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Proactive Cicero Town Council plans for the future

The Cicero Town Council wants to continue to be proactive about providing an improved quality of life for its residents, a place for businesses to thrive, and a destination for visitors. With that goal in mind, the Town Council has held three Council meetings so far this year, and this past Saturday gathered for a Council Retreat focusing on plans and projects for 2016. Town Council members are: Brett Foster, Town Council President with over 14 years of experience on the Council; Chad Amos, Town Council Vice President with over 1 year of experience on the Council; and new Council members Chris Lutz, Rusty Miller, and Craig Penwell.

The reason why each Town Council member decided to run for office was the same; their love for Cicero. Each member brings a different background and set of skills that will be valuable as the town continues to plan for its future.

Hamilton Heights school system, and all of President. "Our Public Safety, Parks, Planmy extended family living here, I wanted to ning, and Street Departments are all excepbe directly involved in making decisions to tional for a town of our size. We also have



The Cicero Town Council gathered for a Council Retreat last Saturday to focus on plans and projects for the upcoming year. This followed the three meetings the council has had so far this year.

With two children going through the better," stated Brett Foster, Town Council

help make our quality of life in Cicero even many citizens who donate a lot of their own budget and some great projects ahead. I personal time. Many of them are on small believe that our future looks very bright, committees or groups, which lay some great and I am very grateful and blessed to be groundwork for Town projects and growth. serving this community.' I am proud to say that we have a balanced

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Sheridan fireman arrested



The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Sheridan Fire Department captain on charges resulting from a personal injury crash that occurred on January 31, 2016. Deputies responded

Stoops, age 37 of Sheridan, stated he thought he fell asleep while driving. His vehicle, a white Chevrolet Silverado truck. was westbound on SR 38 before drifting to the south side of the road where it left the pavement and eventually struck a utility pole, according to witnesses. A passenger in the truck was taken to the hospital complaining of pain to a hip.

Deputies investigating the crash determined through an informant that Sheridan Fire Department Captain Travis William Stern, age 37 of Sheridan, who responded to the scene with the Sheridan Fire Department, was involved with narcotic evidence allegedly removed from the to a crash on State Road 38 crashed vehicle. According to officials, at Six Points Road near Sheridan on a single Stern is related to Stoops. The alleged vehicle crash at 4:50pm on Sunday. The narcotics and paraphernalia were later driver of the vehicle, identified as Joshua destroyed; however, an informant came forward with information leading to Stern's arrest. Sheridan Fire Department officials also cooperated during the investigation. Stern was taken into custody on Friday, February 4 after deputies, working with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office,

> Initial charges for Travis Stern include Official Misconduct and Obstruction of Justice, both Level 6 felonies.

obtained a warrant for his arrest.

The County Line...

SB 67 could mean millions for Hamilton County



By FRED SWIFT

Hamilton County's Local Option Income Tax was adopted by officials of local municipal and county government in the 1990s as a method of raising money for local

needs. The tax raises millions by deducting one percent of every county wage earner's income each year.

COIT has been the single most important factor is giving local city, township and county government the financial ability to meet the public service needs of a growing county. And, due to the high average income of county residents, COIT now brings in nearly as much money as the property tax.

There are some problems with this huge source of revenue. The state of Indiana collects the tax and then distributes most of it to the county. The state has been keeping some of the money in what they call "reserve." Statewide they've kept hundreds of millions of dollars, a pretty healthy reserve.

Now there is a bill in the legislature (SB 67) that proposes to give back this reserved money to the counties, cities and towns for road improvements. It sounds like good news, everyone wants to get more money especially when it's their money that someone has been keeping.

Hamilton County's share of this reserve is somewhere over \$50 million that would be divided among our eight cities, towns and the county government.

Under the legislation the state plans to somehow make sure that most of the money is spent on road improvements because legislators are convinced that money for roads is a popular issue right now. Even though streets and roads in this county are not in great disrepair, local political leaders could no doubt find road projects on which to spend it.

The only problem is that a local option tax was enacted to allow local government to use the tax money where they need it. If the legislature establishes a precedent of dictating where COIT funds must be spent,

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Noblesville Parks to offer all-day summer camps

This summer, Noblesville Parks and Edenshall Lane, and Forest Park, 701 Cicero Recreation will offer the inaugural year of Noble Kids Camp. For the first time, the similar programming making it more parks staff will all-day summer camps. Those used to the traditional half-day camps

for Noblesville parents and children. "The parks department is excited to offer the new summer camp format. We believe by offering reasonably priced all- and halfday camps that Noblesville families have options that work with their daily schedules," Noblesville Recreation Director Nichole Haberlin said.

The day-long camps will be an exciting mix of camper- and counselor-led activities centered on a wide variety of weekly themes including Blast Off to Camp; Amazing Race; All Ball; Video Games in Real Life; Art Camp; Foot Golf Camp; Camp Olympics; Minute to Win It; Camp Carnival; and Wacky World of Water. Campers who will be entering kindergarten through sixth grade for the 2016-2017 school year are encouraged to sign up for their favorite weekly themes or attend camp for the entire summer.

Unlike previous years, the two camp host sites - Dr. James A. Dillon Park, 6001

Road - will offer the same themes and convenient for parents and transportation.

"The themes and options of Noble Kids are still available, but with the extended Camp provide an abundant mixture of full-day camps the parks offer a new option enjoyment, physical activity, education and social interaction in the safe environments of our parks and under the watchful eye of our highly trained counselors," Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett said.

Fun details of Noble Kids Camp include:

* ALL CAMP MORNING GAME – All campers will participate in this large group activity, which will vary from day to day. (Examples: kickball, birdball, dodgeball, pirateball, spaceball, capture the flag, etc.) * COUNSELOR'S CHOICE - Counselors will plan lessons and be prepared to setup, explain and lead these activities. These activities will be done with the small groups, which are determined by camper grade.

* SPREAD – This is a free time/camper-led activity in a designated area. Campers will have access to a variety of equipment. They can choose to be active or do calmer activities like talk with friends or play with chalk. Counselors will supervise and engage with campers and the activities they choose.

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Boys & Girls Club receives Bowler's Ed grant

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville was competitions with a particular focus on selected as the recipient of the International Bowler's Ed grant program for 2016. The Bowler's Ed grants, in the form of mobile bowling kits, include six carpeted bowling lanes, rubberized balls and pins, and instructional DVDs to assist staff in introducing and instructing the game of bowling. The kits, valued at \$2,200 each, are expected to appeal to Club members who are not involved in other sports.

With these kits, our members will be introduced to bowling not just as a recreational activity but as a sport. Members will learn the ins and outs of bowling through daily instruction, practice and

sportsmanship and teamwork." says Abby Bowling Campus Youth Development Rinehart, Unit Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. She goes on to say "To align with our priority outcomes, we will utilize the equipment and resources to also instill academics, healthy lifestyles and good character within the program."

> Utilized by schools and other youth based organizations across the nation, the Bowler's Ed mobile bowling kits introduce children to the lifetime sport of bowling. curriculum includes bowling fundamentals, fun fitness activities and academic lesson plans that reinforce science, spelling, math and more.





Robert "Bob" Lee Stewart

January 30, 2016



Robert "Bob" Lee Stewart, 76, of Lapel, passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2016 in Fishers. He was born to Henry Lee and Georgia Ruth (Heckathorn) Stewart in Brownsburg, Indiana. After moving to Castleton, Bob attended Lawrence Township Schools where he graduated from Lawrence Central High School in 1957.

Upon graduation, Bob started a career in farming. He also worked as a diesel technician for 12 years for Reynold's Farm Equipment, and was a volunteer fireman for Castleton Fire Department for several years. Bob

was an active and dedicated member of his community. He was a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 533 F&AM in Fishers. An active supporter of 4-H, Bob was a member of the Hamilton County 4-H Council, a 4-H leader for 5 years, and swine barn superintendent. He served on the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District as superintendent of the and working around wo

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Patricia "Sue" (Lambert) Stewart; daughter, Pam (Dave) Sweitzer; son, Brad (Cindy) Stewart; daughter, Stephanie (Tim) Sturgeon; daughter, Kristi (David) Perozzi; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Jean "Sue" Bolander; and many close friends.

Visitation was Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville. Services were held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Wilma Kathleen Heiny

March 16, 1940 - February 2, 2016



Wilma Kathleen Heiny, 75, of Noblesville, passed away on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis. She was born on March 16, 1940 to Willis and Geneva (Swinford) King in Noblesville.

Wilma retired in 2005 as transportation coordinator for Noblesville Schools, where she had worked for over 20 years, beginning her career there as a bus driver. She was a member of Refuge Christian Church in Noblesville for over 50 years. She enjoyed being around people and

loved spending time with her family and friends. She had also been a part-time limousine driver for TLC.

She is survived by two daughters, Laura (Brett) Hopkins and Jill Heiny; sister, Nancy Atterson; grandsons, Jeremy (Stephanie) Hopkins and Joshua (Cassandra) Hopkins; great-grandchildren, Braydon, Ryker & Vivian Hopkins; and several nieces & nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, Donald James Heiny who passed away in 1997; and a nephew, Christopher Atterson.

Services were held on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center in Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation was Friday, February 5, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elysian Foundation, 103 Boulder Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Steve Watson

January 25, 1943 - January 31, 2016



Steve Watson, 73, Pendleton, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2016, at Community Hospital.

He was born on January 25, 1943, in Indianapolis to Robert and Betty (Ward) Watson.

He graduated from Lapel High School in 1961.

Steve farmed with his father; had been employed by the former Guide Lamp division of General Motors in Anderson; and had also worked in carpentry and construction.

He was a member of the Greenbriar Community Church in Anderson and the Lapel Lions Club

Lions Club.

He is survived by two daughters, Amy (husband, David) Brown of St. Joseph, MI and Stefanie Watson of Pendleton; eleven grandchildren, Davis, Anna, Evan, Ivan, Clara

Grace, and Ella Brown, Greer and Gray Ginley, Kalen, and Kassidy Baker, and Gavyn Kirby; one great-grandson, Isaiah Steven Baker; one sister, Nicki Davis (Mike) of Pendleton; two brothers, Randy (wife, Paula) Watson and Tom (wife, Pam) Watson both of Pendleton; and close friend, Sandy Kinnaman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 52 years, Jeannie (Rich) Watson; and two daughters, Angie Watson and Julie Ginley.

A funeral service was held Friday, February 5, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Pastor Brad Brizendine officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation was Thursday, February 4, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greenbriar Community Church, 1602 Woodbine Drive, Anderson, Indiana 46011.
Online condolences:

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Margaret Lane Brown Guttman Wagoner

July 3, 1938 - February 1, 2016

Margaret Lane Brown Guttman Wagoner, age 77, of Sheridan, passed away on Monday afternoon, February 1, 2016, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Lane was born on July 3, 1938 in Salem, Indiana to the late Charles and Kathleen (Colglazier) Brown. After graduating from Salem H.S. with the Class of 1956, she continued forward with her education, earning a degree in Elementary Education from DePauw University in 1960. Lane was the co-owner and administrator of the Sheridan Healthcare Center from 1977-1989. She was a very active member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. She loved cooking meals for different church functions. It didn't matter what the occasion, if food was needed at the church, Lane was always glad to make whatever was needed. She was also a member of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority. Lane loved traveling and working around the house. There was one thing however, that she enjoyed above anything else, and that was spending time with her family. Especially her grandchildren. Family was very important to Lane, and she felt blessed for every moment she got to spend with them

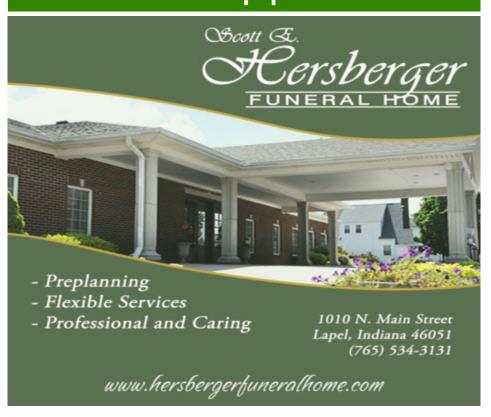
Lane is survived by her husband, Norman O. Wagoner. She and Norm were married on February 8, 1992. She is also survived by her 4 daughters, Debbie Carlisle (Kevin) of Sheridan, Kathy Smart (Tony) of Carmel, Mindy Durbin of Sheridan and Jennifer Guttman of Sheridan; 2 step sons, Russell Wagoner (Kristin) of Noblesville and David Wagoner of Atlanta, Indiana; 14 grandchildren, Kristy Perrine (John), Justin Carlisle, Drew Carlisle (Lauren), Tyler Smart, Ryan Smart, Brandon Smart, P.J. Smart, Kendra Durbin, Emily Guttman, Eliza Guttman, Aaron Wagoner, Noah Wagoner, Maya Wagoner and Tara Wagoner; 3 great grandchildren, Baylen Perrine, Bowen Perrine and Hadleigh Carlisle; and one brother, Terry McKillip (Gina) of Lafayette.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step father, Arthur McKillip; and her brother, Larry Brown.

Services were held on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Byron Fritz officiatied. Visitation was held on Friday, February 5, 2016, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions in Lane's memory may be made to either the Sheridan Public Library or to the Lunch Club program, c/o the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan, Indiana.

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Rosaline M. Davis

December 15, 1926 - February 3, 2016

Rosaline M. Davis, 89, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at her home. She was born on December 15, 1926 to Alonzo and Lucille (Hattery) Walton in Hamilton County, Indiana. Rosaline was a 1944 graduate of Carmel High School, and worked for

30 years as an office secretary for Noblesville Schools. She was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church and Delta Theta Tau Sorority. Rosaline was also a 50+ year member of Radiant Chapter #200, Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah (David) Bastin; and grandchildren, Megan Bastin, Bradley (Suzanne) Bastin, and Scott Davis.

In addition to her parents, Rosaline was preceded in death in 2007 by her husband, Jack L. Davis; and son, Michael A. Davis in 2014.

Services were held on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

The family would like to thank Shirley Walker and Cindy Redick for all their care and

2051 Monument Street, Noblesville, IN 46060; or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

James F. Clark

November 7, 1935 - February 1, 2016

James F. Clark, 80, Noblesville, passed away Monday, February 1, 2016, at Community Northview Care Center in Anderson following an extended illness.

He was born on November 7, 1935, in Noblesville, Indiana to John and Corrine (Baskerville) Clark.

Jim retired from Economy Elevator in Carmel.

He is survived by three children, Roberta (husband, Kenneth) Hahn of Anderson, James (wife, Hayley) Clark of Noblesville, and Richard Clark of Martinsville; six grandchildren, Zacariah and Tabitha Dillon, Ashlyn Hahn, Angela Crane, Aiden Louks, and Riley Clark; two brothers, Kenny and Sidney Clark; and two sisters, Bea Bannon and Mary Clark.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters, Pat, Corrine, Juanita, Betty, Virginia, and DeAnn; and four brothers, Ted,

Phil, John, and Joe.

There will be no visitation or funeral service. Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

David Michael Biddle

March 4, 1950 - February 3, 2016

David Michael Biddle, 65, of Sheridan, passed away on February 3, 2016. He was born on March 4, 1950 to the late Van and Helen (McAvory) Biddle in Lebanon, Indi-

David was a graduate of Sheridan High School in 1968. After graduating high school, David worked for Biddle Components as a process engineer. David enjoyed corvettes, riding his motorcycle, attending car shows, and fishing; however, his biggest enjoyment in life was supplying his loved ones with resourceful advice and guidance. David's family will truly miss him and appreciate all the life lessons he empowered them with.

David is survived by his loving wife, Mary Ann (McKinney) Biddle. They were married on August 26, 1972 in Sheridan, IN. David and Mary Ann had 43 wonderful years together. They have two loving children Kelly (Michael) Eubank and Andy (Vildana) Biddle. David was a proud grandfather of three; Grant, Julia and Lee. David is also survived by his brother, Daniel (Courtney) Biddle and several nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his brother, Gary, in 1977.

A graveside service was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Crownview Cemetery in Sheridan, IN. Pastor Chris Welch officiated.

Online condolences: fisherfunerals.com

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James Thomas Morton

James Thomas Morton, 69, of Noblesville, passed away on the morning of Friday, February 5, 2016 at Riverwalk Village. He was born on December 23, 1946 to Howard Paul and Nancy Mae (Hilliard) Morton in Huntsville, Alabama. He was schooled in Huntsville where he

December 23, 1946 - February 5, 2016

played football, and he dearly loved the Indianapolis Colts. James proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, and worked in the power plant at Plainfield Boys School. He loved

playing guitar, and played in the church band in Danville. James was very athletic and enjoyed exercising, playing sports, and watching his grandchildren's sporting events. He was a member of Calvary Apostolic Pentecostal Church and was active in the Noblesville Senior Citizens Organization.

James is survived by his daughter, Nancy (Travis) Peters; daughter, Candace Smith; grandchildren, Kyle Peters and Morgan Peters; brother, Leonard Morton; and sisters, Brenda Morton, Jane Heatherly, and Barbara Glover.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death in August of 2000 by his wife, Shirley Ann Morton; and brothers, Larry Morton, Billy Morton, and Charles Morton.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with visitation from 11:00 am to the time of service. Elder Garry D. Streeval will officiate. Burial will follow at Old Union Church Cemetery in Jamestown, Indiana. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com



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Virginia 'Jenny' Lee Meier

June 30, 1944 - February 4, 2016



Virginia 'Jenny' Lee Meier, 71, of Fishers passed away on the afternoon of Thursday, February 4, 2016. She was born on June 30, 1944 to the late George M. and Virginia (Ogden) McCulloch in New Albany, IN. Jenny retired in 2004 after a teaching career that spanned more than 20 years, 17 of which were in grades 3-5 at Durbin Elementary School. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Indiana University; and was a member of Castleton United Methodist Church.

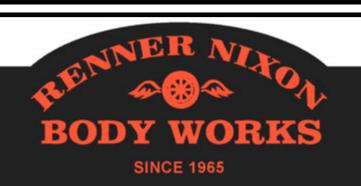
She is survived by her husband, Jim Meier whom she married on March 20, 1973; daughters, Stacie (Daniel) Berard and Kimberly (fiancé Ross Merkel) Hoffman; sister, Darlene Harbuck; and four grandsons, Josh & Drew Berard and Lucas & Max Hoffman.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at Castleton United Methodist Church, 7160 Shadeland Station in Indianapolis, with Dr. Frank Beard officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road in Fishers

Memorial contributions may be made to Durbin Elementary PTO, c/o Durbin Elementary School, 18000 Durbin Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Emma Lou Fulton

October 6, 1926 - February 3, 2016



Emma Lou Fulton, 89, Anderson, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral, Florida following a brief illness. She was born on October 6, 1926, in Hamilton County, Indiana to Leo and Emma (Bolander) Green.

She graduated from Lapel High School in 1944 and received a medical technologist degree in 1946 Minneapolis School of Medical Technology.

Emma Lou worked as a medical technologist at Reid Memorial Hospital in Richmond as well as Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

She was a very active member of the Perkinsville Community Church where she held many positions through the years. She was co-founder of the Madison County Ostomy Association and was active in the Charleston Commons neighborhood association.

She is survived by two children, Karla (husband, Steve) Gentry of Anderson and Mark (wife, Kathy) Fulton of Haiti; five grandchildren, Kristen (husband, Justin) Burnau of North Carolina, Matthew (wife, Allison) Telfer of Anderson, Kelsi Fulton of Nashville, TN, Grant (wife, Rachel) Fulton of Anderson, Mitch Fulton of Anderson; eight greatgrandchildren; one brother, Willis "Wid" (wife, Wanda) Green of Strawtown; one sister, Anna Marie Martin of Kentucky; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 66 years, Billie Max Fulton. A funeral service was held Monday, February 8, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home in Lapel with Rev. Mark Aleshire officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery, Lapel.

Visitation was Sunday, February 7, 2016, at Scott E. Hersberger Funeral Home, Lapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mission Haiti Medical, Inc., P. O. Box 2252, Anderson, Indiana 46018.

Online condolences: www.hersbergerfuneralhome.com

Robert T. Herrick

November 1, 1930 - February 4, 2016



Robert T. Herrick, 85, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. He was born on November 1, 1930 to Samuel and Ethel (Weinmann) Herrick in Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He attended Calvary Baptist Church, and worked as a stock broker for UBS, retiring in 2001. Robert was an avid bicycle rider and runner, participating in the Hilly 100 and the Mini Marathon.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, June Herrick; son, James (Karen) Herrick; daughters, Judy (Peter) Johnson, Teresa (Jim) Click, Peggy (Howard) Box, and Jennifer (Walter) Bielefeld; and 15 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his sister, June Thomas. Services will be held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, February 12, 2016, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, with visitation from 10:00 am to the time of service. Rev. Richard D. Bell will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wheeler Mission Ministries, 205 E. New York Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant Street, Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

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then it may not be long before the "local option" would be gone and it could become just a state controlled tax collected locally.

Not every county has COIT, some have less than our one percent rate and some units that receive COIT such as townships and libraries, don't have roads to care for.

Hamilton County has had problems in the past trying to get the State Budget Agency to distribute our fair share to us. Hopefully, legislators from our county will take care to watch the details of this bill and make sure we get all the money our citizens have paid.

It also might be a good idea to have no road maintenance mandate attached and an even better idea to not allow the Budget Agency to hold so much of our money in "reserve." There is an opportunity here whereby all this could be achieved by amending SB 67 which looks likely to pass because everyone is understandably anxious to get their money.





We are family



By JANET HART LEONARD

On Friday, I sat around the dining room table with a few people whom I call my Bonus Family. You see, when I married Chuck two years ago, on a snowy, sacred Sunday afternoon in February, I was also united with these people.

Scripture says, "your people shall be my people". Ruth 1:16. And it's true...you marry into a family.

I so enjoyed sitting back and hearing their stories. Al and Barb, Chuck's nephew and his wife are putting their home, where they have lived for twenty-one years, into the hands of a realtor. I heard her heart at she

spoke of packing up memories. Which do you keep? Which do you let go? Evidence of a life well lived and well loved. Possessions of time well spent. You can tell a mother it's just "stuff" but her heart knows differently.

For the past week we have had many a conversation that ping ponged between Chuck's sister, Barbara, her husband, Marvin and Chuck and I. We also spent many hours on the lanai in Florida, not saying a word, three of us reading and one doing a jigsaw puzzle. There was comfort in the quiet. A heart may not speak but the words are there.

I had to take a picture of the stack of books and iPads on the coffee table. Fannie Flagg, John Grisham, Jan Karol and Harper Lee entertained us well. Some better than others. Seven days. Nine books. One jigsaw puzzle. Four happy people. Four contented people. Memories made.

During the evenings we whooped and hollered as we cheered the Butler and IU basketball teams into victory. There's a lot of pride for Butler sitting in a room with three grads.

Conversations on politics left us all laughing and eventually shaking our heads. The morning paper being passed around at breakfast gave us feed for the political fodder. Sorting to find the good was like fishing in the murky waters of the Everglades. It's dangerous territory. Enough said.

Tucked in, throughout the week, were the comings and goings of Chuck's sons and their families. Watching granddaughter Natalie dance. Teaching granddaughter Emma to make the meringue for chocolate pie. Hearing grandson Will cheer when he heard I was making his homemade favorite foods. Grandson Jesse is living it up in the big city of New York. He's a part of the music world and the drum line called the New York Sticks.

These "grands" who were strangers just two years ago have woven their lives into my agenda when we visit Tampa. And they like me...they seem to really like me. And I really like them...actually, I love them.

Taco Stew was on the menu for our lunch on Friday. It fed twelve hungry bellies but the conversation fed twelve satisfied hearts. And that's what family is all about, coming together and sharing.

Sometimes you get that one chance...and sometimes you get a Bonus.

Sheridan basketball alumni



By SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CJ ATKINSON

As the Sheridan High School basketball team nears the end of its season it's easier to notice things that would otherwise be hidden by the cheers of the crowd, the sound of shoes on the court, and the music of the pep band. During the Homecoming halftime celebration on Friday, January 22, you may have noticed that the 50th, the 25th, and 10th anniversary teams differed quite a bit. While the majority of 25th, and several of the 50th anniversary alumni showed up, only one player from the 10th was

"It's easy to understand why more people came from the '91 team," said local Sheridan resident Craig Atkinson (my dad). He went on, "The '06 team hasn't had enough time to mature. They haven't realized how important those teams and the camaraderie really were. I think it will be interesting to see if more of the '06 team will show up in 2031, which will be their 25th anniversary."

Fifteen years is a big difference. As the players grow older, their memories grow fonder. Basketball is an important sport. It brings the bond of teammates working together like none other. The skills it takes to be on the court, follow you off the court. These skills follow you all the way through your life, whether it be getting a job or making a family. It isn't until you're older with more time on your hands that you realize how much those experiences have done for you.

Sadly, some of the 50th anniversary players have passed away; however, one traveled all the way from Florida to be with his teammates and to visit his alma mater. You could see the older players were enthusiastic as they were recognized and announced to the crowd. They were really taking in the moment. Interestingly, the majority of the alumni still live in Sheridan or its surrounding areas.

All in all, the players were pretty well received. Maybe the students will give a warmer reception for them in the future. I think the current students should set the example of how to outwardly show appreciation for the returning alumni during Homecoming celebrations. Even something as simple as a drum roll and a banner would surely be appreciated by the teams. During my experience, the applause was rather lackluster compared to what they could be if everyone pitched in just a little bit.

Summer Camps... From Page 1

* WATER ACTIVITY – Every day will include some type of water activity in the afternoon. This will be a fun way to ensure that campers are not getting overheated. (Examples: spray park, creek stomping, slip and slide, water dodgeball, sprinklers, etc.)

* CAMPER'S CHOICE – Campers will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of counselor-led activities. Activities will vary from day to day. One counselor may lead a hike while another leads dodgeball and another coordinates camp skits, for example. There will be two Camper Choice times, so that campers can choose two different counselor-led activities each day. This allows for campers to experience more freedom and independence while in the safe camp environment.

* PROGRAM TIME – This is an exciting addition unique to NKC. Every NKC camper will get to experience theme-based activities in each of the program areas throughout the week including arts and crafts, sports and games, team building, science and nature, and

All-day camps run 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Half-day camps are available from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:15 p.m. Another option for parents is before/after care available starting at 7 a.m. and running until 6 p.m. One-week of summer camp costs Noblesville residents \$125 for all-day (\$155 for nonresidents), \$60 for half-day (\$75 for nonresidents). Before care is \$10 and after care is \$15.

Registration begins Friday, February 12. To kick off the fun, the parks department is hosting a Registration Day for parents to register for classes, create an ACTIVE account and answer questions about camps/options. For more information, visit www.noblesvilleparks.org or call 770-5750.



"You know people don't run out of dreams, People just run out of time." Glenn Frey -River of Dreams

By SHARON MCMAHON, CNWC

You might consider this to be "Part II" of my previous article from a few weeks ago, referencing the passing of time and how we can make the best use of our time. Perhaps that is in part because as we come to the stage of life where we fully acknowledge there is more time behind us than ahead of us that is when we can fully engage in our lives. The quote I have used in this article is so true but I admit that I have selected it in honor of the recent passing of one of my favorite

musicians, Glenn Frey, co-founder of the Eagles band.

I believe we are all aware of the American Heart Association's use of February as recognition of the importance of good heart health and the very serious situation that we face when we don't care for our hearts. (In this article I am writing about the physical aspect, not the emotional aspect – although that can certainly affect our health as well.) Additionally, unfortunately some of us are born with heart issues that are not a result of our lifestyles and again that is not a subject specifically referenced here. The statistics on heart disease are staggering, much like the statistics on obesity:*

- Heart disease strikes someone in the U.S. about once every 43 seconds.
- Heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States, killing over 375,000 people a year.
- Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, taking more lives than all forms of cancer combined.

In 2011, about 326,200 people experienced out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the United States. Of those treated by emergency medical services, 10.6 percent survived. Of the 19,300 bystander-witnessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in 2011, 31.4 percent survived. Less than 1 percent of U.S. adults meet the American Heart Association's definition for "Ideal Healthy Diet." Essentially no children meet the definition. Of the 5 components of a healthy diet, reducing sodium and increasing whole grains are the biggest challenges. Eating patterns have changed dramatically in recent decades. Research from 1971 to 2004 showed that women consumed an average of 22 percent more calories in that span and men consumed and average of 10 percent more. The average woman eats about 1,900 calories a day and the average man has nearly 2,700, according to the government figures. Hypertension is projected to increase about 8 percent between 2013 and 2030.

Valentine's Day? Sure, why not? (Careful of the sugar!) However let's celebrate February with healthy heart habits and continue to pursue those dreams before we "run out of time." Rest in peace, Glenn Frey.

*Statistics provided by the American Heart Association

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Cicero... From Page 1

Chad Amos, Town Council Vice President, has learned so much from his first year on the Council and feels honored to have an opportunity to serve an additional four years for a community he loves. "What I have learned in the past year on the Council is that there are several people who want to be involved and volunteer their own personal time to see our town succeed. The town employees work extremely hard and take pride in everything that they do, which helps improve the overall quality of life in Cicero," stated Amos. "My goal is to continue working with redevelopment projects throughout the town and cultivating new development opportunities in other areas of the community. I want to draw more of those unique one of a kind businesses and restaurants to our community that will make us a culinary destination."

New Council member Chris Lutz agrees with the importance of providing an improved quality of life for the residents of Cicero and providing amenities that will continue to bring people to the community. "I want Cicero to continue to maintain the unique character that drew my family to this area and why we call it home," Lutz said. "The small town charm, excellent schools, and peace of mind that comes with living in a safe community are just a few of those characteristics. I agree with my fellow Council members, that as we move forward with projects, we also need to be fiscally responsible. Part of that will involve prioritizing projects and determining what project makes sense for the community and would be a good fit for the vision of who we want to become in the future. We will look for various funding resources for the projects that we do believe are a good fit for our community and determine ways we can help those projects move forward. The next four years will be exciting years for Cicero and I am grateful to have a chance to be part of this potential growth."

Rusty Miller, also one of Cicero's new Council members, believes that Cicero has some advantages that many other like sized communities do not. "We are fortunate to have a lake, the train brings people to our community in the summer, we have a great park with Red Bridge, we have some of the best restaurants and businesses around, and we have so many passionate people in our community who are willing to step up and lend a helping hand to make this a great community," explained Miller. "We know that we have these great destinations, so now our goal is to collaborate with others in our community and region to develop opportunities for Cicero to become a destination for businesses, residents, and visitors. I love Cicero and I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the community and help develop plans for the future."

In his first year on the Council, Craig Penwell appreciates having an opportunity to bring about some of the changes that will make Cicero an even better community and destination. "As a Cicero resident and local business owner, our town's future is very important to me and my family. The next several years will play a big part in shaping that future," stated Penwell. "Our parks, the reservoir, and our growing perception as a culinary destination give Cicero much to offer. Our community is unique with what assets we have available and as we plan for our future, we want to maintain the small town charm Cicero offers and focus on projects that will continue to enhance those assets. We want to encourage residents, business owners, and others to join us at our meetings to help shape the vision of our great community."

The public is welcome to attend Town Council meetings, which meet at 7:00pm the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at Town Hall. There is so much to look forward to in the next four years and having the community's input will be valuable as the Council continues to put together plans for the future.



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Girls basketball sectionals

'Rocks fall to Carmel in championship game

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

An outstanding defensive effort gave the Carmel girls basketball team its first sectional championship in five years Satur-

The No. 10-ranked Greyhounds beat No. 14-ranked host Westfield 47-43 to claim the sectional trophy. The margin was close for the entire game, but Carmel was able to claim the lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter and hang on to it until the final buzzer.

Everything worked together for the 'Hounds, who had to overcome the tough rebounding and hot shooting of a seniordominated Westfield team. The Shamrocks led 15-9 after the first quarter, scoring eight straight points to end the period. Abby Reeder started the run with a floater, then Maddy Grennes nailed two 3-pointers. Allison VanDyke had four points in the quarter as well, with Haliegh Reinoehl hitting a

Jalyn Foland opened the second quarter with a jump shot to get Westfield ahead 17-9. But that's when Carmel's defense took over, and not allow the 'Rocks a point for the remainder of the half.

During that time, the 'Hounds scored nine points, using its press defense to take an 18-17 lead into the locker room at halftime. Carrie Larson started the run with a traditional 3-point play, then scored off a steal by Amy Dilk. Emily Kmec got Carmel to within one by converting a layin, and Blake Smith gave the 'Hounds the lead with another layin.

"Once we made some adjustments, we got a little bit cleaner looks," said Carmel coach Tod Windlan. "I told them, I said, 'You got 16 minutes left, maybe in your career for four of you, step up and make them. Shoot the ball with confidence, and if you don't make it, we may still be able to get it.' They stepped up."

The lead changes came fast and furious in the third period, as there were six of them. Dilk dominated the quarter with 11 of Carmel's 12 points, while Grennes did her part of the Shamrocks, pouring in three more 3-pointers. Grennes' final downtown shot tied the game at 32-all at the end of the period.

Kmec started the fourth period with a 3-pointer of her own, and Carmel never trailed again, still keeping up the pressure with its trap defense. Westfield cut the lead to two points twice, both on 3-point baskets. VanDyke's long-ranger made the score 37-35, and Reinoehl threw in a 3 to get the 'Rocks within 40-38.

The Greyhounds finished the game from the free-throw line, scoring seven points from there in the final 1:09. Carmel shot a decent 12-of-20 on foul shot attempts, but remarkably never sent Westthrow attempts at all during the game.

Dilk led all scorers with 18 points, handed out six assists and made four steals. Larson added 13 points, while Kmec made five steals. Smith led the rebounding with

As for Westfield, Grennes wound up with 17 points, while VanDyke and Reinoehl each scored 11. Reinoehl drained three 12. 3-point baskets. VanDyke's 10 rebounds gave her a double-double, with Reinoehl pulling seven boards and Grennes five. Reeder handed out four assists and Foland blocked two shots.

"It was a game of swings, lots of momentum swings, and I think that's a true testament to us trying to play with as much fire and passion as we could," said Shamrocks coach Ginny Smith.

Westfield ended its season with a 21-4 record, and that included an undefeated Hoosier Crossroads Conference champion-

EARLIER GAMES

Westfield reached the championship game by defeating Noblesville 52-42 on Saturday night.

The Millers' Emily Kiser opened the contest with a jump shot, but Westfield then went on an 8-0 run. Two of the Shamrocks'



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Katelyn O'Reilly (left), guards Westfield's Maddy Grennes during the Millers-Shamrocks sectional semi-final game Friday at Westfield.

each from VanDyke and Reinoehl. The Millers' Brooke Herron made a 3-pointer late in the first quarter, which ended with Westfield up 8-5.

Another '3,' from Ryann Bunting, put the 'Rocks ahead 15-7. Noblesville scored (Alexis Shannon and Kiser each hit baskets), but Westfield ended the half on a 6-0 run, for a 21-12 halftime lead. VanDvke made two straight layins.

field to the line: The Shamrocks had no free her team. "I think our kids did an incredible job in terms of what the game plan was, executing the game plan. I think defensively we were solid. I really feel so good about what we were able to do defensively."

> That 6-0 run became a 15-0 run, as the Shamrocks opened the second half by scoring nine more points. Abby Reeder hit a 3, and Reinoehl's jumper made the score 30-

> "We just had a meltdown right at the end of the half, and didn't respond at the start of the second half, and obviously that was the difference in the game," said Millers coach Donna Buckley.

> Noblesville, like a defending sectional champion team would, kept battling, going on a 7-0 run of its own. Katelyn O'Reilly's period stopped the Shamrock surge, and throws. Rachel Shipman drained a 3-point-

The third quarter ended with Westfield "Incredibly proud of the kids," said up 36-22, and the Shamrocks' margin stayed around there for most of the fourth period. Bunting opened the fourth with another '3.' Westfield enjoyed a 52-36 lead with a minute to go, although the Millers scored the game's final six points. Shipman made the last basket, an appropriate 3pointer for the senior who had set the No-

(eight) just three days ago.

Jalyn Foland led the Westfield scoring

nine points, with VanDyke grabbing nine. O'Reilly, a senior, led Noblesville with five unanswered points to get back to 15-12 10 points and seven rebounds. Both she and second period, at 29-28 and again at 35-34. ished 23-5, the second year in a row they've won 23 games.

Reinoehl pulled 11 rebounds to go with her

"We had another great year," said Buck-"I think they played well," Smith said of ley. "I'm really proud. Obviously tonight was disappointing, but it doesn't take away from how proud I am of these kids, and especially the senior class and what they expectations that they brought to our program and the excitement about girls basketball. It's phenomenal what they've done."

MILLERS PULL AWAY AGAIN\

Westfield received a bye into Friday's semi-finals, while Noblesville played Anderson in Tuesday's first round. The Millers beat the Indians 76-60.

It looked as if Noblesville was going to make quick work of Anderson right at the beginning. The Millers scored seven points in the first 30 seconds of the game - yes, you read that right.

basket around the five-minute mark of the scored off a steal, and Shipman made her first 3-pointer of the game. Noblesville's Shannon helped out with a pair of free immediate lead swelled to 12-0, when Kis-final 8-0 run midway through the fourth. er scored off another steal, and Shipman drained another 3.

But the Indians came back, erasing a 19-9 Miller lead with a 10-0 run of their own. However, Shipman made a 3-pointer would be ahead 23-21 at the end of the first

"They started with a big lineup, so we came out pressing," said Buckley. Ander-

four baskets in that run were putbacks, one blesville record for most '3s' in a game guards, so Noblesville switched to a 2-3

zone defense. "We don't play a lot of 2-3 zone," said with 12 points, while VanDyke added 10. Buckley. "We kind of hung in there and finally got them to take some long, quick 3s, which led to transition for us."

Anderson held the lead twice during the Kiser blocked three shots. The Millers fin- But Shipman stepped up and hit another long-range shot late in the quarter to move Noblesville ahead 37-35. The Indians tied the game, but Maddie Knight scored a 3 at the buzzer - the only Miller 3-pointer that wasn't by Shipman - and Noblesville had a 40-37 lead at halftime.

"Her mom actually played for the state did for our program, the success and the championship team back in (19)'87, so she's kind of got it in the bloodline," said Buckley of the freshman Knight.

The Millers never trailed again, as once again Noblesville took over in the second half, using its energy and defense to shake loose Anderson. The Millers went on a 9-0 run midway through the period to get up 54-43; Knight scored four points and Shipman capped the run with her record eighth 3-pointer of the night. Shipman wound up with 24 points, all of her scoring coming from those 3s.

"The difference in the game, I thought, Shannon made a layin, then Kiser was just wearing them down physically," said Buckley. "Then we got the ball inside."

> Noblesville put the game away with a Kiser and Katelyn O'Reilly scored four points each in the run; O'Reilly launched the ball coast to coast to Kiser for an easy layup in the run's final basket.

Kiser scored 19 points, with Shannon to get Noblesville the lead, and the Millers adding 14. O'Reilly scored nine, and grabbed 15 rebounds. Kiser had eight boards. Brooke Herron made five steals and handed out eight assists. Noblesville totaled 20 assists on the night; Shannon and son then started getting the ball into its O'Reilly each had four.

Heritage overwhelms GC, Marion edges Huskies...

Tough games at Heights

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

The outcome for both games at the Hamilton Heights girls basketball sectional was the same: Tough losses for both county

The games took different paths, however. In the first game, Guerin Catholic ran into a buzzsaw named Heritage Christian. The Eagles, two-time defending Class 2A state champions that moved up to 3A this year due to the success factor, put the game out of reach right away, eventually flying to an 86-36 victory over Guerin's Golden Ea-

The nightcap featured the host Huskies against a 20-win Marion team. This one was close all the way, but the Giants scored the game's last six points to hand a young Heights team a 48-43 defeat.

"You only get game experience from playing games," said Heights coach Omega Tandy. "And they're playing basketball games the right way right now, and we were up against a very veteran basketball team. and we had them on their heels. And that is what those girls will remember. And then next year they'll be the veteran basketball team."

Heritage and Marion play each other in Friday's second semi-final, which starts at approximately 7:30 p.m. That follows a 6 p.m. first semi-final, featuring Yorktown

The Huskies came close to getting into the semi-finals, leading the majority of the game. They scored the game's first seven points, with Ana Collar scoring six of them. Collar's two free throws made the Huskies lead 7-0 with 3:32 remaining in the first period.

Marion came back to lead 9-7 at the end of the first period, then Heights scored six points in a row to get back on top 13-11, with Kayla Kirtley hit a 3-pointer. The Huskies held the lead at halftime, 16-15.

led 32-26 with 1:37 left in the third quarter, and were still up 37-34 early in the fourth period after Kirtley hit another 3-

The Giants scored four in a row to get ahead 38-37, then Kirtley made both foul shots in a 1-and-1 one situation to move Heights back up 39-38.

Marion responded with two more baskets to take a 42-39 lead. The Huskies called a timeout, then made two baskets of their own to jump ahead 43-42. Kirtley points, and a school record 196 3-pointers. scored off a putback, and Collar made a layin to get her team up one.

Heights then drew a charge, but Marion got the ball back and took the lead on a basket by Andrea Persinger. That got the Giants ahead 44-43 with 48.7 seconds left. The Huskies tried valiantly to rush down to their basket, but Marion's defense forced Heights into several turnovers during the last minute. Four points from the Giants' Vironnica Drake sealed the win.

"I'm proud of our girls," said Tandy. "They executed the game plan 100 percent. Inexperienced mistakes down the stretch against an experienced team, and that's how that's going to turn out.

"But I am so proud of this team. From where we started to where we are now, this basketball team proved to themselves - not to anybody else - but to themselves, that when they work hard, they can do a lot of things. And I'm very excited about what they'll do in the future.'

The sophomore Collar scored 18 points and 13 rebounds to get another double-double. Kirtley, a sophomore, added 12 points while freshman Sydney Griffey grabbed seven rebounds. Still another sophomore, Lexi Branham, dished out four assists.

Those four girls made up all but one of Heights' starting line-up. The fifth was senior Bri Henson, one of three seniors on the team, along with Logan Wiley and Amy

"We asked our seniors to do some very selfless things, all three of them, because all three of them have been in this program longer than anyone else, coaches included," said Tandy. "It's going to be tough to replace those kids, their leadership, their positive attitudes, their humor."

The Huskies ended their season 11-12, but this was after going 2-9 during the first half of the season. In the second half, Heights was 9-3, including a remarkable seven-game win streak.

Meanwhile, the Golden Eagles were frustrated from the beginning, as Heritage Christian flew through the first quarter 21-0. The halftime score was 42-5.

But Guerin Catholic dug in, and played a solid second half against the Eagles. Leading the way in the third quarter was senior Sarah Yount, who drained three 3pointers. She finished the game with 14 points. Yount made history last week by becoming Guerin's first girls basketball player to reach the 1000-point mark. She finished her outstanding career with 1031

"I think it speaks to the character of our



Reporter photo by Brian Reddick

Ashton Runner was strong to the basket for Hamilton Heights in its sectional game with Marion on Wednesday.

'Hey, we don't to leave the game with only the number of possessions, and we just five or 10 points. We at least want to show them we were on the floor tonight."

Abbigail Wampler added 13 points for GC, including a nice 9-of-9 effort from the hard, even when they were down by a lot of free throw line.

kids that they didn't quit," said Guerin the best team in the state," said Miller of steal there at the end and got to the free coach Scott Miller "And they finally said. Heritage "Our plan was we wanted to limit. throw line. So I was proud of our girls."

turned the ball over way too many times in that first half.

"Our kids never gave up. They played points. In the last seconds of the game, you "They are a tremendous team, maybe know they're at least trying and had a nice

Sheridan reaches championship game

DeVaney

Frankton sectional last week, beating 13 points. Monroe Central on Tuesday and Muncie Burris on Friday before also dominated the boards for the Blackhawks. falling to the host Eagles in Saturday's championship.

game, the Blackhawks slugged their way past Monroe Central, 34-26.

Sheridan trailed 8-5 after one 80-37, in the semi-final. quarter before Coach Jeff Guenther's club grabbed a 22-15 halftime edge.

The Blackhawks stayed out in

front the rest of the way.

Against Monroe Central, two Blackhawks scored 29 of Sheridan's 34 total points. Audrey

The Sheridan girls basketball team played in the Reed led the way with 16 points and Brittany Welch notched

Reed, with 9 rebounds, and Welch, with 8 rebounds,

Sheridan didn't have a strong shooting night from the In a real dogfight in the opening 3-point territory.

from start to finish as Sheridan defeated Muncie Burris, right on rolling in defeating Sheridan, 60-33.

Against Muncie Burris, Audrey Reed scored 29 points Frankton held Reed to 1-of-11 shooting and just two points. and Brittany Welch scored 26. They combined for 55 of Sheridan's 80 points and they outscored the Burris team by Blackhawks with 8 points. 18 points.

Reed went 10-of-17 from the field, including hitting 4-of-5 shots from 3-point range. Welch was 9-of-27 and was 8-of-11 at the charity line.

Sheridan overall was 26-of-68 from the floor; 7-of-14 shooting 3-pointers and 21-of-37 at the charity line.

Both Reed and Welch recorded double-doubles. Welch

collected 14 rebounds and Reed grabbed 10. Sheridan, which had a big 25-4 third quarter run, was

field, hitting 9-of-36 shots and just 1-of-11 pops from never troubled, jumping to a 19-7 first quarter advantage. In the championship, host Frankton took a 17-11 first

On Friday, the Blackhawks' "Twin Bombers" exploded quarter lead and extended it to 35-21 at halftime and kept Welch scored 16 points for the Blackhawks, but

Nixon Williams was second in scoring line for the Lady

Welch and Faith DeVaney each collected 6 rebounds and Williams led with 3 steals.

Sheridan ended its season with a 15-10 record.





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Many wrestlers qualify for New Castle semi-state

Westfield, Hamilton Heights and Noblesville combined for 14 qualifiers to the standings with 102 points, behind winner New Castle semi-state after their performance at their respective wrestling regionals on Saturday.

had two winners: Evan Eldred at 138 and Austin Dollens at 285. The Shamrocks will also send a strong amount of people to semi-state, with eight qualifiers heading to New Castle. Advancing were second-place finishers Noah Robinson (126) and Justin Miller (152), and fourth-place finishers Reid Hutson (113), Zachary Steele (132), Liam Jagow (170) and Nick Schaeffer (195).

Westfield finished third in the team Carmel's 150.5 and runner-up Hamilton Southeastern's 103.

Over at the Pendleton Heights regional. At North Montgomery, the Shamrocks Hamilton Heights sent four wrestlers to semi-state, and Noblesville had two qualifiers. All six advanced by finishing second in their respective weight classes.

> Huskies qualifiers were Chris Loy (126), Riley White (138), Clayton Cowan (145) and Trezdon O'Neal (152). Miller qualifiers were Nick Brady (113) and Ryan Leslie (195).

Miller gymnasts continue to improve

The Noblesville gymnastics team hosted its first home meet of the season Monday, taking on New Palestine and Lapels.

The Dragons won the meet with a team score of 98.325, with the Millers second at team.) The best score of the night for Noblesville was by Maddie VanBuskirk, with an 8.45 in the vault. Ronnie VanBuskirk had the highest Miller place of the night, taking second on the uneven bars with a had all season."

"I was very proud of these Lady Miller gymnasts as they are down their anchor gymnast Esma Taylor," said NHS coach Jody Ramey. "The Lady Millers strive to continue to pull through despite their injuries. I was very proud of our vaults this evening as vault seems to be our strongest event.

"I was very proud of Ellie VanBuskirk for sticking a skill on beam that she has not still working on connections on floor on beam, but I was proud to see our Lady Miller's work together as a team to continue to improve overall team score despite the loss of their anchor gymnast. "

The Noblesville gymnastics team had a solid day at the Lafayette Jeff Invitational on Saturday, placing fifth with a team score of 92.40.

Ronnie VanBuskirk placed 12th in the 89.875. (Lapel did not have a complete all-around, and had both the highest score for the Millers. VanBuskirk earned an 8.425 on the floor exercise, taking 12th place and leading what Noblesville coach Jody Ramey said was "one our best floor days we have

> "The team continues to pull together as a team despite their anchor Esma Taylor as Esma remains out of competition due to a back injury," said Ramey. "This is the highest team score since Esma's injury."

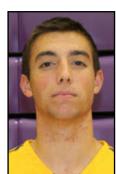
> The highest place of the day went to Kaitlyn Murray, who finished seventh with an 8.40. Ramey was also pleased with the Millers' performances on the uneven bars and the balance beam.

"Today was a very good beam day as we been able to complete this season. We are had our first "Beam Stick" of the season with Maddie VanBuskirk," said Ramey.

> Noblesville returns to its home floor at Noblesville East Middle School Wednesday for a home meet with Lafayette Jeff and Lapel.

Munson reaches 1,000 points...

Guerin gets two wins



Munson

Christian Munbasketball boys defeated team Scecina 62-57.

Golden Eagles (8-11) a 28-20 halftime sists in the half. lead. Munson

Catholic appeared to be cruising to the win, 45-31, after three periods.

fourth quarter behind Jayron Brooks, who finished with 13 points. However, junior Matthew Godfrey scored seven of his 18 points in the final stanza to thwart the Crusaders' comebacks. Twenty turnovers contest seemed to have Coach Pete Smith a bit disappointed with his team.

to gain admittance into the elite club.

On Thursday, sophomore Jack Han-Guerin Catholic defeated Class 2A No. 1-rated Lapel 66-60 in the LHS Dog

With the win Coach Pete Smith's squad has won four games in a row and No. 1-rated team in the school's short ten improves to 9-11.

"We played a whale of a first half," son eclipsed the said Smith. "On the suggestion of my 1,000-point mark assistants we played a defense we have for his varsity ca- not used this season, and it really seemed reer Tuesday night to work. Christian Munson and Matthew as Guerin Catholic's Godfrey played it very well, and we were clicking on offense, too."

Godfrey scored eight points in the first quarter while Munson had 15 of his A 13-5 advan- game-high 27 points in the first 16 mintage in the second utes as Guerin Catholic built a 30-10 with quarter powered the less than two minutes until halftime. Cameron Lindley had five of his six as-

Lapel's Kamron Herrington, who led scored 11 third period points as Guerin his team in scoring with 13 points, hit a 25-foot shot at the halftime buzzer to cut the Golden Eagles' lead in half, 32-16. Scecina made a valiant effort in the His shot seemed to give Lapel (15-2) momentum after halftime, as the Bulldogs came roaring back as Smith expect-

Lapel got rolling, like a No. 1 rated team would in its raucous gym. A 13-2 and only two offensive rebounds in the run highlighted the effort while the Golden Eagles committed eight turnovers, missed seven consecutive shots, and had Munson is the school's fourth player three players on the bench with four fouls late in the third quarter.

Twice the Bulldogs had three point son scored eight points in overtime as leads late in the final period, but Godfrey's two free throws with one second left forced the game into overtime. That's when Hansen's offensive heroics earned his school their second-ever win over a year history of playing varsity basketball.

Millers, 'Rocks swimmers qualify for state; NHS' Hays and Reister 1-2 in diving

Noblesville and Westfield's girls swim teams each had three swims qualify for the state meet after their performances at last week's sectional at the Millers' pool.

Noblesville's Kate Holtkamp qualified for state in the 100 butterfly, while the Millers' medley and 400 freestyle relay both qualified as well. All three received callbacks, meaning their times were fast enough to fill a field of 32 in their respective events.

Noblesville finished 1-2 in diving, as Megan Hays won the event with a score of 431.30 points, and Delaney Riester placed second.

Westfield's Erin Verbrugge qualified for the 500 free by making a state cut time of 5:01.69, and then earned a callback in the 200 free. The Shamrocks qualified their 400 free relay for state as well.

Millers pick up HCC victory, stopped by tough Mount Vernon

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Brian McCauley was happy with the victory. Of course, victories, especially one in the conference, are what make basketball coaches happy

McCauley's Noblesville Millers picked up a key Hoosier Crossroads Conference win at Brownsburg Thursday evening.

But, on the flip side of that, McCauley thought the Millers should have put away the 52-47 win much earlier than they did.

"We led by 11 points in the third quarter, but we just couldn't put them away," McCauley continued. "They cut it to two with under a minute to play.

"We turned the ball over three times and we missed some layups," McCauley said. "But, we hit our free throws in the fourth quarter."

er, iced the victory.

It was a strange night for the Noblesville scoring leader.

Kiser had 16 points, all in the second

on him in the first half," said McCauley. "John did a good job not forcing things."

What Brownsburg's attention on Kiser did was open up things for Nolan Ginther, who got seven points in the first half and 10 in the game. Plus, Corby Mertens hit a couple of 3-pointers.

"Brownsburg is a good team; we knew Feb. 19 at home against Avon. we would have trouble with them," said McCauley "They shot the ball well."

The Bulldogs hit seven 3-pointers. Noblesville did a good job of shooting, too. The Millers were 17-of-36 overall;

Two of those free throws, by John Kis- 15-of-20 from the charity line, and 3-of-6 shooting 3-pointers.

> the conference and gives the Millers a long Noblesville 7-2 in the second period. shot bid of tying for the championship.

"Southeastern and Zionsville each hav conference chase. You know, we're six charity line just two times. points away from being undefeated in the conference (losing by four to Fishers and by two to Zionsville in double overtime). But, we can't dwell on things like that. All we can do is take care of our own business."

Noblesville finally found a high-powwhen on Saturday the Millers fell to Mt. Vernon, 45-30, in Fortville.

The Millers got off to a very slow start, with Mt. Vernon leading 14-9 after one The win pushed Noblesville to 3-2 in quarter and then the Marauders outscoring

Noblesville hit just 12-of-40 shots from field: connected on just 4-of-16 at-"I thought Brownsburg did a good job only one loss," McCauley talked about the tempts from 3-point range, and went to the

Only three Millers scored in the game. John Kiser led the way with 15 points, followed by Max Flinchum with 10 and McGwire Plumer with 5 points.

The loss snapped a Noblesville win Noblesville's final conference game is string at four and left Coach Brian McCauley's Millers with a 10-7 record.

Noblesville will stay on the road next ered defense to shut down its strong offense Tuesday, playing at Pike, before returning home on Saturday to entertain Indianapolis Howe in a game rescheduled from earlier in the season.

Sheridan splits two games...

'Hawks fall to CP, rebound with North Miami win



Burtron

which has lost only three times this quarter and 29-27 at halftime. season before host Clinton Prairie pulled out a 57-48 victory over the Blackhawks Tuesday.

The score was tied at 13-13 after one quarter. Clinton Prairie led 30-26 at halftime and 44-39

after three periods.

Chris Roberts had an outstanding and Chris Roberts each notched 10 points. game for Coach Chris Schrank's Sheridan team by scoring 18 points. He also led Sheridan with 6 rebounds.

The Blackhawks hit 18-of-44 shots and were a strong 7-of-18 from 3-point range. Roberts hit 4-of-7 tries from 3-point collected 4 steals.

Sheridan got off to a slow road trip to the year. North Miami Saturday evening, but then Coach Chris Schrank's Blackhawks Memorial Gym in Sheridan next Friday to

Sheridan for most of the game hung poured it on in the second half and posted with an opponent a 69-46 victory over the home team.

North Miami led 14-10 after one

On Saturday, Sheridan went on a 23-9 third quarter run and then put away North Miami with a 19-8 run in the fourth quarter.

The Blackhawks had a hot shooting night, canning 25-of-50 shots. They were 4-of-14 from 3-point range and 15-of-18 at the charity line.

Sheridan did it with a balanced offense, five different Blackhawks scoring in double figures. Tommy Glidden led the way with 14 points; Jake Chesney netted 12 and Weston Burtron, Patrick Weitzel

Roberts also had a strong night on the boards with 7 rebounds, while Drake Delph collected 6 and Weitzel and Chesney each pulled 5.

Chesney dished out 3 assists and

The win moved Sheridan to 7-13 on

The Blackhawks will return to Hobbs host Carroll.

'Rocks edge Tigers in wild finish

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Even after the final buzzer went off at the Tigers Den Thursday between the Westfield and Fishers boys basketball teams, the winner was not yet decided.

That's because the Shamrocks got free throws after the clock struck zero. With his team trailing 58-57, Westfield's Josh Van Dyke threw the ball up from just behind the mid-court line, a desperation 3-pointer. The ball missed, the buzzer went off.

But a foul was called, and that gave Van Dyke three free throw attempts. All he needed to do was make two, and he did, giving the 'Rocks a 59-58 Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory.

"He's done it all year long," said Westfield coach Shane Sumpter. "If I had to pick one kid on our basketball team to go make two free throws, it would be Josh Van Dyke. He's hit them in crunch time the entire year. I felt pretty good knowing that we got three shots and we got to make two out of three."

Van Dyke's free throws were the denouement to a fourth quarter where neither team led by more than three points. Fishers led 40-38 after three periods.

For a while, it was the "Charlie and Cam Show." Westfield's Charlie Warner scored the first 10 points of the quarter for his team, while Fishers' Cameron Wolter poured in eight of the Tigers' first nine points of the period.

But there were other heroes. Reid Stephens made good use of a Fishers steal to day.

make a basket and get his team up 51-50. Ian Kristensen responded with a nice-looking floater to push Westfield back ahead

Wolter then drained a 3-pointer, and his additional free throw made the score 55-52. With 27.4 seconds left, it looked like Fishers was on its way. But Jonah Welch knocked in two foul shots, and then Kristensen threw in a 3 to put the 'Rocks up

The game still wasn't over. Lance Dollison was fouled with 1.7 seconds left, and his free throws moved the Tigers ahead 58-57. Then came Van Dyke's heave, the foul, and the foul shots that gave the Shamrocks the win.

Three Westfield players wound up in double figures: Warner scored 19 points (and also led the rebounds with five), Kristensen had 14 and Welch added 10. Van Dyke's only two points of the night were the free throws. Kyle Nicole handed out four

The game was a close one throughout. The Tigers led 11-10 after the first quarter and 27-24 at halftime.

Both teams now hold an 8-9 overall record. In conference play, Westfield finished 3-3, and can do no worse than fifth in the HCC standings. Fishers, meanwhile, is now tied with Noblesville for third place with a 3-2 record. The Tigers have one more HCC game to go, at Zionsville on

The Shamrocks host Harrison on Tues-