswered points to jump ahead 15-6. Alexis Shannon scored four of those points. The first quarter ended with the Millers up 19-11; Katelyn O'Reilly made a putback right at the end.

The second period began with O'Reilly making another rebound basket, just 32 seconds in. A little later, O'Reilly's third putback gave Noblesville a 24-13 lead. Katelyn had 14 rebounds on the night to go along with her 16 points, another double-double.

Before the start of the game, O'Reilly received a commemorative basketball in honor of her reaching the 1000-point mark.

"They're a really good team, I give all the credit in the world to them," said O'Reilly, who said her team wanted to show everyone what they were made of in this game.

"We showed great teamwork to get the ball around," said O'Reilly. "I think everyone on the court did well."

Noblesville led 25-20 at halftime. The Eagles began the third quarter with their expected run, scoring six points very quickly to lead 26-25 with 6:50 left.

Buckley called a timeout, and that got the Millers settled down. They also slowed the tempo down, passing the ball well and making patient plays. Emily Kiser's jumper gave Noblesville the lead back at 27-26.

Heritage Christian led one last time at 29-27, but baskets from O'Reilly and Brooke Herron moved the Millers ahead 31-29, and they would not trail again. The Eagles had one last tie at 33-33, before Shipman made her 3-for-3 foul shots.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Haley Conway is one of four seniors on this year's Noblesville girls basketball team. The Millers beat Heritage Christian and Martinsville last week.

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After losing to Clinton Prairie in the opening round of the Hoosier Heartland Conference Tourney on Thursday, Sheridan finished a strong fifth by first knocking off Frontier 63-58 and then beating Taylor 55-41 on Saturday.

Clinton Prairie won the conference championship with a 42-41 victory over Carroll. Whenever Coach Jeff Guenther "Twin Bombers" are unloading in the same game, Sheridan is tough to beat. That was the situation on Saturday when Audrey Reed scored 25 points and Brittan Welch added 19 in the win over Frontier. Then, in the win over Taylor, Reed drilled 27 points and Welch finished with 24.

Reed and Welch had double-doubles against Taylor, pulling 12 and 11 rebounds, respectively. Same results in the win over Frontier with Welch pulling 15 rebounds and

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The first meet of the year was the toughest meet besides the Hamilton County Tournament. This meet was the Edgewood Invitational on November 28. Sheridan was the smallest school there and the next closest was Brown County which was a 3A. All the other schools were either 5A or 6A. Sheridan's team went to the meet and fought hard but fell short of their goals. The meet was a disappointment but was a great experience. It showed the team members what to do when they lose and what they need to work on.

However, the Sheridan Blackhawks have captured some victories of their own against conference opponents like Carroll High School on December 3. Sheridan defeated Carroll 48-30 for their first home win of the season. Ethan Reynolds, Cameron Powell, David Powers, Corbin Went, Corrin Whitlow, Justin Delph, Connor Horn, and Collin Ells all left with pins that night! Sheridan also went to Lafayette Jefferson High School for a tournament on January 9. The teams there were: Carroll, Faith Christian, Marshall, Lafayette Central Catholic and Lafayette Jefferson. Sheridan faced Marshall in the first round and beat them 54-12. In the second round they won yet again against Carroll 48-24 and against Faith Christian 36-15 in the third. They fell short in the fourth round and lost to Jefferson High 46-21 but ended it with a win against Lafayette Central Catholic 48-12. The team went 4-1 for the day and wrestlers to go 5-0 were Corbin Went (126), Cameron Powell (195), and David Powers (220). Sheridan High School wrestlers went to Lapel High School on January 19. They beat Lapel 43-42 with a close match. They won with a tie breaker, in which Sheridan had four pins and Lapel only had two.

Sheridan wrestling is excited about their wins this season and can't wait to get back at it, at the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament on January 23, and at Sectionals on January 30. The team's short term goal is to send a few people to Semi-State this year. A long term goal is to send a few wrestlers to the State Finals at Bankers Life Fieldhouse on February 19-20. When asked about the season, sophomore wrestler Justin Delph said, "This season is going great so far, but I need to keep improving!" Asked to reflect on the season and the future of the team, Coach McCarthy said, "Our season has been challenging in light of injuries and illnesses but our guys have persevered through adversity and shown significant growth. Our dual meet record is not a reflection of our goals but we've focused on controlling the things we can control like our attitude, focus, and the intensity we compete with. Individually, all of our guys have the opportunity to capture their goals and aspirations. I believe the team has bought into our philosophy and realize that now is the time to peak for conference and post season. We look to win or place as high as possible in the conference in every weight class and put ourselves in a position to advance through the state tournament series starting with Sectionals. At this point it's up to our guys to believe and be tougher a few seconds longer than our opponents. It's time to cash in our checks and collect the rewards of our efforts this year. It's going to be an exciting few weeks!"

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