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School Board votes to move forward, agrees to two amendments . . .

HSE redistricting plan approved

By LARRY LANNAN
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The Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation now has an approved kindergarten through eighth grade redistricting plan for the coming school year, but getting there was not easy.

Board members tackled a number of amendments to the "preferred" plan submitted by school administrators following a long process of public input.

Last Wednesday, the board approved the final vote on the plan unanimously, approved two amendments and turned down another.

Both approved amendments would involve only a handful of students. The first amendment will let students in the Logan's Point area remain in their current school. This effects no more than 11 students. That amendment passed on a 5-2 vote, with Mike Bottorff and Amanda Shera voting against the amendment.

The second amendment will allow about



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HSE School Superintendent Allen Bourff explains the redistricting options before the school board last Wednesday.

six students in the Anchorage neighborhood to remain where they are. That measure passed on a 6-1 vote with Mike Bottorff voting against.

Other than those two minor changes, the board put its unanimous stamp of approval on the "preferred" redistricting plan recommended to the board by Superintendent Allen Bourff.

Michelle Fullhart offered a motion to

move about 66 students in what she described as the "river neighborhood" and a large apartment complex. That amendment was voted down on a 4-2 vote. Fullhart and Sylvia Shepler were the only yes votes on that proposal.

Mike Bottorff offered a motion to grandfather students in grades 3, 5 and 7 and to allow transfer appeals. It was pointed out that the "preferred" redistricting plan

the board was considering already had those provisions, but the board voted to approve the motion unanimously to emphasize the point.

Ten people spoke to the board about the redistricting plan, mostly the same people that addressed the board at the last meeting.

For more details on the options approved by the board, visit tinyurl.com/HSE-Preferred-Plan.

Jack Russell fills vacant Cicero Town Council seat



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Jack Russell is the newest member of the Cicero Town Council. Precinct committeemen elected Russell to replace Rusty Miller in the Town Council District 2 seat during the caucus Saturday morning. Miller had notified the council in advance of his plan to officially resign Nov. 30 when he moved to Carmel. Russell will serve on the Cicero Town Council until the end of 2019. (Above) Jack Russell (center) stands with Precinct Committeemen Steve Holt, Robert Kendrick, Glen Schwartz and Emily Pearson.

Bond series would go towards purchasing land for parks, nature preservation . . .

Westfield Washington Township bond series now in citizens' hands

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Township Board last Wednesday voted 2-0 to move forward to petition in favor of the \$15 million park bond series. The park bond series was approved on Oct. 23. The bonds will go toward land acquisition for open spaces and nature preservation, specifically near MacGregor Park, as land becomes available for sale.

This action is a result of a group who opposed the initial parks bond initiative

and filed a remonstrance. The group expressed concern about the tax increase associated with the bond's passage.

Because of the 1 percent property tax cap, only those homeowners who have gross assessed values of \$111,000 and less within city limits and \$143,000 and less in the unincorporated area will pay an additional tax.

According to a news release from the township,

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New Fishers Police HQ is George Kehl Station



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When longtime Fishers Police Chief George Kehl retired in September of 2016, the new police headquarters building was in the early planning stages. Mayor Scott Fadness said then the new structure would be named after George Kehl. The shiny new home for the police department now sports the name of the retired leader of local law enforcement. When you visit Municipal Drive, take a look at the new name shown on the building – George Kehl Station.

Heirbrandt re-elected area IACC district vice president

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt was once again elected Vice President of the Indiana Association of County Commissioners (IACC) East Central District during its annual conference last month. Wayne County Commissioner Ken Paust said, "Mark will be a great spokesperson for their district and is dedicated to im-

proving local government."

As District Vice President, Heirbrandt will represent the elected county commissioners in the East Central district of the state, which includes Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Randolph, Rush,



Heirbrandt

Shelby, Tipton, Union and Wayne counties. The IACC is represented by six districts in the state. Heirbrandt will serve on the IACC's board of directors, which determines policies and legislative goals for the Association.

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Carmel Parks board names portion of Central Park after Mark Westermeier

By FRED SWIFT
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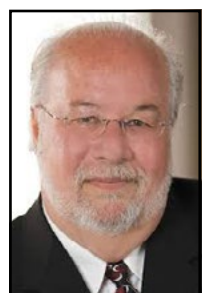
Carmel's parks board has named the newly developed western portion of Central Park in recognition of park superintendent Mark Westermeier. It is to be known as Westermeier Commons. The longtime superintendent is retiring this year following a career that saw the city park system named the best among municipal parks in the nation for 2014.

Westermeier was guest

of honor at a surprise retirement party held at the Monon Center Wednesday night. He became superintendent in 2003.

Westermeier's assistant, Michael Klitzing, has been named interim director until a new superintendent is selected next year.

The park system was organized in 1991 when Carmel had virtually no public parkland. Clay Township



Westermeier

and the Town of Carmel created the joint park entity which now includes more than 500 acres, with Central Park, including the Monon Center, being the largest.

Other parks developed mostly during Westermeier's tenure include West Park, Flowing Well Park, Founders Park, River Heritage, Inlow Park, Carey Grove and the Monon Trail.

Three Carmel students win Congressional App Challenge

The REPORTER

A group of three Carmel High School seniors have won this year's Congressional App Challenge (CAC) for the development and implementation of their digital hall pass app, "PassMaster." Congresswoman Susan Brooks (R-Ind.-05) visited Carmel High School last Monday to announce the winners.

Evan Kenyon, Joseph Paavola and Armaan Goel won the competition. They were assisted by fellow students Jared Stigter and Andrew Sleugh. Their app will be on display in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. To watch



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(From left) Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent Michael Beresford, Jared Stigter, Evan Kenyon, Congresswoman Susan Brooks, Joseph Paavola, Armaan Goel, Andrew Sleugh and Carmel High School Principal Tom Harmas.

a short video about PassMaster, visit tinyurl.com/CarmelPassMaster.

The CAC is a competition designed to engage students from across the country in computer science and coding. More

than ever before, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills, including computer science, are vital to compete in the workforce, to build a culture of innovation and to spur economic growth.

The competition is intended to promote student engagement in STEM fields and to encourage them to pursue skills that will serve them throughout their careers.

Students in middle or

high school are encouraged to compete by creating and exhibiting an app for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice. An expert panel of judges evaluated each submission based

on the following criteria: Quality of the idea, implementation of the idea and demonstrated excellence of coding and programming skills. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/CongressionalSTEM.

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Heirbrandt, along with Hamilton County Sheriff Mark Bowen, Hamilton County EMA Director Shane Booker and Hamilton County Executive Director of Communications Mike Snowden were the keynote panelists at this year's conference. Shaping a safe and secure community is a top priority for county commissioners. Attendees learned in this session how emergency planning, exercising and preparedness shaped an effective coordinated response to the tragic Noblesville West Middle School shooting incident.

OneZone awards county officials for work on solar project at jail



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OneZone Chamber of Commerce recently awarded Hamilton County government officials with the 2018 Green Project of the Year award. The award recognized Hamilton County's recent solar project, providing electricity for the Hamilton County Jail. (From left) Commissioner Steve Dillinger, Hamilton County Building and Grounds Supervisor Steve Wood, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Commissioner Christine Altman, Auditor Robin Mills, Councilman Steve Schwartz and Administrative Assistant Dan Stevens.

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the tax increase will affect a small portion of residents, and with the passage of the first bond issue, a typical homeowner with the noted assessed values could expect to pay approximately \$4 more per year.

"With Hamilton County growth accelerating at breakneck speed, we need to ensure the high quality of living in our township, and we can do that through park space," said Westfield Washington Township Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan. "I'm very happy that the board chose to

move forward on this initiative that is so important to our community's future."

Next step: Citizens will decide

Thirty days after Dec. 17, the township and the opposition will begin collecting signatures in support of or against the proposed bond issue.

Each side will have 30 days to obtain as many signatures as possible from registered voters or taxpayers in Westfield Washington Township. The Voter Reg-

istration Office will then verify the signatures to determine whether there are more signatures in favor or against the proposed bonds.

If the remonstrance against the bond has more signatures, the township will not be able to obtain the bonds to secure parkland. If the petition in favor of the bond has more signatures, the township can move forward as planned.

"This was a simple decision," said Gary Southerland, Westfield Washington Township board member.

"I fully support these efforts to ensure future generations have access to recreation and parks."

The Trustee's Office encourages township residents to participate in this process. The township will hold educational fairs in early January to provide information on the township's strategic plan and expected tax impacts. For more information including informational meeting dates, times and locations once scheduled, visit westfieldwashingtontwp.us.

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Tom Wood Volkswagen, Reporter partner with Prevail

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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In October, the Reporter went purple with Prevail for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Now Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville, the Reporter and Prevail are proud to announce an ongoing partnership dedicated to making a difference in Hamilton County.

Mike Bragg became the general manager of Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville in August 2017 and immediately began looking for a way to give back to the community.

"When you are playing little league baseball, you see you are sponsored by someone like Clancy's," Bragg told The Reporter. "As you get older you learn that those organizations donated money to the cause and helped you have local sports or school activities. When I had the opportunity to come here and be the general manager I immediately started thinking, 'Where can I plant seeds to grow roots and help Noblesville and help all of Hamilton County?'"

Bragg looked for around for a year to find the organization that was the right fit for the way he wanted to help.

"I came across Prevail because I was driving down 10th Street and reminiscing about the old days like where Grandpa's Candy Shop used to be," Bragg said. "Where Prevail sits used to be an A&P many years ago. I saw their sign and I didn't really know what Prevail was. Prevail has been under the radar in my mind because I never hear about it."

Bragg did his research on Prevail, Inc., a Hamilton County based non-profit organization advocating for victims of crime and abuse.

"That's what led me to say we are going to donate a portion of our sales in November

and December and at the end of the year present them a check," Bragg said. "But it's going to go beyond that. Our partnership is continuing in 2019."

The Reporter's October promotion with Prevail also made an impression on Bragg and inspired him to do more.

"I think what you guys did turning the paper purple in October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month made an impression on me. I bought purple balloons and decorate the store purple for Prevail to come out to do a photo shoot," Bragg said. "I had your paper on a table when they came in and they were very pleased with it."

Bragg and Hamilton County Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison have been friends for decades. Since both of their businesses were supporting Prevail, it was easy to work together for the benefit of Hamilton County.

"I've been friends with Mike (Bragg) most of my life," Jellison said. "He's a great guy and always has his heart in the right place. I'm very proud to be able to partner with him to help with great work Prevail does in our community."

Bragg agrees that this is a business relationship where everybody wins.

"I think this partnership will be good for Prevail and good for the Reporter. I like reading and doing things that are positive."

Jellison said he founded his paper on the idea of bringing positive news to the community.

"We call ourselves, 'Hamilton County's hometown newspaper,' and we mean that. We cover the things that other papers ignore. We show small groups doing community outreach. We cover sports from every high school in the county. We give you the kind of news you just can't find in print anymore. We bring our readers 'hard news'



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(From left) Tom Wood Volkswagen General Manager Mike Bragg, Odle the Dog and Hamilton County Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison were in the Prevail, Inc. office to work out details of their ongoing partnership. Odle is the guest writer for Prevail's first column, which appears at right.

about the big headlines that happen here, but if you sort through everything we print, more of our content has that positive community focus and community outreach than anything else."

Bragg said he enjoys the Reporter for that very reason.

"Instead of reading about all the racial threats at Noblesville High School or shootings of gun violence – you have to print that – I'm the guy who likes to read the happy stuff," Bragg said. "I love to read Janet Hart Leonard's columns once a week. The paper I grew up on was the Noblesville Ledger, which covered

local news first. I read it. I delivered it. Older people love to read the printed paper. In my service lounge I watch people pick up the Hamilton County Reporter and sit there to read it."

According to Bragg, partnering with Prevail was easy to accomplish because the Tom Wood Group is all about family and helping in the community.

"Fortunately, I work for a great group and didn't have to ask for permission," Bragg said. "Maybe Prevail is the best-kept secret in Hamilton County."

Thanks in part to Mike Bragg and Jeff Jellison, the secret is out.

Help with the 25 Days of Odle

Happy December! It is the season of the 25 Days of Odle! I have loved telling people about how they can support Prevail and thanking all the people who help make our mission possible.



ODLE THE DOG
 Prevail
 Guest Columnist

I hope you will consider how you can help support our mission this Holiday Season. Our biggest need is gift cards for food and transportation for clients.



From July 2017 to June 2018, we served 910 youth, an increase of 23 percent from 2016-2017. Personally, I attended 1,065 individual appointments and 73 groups. Some of the highlights of my year included starting a new group at Hamilton Southeastern High School and Fishers High School for adolescent survivors of sexual assault; having two new employees join our youth team, Jennifer Atkisson and Stephanie Pomerence; and the building expanding (I have so many new places to play in).

In 2019, I am looking forward to Prevail implementing a trauma-informed yoga group for children ages 6 to 12. I am so enthusiastic about all the growth of clients I will witness and the support the community has for their healing.

Check out [facebook.com/prevailinc](https://www.facebook.com/prevailinc) to see all my adventures.

Prevail, Inc. is a Hamilton County-based non-profit organization advocating for victims of crime and abuse. Their column appears twice each month in The Reporter, brought to you in part by Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville. Learn more about Prevail by visiting PrevailInc.com.


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Atlanta's New Earth Festival is a hit ... even out of state

The REPORTER

According to OhioFestival.net, Hamilton County's own New Earth Festival in Atlanta was not only in the top 10 festivals of 2018, it was number three overall.

The site's organizer noted that Atlanta was in the top 10 list because, "The

entire town is devoted to this festival. Let me say that again – The. Entire. TOWN!"

Of the more than 500 festivals reviewed, the New Earth Festival was hailed as one of the best in the region comprising Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, western

Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The OhioFestival.net review reads in part, "There are over 600 vendors spread around the town of Atlanta, offering a huge variety of items. As one would expect, there are also various food vendors, activities for the

kids, and music entertainment. There's even a real train that comes into the town (in the midst of the festival) and offers rides."

That train is the Nickel Plate Express, which offered excursions at the 2018 Atlanta New Earth Festival.

2018 Farm Bill passes House, heads to president's desk

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks (R-Ind.-05) provided the following statement on the passage of H.R. 2, the Agriculture Improvement Act, also known as the 2018 Farm Bill, through the U.S. House of Representatives:

"Indiana's agriculture economy supports more than 107,000 Hoosier jobs and unfortunately, the agriculture economy nationwide has trended downwards over the past several years. Now more than ever, we need to strengthen food security for millions of American families by providing hardworking farmers the relief and resources they deserve as they work to produce our food supply and ensure that it is safe, abundant and affordable. Many farmers from the Fifth District have shared with me the importance of crop insurance, conservation programs, strong trade deals and ensuring rural communities have the support they need. I am proud the 2018 Farm Bill is heading to the President's desk to be signed into law because it protects top Hoosier priorities like crop insurance, upholds vital commodity programs, including corn, soybean and other top commodities produced in Indiana and provides certainty to Hoosier families and farmers."

Brooks

groundwork for improved Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Policy (SNAP) policy by focusing on improving program integrity and otherwise incentivizing work to move people toward self-sufficiency;

- Addresses the predatory trading practices of foreign countries, including unjustified retaliatory tariffs leveled by foreign governments like China, and strengthens promotion of U.S. agricultural exports through the Market Access Program (MAP);
- Helps rural communities to combat the opioid crisis and improves broadband delivery;
- Repeals the harmful and burdensome Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, providing regulatory certainty and relief; and
- Is part of a comprehensive response to natural disasters, including provisions to support communities still recovering from the devastating impacts of the recent hurricanes and wildfires.

tural and food programs are updated and reauthorized.

The 2018 Farm Bill:

- Provides farmers with the reassurance they need to continue producing and delivering the world's safest, most abundant and affordable food supply in the world;
- Renews and protects crop insurance, a critically

important safety net for Hoosier farmers;

- Supports and enables significant investment in emerging conservation practices;
- Reauthorizes crucial commodity programs;

- Lays the

groundwork for improved Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Policy (SNAP) policy by focusing on improving program integrity and otherwise incentivizing work to move people toward self-sufficiency;

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Julie Davis in the classroom with students Anna Bowman and Brent Brown. Davis, an educator at Heights for more than 40 years, officially begins her new role as a member of the Hamilton Heights School Board in January.

or to her first official board meeting in January. "I believe a teacher's knowledge and classroom experience will transfer smoothly to making thoughtful, supported decisions as a member of the school board."

Davis' depth of hands-on and engaged classroom experience will help provide a unique perspective and be an asset to the board in decisions that impact the school community.

"I have little doubt that Mrs. Davis will be a great asset to the HHSC Board of School Trustees," said Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood. "Her passion for quality education has been evident to me since my brother and I were students of hers in the mid-1980s. She brings a depth of knowledge for quality teaching that will make a great board

even better."

Davis, who spent most of her career in education as an English teacher at Heights, worked with students of all levels of ability, interests and learning styles. Additionally, she has been actively involved in extracurricular activities (Drama, Husky News, Student Government), and has helped to develop programs at the state level (Indiana Online Writing Project, Model Classroom for Project SUCCESS) during her tenure. Project SUCCESS is a resource center that supports higher academic achievement for students with disabilities. In fact, Davis has been instrumental in Heights being among just seven model classrooms in the state as part of Project SUCCESS.

"We have a diverse

student base with diverse needs," she continued. "I know we can make the type of decisions that ensure we are helping students develop a skill set for success at the next level – college, trade school or the work force and to ultimately become productive citizens of society."

A familiar name and face within the corporation, Davis, a member of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation Class of 1967, says she plans to spend a good deal of time at all the buildings, listening, learning and asking questions. Davis, who doesn't take herself too seriously, knows there will be a learning curve. Known for being a hard worker, diligent and doing what it takes to get the job done, Davis is not just up for the challenge, she's excited about it.

By PEGGY GEORGI

For the Reporter

"Honored and humbled" is how Julie Davis described her feelings after winning her bid for the Jackson Township seat on the Hamilton Heights School Board on Nov. 6. With this, Davis becomes the first teacher and the sixth woman to serve on the Hamilton Heights School Board since the corporation was formed in 1965. Davis will step into the seat held by Gwen Hunter since 2008.

"It was a good day and I was in good company," said Julie Davis of David Martin and Beth Roberts (one of her favorite former students) who were also vying for the seat. "We all shared a similar vision in wanting to contribute our time and talent to the betterment of our school community."

Davis said she was overwhelmed by the support of her children, colleagues, former students and community, which she has called home for nearly seven decades.

"As teachers, we have a solid understanding of the day-to-day operations of the classroom environment," said Davis, who served as a teacher and department chair for more than 40 years.

Upon retirement she returned to serve as an instructional assistant, a role in which she will resign pri-

Cicero Home to New RE/MAX Office



Eric and Ian Heuer are opening the first RE/MAX office in Cicero, IN. The company will serve the rapidly-growing communities within Hamilton County along with the greater Indianapolis metropolitan region. The Heuer brothers lead a real estate team with roughly 40 years combined experience serving buyers and sellers across central Indiana.

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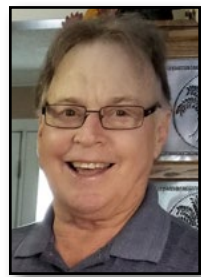
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Robert E. Moore

September 28, 1941 – December 1, 2018

Robert E. Moore, 77, Cicero, passed away on December 1, 2018. He was born in Noblesville on September 28, 1941, son of Robert L. and Martha G. Smeltzer Moore.



Bob was raised on a farm in Westfield where he enjoyed working with animals and livestock. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Vietnam.



Bob enjoyed bowling as a Unified Partner with his son, Jerry and would travel to the many Special Olympics games.

Survivors include his wife, Denise Moore; daughter, Janna (Ed) Bugliosi; sons, Jerry L. Moore, Woodford G. Moore, Graham G. (Tami) Moore and Brandon G. (Amy) Moore; grandchildren, Jaed and Bruno Bugliosi, Wesley and Haley Moore, Jordan, Hannah and Brandie Moore.

Bob was a simple man and requested there not be a funeral service; however, hold on to the wonderful memories and keep them close.

In memory of Bob, donations may be given to another great family: Special Olympics Hamilton County, 1229 Dahlgren Lane, Cicero, IN 46061.

Please visit bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Bob's complete obituary.

Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield, is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Teresa Jean Pickett

November 26, 1961 – December 6, 2018

Teresa Jean Pickett, 57, while surrounded by her loving family and caregivers, went to be with the Lord on Thursday evening, December 6, 2018 at her home in Baker's Corner. Born on November 26, 1961 in Noblesville, she was the daughter of Thomas J. and Margaret L. (Hays) Heck.

Teresa was a 1980 graduate of Sheridan High School, and shortly following graduation her life would change forever. That was the summer when she met her soul mate and the love of her life, Dale Alan Pickett. She and Dale were married on October 22, 1982. Together they raised a wonderful family, as well as taking care of quite a few stray animals that happened to wander onto the farm.

Family was a huge part of who she was. It really didn't matter if you were related to her or not, if you were a part of Teresa's life, you were family. If someone could come up with a reason for family and friends to get together, Teresa was in. Birthdays, holiday parties, reunions, family camping trips, get-togethers with her knitting group, or just heading out on the bike with Dale and their riding buddies and getting lost in the beauty of the open road, those were the times that she held closest to her heart. Her work family meant the world to her as well. For 17 years Teresa scheduled appointments and helped keep Noblesville's Hair Design by William running as smoothly as humanly possible. Teresa enjoyed the years she spent with her co-workers, and truly loved getting to visit with the clients that came into the shop.

Teresa attended the Baker's Corner Wesleyan Church. She and Dale also rode with the Lebanon Chapter of the Gold Wing Riders Association.

Teresa is survived by her loving husband, Dale Pickett, Baker's Corner; her two sons, Joshua Alan Pickett (Alyssa), Westfield, and Levi Thomas Pickett, Sheridan; two grandchildren, Autumn and Sadie Pickett, Westfield; one brother, Steven Heck (Ruth), Sheridan; brother-in-law, Michael Pickett (Adrienne); father- and mother-in-law, Ron and Janice Pickett, Baker's Corner; and by her parents, Thomas and Margaret Heck, Lake Placid, Fla. Going down to Florida to spend time with her parents was always one of her favorite vacation spots. Teresa is also survived by her two feline BFFs, Opie and Ellie Mae, who were by her side until the very end.

She was preceded in death by her brother, William Joe Heck.

Services were held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Rex Dunning officiated. Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at Kercheval Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be presented to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

James Sylvester

January 1, 1930 – December 11, 2018

James Sylvester, 88, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at The Waters of Muncie. He was born on January 1, 1930 to Charles and Audrey (Goettle) Sylvester in Noblesville.

James was an assembly worker for Delco Remy and enjoyed woodworking, bowling, archery and fishing.

He is survived by his brother, Robert "Bob" (Naomi) Sylvester. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his sisters, Vivian Hayworth and Alice Lewis; brother, Charles Sylvester Jr.; and his son, Gary Sylvester.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Erika Sue Pickett

November 20, 1967 – December 10, 2018

Erika Sue Pickett, 51, Westfield, passed away on Monday, December 10, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on November 20, 1967 to Terry and Marold (Jackson) Farber in Whitley County, Ind.



Erika graduated from Columbia City High School in 1986, and earned her B.S. from IUPUI in 1990. She was a Compliance Officer and Manager at Northwest Radiology in Zionsville.

Erika enjoyed sports and being on the beach. She deeply loved animals and music. Erika was confirmed at Eberhard Lutheran Church. Most of all, Erika loved her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Dustin H. Pickett; mother, Marold Farber; daughter, Delaney Kay Pickett; son, Ellis H. Pickett; brother, Jeffrey E. (Stacie) Farber; father- and mother-in-law, Dan and Marilyn Pickett; and brother- and sister-in-law, Jason (Melanie) Pickett.

Erika was preceded in death by her father, Terry Farber. Visitation was held on Friday, December 14, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services were held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the funeral home, with Chaplain Kevin Klussen officiating. Burial was at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060; or the Humane Society of Whitley County, 951 S. Line St., Columbia City, IN 46725. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Charles E. Russell

April 15, 1935 – December 10, 2018

Charles E. Russell, 83, Carmel, passed away December 10, 2018. He was born on April 15, 1935 in Indianapolis, to Charles M. Russell and Frances A. Stoll Russell.

Charles attended Howe High School, followed by Butler University, where he graduated with a B.A. in 1957. He later obtained his M.A. in 1960 from Indiana University. While in school, Charles worked at the U.S. postal service as a mail carrier during the summer.

He started his teaching career at Arsenal Tech High School, where he taught for three years. Charlie taught at North Central High School from 1963 until 2010, 27 years of which were spent as the Head of the Science Department. In addition to his work at North Central, he taught science at Butler University from 1960 to 1990.

Charles is survived by his sister, Fran Hageboeck; nephew, Skip (Sam) Hageboeck; niece, Cyndi Miller; great-nieces and nephews, Charlie, Jacob (Felicity), Katie, Emily, Morgan, Robbie and Logan; nieces, Susie (Roger) Hartzell and Cathy (Chris) Chandler and families.

Family and friends gathered on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 4780 E. 126th St., Carmel. A Celebration of Life service followed.

Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Richard L. "Rick" Trezise

July 24, 1957 – December 10, 2018

Richard L. "Rick" Trezise, 61, Noblesville, formerly of Amarillo, Texas, passed away on Monday, December 10, 2018 at his home. He was born on July 24, 1957 in Pueblo, Colo.

For 25 years, Rick worked as a metrology technician for Pantex in Texas. He enjoyed reading, loved trains, was a keen chess player and avidly read and studied the Bible.

Rick is survived by his wife, Sheryl Trezise, whom he married on May 19, 1979; sons, Brian (Alissa-Jo) Trezise and Jason (Debra) Trezise; sister, Jo Ana Davidson; four grandchildren, Alatheia, Alana-Renee, Fletcher and Jeremiah; his father- and mother-in-law, Ray and Yvonne Whisenhunt; brothers-in-law, Phillip (Dana) Whisenhunt and Steven (Charly) Whisenhunt; sisters-in-law, Debra (Glenn) Davidson and Patricia (Bryan) Medbery; as well as numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph "Joe" Trezise and Katherine "Kay" Trezise; sister, Ellen Hooper; and brothers, Roy Davidson and Mitchell Davidson.

A memorial visitation was held on Monday, December 17, 2018 at Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St., Cicero.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cure HHT, P.O. Box 329, Monkton, MD 21111. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Lester "Muttie" Fleener

March 18, 1935 – December 11, 2018

Lester "Muttie" Fleener, 83, Hamilton County, passed away December 11, 2018. He was born in Morgantown, Ind., on March 18, 1935, son of Lester E. and Florence L. Zook Fleener. Muttie was a graduate of Carmel High School.



He is survived by his devoted wife of more than 65 years, Sue Merrill Fleener.

Friends gathered on Monday, December 17 at The Church of Latter-day Saints, Carmel, where the funeral service followed.

Please visit bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Muttie's complete obituary.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals Carmel-Westfield.

Gordon Paul Miller

April 12, 1945 – December 14, 2018

Gordon Paul Miller, 73, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on April 12, 1945 to Paul and Norma (Faust) Miller in Anderson.



Gordon was founding member and managing partner at Miller and Associates, public accounting firm. He attended Pendleton High School and Manchester College. Gordon enjoyed golfing, fishing and playing tennis. He was a member of AICPA and a past member of the Noblesville Elks. Gordon and his wife resided in Naples, Fla., from 2000 to 2015. He loved his Springer Spaniel, Katie.

Gordon's family would like to thank St. Vincent Hospice and especially caregiver Tonia Sargent.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Miller; sons, Andrew (Jane Emmerth) Miller and Bryan (Amy) Miller; grandchildren, Aaron, Sarah, Addison and Avery Miller; sister, Eleanor Miller; and brother, Gerald Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held on Monday, December 17, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Jerry Rairdon officiating. Visitation was held prior to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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Rannan Moss Smith

December 9, 2018

Rannan Moss Smith, 53, slipped the bonds of earth and passed to the peace and loving care of his Creator on December 9, 2018. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and came with his parents at age two to live in Indianapolis.



He graduated from Park Tudor School, leaving a stellar track record behind, and moved on to Wabash College, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Wabash.

The love and care of family and friends filled his life with purpose, and the enjoyment of music and its performance, as well as gardening were avocations that demanded equal time. Many lifetime friendships were made and kept through his love of music, and his music collection was a source of pride. He was an accomplished gardener and was happiest when wielding spade or pruning shears. No seed or cutting could resist his sure coaxing and no hedge, his firm, even touch.

He is survived by his adored wife, Julie (McNamara), and their two sons, Jake and Conor, both now completing their college careers in Indiana; his parents, Larry and Louise Smith; his devoted brother, Sean Moss Smith (Jama), Indianapolis; niece, Caroline Smith, and nephew, Cameron Smith; aunt, Sonia Smith Ross, cousins, Laith and Vanessa Ross, all of Lexington, Ky., and Frances Raynor, Pinehurst, N.C.

The Service of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 15 in the Chapel at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road. Interment followed.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the Franciscan Hospice House, Indianapolis, for the gentle care provided there.

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Carmel Festival of Ice featuring beginners ice sculpting class

The REPORTER

Have you been itching to try your hand at creating art from a block of ice? On Saturday, Jan. 12, the City of Carmel and The Ice at Center Green presents the Festival of Ice - Ice Sculpting Class from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Afterward, stick around for the ice carving demonstrations from noon to 5 p.m.; Firehouse Chili Cook-Off, noon to 3 p.m.; Ice Bar with Luge, Live DJ and kids play area all afternoon at the Ice at Center Green, 10 Center Green, Carmel.

Learn from Indiana Ice Studio owner and professional ice sculptor Stephan Koch who will teach begin-

ners the art of creating an ice sculpture. Each participant will get to practice on their own ice block to see what works best for them. There will be a special emphasis on learning the seven systematic steps of 3D sculpting and how frozen water becomes art. Cost is \$75 a person,

which includes the use of tools. Bring a blanket to wrap your finished ice art and take it home.

Visit tinyurl.com/CarmelIceSculpting to sign up for the class.

For more information on the Festival of Ice schedule, visit tinyurl.com/FestivalOfficeSchedule.

Jim Hart's Redbird story

Each Christmas season I tuck a few extra Redbirds in and amongst my decorations. Each are a reminder of my dad's Redbird story.



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

It's a story that I never get tired of telling. It's a story of faith and how when God answers your prayers in a big way ... you are never the same.

You see, in November of 1976 my dad was diagnosed with Stage 4 kidney cancer. His urologist, Dr. Mosbaugh, thought the best way to prolong his life was to have his kidney removed and see if the cancer had spread.

Dad was told to go home and get his affairs together and return in January for the seven-hour surgery.

A few days later, Dad was sitting in his recliner and a Redbird flew under the awning, outside his family room window.

He said to God, "If you bring back the Redbird, I know I will be okay." A simple prayer.

The Redbird flew away. We struggled to celebrate(?) Christmas.

A few weeks later, Dad packed his suitcase for the hospital. Snow covered the lawn and it was bitter cold. It wasn't fit weather for man nor a Redbird to be outside.

But as Dad walked inside the garage, there was the Redbird, perched upon the rail of the garage door. Dad said he knew, he just knew, he would be okay.

Dad walked back inside the house and told my mom about the Redbird. She knew as well that Dad would be okay.

The next day, Mom, our pastor, Rev. Wilson, my Aunt Lora and I waited the seven hours in a tiny waiting room at Methodist Hospital. It was late in the afternoon when we saw Dr.

Mosbaugh quickly walking down the hallway. He had a big smile on his face when he announced, "We found no cancer!"

There were cheers of gratitude to God for answering our prayers and bringing the Redbird back. We all knew that we would never be the same. As Dr. Mosbaugh said, this is a miracle.

And so the Redbird story has been shared for over 40 years.

Dad lived until 2006. The day of his funeral as I was sitting on the front porch of my parent's home, preparing what I would be saying, three beautiful Redbirds were perched upon the neighbor's roof. I knew I would share his Redbird story.

Over the years whenever there was a family gathering that we wished where my dad could have been ... a Redbird has shown up.

My daughter Emily's wedding. My wedding. My granddaughter Alecks's baptism. My son, Brandon, just sitting in his truck but needing advice from my dad.

A Redbird showed up. And we knew ... we just knew.

It's a story I share every Christmas. It's Jim Hart's Redbird story. If I ever need to be reminded of God's faithfulness, I simply look for a Redbird. He always shows up.

Arts integral part of economic development, growth of Fishers

In 2007, arts organizations in Indianapolis were worried. Mayor Bart Peterson was a supporter of the arts and had gradually increased the city's financial support of the arts each year of his tenure leading Indy.



LARRY LANNAN

But Peterson lost to Greg Ballard in the 2007 election. Ballard had been announcing city spending cuts as he prepared to assume office in 2008. The arts groups were bracing for a financial hit.

Then, something unexpected happened. The new mayor informed the local arts community that they would take some cuts since the new mayor was reducing city spending in nearly all aspects of the municipal budget, but the arts would take only a small cut in financial support. The incoming mayor saw that spending on the arts was one of the most effective economic development strategies the city had.

Why do I tell this story now? Because the Fishers arts community is beginning to gain traction locally and what support the arts will receive in our city may be part of the discussion in the 2019 local municipal election.

Fishers elected officials have taken some small steps in supporting the arts locally, but our fair city is a long way off from being a big supporter of local artists.

It was announced last Friday that the Indiana Arts Commission has named the Nickel Plate District in the downtown Fishers area as a statewide cultural district. The city has an ordinance in place creating a local Arts & Culture Commission which is scheduled to begin meeting in early 2019.

But here is the most interesting development: Local arts groups, particularly the Fishers Arts

Council, are gearing up to raise money for a city arts facility, based on a story written by Italia Contreras published on Nov. 26 in the Indianapolis Star. The council is aiming to raise \$500,000 by the year 2020 to make that arts facility a reality.

Is it time for our city to incorporate the arts into economic development plans? Just look at our friends to the west. Carmel has made the arts a major component in developing their city. Adam Aasen, a candidate for Carmel City Council in the upcoming election, argued that Carmel's investment in the arts has paid big dividends. In a commentary published Saturday in the Hamilton County Reporter, Aasen says even a small government investment in the arts will create a multiplier effect that can help small businesses. (Full disclosure: Adam is a friend of mine and we co-hosted a weekly film podcast that is in hiatus at the moment.)

Now, I know many people in Fishers will immediately say, we don't want to

be like Carmel, why should Fishers get involved in the arts too? I get that argument and I do not believe Fishers will or should be as deeply involved in supporting the performing arts as Carmel. I do not want another Palladium here in Fishers. The Carmel Palladium is a wonderful venue but I do not think Fishers needs anything approaching that.

What I believe is that Fishers should consider providing some support to the many artists struggling to bring quality artistic events to Fishers. Private donations are a major part of that effort. If the Fishers Arts Council shows there is enough support in our city through fund raising efforts, then the city should consider support for the arts. What level that takes is up to those with the responsibility for the local purse strings.

Mayor Scott Fadness has a mantra - he wants Fishers to be a vibrant, smart and entrepreneurial community. It is my view that the arts fit well into all three parts of that mantra.

County opioid death toll rising toward new record

The number of Hamilton County deaths from dangerous opioid drug overdose continues to rise despite efforts by police to get dealers off the street. County Coroner John Chalfin said this week that 41 individuals have suffered fatal drug overdoses so far this year.



FRED SWIFT
The County Line

Toxicology reports are pending on three more suspected cases. The drug fatality count for all of 2017 was 36.

While few if any of those deaths have resulted in conviction of a dealer who supplied a fatal dose of drugs, Prosecutor Lee Buckingham says a new law that became effective in July does provide for new and more severe sentences for a person who is

responsible for providing drugs that kill.

In the meantime, police seem to be counting on the Hamilton-Boone County Drug Task Force to lead the effort against drug dealers. The task force of eight detectives headed by Dwight Frost has had success in arresting a large number of suppliers. In 2017 there were 170 arrests.

The suspects might be local residents or from neighboring counties. The task force authority is not limited to county boundaries. "We target only dealers," Frost said. Users may be charged by police agencies, but dealers are considered the bigger problem.

Another problem is the fact that 54 percent of ar-

rests involve repeat offenders. While convictions are frequent through plea agreements, sentences are often not severe. Offenders are often placed in work release or on probation, thanks to changes in the state criminal code in recent years.

Local officials including Sheriff Mark Bowen feel many of the dangerous drugs in Hamilton County are purchased by local residents who go into Indianapolis to do their buying. A few years ago meth was being produced at so-called 'meth labs' in many outlying areas. But, Frost says users can now get the product, probably in Indy, "courtesy of the Mexican cartels."

The most dangerous and often lethal drug is a combination of heroin and fentanyl which the coroner often finds as the cause of local drug deaths. Also becoming

more common now among hard drug users is a mixture of cocaine and meth, Frost observes.

Officials don't predict any certain end in sight for the drug crisis which is national in scope. It often drops off the front pages because cases are becoming so frequent. Individual drug-related deaths locally are often unknown to all but immediate family or close friends of a victim. This is partially due to privacy laws or family embarrassment.

Coroner Chalfin finds that most deaths in the county involve younger people in their 20s and 30s, generally more males than females. They seem to have enough money to feed their hard drug habit, although Sheriff Bowen points out that it is not uncommon for some to resort to burglary or robbery to finance their purchases.

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Boys basketball

Millers dominate the paint in victory over Huskies

By RICHIE HALL
NOBLESVILLE - The Noblesville boys basketball team had a 32-minute mission on Saturday night: Dominate the paint.

It was mission accomplished for the Millers, as their strong inside play resulted in a 62-50 win over rival Hamilton Heights at The Mill.

"I thought it was a great team win," said Millers coach Brian McCauley. "Coach (Chad) Ballenger does a really good job of coaching those players at Hamilton Heights and his team."

"Our guys were locked in," said McCauley. "It's a big rivalry game for us. They're good friends with a lot of the Heights players. It meant a lot for them to come out, play well. I thought everyone contributed well. It was a great team win for our guys."

Noblesville never trailed and the game was tied only once, at 2-2. The Millers' Eagan Keever-Hill led the way in the first quarter, showing his creativity by scoring in three different ways. Keever-Hill got the game's first basket on

a turnaround jump shot, got Noblesville ahead 6-2 on a driving layin, then answered a 3-pointer from the Huskies' Gus Etchison with a 3-point basket of his own.

"He had a size advantage and he took advantage of that, which is smart basketball," said McCauley. "I thought we played smart tonight. I thought we made improvements from yesterday, which was important that we did that."

McCauley pointed out that Noblesville made 17 of 23 shot attempts from the paint, which breaks down to 7-of-9 in the first half and 10-of-14 in the second half. The coach said his team did "a much better job" of taking advantage of its strength and size inside.

"Tonight it was a point of emphasis and we really dominated the paint," said McCauley.

The Millers did go outside every once in a while, though. Jordan Schmidt ended the first quarter with a 3-pointer, then began the second period with a 3. Two free throws by Xavier Hines put Noblesville ahead 19-8.

The Huskies did stay within striking distance thanks to their outside game. Back to back 3s from AJ Field and Hudson Hochstedler cut the lead to 19-14. After a quick timeout, the Millers went on a 12-3 run. Zack Johnson scored the majority of points in that run, pouring in 10. That included a driving layin while fouled, resulting in a three-point play.

Johnson later followed up a 3-point basket with another layin, and that put Noblesville up 31-17. But two quick Heights 3s, one each from Field and Etchison, made the halftime score 31-23.

The Huskies would get as close as 38-32 midway through the third quarter, after Etchison made his fourth 3-pointer of the game. But every time Heights got close, Noblesville made another patient run.

The Millers used an 8-2 run to go up 46-34 at the end of the third period. Johnson scored six more points during that run. Earlier in the quarter, Schmidt nailed another 3 and Alex Hunt helped out by going 4-of-6 from the free throw line.

"We did a good job of getting to the free throw line and knocking those down," said McCauley.

Keever-Hill stepped up for Noblesville to start the fourth quarter, making consecutive putbacks to get the Millers up 50-34. Heights made one more push late in the period, with an 8-0 run to get to within 56-47. But Noblesville stopped that with its own 6-0 run, which consisted of a Johnson layin sandwiched by two Hines layins.

"Zack Johnson was tremendous with how he attacked the basket, but he was the recipient of a lot of great passes from his teammates," said McCauley. "In the corner where he can drive, also in the post as well. And he did a really good job of attacking there. I thought Jordan Schmidt was active all night and really good in our zone up top, along with Xavier, in covering the 3. And Eagan was opportunistic as well, did a nice job of getting off to a good start and then driving there in the fourth for a couple layins."

Johnson finished the game with 26 points and seven rebounds, while Schmidt scored 13, including three 3s. Keever-Hill added 11 points and led the rebounding with eight.

Etchison made six 3-pointers for Heights and finished with 25 points, while Field hit four 3s on his way to 14 points. Hochstedler pulled five rebounds, and Etchison handed out four assists.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Eagan Keever-Hill scored 11 points for the Millers in their 62-50 win over Hamilton Heights Saturday at The Mill. Keever-Hill is shown here being guarded by the Huskies' Brent Pennington (14) and Hudson Hochstedler (24).

HUSKIES BEAT WESTERN

Hamilton Heights took control in the third quarter of its Hoosier Conference East game with Western Friday night, and turned it into a 48-45 win at the Huskies' gym.

Heights led 11-10 after the first quarter, but the Panthers jumped ahead 23-19 by halftime. The Huskies turned it around in the third with 18 points, including two 3-pointers each from Issiac Hickok and Field. Hickok had already made two 3s in the first quarter. Heights led 37-35 after three, and held on in the fourth quarter.

Hickok led the Huskies with 14 points and four 3-pointers. Etchison and Field both added 13 points, with Field hitting three 3s. Etchison and Cory Vonfeldt both had two. Heights totaled 11 3-pointers in all.

Etchison also pulled five rebounds and handed out four assists, while Hochstedler dished out five assists.

"I thought our kids did a great job," said Ballenger. "We're a little undersized right now, we're missing a couple kids. But man, they fought. We had a chance."

The Millers were 9 of 12 from the free throw line, and only permitted Heights on foul shot, which Etchison made in the first quarter.

"We're just not getting to the line enough, and that's because we're taking an easy way out, shooting a lot of 3s," said Ballenger. "We're capable of hitting them, I'm okay with that. But we still need to get a little more balance on the floor and get it up to the rim."

Noblesville is 3-3 for the season. The Millers will travel to Taylor on Friday, where they will play the Titans in a game that will replace their canceled game with Columbus East. On Saturday, Noblesville hosts Pike.

The Huskies are 5-3 and will next play at the Franklin County tournament next Saturday. Heights will play East Central at noon, with another game that evening.



Gus Etchison scored 25 points for Hamilton Heights in its Saturday game at Noblesville.

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Second half surge sends Westfield past Noblesville

By CRAIG ADKINS
WESTFIELD - The boys basketball series between Westfield and Noblesville never disappoints. It's always a physical, up and down battle and some seasons it comes down to the final minutes.

That was the case on Friday night at The Rock, as the host Shamrocks put on an offensive display in the second half en route to pushing away from the Millers late for a 51-38 win.

Noblesville jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first couple minutes of the game with Zack Johnson swishing two free throws and a layup and Xavier Hines knocked down a three, forcing Westfield to burn their first timeout at the 5:39 mark of the first.

"Obviously got off to a great start, 7-0. We did a great job of going inside," said Noblesville head coach Brian McCauley on his team's fast start.

"It's certainly obviously not what we want. Noblesville is a team that you can't play from behind. You just cannot. They're so good when they have the lead," said Westfield head coach Shane Sumpter.

"I think Caleb (Welch) made a big three to make it 7-3 and guys just weathered the storm here and that's kind of what we did," Sumpter continuing on his team's response out of the first timeout.

Welch got the 'Rocks on the board with a trey from the right side and followed it up sinking 3-of-4 foul shots to keep it close during Noblesville's 6-5 run to finish out the first. Johnson got fouled making a basket and converted the free throw for the old-fashioned three-point play and Hines pushed it to their biggest lead at 12-4.

With a 13-6 deficit in the final seconds of the quarter, reserve guard Chris Chin drove the lane and dropped a layup off the glass and in as time expired, cutting it to a 13-8 Noblesville lead after one.

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Blackhawks lose tough conference game at Eastern

Sheridan lost a tough Hoosier Heartland Conference game at Eastern on Friday, by the score of 37-35.

The Comets led 12-8 after the first quarter and 21-14 at halftime. The Blackhawks came back in the third period to tie the game at 28-28, but Eastern got two more points in the fourth. Nick Burnell reached double-double status with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Caleb Duke added 11 points, and Jesse Kolb collected five rebounds and handed out four assists.

Sheridan is 1-1 in the HHC and 3-2

overall. The 'Hawks are back home on Tuesday to host North Montgomery.

Eastern 37, Sheridan 35

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sheridan				
Marcus Eden	0-1	1-2	1	2
Drake Delph	2-8	0-0	4	4
Walker Casler	0-3	0-0	0	3
Caleb Duke	4-11	1-3	11	4
Nick Burnell	6-9	1-2	13	1
Nolan Buckner	1-5	0-0	2	0
Jesse Kolb	2-8	0-2	4	3
Nick Roberts	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-45	3-9	35	17
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	8	6	14	7
Eastern	12	9	7	9

Sheridan 3-point shooting (2-11) Duke 2-3, Buckner 0-3, Delph 0-2, Casler 0-2, Kolb 0-1. Sheridan rebounds (26) Burnell 12, Kolb 5, Delph 2, Duke 2, Buckner 2, Eden 1, Casler 1, Roberts 1.

Sheridan basketball great Rex Pitts to be honored

Former Sheridan basketball player Rex Pitts will be honored at the Blackhawks' home basketball on Tuesday, Dec. 18 after being inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame.

Pitts played for the legendary Larry Hobbs at Sheridan High School and was on the starting five squad for four consecutive sectional champion teams in 1949-1952. He was named to the All-County Teams in 1950, 1951 and 1952; All-Sectional Teams for the same three years; and the All-Regional Team in 1951. He was nominated to the Indianapolis Star All-Star Team in 1952.

Friends and former teammates who remember Pitts will be able to say hello and chat with him at a pre-game reception at 5:30 p.m. in the North Hall of the Sheridan High School gym. He will be



Photos provided

Rex Pitts in his senior class picture in 1952 and at the Hobbs Reunion 2018. Congratulations for your induction into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame.

introduced and honored at halftime of the varsity game.

Tigers win exciting Mudsock game

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - When a big game is on the line, no one will remember how you win. Just as long as you win.

The Fishers boys basketball team will remember its Friday game for a long time to come. The Tigers claimed their first Mudsock trophy in four years by holding off Hamilton Southeastern 45-44 in the Tiger Den. The last time Fishers had beaten the Royals in boys basketball was Dec. 19, 2014.

"They're undefeated. I've never had this win before," said Tigers senior Josiah Matthews. Southeastern had won its first six games of the season before Friday night, and came close in this one. But the Tigers were able to hold their rivals off in the end.

Neither team scored in the final minute of the game, although both teams did make some key rebounds and steals. The biggest rebound of them all came in the final few seconds, when Fishers senior Terry Hicks grabbed the ball after an HSE 3-point shot just missed. It was the final big play of a game that saw Southeastern lead by 10 midway through the second quarter, after which the Tigers came back to lead by nine early in the fourth.

"It's the toughness," said Fishers coach Matt Moore. "I thought our guys showed a lot of

resolve, being down 10 early in the game. And I thought you saw that same resolve when we started chipping away, got it to two at halftime, and then took our lead early in the third.

"There's nothing real shiny and polished up about us," said Moore. "We're going to be gritty. We're going to do it as a team and I'm going to coach guys hard because there's a lot of expectation that I have for them and they met that expectation tonight."

Southeastern led 10-8 at the end of the first quarter, with Chris Grubbs scoring five points for the Royals. The junior started the game with a free throw, then made two jump shots in the middle of the quarter.

Grubbs also made a big play in the second, when he stole the ball and took it in for a dunk. That gave HSE a 25-15 lead. Aaron Etherington started the second quarter with two 3-pointers, then Noah Smith added six points.

But the Tigers began to make their run in the second half of the period. Senior Willie Jackson made 8 of 10 free throws in the final 3:17 of the half, the major part of a 10-2 run that got Fishers within 27-25 at halftime. Alex Szilagy scored the other two points off a steal.

Jackson made back-to-back layins to start the second half, and

that put the Tigers up 29-27, a lead they would keep for the remainder of the game. Matthews hit a 3, then freshman Jeffrey Simmons scored on a putback. Fishers allowed HSE only four points in the third quarter, which ended with a Hicks 3-pointer and the Tigers up 41-32.

"Sometimes you just need a win," said Jackson. "Sometimes you need a tough game to understand that you can hang in these games. You can hang with the best."

"It's not about who gets the most points, it's not about who plays the best, it's about winning," said Jackson. "When you win as a team, people start noticing."

Etherington made a pair of foul shots to begin the fourth quarter, but Justin Long's layin pushed the lead back up to nine, 43-34. The Royals ended the game on a 10-2 run, with Bradley Beemon hitting a 3, then Etherington adding four more points, including a dunk. Hicks scored on a rebound with around two minutes left, and Fishers' defense did the rest.

"Get a stop and come together," said Matthews. "Most important thing we had to do. Get a stop and come together."

Jackson led all scorers with 16



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Fishers boys basketball team won an exciting Mudsock game over Hamilton Southeastern Friday, 45-44 at the Tiger Den. Fishers held the lead throughout most of the second half and held off a big comeback by the Royals.

points, while Simmons and Hicks both had nine. Hicks grabbed nine rebounds, Simmons had eight and Jackson collected five. Hicks handed out four assists, while Simmons blocked two shots.

Etherington led the Royals with 14 points, while Grubbs cleared 10 rebounds to go with nine points and four steals. Smith also scored nine and dished out

four assists. Landon Morris blocked two shots.

Fishers is 4-3, and 2-0 in Hoosier Crossroads Conference play. Next for the Tigers is a game at Lafayette Jefferson on Thursday, followed by a home contest against Columbus East on Saturday.

The Royals are 6-1, 1-1 in the HCC. Southeastern's next game is next Friday at Pendleton Heights.

WESTFIELD

Zach Banks score his first points, narrowing it to 13-10 with a six-foot floater.

Back at the other end, Jordan Schmidt banked in a three from the top of the key for 16-10, but was matched by a three from deep on the left wing from Chin. Westfield tied it for the first time at 16-16 on a 24-foot three-pointer from the left.

It would be the Millers who had the last say in the second quarter. Hines was open underneath and took a pass from Schmidt.

The next possession down, Noblesville took their time to get the last shot. Eagan Keever-Hill found Schmidt and the 6' 0 senior guard drained a three from the left wing at the buzzer, giving the Millers a 21-16 lead at half.

"We would've loved to have the ball there at the end of the first half down two and we shot a couple shots and I'd really like to have that possession back and what do you know, they come down and hit a three," stated Sumpter on the final minute of the first half and his team's miscue that led to a five point deficit.

Two consecutive makes from the outside by senior leader Caleb Welch, along with a big three from freshman Braden Smith and the Shamrocks had taken their first lead of the night at 25-23.

Hines scored two baskets in a row for Noblesville for a 29-25 Miller lead, but that wouldn't last long.

Welch was open again and Smith found him for the third time in the quarter, cutting it to 29-28.

Johnson put Noblesville back up by four again, at 32-28 with a layup and free throw.

Smith would drain another from the outside, bringing it back to one again to 32-31 through three.

Welch and Smith fueled Westfield offensively in the third,

combining for five made three-pointers, which accounted for all of the Shamrocks' points in the quarter.

"He had a little bit of a coming out party. He's struggled shooting the ball so far this year, so he made some big plays and what a four-point play he had," said Sumpter on his freshman guard Braden Smith.

"He's got nerves of steel and nothing's really going to rattle him. And, that's one of the things we love about him and he hit some big shots for us tonight," Sumpter continuing on Smith's overall play against Noblesville.

The fourth quarter started out back and forth before Westfield took over.

The Shamrocks took another lead at 33-32 on a Chin steal and a basket.

Johnson put another off the board and in, putting the Millers back in front by one, 34-33.

Banks drilled a three for a 36-34 Westfield slight edge. Hines would tie it up for the Millers for the final time at 36-36 on an offensive rebound put back.

The next trip down the floor, Smith swished another three and got fouled. He would make the free throw for the four-point play, giving Westfield a lead it would not give back.

Johnson put a left-hander off the glass making it 40-38, but there would be one more big burst out of the Shamrocks.

The next three 'Rocks possessions resulted in Banks making two free throws each trip, extending their lead to 46-38 with 58.3 seconds remaining.

Two more breakaway baskets by Welch and Zach Banks, respectively, would seal the game for Westfield, 51-38.

"They switched to the zone and the story of the night was it was poor execution on our part," said

McCauley on how Westfield's defensive change in the second half affected the Millers.

"We weren't patient enough to get the ball where we needed to get it, to get better shots," stated McCauley of Noblesville's lack of patience on offense, leading to turnovers in the second half.

In the end, Westfield kept pouring in on offensively and kept the momentum on their side in the latter part of the fourth quarter when it mattered the most. They would outscore the Millers 20-6 in the final period and more importantly, 35-17 in the second half on their way to their first HCC win on the season, 51-38.

"We knew it would be a close game. They're very well coached. Their zone is just really good," Sumpter on his Noblesville's defense and how that had an effect on the outcome.

"I thought we made some big shots in the fourth quarter. Caleb Welch, our senior guard, was really big and Zach Banks was really big," said Sumpter, praising his two senior guards.

"We felt like if we could get the lead in the fourth quarter, we liked our chances, just to kind of move them out and space the floor a little bit and that's kind of what happened and we were able to hit some free throws," said a happy Sumpter on how Westfield was able to pull away late in the fourth to win.

In a game that featured two ties and five lead changes, this would be the Shamrocks' first win in the series since Jan. 20, 2012, ending a six-game losing streak against Noblesville.

The Shamrocks were led in scoring by Welch's game-high 17. He was joined in double figures by Banks with 13, while Smith added 11 and Chin chipped in with seven off the bench.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Zack Johnson (center) goes up for a shot while being guarded by Westfield's Caleb Welch (24) and Braden Smith (15) during the Millers-Shamrocks boys basketball game Friday.

'ROCKS BEAT TIPTON

Westfield won a big game on Saturday, defeating previously undefeated Tipton 60-52 at the Blue Devils' gym.

The Shamrocks took the lead early, going ahead 18-7 after the first quarter. Westfield maintained that lead at halftime, 30-19, and stayed in front in the second half.

Welch had a solid game, scoring 15 points, including three 3-pointers, and handing out four assists. Banks threw in four 3s on his way to 14 points, while Smith also scored 14. Jaret Bailey pulled four rebounds.

The Shamrocks are 4-2 and host Frankton on Saturday at part of a girl-boy doubleheader.

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Shamrocks exhaust Millers, pull away in fourth for win

By CRAIG ADKINS
NOBLESVILLE - Once again, the girls basketball rivalry between Westfield and Noblesville lived up to its expectations. It was the physical, gritty battle that defines them as both county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference rivals.

In this annual matinee matchup at The Mill in Noblesville on Saturday, it was a back and forth affair until Westfield found ways to get to the free throw line in the second half to pull away for a 49-32 conference win.

From the opening tip, the Millers were aiming to do anything they could to end their current losing streak.

Senior Mallory Johnson took it upon herself, scoring nine of the 11 first period points for Noblesville.

She drove through the lane for a layup on a give and go from Emily Wood. An offensive rebound from sophomore Gigi Eldredge and it was tied 2-2.

Westfield grabbed its first lead at 5-2 on a Jade Shipley three, but the Millers quickly took the edge back with two from the charity stripe and a deep three from the right wing from Johnson and Noblesville was up 7-5.

The Shamrocks went on a 4-2 run to tie it 9-9 late in the first. Johnson would net her ninth point of the quarter making a short jumper for an 11-9 lead for the hosts after one.

Right away in the second, Emily Wood dropped in her first basket to push the lead to four. It would be cut down to one at 13-12 with a Zoe Pentecost layup and free throw from Shipley.

Abby Haley made a driving layup and got fouled, converting the three-point play. The lead would extend to six to 18-12 on a Maddie Knight layup. Noblesville led again by a half dozen when Wood sank a 16-foot jumper to make it 20-14.

Eldredge would make a turnaround five-footer that made it the same identical halftime score of

the boys game from Friday night, 21-16 with Noblesville in front.

"That first half, I just felt like we weren't adjusting, we weren't reading situations very well," said Westfield head coach Ginny Smith on her team's first half play that had them trailing at the half.

"They were switching everything and we would get mismatches and never take advantage of a mismatch. I'm screaming at them to take advantage of something and by the time they made that adjustment, they made an additional adjustment," stated Smith, relieved that her team was finally able to adjust in the second half.

Immediately, Westfield got to work early on in the third, using their physical inside play to turn the tide.

Eldredge got it started and Jade Shipley followed swishing a pair at the foul line to trail 21-20.

The Shamrocks took the lead again when 6'1 freshman Alyssa Crockett took advantage of Noblesville's interior defense, scoring the next four to make it 24-21. Crockett jump-started Westfield in the third, accounting for 10 of the 16 'Rocks points.

The Millers took one last lead at 25-24 in the middle of the period on two Johnson baskets.

After that, Crockett kept it rolling for the visitors, as she would confidently knock down two free throws. The momentum had completely shifted when the freshman scored on a driving layup during an 8-0 run, forcing Noblesville to burn a timeout with 1:38 left in the third.

"We had a heart-to-heart at halftime. The kids understood we needed to get it in the paint, we could really do some damage in there. In the second half we did that. Alyssa came out super aggressive in the second half and helped out a lot as well," said Smith on Westfield's adjustment in the second half that ultimately propelled them to victory.

Getting as many paint touches as possible in the final quarter,

Westfield exhausted Noblesville physically.

The Shamrocks were able to get to the free throw line 14 times, making 11, pushing their lead throughout to eventually give them a convincing 49-32 road win in conference play.

"Their big just really took over the game," stated Donna Buckley on Westfield's inside game in the second half.

"They did a great job pounding it inside, finishing when they had the opportunity and on the other end, we missed free throws and layups," said Buckley, continuing on how her team wore down late in the game.

The Westfield duo of freshman Alyssa Crockett and sophomore Gigi Eldredge became a combined force that Noblesville just didn't have an answer to stop. The two score 14 and 13 points, respectively, almost matching the Millers' team total.

Noblesville (3-9, 0-5 HCC) lost its seventh game in a row. It doesn't get any easier for the Millers, as they'll head to defending 3A state champion Northwestern (9-2) on Saturday, Dec. 22 before getting a little time off before playing Southport (3-10) in a rotating holiday tournament at the Southport Fieldhouse on Dec. 28.

The Millers' lone scorer in double figures was Johnson with a game-high 17.

Westfield (10-4, 3-2 HCC) picked up its second win in a row. The Shamrocks will hit the road at Anderson (5-8) on Tuesday and finish up their 2018 portion of their schedule when they host Frankton (6-6) on Friday.

The Shamrocks were led by three in double digits. Crockett led Westfield with a team-high 14, Eldredge had 13 and Shipley added 10.

EARLIER GAMES

Noblesville's girls basketball team lost at Anderson 62-52 last Tuesday.

The Indians led 28-18 after the first quarter and 37-27 at halftime. Johnson scored 19 points for the



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Mallory Johnson goes up for a shot while being guarded by Westfield's Alyssa Crockett during the Millers-Shamrocks girls basketball game Saturday afternoon. Also pictured for Westfield are Ava Henson (left) and Jade Shipley.

Millers, including three 3-pointers. Knight reached double-double status with 18 points and 10 rebounds, and also handed out four assists.

Anna Kiser collected seven rebounds, with Johnson and Mallory Miller both clearing five rebounds.

Meanwhile, Westfield scored a nice conference win over Avon, 55-47 last Tuesday at The Rock.

The Shamrocks led 19-14 after the first quarter, with Regan Dimond hitting two 3-pointers.

The Orioles closed to within one during the second period, but a basket off a steal from Shipley kept Westfield ahead 24-21 at halftime.

The 'Rocks led 34-29 after three quarters, then poured in 21 points in the fourth. Crockett scored 17 points and pulled eight rebounds, while Shipley added 13 points and dished out four assists. Eldredge collected five rebounds and also handed out five assists. Crockett hit two 3-pointers.

Huskies fall to Chatard, beat New Castle

Hamilton Heights split two games last week.

The Huskies lost at Bishop Chatard 53-46 on Wednesday. The Trojans slowly built a lead over the Huskies, going up 8-5 after the first quarter and 18-14 at halftime. Chatard led 30-23 after three periods, then both teams scored 23 points in the fourth.

Bayleigh Runner led Heights' scoring with 16 points, followed by Lauryn Wiley's 13 and Jillian Osswald's 11. Mykayla Moran collected

five rebounds. Runner had six steals and five assists.

Heights snapped its five-game losing streak on Saturday, defeating New Castle 41-35 in a home game.

The Huskies led 12-8 after the first quarter and 20-15 at halftime. The Trojans came back to within 24-23 after three periods, but a 17-point fourth quarter sealed the game for Heights.

Wiley earned a double-double, scoring 18 points and collecting 11 rebounds. Runner had an outstanding performance from the free throw line, going 12-of-12 to score all 12 of her points. Runner also pulled five rebounds and handed out four assists. Moran grabbed six rebounds.

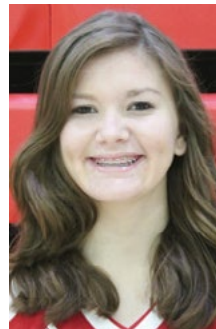
Heights is 6-7 and will host Fishers on Friday.



Wiley

'Hawks split conference games

Sheridan went 1-1 in Hoosier Heartland Conference games last week.



Williams

On Friday, the Blackhawks dropped a 48-23 game at Eastern. The Comets got out to a 13-5 lead after the first quarter and outscored the Blackhawks in each subsequent period, leading 18-8 at halftime. Holly Barker led Sheridan with 12

points and seven rebounds. Olivia Raines collected six rebounds, with Berkley Williams grabbing five. Allie Delph had four assists.

Sheridan pulled out an important Hoosier Heartland Conference win at Tri-Central on Saturday, 46-42.

It was a close game throughout, with the Blackhawks ahead 26-25 at halftime and 32-31 after three quarters. Sheridan outscored the Trojans 14-11 in the fourth period to clinch the victory.

Heather Barker led the 'Hawks with 14 points, while Jillian O'Flaherty drained three 3-pointers to score nine points. Olivia Raines pulled 11 of Sheridan's 30 rebounds, with Holly Barker collecting seven and Heather Barker grabbing five. Delph dished out five assists.

The Blackhawks are 3-2 in conference play and 7-4 overall. Sheridan will play at Western on Tuesday.

Royals blitz Tigers for Mudsock trophy

By JIM BELSER
FISHERS - The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team overcame a slow start against Fishers Saturday night to blitz past the visitors 65-41 at home in the annual Mudsock game between the two schools, extending its record to 14-1.

"When everyone contributes, this team is tough to deal with," Hamilton Southeastern coach Chris Huppenthal said.

Led by Sydney Parrish's 27 points and big second quarter, the Royals overwhelmed Fishers on both offense and defense. Seven HSE players scored in the game as the Royals shot 50 percent from the field. Southeastern outscored Fishers 24-9 in the second quarter and led by as many as 27 in the game.

Several Royal players had key moments in the game. Amaya Hamilton, who finished with 14 for HSE, dropped in a pair of threes in the third quarter to keep the momentum going for her team. Malea Jackson gave the Royals their first led 9-8 with a jumper in the first quarter before ending the quarter with a three pointer.

It was a difficult night for Fishers (8-5) on both ends of the court. Audra Emmerson led the Tigers with 12 points on the night and Katie Burton and Tamia Per-

ryman both finished with nine points apiece.

"They have a lot of girls who can put it on the floor and drive to the basket and kick it out for threes, so we were focusing defensively on that. I thought overall we did a good job of stopping that," Huppenthal said.

A basketball game wasn't the only thing on the minds of the Hamilton Southeastern players, coaching staff, and parents on the night as it was reported that Royals player Molly Walton's grandfather had passed away from a heart attack at the school some time before the game had started.

Calling it his toughest night in 23 years as a coach, HSE's Huppenthal credited his team and the leadership of Parrish for fighting through the tough circumstances after contemplating canceling the contest.

"I couldn't be prouder of them," he said. "They all knew something was going on. Sydney looked me in the eye and said I got this. When she says she is going to do something, you can put your faith in her."

Midway through the first quarter the contest swung toward Hamilton Southeastern. After falling behind 8-4 in the first quarter with Fishers' Audra Emmerson knocking down a three pointer, the home team went on



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team won the Mudsock Trophy after beating Fishers on Saturday. The win improved the Class 4A No. 2 Royals to 14-1 for the season.

an 8-0 run and never looked back.

Malea Jackson drilled a three-pointer at the top of the key with 30 seconds left in the first quarter to enable the Royals to end the quarter up 12-8.

The Royals accelerated the pace and the lead in the second quarter. Sydney Parrish took control on offense for HSE, hitting three-pointers and scoring on drives to finish the quarter with 15 of her 20 first half points.

Parrish completed an 'and one' after being knocked off balance on a scoring drive in the second quarter to give her squad a 21-12 lead. A few possessions later Parrish maneuvered under the basket and delivered an offensive rebound put back following a Royal missed free throw.

In earlier games, Southeastern beat New Castle 76-38 last Tuesday. Parrish and Hamilton each scored 23 points, with Parrish

reaching the 1,000-point mark during the game.

Fishers beat Pendleton on the road Thursday 48-43. Katie Burton led Fishers with 16 points, while Tamia Perryman added 14 points and collected eight rebounds.

Fishers hosts Delta on Wednesday and plays at Hamilton Heights on Friday. Southeastern is off until Dec. 28, when it plays New Albany at North Central.