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Noblesville is onboard

By FRED SWIFT

The upgrading of State Road 37 from Noblesville to I-69 at Fishers has been a big story for months. But, there has always been a question of whether the city of Noblesville was going to be able to get on board the project to insure the improvements would be made as far north as Conner Street.

Last week that question seemed to have been answered. Noblesville is on board and will come up with its share of local funding to rebuild intersections at Greenfield Ave., Town and Country Blvd., Pleasant Street and Conner Street.

Mayor John Ditslear, saying it would be a mistake to miss the opportunity of joining in the improvements largely financed by the State of Indiana, attended a meeting of county officials at the Judicial Center where state Department of Transportation representatives and Fishers officials were also present.

How will Noblesville raise the \$16 million to buy into the project? Ditslear confirmed that the city will explore the creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District along the 37 corridor to provide the needed funds.

TIF financing would allow the city to collect property taxes on new construction in the district and apply those funds toward infrastructure improvements. The overall 37 upgrade involves rebuilding nine grade level intersections where stop-and-go lights currently cause traffic backups. The intersections will be replaced with elevated roundabouts to create a smooth, no stop traffic flow similar to that found on Carmel's Keystone Parkway.

Gov. Mike Pence late last year announced state funds of \$100 million are being granted for the project. The local share is to be made up by Hamilton County, Fishers and Noblesville at approximately \$16 million each.

Last week's meeting was actually advertised as a joint meeting of the county commissioners and county council to consider the 37 project. The council will consider an appropriation for the project at its February meeting. The county has sufficient funds in reserve to provide its share of the project cost.

If all goes well construction will begin in 2018.

Sheridan approves eLearning days

Sheridan Middle and Sheridan High School were recently approved by the state for two eLearning Days this year.

eLearning Days are not weather related days and cannot be used to make up a school day due to weather cancellation. These days give the students the opportunity to learn from home while teachers spend time at school in professional development. Students will access their work online through Google Classrooms and teachers will have office hours during the day where students can contact them, either electronically or by phone, with any questions they might have. Teachers will also be participating in workshops and training throughout the day to enhance their digital curriculum.

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Council approves trash fee

It wasn't without a debate, but the Noblesville trash fee has been approved.

The Noblesville Common Council adopted the city's first trash fee ordinance at its meeting Tuesday night.

Prior to the vote, the council held a public hearing and discussed the ordinance at its January 12 meeting and retreat on January 23.

The vote passed 6-3. Voting in favor were Common Council President Greg O'Connor, Wil Hampton, Chris Jensen, Roy Johnson, Rick Taylor and Megan Wiles. Opposed were Brian Ayer, Mark Boice and Mary Sue Rowland.

The trash fee ordinance includes a \$10.57 per residence monthly charge beginning June 1, 2016 (payable after July 1). The average trash fee for Hamilton County is around \$12.50 and one area requires citizens to contract their own removal. Officials said it is worth noting that homeowners will pay less with a trash fee and tax caps then they would if caps did not exist.

The debate on the trash fee began with Rowland making a motion to table the discussion so that a task force could be developed "to study the issue and return back to the council and the community with



Photo by Richie Hall
Noblesville Common Councilwoman Mary Sue Rowland discusses the trash fee ordinance during Tuesday's Common Council meeting. The ordinance passed 6-3.

true information and recommendations." However, the motion failed 7-2.

After that came comments from the public, which were mostly opposed to the fee. But in the end, the council voted to approve the fee.

"This has been talked about for the last 20 years, and we, as a council, have talked

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Peterson selected to lead Republican Committee

By FRED SWIFT

Pete Peterson, a Fishers city councilman, was elected chairman of the Hamilton County Republican Committee yesterday in a highly competitive race with County Vice Chairwoman Laura Campbell. But, the outcome is likely to be contested because



Peterson

about 55 of the voting members of the county caucus were appointed by former Chairman Pete Emigh in what Campbell forces claim was improper fashion.

Emigh resigned December 31, and the appointments were made shortly before he left office to fill vacancies in the precinct organization, presumably to help Peterson become successor to the chairmanship.

State GOP officials who made the unusual move of having a state party representative preside at the caucus, said earlier in the week that the candidate who did not agree with the outcome could appeal to the full state committee, and that now appears likely. When such an appeal will be heard is uncertain.

While the caucus was closed to the public and press, the Reporter has learned the vote to fill the chairmanship vacancy was 151 to 115 in Peterson's favor.

The county committee made up of precinct committeemen and their vice committeemen, voted on yellow and white ballots. The yellow were for those

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State of the County looking good

By DON JELLISON

Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger this past week delivered his 28th State of the County address to more than 200 people who attended the Chamber of Commerce event.

Arguably, it was Dillinger's most powerful address in those 28 years to the people of Hamilton County.

Powerful because of what Dillinger and Hamilton County's other two commissioners, Christine Altman and Mark Heirbrandt, accomplished in 2015.

Powerful inasmuch as "unfinished business" Dillinger pointed to.

"Cooperation and Solutions" was the Commissioner's subject.

Dillinger began by talking about how different governmental agencies cooperated to make Hamilton County a better place to live. He pointed to key accomplishments the Hamilton County Dispatch Center; the new Ivy Tech campus in Noblesville, and what just recently have been the final pieces for the State Road 37 Corridor between Noblesville and Fishers.

In a separate interview with the Hamilton County Reporter following Dillinger's address he said that earlier this week



Dillinger



Altman



Heirbrandt

Hamilton County signed plans with INDOT for the 37 project.

Dillinger told the Chamber audience that Hamilton County finished \$20,300,000 under budget the past year. The County's budget was \$153,126,000 and actual spent was \$132,853,000.

One of Dillinger's topics which caught the attention of the downtown community was a discussion of a public, private partners developing the county owned parking lot on Conner Street, which runs near White River. It would be a part of on-going additions to the Hamilton County Government Center. Dillinger called it a "proposed solution for downtown parking." Along with businesses and a residential area would be a parking garage.

Dillinger spent considerable time talking about the Hamilton County Jail complex and campus and about safety needs for Hamilton County.

He said the jail capacity is 295, and is expected to go to 487 inmates in a few years. He said the work release area processed 478 occupants this past year and that number is expected to rise to 1,016.

On public safety, Dillinger said all is not as it should be in Hamilton County, centering in all the Hamilton County Council's refusal to give \$3million to a proposed emergency training center. The funding was approved from all the cities in the county, but rejected by the Hamilton County Council on a 4-3 vote. On a slide program presented by Dillinger, the Commissioner circled the four Councilmen who voted against the funding Rick McKinney, Fred Glynn, Brad Beaver and Paul Ayers.

"With all the mayors and city councils in the county giving their support, it just doesn't seem right that four of the seven County Council members could vote against

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Betty L. Woodrum

November 17, 1928 - January 25, 2016



Betty L. Woodrum, 87, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, January 25, 2016 at her home. She was born on November 17, 1928 to Charlie and Helen (Bobest) Sylvester in Noblesville, Indiana. Betty worked for 28 years as Head of Housekeeping at Turtle Creek Nursing Home.

She is survived by her son, "Eddie" Edgar Woodrum; grandchildren, Travis (Amy) Woodrum and Eric Woodrum; nine great-grandchildren; and siblings, Pooch and Marvin.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her sisters, Margret Harris, Myrtle "Sis", and Dorothy Bauer; brothers, Jon and Ned Sylvester; and grandson, Kevin Woodrum.

Services were held on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Rev. Rick Patterson officiated. Burial was at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

Memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 60 East 56th Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Hailey Grace Blackwell

May 19, 2003 - January 21, 2016



Our Angel, Hailey Grace Blackwell, 12, was called home to be with Jesus on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at IU Health Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. She was born on May 19, 2003 to Aaron and Toni (Rawley) Blackwell in Noblesville, Indiana.

In addition to her parents, Aaron & Toni Blackwell, she is survived by her siblings, DeSean, Isaiah, Brandon, Austin and Bryleigh; grandparents, Katrina Blackwell, Joyce Denton, John Rawley, Mike Denton and Papaw Ed; aunts & uncles, Amanda & Gary Gleason, Mindi, Christopher, Justin, Travis, Robert and Cheyenne Rawley. One of Hailey's favorite things was listening to music on her iPod.

Hailey is preceded in death by her grandpa, Bob Blackwell; and mamaw and papaw, Lester and Maxine Cook.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers, with visitation prior to the service. A private burial took place at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Herschel E. Teeters

October 1, 1922 - January 26, 2016

Herschel E. Teeters, 93, Lapel, passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at Community Hospital of Anderson following a brief illness.



He was born on October 1, 1922, in Hamilton County, Indiana to Daniel and Opal (Crull) Teeters.

He graduated from Lapel High School in 1940 and was WWII veteran of the U. S. Army Air Force.

Herschel retired as owner/operator of Teeters Shell service station in Lapel after over 30 years of operation and also drove a bus for Lapel schools for over 40 years.

He was a member of the Lone Oak Wesleyan Church in Anderson, and the Lapel American Legion Post 212. In earlier years he was very active in the Lapel little league program and also served as sexton of Brookside Cemetery for many years.

He is survived by a daughter, Deb Hagner; four grandchildren, Becky Barker, Scott (wife, Candace) Moody, Sarah (husband, Josh) Hazelrigg, and Sam (wife, Jennifer) Moody; four great-grandchildren, Logan and Piper Barker, Cameron and Wyatt Moody; and his long-time friend Dorcus Carey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Joan (Williams) Teeters; a daughter, Becky Moody; a brother, Charles Teeters; and two sisters, Alice Tilden and Mary Eileen Burris.

A funeral was held Saturday, January 30, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Rev. John Wrightsman officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel where the Lapel American Legion Post conducted military graveside rites.

Visitation was Saturday, January 30, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lone Oak Wesleyan Church, 486 North 500 West, Anderson, Indiana 46011.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

eLearning... From Page 1

The first date will be February 3rd and the second date is slated for March 16th.

Sheridan Community Schools indicated, during eLearning Days students will be responsible for completing assignments provided by his/her teachers through online delivery. SMS and SHS students will not be required to come to school on these two days but are accountable for checking-in for attendance, online assignments, and contacting his/her teachers. Over the next few weeks and immediately prior to each eLearning Flex Day, teachers will be providing specific instructions and expectations.

Sheridan Elementary School will be in session as normal on those days, as they will not be participating in the eLearning Days at this time.

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James Elbert "Jim Boy" Patrick

April 15, 1930 - January 26, 2016



James Elbert "Jim Boy" Patrick, 85, Fortville, passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at Community Hospital of Anderson following a brief illness.

He was born on April 15, 1930, in Lapel, Indiana to John and Rilda (Elkins) Patrick.

James served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War and he retired in 1982 from the former Delco Remy division of General Motors in Anderson after 30 years of employment.

He was a member of Lapel American Legion Post 212 and the Fortville V. F. W.

He is survived by wife of 62 years, Mollie Belle (Norris) Patrick; three children, Danny (wife, Jimmie) Patrick of Franklin, Donna (husband, Larry) Lucas of Jasonville, and Diana (husband, Terry) Gentry of Middletown, MO; eight grandchildren, Greg Patrick, Gary Patrick, Carrie Patrick, Carine Lucas, Nathan Filson, Bryce Filson, Hannah Gentry, and Paige Gentry; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Willadean Brown, Virginia Witt, Imogene Kellams, Barbara Brinker, and Margaret Hunt one brother, John Patrick; and one grandson, Mark Lucas.

A funeral service was held Friday, January 29, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation was Thursday, January 28, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel. Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

Virginia H. Dick

June 8, 1925 - January 27, 2016

Virginia H. Dick, 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on June 8, 1925 to Lewis and Hazel (Eskew) Montgomery in Noblesville, Indiana. Virginia had worked for both RCA and for Woods Wire during her working career.

She is survived by her six children, Anna (Kenny) Wilson, Mike (Annie) Dick, Eddie (Vicki) Dick, Connie (Rick) Swinford, R.D. (Melanie) Dick and Bill Dick; siblings, Geneva Salsberry, Frank (Shirley) Montgomery and Steve Montgomery; 19 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Dick; and brothers, Harold Montgomery, Jr Montgomery and Robert Montgomery.

Services were held on Friday, January 29, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the service. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville at a later date. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

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Shirley T. Ruehl

February 21, 1930 - January 22, 2016



Shirley T. Ruehl, 85, of Indianapolis, passed away on the morning of Friday, January 22, 2016 at Westminster Village North in Indianapolis. She was born on February 21, 1930 to Frank and Hazel (Meyer) Thornton in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Shirley received her undergraduate degree from Penn State University and her graduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She retired in 1972 after over 15 years with the Pittsburgh (PA) School system, where she was a speech therapist. She was a lover of music and a very social, active person. She had a good life and will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Edward Ruehl; two daughters, Babbie (Bill) Reagan and Becky (Blaine) Farley; and four grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, January 29, 2016, at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fishers, with visitation prior to the service. A gathering followed the services at the home of Blaine & Becky Farley.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 12550 Brooks School Road, Fishers, IN 46037. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Genevieve M. McLaren

August 1, 1927 - January 28, 2016



Genevieve M. McLaren, 88, of Fishers, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at Allisonville Meadows. She was born on August 1, 1927 to C. Herman and Ethel (Myers) Heady in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Genevieve was a homemaker, and was a member of East Peoria Church of Christ. She attended Green Valley Church of Christ in Noblesville.

Genevieve is survived by her daughters, Julie (Ted) Wilson and Jerri (James) Palechka; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and brother, Jack Heady.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Lee McLaren in 2013.

Private family services will be held. Inurnment will take place at Roselawn Memorial Cemetery in Terre Haute.

Genevieve's family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with her care.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 5635 W 96th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278; or donor's favorite charity.

Masey Pharis

January 29, 2016

Masey Pharis was received into the arms of Jesus on Friday, January 29, 2016.

She is survived by her parents, Jerry & Amber (Feltz) Pharis; siblings, Chassy, Kasey, Lasey, Jerry Jr., Jimmy, and Karley; grandparents, Ronnie & Julie Feltz; many aunts, uncles & cousins; and several nieces & nephews.

Masey was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents; several aunts; great-grandmother, Gertie; and niece, Emma.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation from 12:00 pm Noon to the time of service. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

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Julie Ann Sutton

July 30, 1970 - January 25, 2016

Julie Ann Sutton, Age 45, of Sheridan, passed away on Monday morning, January 25, 2016, surrounded by her family at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Julie was born July 30, 1970 in Indianapolis, to Donald J. Smith and the late Linda Ann (Hopper) Smith-Spears. After graduating from Sheridan High School with the class of 1988, Julie earned her Associates Degree in Elementary Education from Ivy Tech. Julie loved working with children. She worked with KinderCare for 3 months as a caregiver of infants. In addition to coaching soccer for many years, she was also the aquatics instructor at the Stony Creek Swim Center for 9 years. Julie was a member of the Sheridan Six Points Wesleyan Church, where she loved attending bible studies.

Julie is survived by her loving husband, Larry Wayne Sutton II. He and Julie were married on May 7, 2011. She is also survived by her father, Donald J. Smith; her sons, Timothy J. Stepp (Michonne) and Neal Patrick Stepp, both of Sheridan; her daughter, Nikolette A. Sutton of Sheridan; 5 brothers, Daniel Smith, Scott Smith (April), Jason Spears, Aaron Spears and Steven Smith (Melissa); her sister, Michelle Smith Bagby (Aaron); and her canine best friend, Sage "like the spice".

She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda Smith-Spears; stepfather, Nicholas Spears; Maternal grandparents, Grover and Effie Hopper; and her first husband, Timothy Neal Stepp.

A Celebration of Life took place on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Six Points Wesleyan Church, 1545 W. 226th St., Sheridan, Indiana 46069.

Memorial contributions may be presented to Six Points Wesleyan Church.



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Linda K. (Possman) Isaacs

November 3, 1947 - January 23, 2016



PENDLETON- Linda K. (Possman) Isaacs, 68, passed away January 23, 2016 at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital following an extended illness.

She was born November 3, 1947 in National City, California and was a Pendleton resident since 1975.

Linda was employed as a school bus driver for Hamilton Southeastern Schools for 13 years.

She was a 1965 graduate of the Indiana Academy in Cicero and loved to ride her Harley and enjoy the open road.

Survivors include her son, Scott (wife, Tonya) Isaacs of Pendleton; two grandchildren, Samuel and Erin Isaacs; sister, Judy Gonzalez of Noblesville; brother, Fred (wife, Carol) Possman of Cicero; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Isaacs on July 22, 2012; and parents, Floyd and Betty (Price) Possman.

A service was held Wednesday, January 27, 2016 in the Good Shepherd Chapel of Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Indianapolis with Pastor Aaron Clark officiating. Burial followed in the cemetery's Garden of Honor.

Visitation was Wednesday, January 27, 2016 in the Good Shepherd Chapel.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are requested to The Climb, 9669 E. 146th St., Suite 180, Noblesville, IN 46060, a program Linda participated in and supported during her illness.

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Robert Lynn “Goody” Goodwin

June 23, 1922 - January 22, 2016



Robert Lynn "Goody" Goodwin, 93, passed away on Friday, January 22, 2016, barely four months after losing his wife of 73 years, Esther Helen (McMahon) Goodwin. Bob and Esther were married on June 27, 1942. He was born, June 23, 1922, to James Elbert and Gladys Marie (Keeling) Goodwin.

Bob was a stellar high school athlete. After graduating, Bob joined the US Navy as a Seaman First Class and was soon promoted to Storeman - Petty Officer Third Class, serving in both the North Atlantic and Pacific Theaters in W.W. II. Upon return he joined his father's business, later becoming a solo entrepreneur as Bob's Heating & Sheet Metal. He was a mentor to many young people. There was always a young assistant learning the skills of Bob's trade along with a strong work ethic and good customer service skills. Bob made sure that those who needed it received the services necessary to stay warm - or cool!

Bob's volunteer efforts focused on sports and horses. He coached Little League baseball, Demolay basketball, and worked with the Hamilton County 4-H Horse and Pony Club. He encouraged horsemanship and loved to ride himself. He never wanted to compete, leaving that to others, however, he loved to trail ride. Many a happy day was spent on Brown County horse trails. To celebrate his 80th birthday, he completed 15 American Quarter Horse Trail Rides for which he was awarded a trophy saddle.

Bob is survived by his three children; Pat (Steve) Heiny, of Richmond, Stephanie McDonald of Carmel, Bob Goodwin, Jr. of Noblesville: four grandchildren; Melissa McDonald of Carmel, Curtis Heiny of Columbia, SC, Koren Heiny of Richmond, and Ryan (Janelle) McDonald of Indianapolis: two great-grandchildren; Masson Heiny and Oakley McDonald: several members of his extended family. In addition to his wife, Bob was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Vera Powell and Lois Blake, and son-in-law, Ray (Tub) McDonald.

Visitation was held Tuesday, January 26 with a Masonic Memorial Service afterwards. A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, January. 27. All were held at Roberts and Randall Funeral Home, Noblesville. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may go to the Grand Lodge of Indiana (Masonic) Scholarship Fund or Third Phase, 15755 Allisonville Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Richard “Dick” Dollard, Jr.

November 5, 1934 - January 26, 2016

Richard “Dick” Dollard, Jr., 81, Lapel, passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville following an extended illness.

He was born on November 5, 1934, in Olean, New York to Richard and Leota (Sullivan) Dollard, Sr.

He graduated from Brockway High School in Brockway, PA in 1952.

Dick retired as a supervisor from O-I Brockway Glass in Lapel after 38 years of employment and then worked for Glenshaw Glass for 3 years.

He was a member of the Ridgeway Pennsylvania Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, and spending time with family, friends, and his beloved dog, Millie.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Shirley (Holt) Dollard; six children, Richard (wife, Sherry) Dollard of Amherst, OH, Dale (wife, Kim) Dollard of Washington, PA, Susan (husband, Don) Gilbert of Lapel, James Dollard of Lapel, Charles (wife, Teresa) Dollard of Lapel, and Denise (husband, Dennis) Borkowski of Lapel; twelve grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; one sister, Jean Owens of Naples, FL; and one brother, Jerry (wife, Eileen) Dollard of Waterville, OH.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Jane Fustini and Joan Morrison.

A funeral service was held Friday, January 29, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Rev. Richard Cole officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation was Friday, January 29, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

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By **JANET HART LEONARD**

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Our garage door had a glitch in its getalong this week. I was out there with Chuck lifting, shaking and poking around, inside the garage and outside the garage. Now what made me think I could figure it out is a complete mystery because I was in the back of the line when they handed out mechanical smarts. Of course my husband fixed it. He was in the front of the line when they handed out mechanical smarts and a tool chest full of other smarts.

I sat with a young friend of mine this past week. He had made a difficult decision. He did not need my advice. His mind was made up. He just needed me to say that I was proud of him. I was and I told him so. His heart needed to hear it.

My kids have taught me that sometimes they just need me to listen. At 34 and 38 they still need me. I have learned that a sounding board that doesn't always have a voice in the matter is sometimes what they need. When they ask my advice, I give it to them. It is their choice what to do with my advice.

There have been times that they should have taken my advice but they did not. I am reminded of the times I did not take my parents advice. That keeps me humble. You cannot erase the damage done by an "I told you so."

One thing I hope my kids always have is resilience. Eventually things work out. Maybe not how they had wished but it will be ok. Life isn't always fair. Consequences are a part of life. Ugh and double ugh! Dwelling on the should haves and could haves will never be a good place to live. What it's will wear out the mind and body.

We all have regrets. What we do with them determines our happiness level. The best advice I ever heard is simply...let them go and move on. Don't ever allow them to hold you hostage.

I will always be a fixer. I will always want to make it all better. Sometimes I just can't. Sometimes I just need to show up and be there to listen. Just listen and bring a box of tissues and cookies. Well, unless I burn the cookies like I did while writing this column. I can't fix burnt cookies. Ugh.

Girls and lifting



By **SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CASSIE VARGAS**

"Look like a beauty, lift like a beast." That is one of my favorite quotes. I am writing this because I want to prove a point and a fact that girls can lift weights too. Many people underestimate what we can do. By we I mean all of the teenage girls or young women who lift. When you see a girl walk into the weight room people say, "She is crazy, she can't do that". Also when a girl goes into the weight room people look at her like, why is she in here? When in reality girls can lift too.

I have been working out and lifting weights now for a couple of months at my school's weight room. On the first day I was so scared to go in there and nervous about what people would say to me or about me. Even now it's sometimes still awkward to be in there with 22 other guys, and I am the only girl. You may think, why were you so nervous? It's just working out, and people do it all the time at LA Fitness. Yes, that is true, but you don't know any of the people there. At school you know everybody and see them in the hall every day at school. My instructor is also my softball coach, and he will cheer me on and say how I could beat half the boys in there.

Just because our hair is longer and we probably have our nails painted doesn't mean we can't work hard and prove ourselves. The reasons why I lift are several. My first reason is because lifting can be fun! People always think that lifting is so much work and boring. They are right: it does take a lot of effort, but it is also fun. If that isn't enough for you, how about my second reason. My second reason is that I want to get stronger for sports. I play travel softball. You have to be both physically and mentally strong. For me being in the weight room and seeing how I am getting strong helps me mentally. Plus I am getting stronger physically as well with the weights and speed and agility.

Another topic to hit is that boys are stronger than girls and can beat them at anything. Well that's not true, like at all! I am beating at least 10 of the guys in my weight lifting time. As a matter of fact, recently a 10-year-old girl from Texas back-squatted 215 pounds, and she only weighs 93 pounds. There are also so many more courageous and outstanding women that weight lift, and we salute you. I only say that because they make us remember that we are not alone in this.

Now I am going to express my feelings about the boys and the workouts. First off the boys in the weight room range from middle school students up to seniors. They don't care about you. They go in there to try to "get ripped" and stronger for sports. See a similarity there: we both want to improve at sports. They are all off with their group doing the same as you. Just with a little more weight, that's all.

Now for the workouts. It really depends on what our teacher has planned for us that day. But they are very hard sometimes, if I do say so myself. We first start out with a basic warm-up; next we break down into groups and look at our day plan for that day and do our A, B, C's. Our A, B, C's are the workout groups with different lift and amounts we do. Then you go to work, and my instructor will push me hard because he knows that I can handle it and he knows I go in there to work.

Next I would like to talk about respect. After going to the weight room for awhile I gained more respect for what I was doing. Also the guys got used to me being there and accepted me as one of the regulars. That made me happy because now I won't be nervous and tense to do lifting. Now I am comfortable with what I am doing; also the guys come up to me to remind them of a lift or exercise that we do. It is part of my routine now to lift after school, then softball, and then I get to go home. Lifting is an influence on so many, and it shouldn't be entitled to one gender. Girls are powerful and can do anything they set their minds to. If that's lifting and working as hard or harder than the guy next to her, then so be it.



The Sheridan Public Library is pleased to announce members and officers of the Library Board for 2016. Seated (L to R) Katie Will (Board Member), Lisa Samuels (Board Vice President), Piper Zola and Abby Davis (ACTS Student Members) and Anita Leonard (Board Treasurer). Standing (L to R): Steve Martin (Library Director), John Vincent (Board Member), Loretta Sutherland (Board President), Barb Hybarger (Board Secretary) and Matt Lenseigne (Board Member). Missing: ACTS Student Member Garrett Davis. The library board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Sheridan Public Library, 103 West First Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County, Indiana. Meetings are open to the general public and community members are encouraged to attend.

Ricker to visit Sheridan Rotary

Sheridan Rotary announced that convenience store owner Jay Ricker will be their special guest on Tuesday, February 2nd. Mr. Ricker is the chairman of Riker Oil which operates over 50 mid-Indiana gasoline convenience stores, including a recently opened store in Sheridan at the intersection of SR 38 and SR 47.

Ricker will be talking about his business in general and his plans for the Sheridan store in particular. Thus far the community response to the Sheridan outlet has been tremendous and well received in our community. Ricker's is well known for their clean locations and professional customer service and fair pricing.

Sheridan residents are invited to hear Mr. Ricker speak at the Tuesday Rotary meeting beginning at 6:45 pm in the Community Room of the Sheridan Public Library. If you would like to attend the Rotary portion of the meeting beginning at 6:15 pm, please contact any Rotary member or contact Rotary secretary Steve Martin at the Sheridan Public Library (317-758-5201).

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it," Dillinger told The Reporter. "But this isn't over, yet. There is an election coming up which could change the makeup of the County Council."

Dillinger presented with his slides a map of where mass shootings occurred in the United States in 2015. He covered a vast area of the country.

The Commissioner talked about tourism in Hamilton County, including the Grand Park area in Westfield. He talked about Hamilton County parks being updated, about historic bridges being brought in from Wayne County and Washington County and on what's happening at Koteewi Park in Strawtown where a large man made hill with artificial snow and a warming house for rental facility, all to be opened by 2017. He told of the success of the recently completed target archery center and what to expect from a new equestrian facility.

He reported on the Riverwalk project and the fireman Memorial Center on the west side of the Judicial Center.

Then the talk turned to Riverview Health Center, a Hamilton County owned hospital. Dillinger talked about expansion; a new main entrance; parking; doctor offices and the new annex at Westfield.

"We met earlier this week, interviewing nine candidates for the CEO position of the retiring Pat Fox," Dillinger told The Reporter.

Dillinger's favorite subject turned to highways. He was Commissioner when much of the county's back road system was gravel roads. Today, Hamilton County has one of the best, if not the best, highway and roads systems in the state.

His lead subject was the expanding of 146th Street to five lanes to Boone County. Springmill to Ditch is completed; Ditch to Towne by the spring of 2018; Towne to Shelbourne by 2020; and Shelbourne to Boone County by 2021.

There also is the addition of a ramp from 146th Street to southbound Keystone by 2019 and a roundabout at the intersection of Cumberland and Allisonville roads with an anticipated start of 2017.

The 209th Hague roundabout is completed. The 206th expansion to four lanes from Hague Road to State Road 19 is not yet funded. Neither is the 206th expansion to State Road 19 to Cumberland.

The State Road 37 Corridor drew lots of attention from the audience. Dillinger talked about the intersections at 126th (\$28.5 million), 131st (\$23.9 million), 135th (\$8.0 million), 141st (\$26.9 million) and 146th (\$27.8 million).

Three intersections are planned in Noblesville, Greenfield Ave (\$34 million), Town & Country (\$7.5 million) and Pleasant Street (\$28 million), all coming at a later date. They have been approved by all the city mayors, but are not yet funded.

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committeemen whose appointments are being disputed. In theory if the yellow ballots are thrown out, Campbell would be declared the winner.

Campbell, writing to the state committee last week, cited party rules on the proper appointment to fill vacancies and claims Emigh did not follow the rules.

The highly charged caucus was held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel at 10 a.m. yesterday and lasted nearly two hours with counting the 266 ballots taking most of the time.

Whoever ultimately wins will serve for only 13 months. Next year a complete reorganization of political parties is set and today's action likely sets the stage for a battle royal in March of 2017 when all committeemen and their vice committeemen elected in this year's May 3 primary will be qualified to vote.

A near record number of candidates have filed for committeeman positions. As of Friday afternoon there were about 100 running. The filing period runs until noon on February 5 and usually there is a rush at the end of the period. In all, there are 208 precincts in Hamilton County.

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about it hard for the last year," said Taylor. "Our budgets are tight. I've said all along, if it was spent in the right way I'd vote for it. I think it has been spent, or going to be appropriated in the right manner. It's time to move Noblesville forward, and I think this will start that process."

"I have many concerns," said Rowland. "The timing is suspect, at least. The process has been flawed. I think the information that's been sent out to the community has been misleading. For those reasons alone, I would object to any movement forward. I truly don't believe that we have a true understanding, the council. My concerns are the future, what does this really mean in the end, how many more increases. I think we needed to study more and put more parameters into place before we made this decision.

The trash fee covers the actual per home cost of the city's contract with Republic Services. Beginning with the first wastewater bill in July 2017, 2018 and 2019 the bill will increase slightly to cover the increase in the city's contract with Republic Services, which runs through June 2020. The remaining contract prices per month are: \$10.57 (July 1, 2016 to June 2017); \$10.69 (July 1, 2017 to June 2018); \$10.82 (July 1, 2018 to June 2019); and \$10.94 (July 1, 2019 to June 2020). Reminders of the new trash fee will be included on monthly Noblesville Utilities bills.

Noblesville Utilities customers who receive a \$10 credit per month on their monthly sewer bill will automatically receive a 50 percent discount on their trash fee. To be eligible for the reduced rate, customers must have one of the following exemptions on their property taxes (filed with the Hamilton County Auditor's Office): over 65 age deduction, blind and disabled deduction, or disabled veteran or surviving spouse deduction.

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Wrestling sectionals

Millers reclaim trophy, several qualify for regionals



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The Noblesville wrestling team won the sectional championship at the new venue of Elwood Saturday. It's the sixth sectional title in seven years for the Millers.

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Saturday's wrestling sectional were in new venues to Hamilton County teams, but they produced familiar champions.

At the Elwood sectional (moved from Hamilton Heights), Noblesville dominated again. The Millers performed brilliantly in the wrestleback rounds, getting all 14 of their athletes in the top five to score 208.5 team points, well ahead of runner-up Pendleton Heights' 169.5. Noblesville also had two champions and qualified eight athletes to next Saturday's regional, at Pendleton Heights.

"What a great effort," said Millers coach Tom Knotts. "We won in the wrestlebacks - all 14 placed. I am proud that we fought hard and contributed to the win."

Noblesville had a sectional streak of five going, from 2010-14, but that was interrupted last year by Pendleton. So, the Millers won this year, and have now won six of the last seven.

Leslie contributed big-time, as he won the 195-pound championship bout over Elwood's Zane Boyer with a first-period fall. Earlier, 113-pounder Nicholas Brady delivered the Millers' first championship of the day, winning in that class with a 6-2 decision.

"Miller Pride was there today," said Knotts. "We struggled all season and put it together today, it is satisfying."

Noblesville's other regional qualifiers are Chris Jones (106), Noah Long (120), Harrison Doughrty (132), David Kitko (145), Josh Marlow (160) and Ashton Mills (170).

New host Elwood was third with 151.5 points, then Hamilton Heights was fourth by scoring 137. The Huskies had three champs: Chris Loy at 126, Clayton Cowan at 145 and Trezdon O'Neal at 152. Four other Heights wrestlers move on to regionals: Cody Turner (113), Hunter Haynes (132), Riley White (138) and Lucas Pieper (160).

Guerin Catholic finished eighth, but with a strong point total of 103.5. The Golden Eagles advanced five wrestlers to regionals, led by runner-up finished by 106-pounder Zach Sutton and 126-pounder Korbin Lane. Also qualifying were Dawson McMahon at 138, Michael Leonard at 160 and Sam Vondersaar at 220.

Meanwhile, the longtime Zionsville sectional was moved to Frankfort this year. Carmel had a nice time at the Hot Dogs' Case Arena, scoring 217.5 points, comfortably ahead of defending champion Hamilton Southeastern's 182 points.

Zionsville was next in line, finishing third with 171 points. Westfield was right behind with 169.5 points. Three Shamrocks



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Hamilton Heights' Chris Loy won the 126-pound title, over Guerin Catholic's Korbin Lane (in purple).

- were sectional champs: Reid Hutson at 113, Evan Eldred at 138 and Liam Jagow at 170. Westfield qualified nine for the North Montgomery regional, with Noah Robinson (126), Zachary Steele (132), Justin Miller (152), Sam Trompen (182), Nick Schaeffer (195) and Austin Dollens (285) joining the champions.

Sheridan finished with 19 points. Justin Delph was the Blackhawks' highest place, taking fifth at 138 pounds.
- AT ELWOOD**
Team scores: Noblesville 208.5, Pendleton Heights 169.5, Elwood 151.5, Hamilton Heights 137, Frankton 112, Anderson 107, Lapel 107, Guerin Catholic 103.5, Tipton 65, Alexandria 24, Tri-Central 11.
Hamilton County place winners (top four advance to regional)
106 pounds
2. Zach Sutton (GC), 3. Chris Jones (N)
113 pounds
1. Nicholas Brady (N), 3. Cody Turner (HH)
120 pounds
3. Noah Long (N), 5. Ben Batchelder (GC)
126 pounds
1. Chris Loy (HH), 2. Korbin Lane (GC), 5. Dalton Huffman (N)
132 pounds
2. Hunter Haynes (HH), 4. Harrison Doughrty (N)
138 pounds
2. Riley White (HH), 4. Dawson McMahon (GC), 5. Luke Elliott (N)
145 pounds
1. Clayton Cowan (HH), 3. David Kitko (N)
152 pounds
1. Trezdon O'Neal (HH), 5. Luke Marlow (N)
160 pounds
2. Josh Marlow (N), 3. Michael Leonard (GC), 4. Lucas Pieper (HH)
170 pounds
2. Ashton Mills (N), 5. Alex Iler (GC)
182 pounds
5. Dylan McGuffey (N)
195 pounds
1. Ryan Leslie (N), 6. Logan Weaver (GC)
220 pounds
3. Sam Vondersaar (GC), 5. Sam Wertz (N)
285 pounds
5. Bradley Killion (N)
- AT FRANKFORT**
Team scores: Carmel 217.5, Hamilton Southeastern 182, Zionsville 171, Westfield 169.5, Lebanon 135.5, Fishers 84.5, Frankfort 67, Clinton Central 56, Western Boone 20, Sheridan 19, Clinton Prairie 15.
Hamilton County place winners (top four advance to regional)
106 pounds
1. Alexander Streuder (F), 4. Kyle Holman (C), 5. Esteban Perez (W), 6. Eduardo Perez (HSE)
113 pounds
1. Reid Hutson (W), 2. Dominic Pecoraro (C), 3. Blake Forbes (HSE)
120 pounds
2. Adam Jerde (C), 4. Jacob Garcia (HSE)
126 pounds
1. Austin Holmes (HSE), 2. Eric Hiestand (C), 4. Noah Robinson (W), 5. Andrew Nicholson (F), 6. Corbin Went (S)
132 pounds
2. Zachary Steele (W), 5. Jaren Tunstill (F)
138 pounds
1. Evan Eldred (W), 2. Jerrod Smith (C), 3. Caleb Wright (F), 5. Justin Delph (S), 6. Trey Hubbard (HSE)
145 pounds
1. Jack Eiteljorge (C), 2. Beau Wilbrandt (F), 6. Cade Hartman (HSE)
152 pounds
1. Jacob Ferris (HSE), 2. Justin Miller (W), 5. Chad Sauder (C), 6. Spencer Bischoff (F)
160 pounds
1. Sam Bublick (C), 3. Alec Jessop (HSE), 5. Hayden Grow (F)
170 pounds
1. Liam Jagow (W), 3. Joe Mazero (HSE)
182 pounds
1. Spencer Irick (HSE), 3. Sam Trompen (W), 4. Eric Boleman (C), 6. Ethan Reynolds (S)
195 pounds
1. Nick Fox (C), 2. Kolby Ferris (HSE), 3. Nick Schaeffer (W)
220 pounds
1. Sam Hipple (C), 5. Joe Myren (HSE), 6. Levi Gleason (W)
285 pounds
1. Jack Williams (C), 2. Bryce Chastain (HSE), 3. Austin Dollens (W)

After almost five years...

Hot-shooting Millers beat Royals

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

A great shooting night for Noblesville finally broke down five years of frustration against Hamilton Southeastern Friday night.

The Millers boys basketball team had another efficient night from the field, and rode that to a 67-54 victory over the Royals at The Mill. It's the first time Noblesville has beaten HSE since March 5, 2010, when it edged the Royals 43-42 in the sectional semi-finals. This game had a sectional-type atmosphere, which is a good thing to experience since the post-season is only a few weeks away.

"I'm really proud of our guys," said NHS coach Brian McCauley. "I thought we had great energy. We had a great start. We were focused, and then obviously we shot very well tonight from the floor." Noblesville was 26-of-38 from the field, a blistering 68 percent.

The Royals scored the first basket of the game, when Brennan Schofield made a lay-in. After that, the Millers scored the next seven points, and held the lead from there. Nolan Ginther got the first basket, McGwire Plumer drained a 3-pointer, and John Kiser hit a jump shot.

"I thought we played decent the first half," said HSE coach Brian Satterfield. "Kiser's a great player, and he hits tough, contested shots. But some other guys stepped up and hit shots there, especially in the first half."

Noblesville kept steadily increasing its advantage throughout the game, scoring

mostly on little runs of five or six points. Usually those runs included a 3-pointer. The Millers made eight long range baskets in all. Noblesville was ahead 32-24 at half-time, and the Miller lead was 48-36 after three quarters.

A new chant has become popular among student sections over the past couple years when a player makes a '3': It ends with the kids screaming "Everybody!" And it seemed like everybody on Noblesville's team hit a 3-pointer Friday. Max Flinchum totaled three downtown shots, Corby Mertens and Plumer both hit two, and Kiser made one. That gave the Millers an 8-of-13 mark from 3-point range.

Noblesville held its largest lead of the game at 67-50, that came after Ryan Ogden scored two consecutive baskets. Ogden scored 14 points, all in the second half. The only Miller with more points was Kiser, who poured in 23; he also dished out seven assists. Plumer added 10 points.

"It helps when we have great balance," said McCauley. "We had that at Logansport and we had that tonight. We had three guys in double figures and two other guys with nine (Flinchum and Mertens). That's outstanding balance offensively."

Southeastern, despite being beset by injuries, never quit. The Royals put 11 different players on the floor during the game, and all of them made a contribution. Schofield and Jack Davidson each scored 11 points; Davidson drained three 3-pointers. Greg Miller scored 10 points, and led all rebounders with five.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville coach Brian McCauley was fired up, and so were the Millers, who used a hot shooting performance to beat Hamilton Southeastern 67-54 at The Mill Friday night.

"One thing that we've liked all year is our depth," said Satterfield. The depth had to step up, as several players were out of the line-up, including HSE's star Zach Gunn.

"He's just got a medical situation and he gets re-evaluated next week and we'll see where it goes," said Satterfield.

The Millers handed the Royals their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference loss of the year, although HSE still leads the HCC standings at 4-1. Zionsville and Fishers are tied for second at 3-1. Noblesville is now 2-2 in the conference and 9-6 overall, while the Royals are 11-7 for the season.

Both teams are back in action on Thursday. Noblesville travels to Brownsburg for another HCC game, while Southeastern hosts Columbus North.

Huskies start too late....

Tipton escapes with win

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

The Husky Dome was packed, as to be expected for a Heights-Tipton basketball game.

The action was fierce, a defensive head-knocker between two schools located just 10 miles apart on Highway 19. As to be expected for a Heights-Tipton battle.

This time, undefeated Tipton pulled out a 43-36 victory over a Hamilton Heights team still playing without the injured Hunter Crist.

The Blue Devils won it by building an early lead. Tipton had an 8-4 margin after one period; a 21-10 advantage at halftime and a 31-16 spread entering the fourth quarter.

Then the Huskies charged, outscoring Tipton 20-12 in the fourth quarter and once getting as close as four points.

"I was disappointed the way we played in the first half, but then we played a lot better," said Heights coach Chad Ballenger.

"The two schools are big rivals. We might see them again, maybe two more times this season."

Tipton and Heights both will play in the Hoosier Conference Tourney in mid-February. They also play in the same sectional.

"It's a good bet that we might meet again," said Ballenger.

The Huskies got in trouble at the end of the first half, missing an easy shot and the Blue Devils coming down to score just before the horn.

"That was a big play," Ballenger said. "Also, after we got within four points, we turned over the basketball on the next two possessions. We had 15

turnovers tonight. We average only 10 turnovers a game."

The Huskies caught fire early in the fourth quarter, getting seven straight points from Caymn Lutz to cut Tipton's margin to 31-23 with 5:32 left. Austin Sauerteig had a 3-pointer and a field goal. Max Wahl scored to bring Heights within six, 36-30, and a bucket by Sterling Weatherford made it a 38-34 game.

Then came Heights' two big turnovers, and Tipton went on to ice the win at the charity line.

"I thought we were nervous starting the game," said Ballenger. "This was a sectional atmosphere tonight and not many of our kids had played under those conditions. We rushed some shots and we missed some good shots."

For the game, Hamilton Heights was 16-of-35 from the field, but just 1-of-9 from 3-point range and the Huskies went to the free throw line just three times, making all three.

Lutz led the scoring with 13 points and also was Heights' rebounding with 6. Weatherford finished with 12 points.

"I thought we played a good defensive game," said Ballenger. "I was really pleased with our defense tonight."

Ballenger, of course, would like to have the offensive firepower lost when Crist went down with a wrist injury a few games back.

"We hope to have Hunter back for the sectional," the coach said. "He went back to the doctor today and he'll go back again next week. He has not been cleared to play. It's a week-to-week thing."

The Huskies now are 11-7 on the year. Next up is a Feb. 9 home game against Frankton.



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Caymn Lutz led the Huskies with 13 points against Tipton Friday.



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Kristensen basket sends WHS past Avon

Ian Kristensen hit a layup with 1.5 seconds left to bring Westfield from 11 points behind in the fourth quarter to a 53-51 Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory over visiting Avon on Friday evening at The Rock in Westfield.

Coach Shane Sumpter said Westfield made history with the win.

“For the first time in school history,” said the coach, “the Rocks have now beaten four 4A opponents in a row.”

Westfield trailed by 11 points in the fourth quarter. The Shamrocks outscored the Orioles 21-8 in the fourth quarter after Avon built a lead on hot shooting in the first half.

Westfield came out composed to start the fourth quarter and never looked back.

The Shamrocks have now won five games in a row and six out of the last seven.

Senior Charlie Warner led all scorers with 21 points. Kristensen scored 10 points, 9 in the fourth quarter, and he yanked 4 rebounds.

Jonah Welch scored 10 points and was Westfield’s third player in double figures.

Freshman Caleb Welch came in and had a clutch 3-pointer and 2 assists down the stretch. Welch’s defense also disrupted the Orioles’ last effort to win the game.

Westfield got behind early, trailing 18-9 after one quarter and 28-17 at halftime. Both

teams notched 15 points in the third quarter before Westfield erupted in the final period.

The Shamrocks hit 21-of-49 shots in the game and canned 9-of-13 free throws. They had 29 rebounds, including 7 each from Warner and Sawyer Olsen. Warner also blocked 3 shots.

Westfield’s strong four-game winning streak was snapped Saturday evening when the Shamrocks dropped a tough 49-46 battle at Lebanon.

The ‘Rocks tied the contest at 44-44 late in the fourth quarter before Lebanon rallied to pull out the victory.

Westfield got off to a strong start, leading 18-13 at the end of the first quarter,


but the Tigers took a 28-26 halftime lead and took a 42-37 margin into the fourth quarter.

Charlie Warner led Westfield in scoring with 15 points and he also added 5 rebounds. Ian Kristensen added 11 points and led the team with 9 rebounds.

Westfield hit 17-of-35 shots from the field, but was just 2-of-12 from 3-point range.

The Shamrocks, now 7-9 on the year, will return to action on Feb. 4 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Fishers. Westfield will be looking for its third HCC win in a row.

Yount reaches 1000 point mark



The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team lost to Lafayette Central Catholic 64-38 Friday at the Eagles Nest, but the Golden Eagles still had something to celebrate during the game.

Senior Sarah Yount made history by becoming Guerin's first-ever girls 1000 point scorer. Yount needed only three points to reach the milestone coming into the game, and she did so by hitting a 3-pointer - something she is very good at doing. Yount finished the game with 10 points.

The Knights, the defending Class 1A state champions, were in control early, leading 14-5 after one quarter, 34-13 at halftime and 56-16 after three quarters. The Golden Eagles did make a run in the fourth period, outscoring LCC 22-8.

Annemarie Augustinovicz led GC with 12 points. Yount also had five rebounds and handed out four assists.

The Golden Eagles led 23-2 after the first quarter and 36-4 at halftime. Eleven different GC players scored, with Sarah Yount the leader with 10 points. Yount also led the rebounding with seven, while Katie Stordy had six. Danielle Mason made five steals and Grace Demas four.

Guerin travels to Hamilton Heights on Wednesday for a sectional first-round game with Heritage Christian.

GC boys keep the Bishop’s Cup

Guerin Catholic's boys basketball team shot 57 percent from the field and retained the Bishop's Cup in the Eagles Nest Friday night, defeating Lafayette Central Catholic 90-73.

Junior Matthew Godfrey got the Golden Eagles out to a 22-17 lead after one quarter by nailing three 3-point shots in the stanza. Then it was Christian Munson's turn, scoring 14 points in the second quarter to extend the Golden Eagles lead to twelve points, 47-35, at the halftime break. Central Catholic (10-4) battled Guerin Catholic to a 25-25 tie in the third quarter before six different Golden Eagles scored in the final stanza to put the game away.

"We were efficient on offense," said Coach Pete Smith, whose team improved to 7-11. "We had a size advantage and Jack

(Hansen) and Munny scored a lot in the paint for us tonight. But I was not real thrilled with our defensive concentration. We had trouble staying in front of the basketball; that has to get better."

Munson finished with 30 points while Godfrey had seven 3's and 25 points. Hansen finished with 15 points, and the offensive execution was enhanced by Cameron Lindley's career-high 11 assists.

It is the third year in a row that the Bishop's Cup stays in Noblesville. The two schools are the two high schools of the Lafayette Diocese. Central Catholic now trails in the series 5-2.

Tuesday night Coach Smith will coach in bare feet for his annual Samaritan's Feet night. The opponent will be Indianapolis Seccina.

Sheridan girls beat Rossville



The Sheridan girls basketball team finished its regular season with a Tuesday victory over Ross-ville, 52-40.

The Blackhawks led 15-11 after one quarter and 21-16 at halftime, then pulled away in the third quarter by outscoring the Hornets 20-12.

Audrey Reed led Sheridan with 23 points, with Brittany Welch adding 20. Welch drained three 3-pointers, while Reed made two. Jillian O'Flaherty scored six points with two 3-pointers, and Faith DeVaney scored three.

Welch earned a double-double with 13 rebounds, with Reed pulling down nine. DeVaney had three rebounds, Nixon Williams two and O'Flaherty one.

The win was the third in a row for the 'Hawks, who completed the regular season with a 13-9 record. Sheridan will play Monroe Central at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the first round of the Frankton sectional.

Sheridan 52, Rossville 40				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Morgan Leonard	0-2	0-0	0	2
Nixon Williams	0-4	0-0	0	0
Jillian O'Flaherty	2-7	0-0	6	3
Faith DeVaney	1-3	1-2	3	3
Cherysh Bishop	0-0	0-0	0	0
Audrey Reed	8-17	5-5	23	3
Brittany Welch	8-17	1-5	20	3
Totals	19-51	7-12	52	14
Score by Quarters				
Rossville	11	5	12	12
Sheridan	15	6	20	11
Sheridan 3-point shooting (7-19) Welch 3-5, O'Flaherty 2-6, Reed 2-4, Leonard 0-2, Williams 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (28) Welch 13, Reed 9, DeVaney 3, Williams 2, O'Flaherty 1.				

NHS girls win battle at Pendleton

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If the Noblesville girls basketball team wanted to be battle-tested before starting play in the Westfield sectional next week, the team got its wish Thursday night.

The Millers had to battle at Pendleton Heights against an Arabians team that is much, much better than its record of 10-12 would indicate. But Noblesville kept battling, kept pressing, and finally wore Pendleton down in the fourth quarter to win 73-64.

"We finally just got on a roll with our press, turned them over a little bit, because my gosh, they were lights out," said NHS coach Donna Buckley. "And they've been in so many games. They're probably a 'big' away from being really good. They all shoot it really well."

The Arabians had nine 3-pointers in the game - it seemed like more - and one of those downtown shots gave them a 49-48 lead in the waning seconds of the third quarter. But Katelyn O'Reilly gave the Millers the lead with a putback before the buzzer. Noblesville was ahead 50-49, and wouldn't trail at all in the fourth quarter.

A Pendleton foul shot at the beginning of the fourth tied the game at 50, but Noblesville went on a 9-0 run in response. Alexis Shannon scored a pair of baskets, including one that was created by an O'Reilly block. Rachel Shipman's steal ended up in the hands of Emily Kiser, who scored. O'Reilly and Maddie Knight helped out with free throws.

"It was definitely a good challenge for us on the road, and a good test right before sectional," said Buckley.

Noblesville led by as much as 71-58 with about a minute left. The Millers had denied the Arabians a field goal until around the 1:15 mark of the period, but Pendleton then threw in three more 3-pointers during that final 1:15. Noblesville had the game in hand by then, though.

The Arabians led 17-13 early in the second, but the Millers went on a quick 7-0 run to jump ahead 20-17. Kiser and Shannon both made baskets, with Shipman draining a 3 in between. The Millers' ability to get some quick scoring helped them whenever Pendleton began to threaten.

"Once they kind of get on a roll, you can just feel it," said Buckley. "You can feel that momentum change. They're capable of putting a lot of points up real fast."

Indeed. O'Reilly scored 23 points, with Shannon right behind at 22 points. Emily Kiser added 14 points; she and O'Reilly each earned double-doubles by pulling 11 rebounds each.

There were impressive stats all around. Shannon grabbed five rebounds. The Millers totaled 19 assists, with Brooke Herron dishing out five and Sam Salmon handing out four. O'Reilly made five steals, and both she and Kiser blocked three shots.

Noblesville finished up its regular season with a 22-4 record. Next up is the Westfield sectional, and the Millers take on Anderson at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the first round.

‘Hawks finish sixth in HHC tourney

The Sheridan boys basketball team finished sixth in last week’s Hoosier Heartland Conference Tournament.

Sheridan exploded on a 26-2 run in the fourth quarter and defeated Frontier, 59-29, in the opening round at Frontier on Tuesday evening.

Three Blackhawks scored in double figures, led by Chris Roberts with 19 points. Paul Wetzel fired in 13 points and Sean Weitzel finished with 10 points.

Sheridan sizzled the nets, hitting 20-of-43 shots. The Blackhawks also canned 5-of-15 attempts from 3-point territory, led by Sean Weitzel with 3-of-4 and Roberts with 2-of-5.

Paul Weitzel led Sheridan on the boards with 7 rebounds and Roberts collected 5.

Roberts also led Coach Chris Shrank’s team with 4 assists, while Jake Chesney and Drake Delph each dished out 3.

Frontier scored 6 points in the second half.

Sheridan fell into the losers bracket when losing to Eastern 62-39 Thursday.

The Blackhawks gave Eastern a battle for a half. The Comets led 16-15 after one quarter and only 28-23 at halftime before going on a 34-16 second half run.

Sheridan hit just 15-of-40 shots, including a cold 4-for-17 night from 3-point range.

No Blackhawk scored in double figures.

Leading scorer for Sheridan was Patrick Weitzel with 8 points.

Chris Roberts led with 7 rebounds.

On Saturday, Sheridan split its two games, which placed the Blackhawks sixth. After winning the morning round game over Tri-Central, 54-45, Sheridan was defeated in the evening game 66-35 by Taylor.

In the victory, Jake Chesney led the way with 18 points, followed by Patrick Weitzel with 17 and Chris Roberts with 12 points.

Coach Chris Schrank’s Blackhawks led 13-10 after one quarter and 28-21 at halftime.

Tri-Central had defeated Sheridan by 16 points earlier in the season.

In the nightcap loss, Sheridan never really got going against Taylor, trailing 24-6 after one quarter.

Chesney again led the scoring, this time with 15 points.

Rossville won the tourney championship with a 73-63 victory over Tri-County.

Winning two of four games in the tourney, Sheridan moved its record to 7-12 on the year.

The Blackhawks will return to action on Feb. 3 at Clinton Prairie.

Shamrock girls beat Huskies

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Thursday was Senior Night for the Westfield girls basketball team, so the Shamrocks were pumped up to begin with.

Westfield took all that energy and used it to burn up the nets in The Rock, blasting its way to an 87-28 victory over Hamilton Heights. With that, the 'Rocks earned their 20th win of the season (against just three losses), and now await the winner of the Tuesday first-round Sectional 8 game between Noblesville and Anderson. Westfield hosts the sectional this year.

It was all Shamrocks from the start, as they led 12-2 just two minutes into the game. Westfield was in front 27-12 after the first quarter, 44-18 at halftime and 73-25 after three quarters, pouring in 29 points in that third period. Westfield had a 17-0 run during the second and third quarters.

"We played incredible," said 'Rocks coach Ginny Smith. Her team was efficient from the field, connecting on 48 percent of its total field goals, and 54 percent (12 of 25) from 3-point range. Westfield made

three 3s in a row during the third period, one each from Jalyn Foland, Maddy Grennes and Allison VanDyke.

"When you shoot the basketball like that, there's nothing you can do that's not going to look okay out there," said Smith. "I thought the kids came out with a lot of fire, a lot of passion, a lot of energy, and that just carried right over into the game."

The three above-mentioned players each soared over the 20-point mark: Grennes scored 25, Foland had 23 and VanDyke added 21 points. Foland nailed five 3-pointers, while Grennes made three. With all that offense, Westfield totaled 17 assists as a team; Abby Reeder dished out six and Grennes had four.

The Shamrocks' defense played well also, grabbing 20 steals. Reeder made six takeaways and Foland had four. Grennes and VanDyke both had eight rebounds.

One of the best moments of the game was when Haliagh Reinoehl got in during the fourth quarter. Reinoehl has been battling sickness, but she was all dressed up and ready to go, taking to the floor for a

little over a minute to the happy cheers of her teammates and the crowd.

"We just wanted to get her in there just so she could get a little recognition, just like everybody else," said Smith. "I didn't want her to miss that moment. She's played here and she's given this program four years, and she deserved that moment just like everybody else did."

As for the Huskies, they battled courageously, still playing hard until the final buzzer despite Westfield's relentless defense. Kayla Kirtley and Bri Henson both scored six points for Heights.

"Westfield's a great basketball team," said Huskies coach Omega Tandy. "They're well-coached, those kids have been playing together for a long time, and they absolutely executed today."

Tandy acknowledged there was some work to be done, especially when it came to turning the ball over. "We limited our possessions, didn't take care of the basketball," said Tandy. "We didn't play very good basketball today."

Heights, which is hosting Sectional 24 this year, finished the regular season 11-11

and will play a 19-3 Marion team Wednesday in the first round of the tournament. So it doesn't get any easier, and Tandy said the team "had a hard, hard conversation in the locker room" after the game.

"So we had to have some tough conversations, but we got to be ready to go on Wednesday, and we'll see how the girls are ready and focused and respond tomorrow in practice," said Tandy.

Hamilton Heights defeated Frankfort 91-41 on Tuesday.

The Huskies dominated the game early leading 40-14 at the half. Heights had all 12 players score, led by Sophomore Ana Collar’s 23 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Audrie Catron and Sophomore Kayla Kirtley added 12 points. Junior Ashton Runner and Sophomore Lexi Branham added eight assists.

The Heights junior varsity team defeated the Lady Hot Dogs 46-20, led by freshman Elaina Page and Taylor Catron each with 10 points, and sophomore Brooke Pennington with eight. Freshman Jillian Smith added six.