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Quakenbush's staff brings 200 years of experience to the table



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Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush on Friday held a reception to introduce his newly appointed command staff. According to Sheriff Quakenbush, his staff has a total of 200 years combined law enforcement experience. (From left) Jail Commander Josh Carey, Patrol Division Commander Tom Logan, Captain of Administration Mark Bowen, Chief Deputy John Lowes, Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, Investigation Division Captain Scott McKinney, Juvenile Service Center Captain Kija Ireland and Matron Crystal Condellone.

Northern communities must pay for 9-1-1 dispatch services

By JEFF JELLISON
ReadTheReporter.com

Funding for Hamilton County's 9-1-1 Communication Center has been a topic discussed by community leaders for more than a year, according to Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt.

In the past the larger cities of Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers and Westfield have shared that expense.

Now county leaders are calling upon the smaller communities of Arcadia, Atlanta, Sheridan, Cicero, White River Township and Wayne Township to help.

During the last week of December, County Commissioners issued a letter to those communities. The letter provided a deadline of Jan. 4 for an Interlocal Agreement that would require the smaller northern Hamilton County communities to pay their share of dispatch services.

Heirbrandt indicated for 2019 the county was asking the smaller communities to pay only 10 percent of their respective fees, and the county would pick up the remaining 90 percent.

Arcadia Town Board member Mitch Russell said that's an additional \$8,423 dollars out of this year's budget.

The letter sent by the commissioners also referenced the possibility of the county paying 75 percent of the northern Hamilton



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County towns and township's dispatch service for the year 2020. Commissioners, in the letter, pointed out that decision would ultimately rest upon the Hamilton County Council. What was not stated in the letter was what happens after 2020. Russell said his town could eventually be billed nearly \$84,000. That is approximately 64 percent of Arcadia's total budget.

"Unfortunately, this is not a permanent fix and other options will need to be looked at to assure our public safety needs are properly funded in the future," said Commissioner Heirbrandt.

"The population of northern Hamilton County needs to take notice in what the commissioners are doing in charging for these services," said Russell.

Arcadia did not meet the deadline set in the letter. "Our next Town Board meeting will be on Jan. 7. We will likely approve the 2019 Interlocal Agreement.

We are behind the 8 ball with the possibility of losing our dispatch services because the commissioners did not give us enough time to research our options.

The Town of Cicero on Thursday evening held an emergency meeting to meet the Commissioners deadline. Cicero Town Board members unanimously approved the Interlocal Agreement that will require they pay \$13,413.82 this year.

The 9-1-1 Communication Center currently has an advisory board comprised of representatives from Noblesville, Westfield, Carmel, Fishers and a Hamilton County Commissioner. Each are voting members.

Commissioner Christine Altman said a sixth advisory-only seat without voting privileges is assigned to a person representing the smaller communities. Altman said those communities have never filled the position.

The Advisory Board is

an issue with Russell. "If we are going to pay for services like the four larger cities and the Sheriff's Department, each of the smaller communities should have a voting member on the board."

"With the inclusion of the towns and townships in the contract for service, the 9-1-1 Executive Board has discussed converting the advisory seat (one seat representing the smaller communities) to a voting seat, and I believe that that will be done upon the entities entering into the contract," said Altman. "We believe that our communications center, systems and staff are one of the best in Indiana if not nationally. This unified system has proven to be efficient and we believe provides the best public safety for our residents and those visiting the county. The county has worked hard to ease the initial financial commitments for entities who choose to participate while the communities review appropriate methods to fund the service."

White River Township has already signed the Interlocal Agreement; however, Sheridan, Atlanta and Jackson Township, like Arcadia, have yet to sign.

Commissioners have asked those communities to present a written plan on how dispatch services will be handled in their communities in the event no agreement is reached.

Deceased identified as sisters . . .

Police confirm two local dentists found shot in Carmel

The REPORTER

An ongoing death investigation in Carmel has revealed two bodies, both female, were found shot in the head.

Emergency personnel were dispatched to Sunrise on the Monon Apartments, just off Westfield Boulevard south of 99th Street, Thursday morning on a report of a cyanide gas odor.

Reports indicate neighboring apartments were immediately evacuated.

Police entered the apartment that was identified as the source of the odor and found two women, identified as Vanessa Parris, 37,

and Christalia Bostos, 33, both deceased. Bostos and Parris are believed to be sisters and both were dentists practicing in the Indianapolis and Carmel area.

Investigators believe both women had been dead for several days which created the odor originally reported as cyanide gas.

Police say there was no threat to community and believe the incident to be a murder-suicide.

Hamilton County Coroner John Chalfin confirmed an autopsy was conducted on Friday, but has not released an official cause of death.

Westfield Washington Twp. board member to call for vote to rescind parks bond approval

Westfield Washington Township

For The Reporter

Board member David Gill has said he plans to call for a vote to rescind the board's approval to move forward with the bond series to acquire land for open space within the township.

"I am shocked and saddened to be informed of this odd and unexpected intention to rescind the bonds when we are in the middle of a public information process to provide clear and consistent education to the residents of Westfield Washington Township," said Westfield Washington Township Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan. "To call for the bonds to be rescinded during a remonstrance process is unheard of, and the implications of this decision could hurt future bond ratings and the ability of the township to issue bonds for any future fire, parks or community service projects."

Gill's decision comes on the heels of the board's 2-0 decision Dec. 12 to move forward to petition in favor of the \$15 million park bond series after a remonstrance against the bond was filed. The bonds will provide funding for land acquisition to preserve open spaces and natural areas, specifically near MacGregor Park, as land becomes available for sale.

This also coincides with the new term of a recently elected board member who

strongly called for public input and did not want the decision made solely by the board. The 30-day period in which petitions in favor of or against the proposed park bond may be signed by registered voters or taxpayers in Westfield Washington Township is set to begin Jan. 16.

If the board rescinds the bonds, the public cannot actively participate in the process and funding for this project will be eliminated.

"Mr. Gill's contrarian decision to call for a vote to rescind the bonds could have lasting negative impacts on our community and future quality of life," said Tolan. "As the previous township trustee, Mr. Gill's 16-year administration set into motion the future vision for parks and open spaces in the township, and I hope to continue that vision."

In 2010, as Westfield Washington Township trustee, Gill authored the Parks Master Plan. In 2012, he worked to establish a Cumulative Building Park Fund for the purchase of land and development of park land which later failed in legislation. In addition, Gill contributed to and approved the 2016 Westfield Washington Township Strategic Plan & Parks Open Space Master Plan, which included exploring land acquisition and expanding park amenities – the same open space initiative he is now opposing.

Tourism generated more than \$820M in 2017 visitor spending

The REPORTER

Visitor spending in Hamilton County continues to grow, and in 2017 visitors added more than \$820 million to the local economy. That's an 11.1 percent increase from 2016 when visitors spent \$738.2 million, according to the Economic Impact of Tourism study recently released by Rockport Analytics.

The study, in partnership with the Indiana Office of Tourism Development, measures county-level impact on tourism and found visitor spending has grown locally every year since 2012, and exponentially in the past five years.

Hamilton County Tourism President/CEO Brenda Myers said the numbers

reflect the increased opportunities, attractions and businesses in Hamilton County.

"A healthy local corporate/office base, a dynamic and growing group market, and attractions such as Grand Park, Conner Prairie and Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center among others contribute greatly to the local economy and this tremendous growth in tourism," Myers said.

Hamilton County Tourism also invested heavily in a multi-layered marketing campaign in Chicago with TV, radio and print ads. This is in addition to social media promotions and earned media efforts



Myers

locally and beyond.

The study also found visitor spending was mostly on food, beverage and retail. In addition, tourism supported 11,553 jobs including those at hotels, restaurants and attractions.

Other findings from the report include:

- Tourism generated \$70 million in total federal taxes and \$98.6 million in total state and local taxes; Local taxes included \$26.6 million in local property taxes.

- Overall, local taxes generated by tourism positively impact \$779 per household in the county on average.

- Of the \$820.1 million in direct tourism spending in the market, 34 percent was spent on food and beverage; 32 percent on retail; 16 percent on recreation and entertainment; and 12 percent on lodging.

The Rockport study uses several sources of data including Longwoods International, a panel survey of 600,000 households each year, and government sources such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Indiana Office of Fiscal & Management Analysis. Private data is also used from Smith Travel Research, the industry's lodging sector data generator.

For more information on the study, tinyurl.com/HamCoTourismStudy.

Make this your year of decision

"You're going to be proud of me, Lucy...I've decided that this next year is going to be my year of decision!"

— Charlie Brown

Webster defines the word "resolution" as it pertains to this article as "the act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem, etc.; the act of resolving something; an answer or solution to something." We all know that there is an expectation of sorts that most of us will have at least one or two of those resolutions as we enter another new year. However, I like Charlie Brown's perspective much better as it relates to a "year of decision."

Our lives are made up of decisions from the moment we open our eyes in the morning until we enter dreamland that same evening. Decisions vary from the mundane and completely simplistic (do I wear a red sweater or a black sweater today) to critically important decisions regarding our health and relationships. For my intent here we will focus on decisions which may seem simplistic but can have a very positive effect on our fitness level and enjoyment of whatever stage of life in which we find ourselves. I am going to step out on a limb and use myself as an example ...

As a woman in my late sixties I sometimes have to ask myself, "how in the world did I get here?" as I often feel little differently than I did in my twenties ... and society has a tendency to push aging folks more and more into the background of life. Many of us who reach this stage of life have serious health issues which we are forced to confront and handle the best we can with medication and medical assistance. Many of us are blessed that we do not take prescription medications and are able to maintain a positive level of energy most of the time. And, of course, most aging baby boomers fall somewhere in between



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the two.

Whatever stage you are in (and I am speaking of the "60+" group here) you still have daily decisions to make about your health and fitness. If you are over 60 and you have not had a complete physical in some time, start there. Your physician will order bloodwork and give you an examination which may include heart monitoring and other exams based upon family medical history and your own considerations. A vision exam, dental work and a complete skin examination by a dermatologist are always a good idea.

Once you have these items behind you and are cleared by your physician it is time to make the decision to work with a certified nutrition consultant and perhaps a fitness trainer to take charge of your health and well-being to be the best you possible; not the 20-something you but the current you. Fortunately many people approaching 70 are more active, healthy and enjoying life now than at any point in history.

Make a decision this year to be the best you – not like a celebrity, or your neighbor, or best friend – but based on your own particular health and fitness decisions. Not only will you feel better, look better and enjoy your life more completely, but your loved ones will benefit but the care you give yourself. Those we hold dear and who love us in return will benefit from our decision to evaluate and step forward in 2019 to an increased level of self-care and wellness.

In homage to my Scottish ancestry, I wish you all *Bliadhna Mhath Ùr!*
Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Depots, Nickel Plate Express keep important rail history alive

The train has been running again on the Nickel Plate if only for 10 miles or so through northern Hamilton County courtesy of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad. The Nickel Plate Express, after a series of popular holiday runs, is set to start a new season in February.

The excursion train gives folks young and old a taste of what traveling by rail is like. But, many don't realize that it was the railroads that gave Hamilton County communities a start toward what they are today.

In the days before paved highways and air travel, it



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was only the railroad that could transport goods and people to and from their destinations if that destination was more than a few miles away.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, if a community did not have a rail line, the community was not destined to thrive. A railroad depot was the nerve center of local commerce and communication with the outside world.

Within Hamilton County there were once three railroads. None survive although a portion of the Nickel Plate line, as mentioned, is being used as a tourist at-

traction. Financial assistance comes from the county innkeepers tax.

When the Nickel Plate, the Monon and the Midland were built between 1850 and 1900, these railroads were responsible for transporting everything from mail and freight to farm crops as well as passengers. Small industries and grain processing operations were found in the communities served by rail.

Telegraph and eventually early telephone lines followed the rail right-of-way and made a railroad station telegraph office among the most important place in town.

In Hamilton County two of these old depots survive and now serve as historical

museums in Carmel and Arcadia. These modest board-and-batten frame buildings are well over 100 years old. Many newer residents don't even know what these structures are.

The Carmel depot, aside the Monon Trail, is home to the Carmel Clay Historical Society. Rotating exhibits are displayed there. The Arcadia depot is the Arcadia Arts and History Center, and is located along the Nickel Plate tracks.

These depots are the last vestiges of a bygone era when the railroad was king, and along with the Nickel Plate Express, are reminders of the big part that trains played in developing the communities they served.

Noblesville Downtown Committee earns Nickel Plate's Arts Patron of the Year award



Photo provided

The Noblesville Downtown District Committee was recently named the Arts Patron of the Year by Nickel Plate Arts. The committee has brought together Noblesville citizens and council members to help determine the best investments for downtown Noblesville, which involves developing a comprehensive, balanced and forward-thinking strategy for improving and preserving downtown Noblesville. The committee includes (from left) Aili McGill, Steve Cooke, Megan Wiles, Dan Stevens, Rick Taylor, Lorna Steele, Caleb Gutshall, Craig Crosser and Bob DuBois.

Carmel seeks to fill openings on Parks board, Plan Commission

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel is seeking interested persons and nominations for appointments to two government boards – the Carmel Plan Commission and the Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Board.

The Carmel Plan Commission helps manage the city's growth and development, as well as helps the City Council develop and update City Ordinances, the Comprehensive Plan, the Thoroughfare Plan and other long-range plans for housing, transportation, neighborhood development, parks, commercial development and public facilities. Nine voting members serve on the Carmel Plan Commission. Terms are for four years.

The Plan Commission meets at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month in the Chambers of City Hall. In addition each member of the Plan Commission, except the President, is a part of either the Commercial or Residential Committee. These committees meet at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in the Caucus rooms of City Hall.

The Carmel/Clay Board of Parks

and Recreation (Park Board) serves as the policy-setting body and fiduciary guardian for Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation. In 2019, the Park Board will review and adopt the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which will guide future development and management of the nationally accredited and Gold Medal-winning park system through 2024. The Park Board consists of nine voting members appointed based on their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation. The current opening is a mayoral appointment for a four-year term.

Regular meetings for the Park Board are at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month in the Monon Community Center, Multipurpose Room A. There are typically two to four additional meetings each year for topics ranging from general board training to planning input sessions.

Interested persons should send their resume and cover letter explaining why they want to serve on the Plan Commission or the Park Board to Sharon Kibbe (skibbe@carmel.in.gov) by Monday, Jan. 28.

Riverview Health to host seminar on treating GERD

The REPORTER

Riverview Health will host a gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) seminar from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Join Dr. Ernest Orinon, a board-certified gastroenterologist, as he describes the causes of GERD and the treatment options available for the condition.

The seminar will take place at Riverview Health in the Krieg DeVault Conference Room, located in the lower level of the Women's Pavilion.

A light dinner will be served. The program is free, but registration is required. Register at riverview.org/classes or call 317-776-7999.

For more information about Riverview Health, visit riverviewhealth.org.



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Ruth A. Young

October 2, 1954 – December 28, 2018



Ruth A. Young, 64, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 28, 2018 at her home. She was born on October 2, 1954 to Walter and Betty (Wable) Ward in Noblesville.

Ruth was a homemaker who enjoyed playing games and had many friends. Most of all, she loved her grandchildren.

Ruth is survived by her son, Tony N. (Jennifer) Young; daughter, Mary E. (Jason) Walden; sisters, Janice Bowen and Jeanne Ward; and seven grandchildren, Zoie Young, Malachi Young, Kayleigh Aykar, Shelby Kinnaman, Cody Walden, Kyla Walden and Cassie Walden.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, David Ward.

Services were held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor Andrew Marshall officiated.

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Wilma Irene (Jones) Pearson

April 20, 1924 – December 25, 2018



Wilma Irene (Jones) Pearson, 94, Sheridan, was born April 20, 1924 and passed from this life to eternal life on Christmas Day, December 25, 2018, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

She was a lifelong resident of the Sheridan and was preceded in death by Morris D. Pearson, her husband of 68 years; her parents, James Ira Jones and Minnie R. (Sparrow) Jones; sisters, Edith Nesbitt, Olive Jones, Gracie Moore and Eunice Eidson, and brother Noel (Casey) Jones.

Wilma was a homemaker and was active in many churches, community and 4-H activities. She is survived by daughters, Karen (Jerry) Ross, Friendswood, Texas; Linda (Denny) Cummings, Sheridan; Sandra (John) Fulwider, Tipton; grandchildren, Amy Ross, Scott Ross, Christy (Larry) Beahrs, Michael (Amanda) Cummings, Carey (Jeremy) Mendenhall and Matthew (Cynthia) Fulwider; and great-grandchildren, Cassidy Ross, Katie Ross, Emily Ross, Kyle Archer, Grant Cummings, Grace Cummings, Lainey Mendenhall, Ansley Mendenhall, Hadley Mendenhall and Isabel Fulwider.

Wilma, known to many as "Wimpy" or "Grammie," was deeply devoted to God and her family. She was a lifetime member of Sedwick Chapel Methodist Church. During Wilma's adult life she attended Boxley United Methodist Church and Hills Baptist Church. Wilma cherished her church family and looked forward to Sunday service and church activities.

Wilma was also very involved with Hamilton County 4-H. She was on the Hamilton County 4-H Council for many years. A lifetime member of the North Adams Extension Homemakers, every year she looked forward to raising flowers and making arrangements for the Hamilton County Fair. It is something she shared with the whole family, and even Morris would help pick flowers for the fair. Wilma and Morris were active members of the Indiana Sheep Breeders Association and Sheep Program for Hamilton County 4-H. They helped kids with their sheep projects for over 25 years.

Wilma had lots of hobbies and talents. She was an amazing cook and enjoyed making large dinners for her family and friends, especially during Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading, playing games and doing the crossword puzzles from the Indianapolis Star. She was on a winning streak this summer by finishing 10 days' worth of crossword puzzles correctly.

Wilma enjoyed life and was devoted to God and her family. She was a loving role model for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A celebration of Wilma's life was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Hills Baptist Church, 4296 S. County Road 1380 E., Kirklint, where family and friends gathered prior to the time of services. Pastor Rex Dunning officiated Wilma's service. Inurnment was held at Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in memory of Wilma Person to the Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc., 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060-3697.

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Angela Dawn Cox

January 16, 1976 – December 29, 2018



Angela Dawn Cox, 42, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on January 16, 1976 to Charles and Brenda (Stoll) Siebert in Valparaiso, Ind.

Angela was a 1994 graduate of Chesterton High School and received a bachelor's degree in psychology from St. Mary of the Woods. She was a member of White River Christian Church and enjoyed photography, crochet, sewing, gardening, reading about the Amish, cooking and trying new recipes. Most of all, she loved being a stay-at-home mom and spending time with her family.

Angela is survived by her husband, Matthew Cox; parents, Charles and Brenda Siebert; daughter, Megan; son, Aaron; sister, Amy Cornwell; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor Gary Cornwell officiated. Burial followed at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to White River Christian Church, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Pamela Kay Kerr

May 4, 1942 – December 26, 2018



Pamela Kay Kerr, 76, died peacefully on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on May 4, 1942 to Francis and Vivian Underwood in Indianapolis.

In 1962 Pam married the love of her life, Archie F. Kerr. They met while working at Western Electric in Indianapolis and were married for 56 years. They raised their two sons in Noblesville. Pam also lived in Lee's Summit, Mo.; Columbus, Ohio; and Labelle, Fla.

Family, friends and travel were Pam's passion and delight. She frequently combined these three by planning trips to destinations all over the world. Pam worked as a teacher's aide in Noblesville Schools and as a pharmacy technician in Lee's Summit, Mo.

She is survived by her husband, Archie Kerr; her brother, Mike Underwood; her sons, Tom and Dave; and three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Russell and Madeline.

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Randall and Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services were held on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Union Chapel Methodist Church, 2720 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, with Reverend Andrew Charnstrom officiating. Burial was at Union Chapel Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation at michaelfox.org/get-involved/donation2.php.

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Carmel arts grants will benefit 25 groups

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has awarded 25 local arts organizations with \$1,336,060 in grants from the City's 2019 Arts Grant Program. This year marks the 17th anniversary of the City of Carmel's financial support for local arts, which amounts to roughly 1 percent of the city budget each year. Since 2004, more than \$11.5 million has been allocated to support local arts programs.

"It is our mission as a City to invest our money wisely in order to improve the quality of life, helping us to attract new economic development and private investments in our city," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "Studies by the Americans for the Arts show typical visitors to an event spend close to \$30 per person, per event, in addition to the cost of admission."

According to the most recent statistics from Visit Hamilton County, it is estimated that visitors that stay in Carmel spend about \$332 million annually in lodging, food and beverage, transportation and attractions purchases and contribute significantly to the overall county tourism impact.

For every dollar spent in Hamilton County, 90 cents stayed local, contributing to the gross domestic product here. Visitor spending supports 11,553 jobs in Hamilton County and helps generate nearly \$100 million in state and local taxes, saving local residents \$779

per year in taxes they would otherwise need to pay for the same services.

This year's arts grant recipients

- Actors Theatre of Indiana, \$240,000
- Bigger Picture Film Group, \$5,000
- Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre, \$210,000
- Carmel Clay Historical Society, \$6,560
- Carmel Community Players, \$15,000
- Carmel Fountain Square Committee, \$12,000
- Carmel Klavier, \$25,500
- Carmel Symphony Orchestra, \$275,000
- Central Indiana Dance Ensemble, \$15,000
- CYT (Christian Youth Theater of Indianapolis), \$2,500
- Great American Songbook Foundation, \$230,000
- Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre, \$59,500
- Hoosier Salon Art & Patron Association, \$30,000
- Indiana Association of Chinese-Americans, \$3,500
- Indiana Ballet Conservatory, \$20,000
- Indiana Music Education Association Foundation, \$7,000
- Indiana Wind Symphony, \$41,000
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Johnson will not seek re-election

The REPORTER

Roy Johnson has announced he will not seek re-election, but will retire from the Noblesville Common Council at the end of his current, third term. His last day of service will be Dec. 31, 2019.

Johnson, who served as President of the Noblesville Common Council in 2010 and 2013, has also served on almost every committee in Noblesville city government.

"It has been a tremendous honor to have been trusted to represent District One and all of Noblesville

for three terms," said Johnson. "During my time of service, the administration, with the support of all the city departments, has boldly moved Noblesville from a third tier city to a second tier city. A second tier city with a focus on maintaining and enhancing our Hometown, Downtown Appeal while at the same time moving us unabashedly into the future ... competing for, and winning, many high-profile projects ... at the



Johnson

same time helping smaller, local businesses further their success.

"We have demonstrably added to the Noblesville Quality of Life Factors with exciting new parks, we have expanded our wonderful trails system, and recognize and have contributed to the historical importance of our Downtown. It has been a pleasure to have been a small part of such an exciting time in Noblesville history.

"For those who follow

in my footsteps, I encourage you to avoid the temptations of personal preferences, personal agendas and self-importance. Indeed, embrace your selection to the Noblesville Common Council with one thought in mind while researching, debating and making your decisions: 'I am here to serve. What is the best decision for the citizens of Noblesville?'

"My time on the Noblesville Common Council has been a time to give back ... a time of service to the community that has been so generous to my family. Thank you, Noblesville."

Thoughts from a pencil

"The pencil that you hold today is writing your story. Only when you draw your last breath will your story be written in ink."

I wrote those thoughts a few years ago. My husband reminded me of them this past week.

When you think about it, you are given a new pencil every January 1. Does your story look how you planned it? There is a good chance it doesn't.

We plan our life and then stuff happens. Some of it we can control, some we can't.

But the truth is that we, for the most part, control our pencil. Even if we hand it over to someone else, it is our decision.

January 1 brings many thoughts to mind, especially questions.

What do I want to change? Do I want this chapter of my life to look like the previous ones? Am I afraid of making changes? Do I dare to pursue my dreams at this point of my life? What am I teaching my children? When is my "old" too old?

Each chapter is left blank until you begin it. Hold tight to your pencil. Let the story be your story and not the story of someone who thinks they know what is best for you.

Sometimes I have looked around and wondered what others will say about what I am about to write when it comes to my story. The older I get the more daring I become. In other words, don't touch my pencil. It's mine.

My story looks very different than what I thought it would look like when I was 20 and looked ahead to when I was 60. Yes, 60 looked old back then.

At 48 I changed careers. At 58 I found my prince charming in the waiting room of the car dealership where I work.

What if I had not been

brave enough to walk into Don Hinds Ford and ask for a job selling cars? What if I had not said "yes" when Chuck asked me out to lunch? What if I just decided I was too old to take a

chance? My story would look very different from what it does today. Yes, I held tightly to that pencil. Yes, I made the decisions and feared that I would fail, that I would get hurt again. But I did it all ... afraid.

My story looks like that which would be written for a Hallmark movie, a really good one.

I took hold of MY pencil and allowed my story to flow from my heart as well as my gumption.

Never think you are too old to write a new chapter. Never be afraid to fail because there is also a chance you will succeed and a new happiness will be found. There is beauty and adventure in the blank pages you have yet to write upon.

Never think your pencil can change someone. History is evidence of future actions. Giving someone a second chance is one thing. Giving them nine or ten is another thing. Hold tight to your pencil and write down what you want your life to look like.

Your pencil gives you power over fear. Your pencil has a beautiful story to write. Never stop writing. Never let anyone control your pencil. Never allow negative thoughts to be written by your pencil.

Guard your heart and guard your pencil from those who wish to control you.

You have so much to write. You have a new pencil. There are beautiful and powerful words yet to be written.

It's your pencil. It's your life. Write well my friend, it's not written in ink ... yet.



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

Wiles seeks second term on Noblesville Council

The REPORTER

Megan Wiles has announced her candidacy for re-election to the Noblesville Common Council serving the residents of the Sixth District. Wiles is seeking her second term on the Council in order to continue to serve all residents of the City of Noblesville as well as her district.

During her first term, Wiles was elected as Council President during her second year in office and created the Downtown District Committee to help oversee the funds allocated to enhance Noblesville's downtown. Also during her time on Council, Wiles chaired the Economic Development Committee, served on the Finance Committee, the Plan Commission and Architectural Review

Board and Nominating Committee and was a liaison to the Parks Board.

As a longtime resident of Noblesville, Wiles says she is dedicated to seeing the history of the Noblesville community and especially downtown preserved while recognizing the need to embrace growth.

"As Noblesville continues to grow, we must continue to invest in our infrastructure to insure that we can handle this growth. I'm proud of the work of this current Council to dedicate resources to plan for the future of our community, and there is additional work to be done," said Wiles. "I look



Wiles

forward to working with our new Mayor to help Noblesville continue to grow in a fiscally responsible manner."

In her professional career, Wiles serves as the Executive Director of Riverview Health Foundation, where she works to build resources to support programs and projects that benefit patients and their families at Riverview Health. She is also a member of the 29th Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service class, one of 20 women selected for this program in the state of Indiana.

Wiles and her husband, Greg, are the proud parents of Garrett and Grace,

both high school students. Wiles is a graduate of Noblesville High School and Ball State University, and also serves as a member of the Conner Prairie Alliance, the women's organization that operates the Apple Store at Conner Prairie. Wiles and her family are members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

The Sixth District includes the southeast area of Noblesville, including newer neighborhoods of Blue Ridge Creek, Chapel Villas, Flagstone Woods, Summerland Park, Turnberry at the Park, Waterman Crossing, as well as the Corporate Campus and Hamilton Town Center.

Wiles will seek re-election in the 2019 Republican primary on May 7.

Hall announces candidacy for Noblesville Council

The REPORTER

Mark F. Hall, 32-year Noblesville resident and business owner, has announced he will run for Noblesville Common Council, District 1 in the May 2019 primary. Hall is the President of PinPoint Resources, Tech Trades and TalentLogistiX, staffing businesses he founded in Noblesville in 1993.

"It's a unique transitional time in the history of Noblesville," Hall said. "We are thankful for the years of service from Mayor Ditslear. New leadership in the mayor's office will bring new vision, new challenges and new opportunities. As a Noblesville Councilperson I bring 30 years of business,

executive, board and leadership experience to this opportunity to serve new our new Mayor and to serve alongside a talented experienced group of Council Members.

"I am committed to sound economic development, to guarding against unnecessary expense and to maintaining Noblesville's culture, amenities and exceptional history.

"I continue to support the educational and historical significance of the train and support the Pleasant Street expansion, prudent State Road 37 renovations and new facilities for our Police.

"As a business owner



Hall

responsible for payroll, finance, contracts, risk and budgets I have the right experience to serve the citizens of District 1 and of Noblesville on our legislative and fiscal oversight governing body."

In addition to many years of coaching area youth sports, Hall teaches board leadership and planning to eleven local charities, serves on the board of directors for Truth at Work and Freedom International School and serves on the Finance Committee of the Hamilton County Republican Party. As an employer, Hall provides jobs to hundreds of Hoosiers

in technology, engineering and the skilled trades.

Hall's three daughters all attended Noblesville schools and his six grandchildren all live in the area. Mark lives in Noblesville with his wife of 39 years, Lisa, along with their four Australian Shepherds. They are members of Harbour Shores Church and actively volunteer with Shepherd Community Center, the Good Samaritan Network and teach employment classes to inmates and underprivileged young adults in the area.

For comments or questions, Hall can be reached at mark.hall@tlxcorp.com or by phone at 317-832-1104. For more information regarding his candidacy, visit markhall.com.

Taylor announces he will seek re-election to Noblesville Council

The REPORTER

Councilman Rick Taylor has announced that he is seeking a third term on the Noblesville Common Council in 2019. Taylor has represented District 3 since 2011.

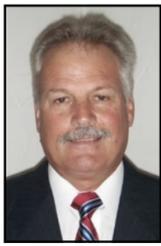
Taylor, a lifelong resident of Noblesville, represents a large part of downtown Noblesville.

"Most of my adult life has been serving this community and I want to continue that service," Taylor said, "and I am absolutely committed to preserving and enhancing Old Town Noblesville and especially the his-

toric downtown. I was born and raised in this city and I have dedicated my adult life serving it as a Noblesville fireman for 33 years."

Taylor pointed out the many improvements that have been accomplished since he has been on the Council. Projects include expanding the downtown footprint with Federal Hill Park and links to Downtown, the Riverwalk and other connecting trails; the Midland Trace Trail Project that will connect to the Riverwalk Downtown; Finch Creek Park along with the Finch Creek Fieldhouse for youth sports; bringing Ivy Tech Campus to the city; supporting a new Boys and Girls Club; and promoting safety in schools. Taylor also said the Council has focused on public safety, which includes supporting a specialized unit in the Police Department to combat drugs in Noblesville.

"This spring we will be updating Seminary Park with sidewalks, landscaping, green spaces, lighting, fencing and a new larger gazebo," Taylor said, "as well as a new gateway leading into the park to mark the entry into the historic site and our Downtown District."



Taylor

Taylor has been a member of the Parking Taskforce Committee and the Downtown District Committee.

Taylor served as President of the Common Council in 2015. He has also been active on several committees he says are important to his district as well as the Plan Commission, Architectural Review Board and Youth Sports.

Taylor noted he regretted that the train issue was decided without any Council input. He supports keeping the train tracks, and at the least, keeping the northern route and bringing the train back to the downtown.

Taylor supports the Pleasant Street extension, a new police station possibly at the old Firestone site and a new Public Safety Training Facility. He intends to continue to work with the city's Economic Development team to attract new businesses to provide employment and lower taxes for Noblesville residents.

Taylor says his wide variety of experience has provided him with a thorough understanding of the inner workings of city government.

Taylor can be reached by email at rk_taylor_717@comcast.net or by telephone at (317) 773-6934 with questions and comments.

Ake seeks re-election to Westfield City Council

The REPORTER

Jim Ake, 19-year Westfield resident and current Westfield City Councilman, will run At Large for another term.

During Ake's tenure on the Westfield City Council, he has played an integral role on several projects and initiatives that have made Westfield the destination city it is today. These include the Grand Park, Grand Plaza Junction, Restaurant Row, infrastructure and projects improving State Road 32 and U.S. 31.

"I love Westfield. It's been a pleasure serving the residents," said Ake. "I want continue the progress we've made as a council. There are so many opportunities for residents and business owners across the city from arts to economic development. I look forward to speaking with residents in the coming months about their priorities."

The three areas of focus for Ake as he seeks re-election are:

- Schools: Adding additional safety layers including more resource officers, 'sub-stations' in each school and mental health initiatives.
- Public safety: Keeping Westfield families safe and providing public safety teams the resources

they need.

• Responsible economic development: Providing ongoing transparency as future economic successes continue for Westfield.

Ake was involved with the inception of Westfield Youth Assistance and he served as past President of the Westfield Community Development

Corporation and the Westfield Washington Township Public Safety Building Corporation. He is a member of Westfield CERT and has chaired the Westfield We-CAN Trash and Recycling Committee. For three terms, Ake served as the president of a 1,200-home subdivision. He is also an active member in the Rotary Club of Westfield where he serves as Foundation Chairman.

Ake lives in Westfield with his wife, Mary. They have two sons. His career as a business owner and high level sales executive includes managing and budgeting millions of dollars, leading teams and exceeding goals. Ake attends St. Luke's UMC where he has been a member over the years, serving in many capacities. His wife attends Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and is a Stephens Minister.



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Noblesville overcomes Muncie Central in overtime

By CRAIG ADKINS

The Noblesville Millers hadn't played a game in eight days and it seemed like they left off right where they stopped from their outstanding play in the Noblesville Holiday Tournament last week.

On Saturday night, they faced a Muncie Central squad that was both experienced and youthful and were able to come out on top in overtime against the visiting Bearcats, 47-44.

The Millers started the game at their own tempo and style of play and it worked in their favor, for a majority of the game.

It was a methodical start for both teams, but that comes with the territory when you change your game plan and scheme differently than what you're normally used to.

"We were already prepared for this. It's not the first game we played like this this season. We knew what they were about. If you get behind them, they're going to hold the ball. They're going to sit in a zone the majority of the night. We were in control of the game towards the end. We just didn't make the shots we should've made at the end and a defensive lapse would force them to get the win," said Muncie Central head coach Chandler Thompson following Saturday night's loss at Noblesville.

Noblesville led 6-3 after one period, but the Bearcats didn't score their first points until freshman Reggie Bass sank a long three from near the volleyball line as time expired.

Both teams woke up offensively in the second, but it was how they did that made the second quarter as crucial as it was.

Zack Johnson made it 8-5 with his second basket, but four consecutive free throws by Bearcats' leading scorer Victor Young helped them take a 9-8 lead, but that obviously didn't last long.

An Egan Keever-Hill charity strip tied it 9-9 and the Millers jumped back out in front 12-9 on

a long three from the right wing by Jordan Schmidt.

Bass got more comfortable outside the arc, tying it at 12 and 15, sandwiching those treys with Keever-Hill draining one from downtown for 15-12. The '63 senior gave Noblesville a 17-15 edge that would be the Millers' last for a while.

Dylan Stafford pulled Muncie Central back ahead 18-17 on his first three from the left corner and after Young made a 19-foot jumper, the Bearcats took a 20-19 lead into halftime.

Confidence was pretty high all night long for Muncie Central. After all, their head coach led them to the 1988 IHSAA boys basketball state championship, along with assistant coach Cedric Vanleer, and he was a big part of Ball State's 1990 Sweet 16 run, not to mention former NBA star Bonzi Wells, who played 12 seasons as a pro before retiring. That alone in their back pocket should build confidence amongst the Bearcats.

Muncie Central had it in their minds that they could get business done on the road after a big home win over Lafayette Jeff on Friday, 81-74.

They controlled the third on an 11-6 run and it was Victor Young's leadership and scoring that helped guide the Bearcats to a 31-25 lead after three periods.

Young scored five of those 11, along with four from Lamar Akins off of the bench.

Slowly but surely, the Millers crept their way back and were able to tie it early in the fourth on six straight points, four from the hands of Johnson and Keever-Hill the other two to knot it 31-31.

Stafford canned an open three from the right side for 34-31, but here came the Millers right back.

Zack Johnson took a pass down low on the block from Jordan Schmidt, cutting it to one again at 34-33.

Keever-Hill returned the favor to Johnson, taking the pass and backing down his defender into



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Alex Hunt scored five points in overtime to help the Millers to a 47-44 win over Muncie Central Saturday night at The Mill.

the paint, putting a short jumper down for a 35-34 lead.

The Bearcats clawed back on top with Reggie Bass converting an and-1 to put Muncie Central up by two at 37-35.

The Millers went up 38-37 on a Johnson three. Nip and tuck, back and forth was the story of the fourth.

Dylan Stafford gave the Bearcats a 40-38 lead late in the fourth, but Johnson was able to tie it 40-40 on another pass on the baseline from Keever-Hill that would force overtime.

"That's what happens when you're led by a senior led team. Those guys are experienced and we're inexperienced. We had guys that played varsity last year, but they're still young, inexperienced, so this is a teaching moment for them," stated Thompson on his Noblesville's experience and his team's mix of experienced and inexperienced players.

"They were denying our wings, so Eagan had to go one-on-one and he made a nice bounce

pass back to Zack and Alex Hunt. Great execution on a lot of guys' part and Eagan was certainly a big part of that," said Noblesville head coach Brian McCauley on Keever-Hill's tremendous guard play under pressure all night long.

The overtime belonged to the Millers, no matter what Muncie Central brought into it.

Johnson started it with sinking a pair of free throws. Bass would tie it 42-42 with his own trip to the line.

The turning point of overtime was when Johnson fed a pass to Alex Hunt on the right block. Hunt went up for the shot, converting the layup and got fouled. He made the free throw to go up 45-42.

Muncie Central would get back within one at 45-44 on Young's 10-foot jump shot.

Hunt came to the rescue again to seal the deal. Keever-Hill dropped a pass down to Hunt and he put in his second field goal, scoring all five of his points in the extra period, giving Noblesville a 47-44 win in overtime.

"I'm really proud of our effort tonight. This is a huge confidence builder. To beat a good, athletic team, I'm really proud of them," stated McCauley on his team's overall effort.

The loss splits the weekend for Muncie Central (4-7) and they'll get back to North Central Conference play on January 11, hosting Richmond (7-7).

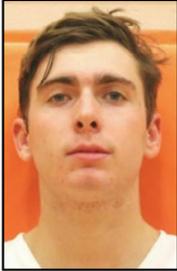
The Bearcats were led by a team-high 14 from the frosh Reggie Bass. He was joined in double-figures by Victor Young with 13 and Dylan Stafford added nine.

Noblesville (7-5) has won three of its last four and will get back to their Hoosier Crossroads Conference schedule, hosting Zionsville (9-3) on Friday as the second game of a girls/boys varsity doubleheader. Noblesville then plays at Fort Wayne Northrop on Saturday.

The Millers were led by Johnson's game-high 19, along with Keever-Hill's 12 points and eight assists.

Huskies stopped by Tigers on buzzer-beater, dominate Twin Lakes

Hamilton Heights played an incredible game at Northwestern on Friday.



Field

Unfortunately, an incredible shot won the game for the Tigers.

Northwestern and Heights were tied at 65-65 with seconds left in the fourth, when the Tigers' Cameron Austin hit a buzzer-beater to give

his team a 68-65 win. The basket kept Northwestern undefeated at 9-0, and handed the Huskies their first loss in Hoosier Conference play this season.

Heights led 22-18 after the first quarter, with AJ Field hitting two 3-pointers on his way to 10 points. The Tigers defense allowed the Huskies just four points in the second period, and allowed Northwestern to come back and lead 28-26 at halftime.

Both teams poured in the points in the third quarter, which ended with the Tigers up 51-50. Gus Etchison got hot in that

period, scoring 13 points. The game remained close in the fourth quarter, until it was finally decided by the last-second basket.

Etchison finished the game with 28 points, including three 3-pointers, and four assists. Field reached double-double status with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Brent Pennington pulled five rebounds.

Hamilton Heights dominated Twin Lakes in the third quarter, and that sent the Huskies to a 75-51 win in a Saturday away game.

The Huskies were already ahead 30-20

at halftime, but pulled away in the third by outscoring the Indians 27-12. Issiac Hickok and Field each scored 11 points in that quarter, both hitting three of their four 3-pointers in the period.

Field finished with 21 points, while Hickok scored 18 points. Etchison also reached double figures with 10 points. Field also led the rebounding with eight, with Brent Pennington grabbing six. Hudson Hochstedler finished with 11 assists, nine points and four steals.

Heights is 8-4 and will play at Lapel on Friday.

'Hawks hold off Tri-Central to start two-game win streak

Is the new year bringing a new dawn, a new day for the Sheridan boys basketball team?

One thing's for sure: The Blackhawks were feeling good after holding off Tri-Central 46-44 Friday night at Hobbs Memorial Hall in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

"Ultimately, we needed to get a win," said 'Hawks coach Chris Schrank. "We've been on a little bit of a streak there, shooting ourselves in the foot, like I've said in a couple of games before. We did enough here

to get a 'W.'

"We needed to break that losing streak we were on. It's good for us to grind these out. Hopefully we'll win one here, somewhere, that will be a little easier for us. We needed to feel what that was like again."

Sheridan got off to a solid start against the Trojans, leading 10-3 after the first quarter and 22-16 at halftime. Drake Delph scored 13 points in the half, including two 3-pointers.

Sheridan extended its lead to 33-25 after three quarters. Tri-Central came

back and got to within two late in the fourth period, but the 'Hawks were able to hang on. Jesse Kolb helped out with a big basket during the game's final minute, while Nick Burnell had six points in the quarter.

Delph finished the game with 20 points, while Burnell scored 10. Kolb grabbed six rebounds, with Burnell collecting five.

Sheridan pulled its record back to .500 on Saturday with a 53-48 overtime win over Fountain Central Saturday at Hobbs Memorial Hall.

The Blackhawks led 27-

23 at halftime and 39-30 after three quarters, but the Mustangs forced the extra period by outscoring Sheridan 12-3 in the fourth. Sheridan took care of business in the overtime, pouring in 11 points.

Burnell earned a double-double with 12 rebounds and 10 points; he also blocked three shots. Drake Delph led the scoring with 13 points, Duke added 12 and Kolb scored 10. Kolb pulled nine rebounds, with Delph and Duke both collecting five.

Sheridan is 5-5 and plays at Delphi on Friday, then hosts Elwood on Saturday.

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Sheridan's Caleb Duke (left) and Jesse Kolb both made important plays during the fourth quarter of the Blackhawks' win over Tri-Central on Friday. Duke hit timely free throws, while Kolb scored a basket during the game's last minute.

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Owens scores 32 in Carmel's win over Westfield

A sensational shooting performance from senior Andrew Owens propelled Carmel to a win in its first home game in several weeks on Saturday.

The Greyhounds beat county rival Westfield 76-50 at the Eric Clark Activity Center, their first game there since Nov. 30. Carmel slowly built its lead over the course of the game, going up 18-9 after the first quarter and 42-26 at halftime.

Owens led the way for the 'Hounds, scoring a career-high 32 points. He hit a 3-pointer in the first quarter, then let loose in the second period for 19 points, including four triples. Owens then added 10 more points in the third quarter; with two more 3s, Owens totaled seven long-range baskets for the night.

"I thought I shot it well," said Owens. "My teammates got me open." Owens said he felt confident in the game, after a good performance against Center Grove on Friday.

John Michael Mulloy added 18 points and also led the boards with seven rebounds. Owens pulled five rebounds. Karsten Windlan dished out seven assists.

"I thought we shot the ball well," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. "I thought our execution was good."

Senior Zach Banks scored 17 points for Westfield, hitting three 3s along the way, and also handed out four assists. Freshman Braden Smith scored 15 points, including four 3s. Benji Welch collected four rebounds.

The Greyhounds played at Center Grove Friday in a big Metropolitan Conference game. Carmel used a third-quarter run to take control and beat the Trojans 47-37.

The 'Hounds led 20-18 at halftime, but then outscored Center Grove 15-7 in the third quarter, and that would be the difference in the game. Three Carmel players reached double figures, led by Owens, who threw in three 3-pointers on his way to 13 points.

Mulloy and Windlan each added 10 points. Peter Suder led the Greyhounds' rebounding with nine, followed by Owens with seven and Mulloy with six.

Carmel remains undefeated at 9-0 and hosts Cathedral on Wednesday and Bishop Dwenger on Saturday.

The Shamrocks are 6-3 and travel to Hamilton Southeastern on Friday as part of a girl-boy Hoosier Crossroads Conference doubleheader. Westfield then hosts Lafayette Jefferson on Saturday.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

ABOVE: Westfield's Zach Banks scored 17 points for the Shamrocks during their game with Carmel Saturday. Pictured at right is the Greyhounds' Robert Fry.

BELOW: Carmel's Andrew Owens scored a career-high 32 points on Saturday.

Girls basketball

Westfield gets two victories, on six-game win streak

By RICH TORRES

WESTFIELD – Westfield coach Ginny Smith won't say her girls basketball team is at peak level just yet, but for three quarters at home against Class 3A Bishop Chatard last Wednesday night, the 4A Shamrocks were razor sharp.

Freshman Alyssa Crockett was steady with 11 points and eight rebounds while junior Ava Henson had 14 points behind junior Ashtin DeCraene's game-high 16.

The Shamrocks' triple threat and up-tempo style overwhelmed the visiting Trojans (9-6) early and throughout en route to Westfield's (13-4) fifth straight win, 51-32.

Westfield built a 12-point lead by

halftime with Bishop Chatard struggling against the press, and DeCraene made it a 27-point margin with a buzzer-beating 3 to ignite the Shamrocks' bench.

Crockett launched an inbound pass from full court with less than three seconds remaining in the third quarter, connecting with DeCraene in stride. The 5-foot-6 guard collected the reception, shook her defender, set, and fired just before the clock expired.

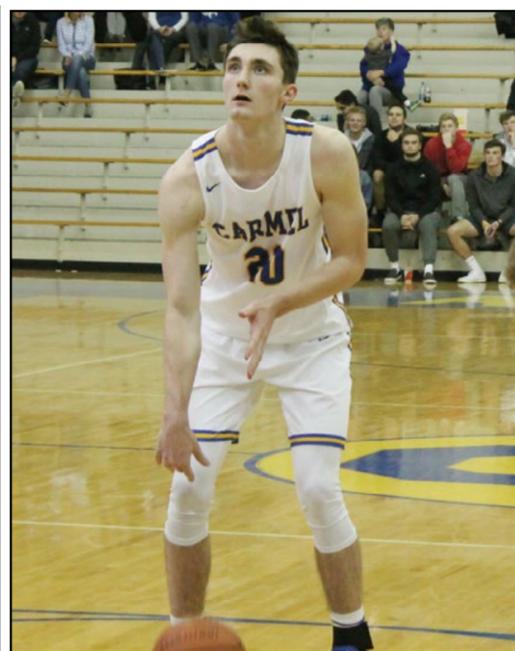
"It was fun. I just kind of threw it up," DeCraene said with a laugh. "Alyssa made a great pass to me, and I threw it up. I started walking away because I didn't think it was in, but then I turned and it went in. It was fun. Everyone went crazy."

DeCraene's third 3-pointer in five tries put Westfield ahead 47-20 to cap a 20-point quarter, which the Shamrocks controlled by shooting 6 of 9 from the floor. Westfield converted 43 percent of its field goal attempts overall and forced 13 Trojans turnovers, including nine in the first half.

"Defensively, I thought our effort was really good. Ultimately, that's what won us that basketball game," Smith said. "I thought we were really solid with our matchups."

Bishop Chatard had one double-digit scorer led by Zakia Rasheed's 12-point effort. The Trojans shot 23 percent from the field.

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Sophomores step up as Millers overwhelm Kokomo

By RICHIE HALL

NOBLESVILLE - The Noblesville girls basketball team started off 2019 on a highly positive note, getting a big win at The Mill last Wednesday.

The Millers overwhelmed Kokomo 73-21. It was the first win of the season for Noblesville at home, and it came in front of a nice crowd, including several former Miller players, all of whom had to be happy about the future of the program after Noblesville's younger players had great games.

"Every kid that played tonight scored," said Millers coach Donna Buckley. "I thought we shared the ball really well. We had one turnover in the game. That's hard to do. I don't care who you're playing."

Noblesville scored the first 12 points of the game. Sophomore Mallory Miller had the first five points (a 3-pointer and a layin off an assist by junior Abby Haley), then sophomore Emily Wood hit consecutive baskets.

"Our sophomores really got us rolling early," said Buckley.

Senior Maddie Knight continued the run, hitting a 3-pointer to put the Millers up 12-0. The Wildkats got on the board halfway through the first quarter on a layin by Sanighia Balantine, but Noblesville led 23-7 once the period ended. Sarah Etchison helped out with a 3-pointer.

A Kokomo basket from Danielle Wikert started the second period, but that was

followed by a 21-0 run from Noblesville. Knight and Etchison both nailed 3s, and seven different Miller players scored during the run. Knight hit another 3 late in the quarter, helping Noblesville to a 49-13 lead.

The Millers continued to roll in the second half. Mallory Johnson hit a 3 in the third quarter, then Abby Haley scored twice off of steals late in the period. Noblesville led 60-21 after three, then outscored the Wildkats 13-0 in the fourth quarter. Emery Denison and Abby Baker both came off the bench to score baskets in the final two minutes of the game.

Knight finished the game with 18 points, including four 3-pointers, while fellow senior Johnson scored 12. As for the sophomores, Wood added 12 points and Miller had nine.

"With all the different injuries and things that we've had, both of them have had opportunities to start some," said Buckley. "Boy, they really have just grown up this year. They were forced into the fire early and you're seeing just everything start to slow down for them and they're starting to play really well."

Johnson and Miller each pulled four rebounds. Haley had an outstanding game with eight steals, six points and six assists. Etchison added eight points and Knight handed out four assists.

Noblesville came from behind Saturday



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville sophomore Mallory Miller scored nine points in the Millers' Wednesday win over Kokomo at The Mill.

to score a road win at Martinsville 43-40, giving the Millers their second straight victory.

Noblesville trailed 25-21 at halftime and 35-28 after three quarters, but then outscored the Artesians 15-5 in the fourth period.

Knight led the Millers with 17 points.

Johnson hit two 3-pointers on her way to eight points, while Anna Kiser pulled seven rebounds. All seven players that took to the court for Noblesville scored.

The Millers are 6-11 and play at Mount Vernon on Tuesday, then host Zionsville Friday as part of a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girl-boy doubleheader.



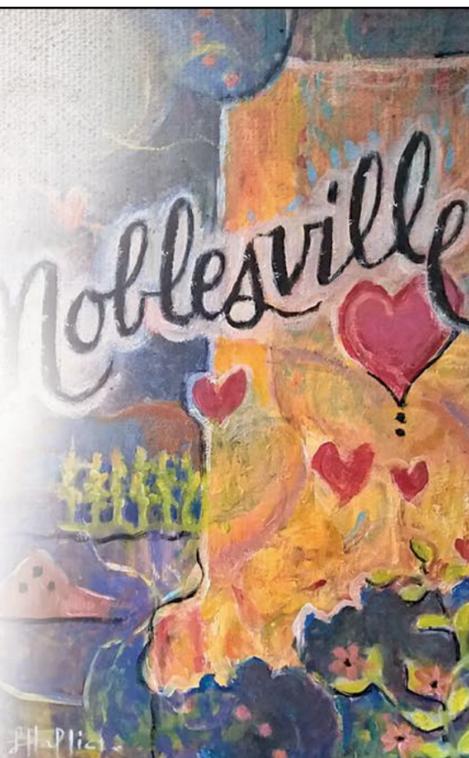
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WESTFIELD

The Trojans were 11 of 16 from the free-throw line. They went 4 of 7 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter and outscored the Shamrocks 12-4 in the final eight minutes, but it wasn't enough despite a late 10-2 run.

"We did a nice job of keeping them off the glass, no second chances," Smith said. "I felt we struggled from the free-throw line early. We struggled to finish in the paint early. I don't know how many bunnies we missed, but collectively we still found a way to get it done on the defensive end because when we struggled offensively, we were still able to get stops."

The Westfield defense poured it on in the first half and turned a 2-0 deficit in the first quarter into a 13-0 run and later a 16-11 lead. The Trojans countered with a 9-2 swing and pulled within 16-13 in the second quarter until Westfield ran away with an 11-0 rally.

DeCrane and Henson both had eight points by halftime. Henson buried her first three shot attempts and finished 4 of 5 shooting. She was 6-for-7 from the foul line with two assists and three steals. DeCrane had three assists and two steals.

Crockett posted a team-high four assists and hauled in six offensive rebounds. Sophomore Gigi Eldredge had nine boards (seven off the defensive glass) to pair with two points and a block.

"We've been struggling a bit in practice lately, but coming into this game tonight we played together and encouraged each other a lot," DeCrane said. "Coming out and playing with confidence helped us win."

A decisive 14-3 run in the third quarter propelled the Shamrocks to a 41-16 lead before DeCrane supplied Westfield with its largest lead.

"We did want to go long and catch the basketball. You just never know if it's going to go in our not," Smith said. "Alyssa threw a beautiful pass that couldn't have been a better pass. And Ashtin just got lucky and made it."

OTHER GAMES

Westfield won a defensive battle at Hamilton Heights Saturday afternoon, by the score of 27-20.

The Huskies led for most of the game, going up 7-2 after the first quarter and 11-6 at halftime. Heights was still up 17-11 after three quarters, but the Shamrocks took over after that, dominating the fourth quarter.

Westfield got it done from the free throw line, making 12 of 16 foul shots in the fourth period. Jade Shipley went 7-of-8, while freshman Olivia Robey was 2-for-2. Shipley and Henson were tied for the Shamrocks' leading scorer with nine points each.

Crockett pulled six rebounds, and also blocked two shots. Henson had three blocks. Hamilton Heights returned to action with

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Balanced 'Hawks win over Herron



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

ABOVE: Hamilton Heights' Lauryn Wiley hit two 3-pointers for the Huskies during their Saturday game with Westfield.

BELOW: Jade Shipley's free-throw shooting helped the Shamrocks make a fourth-quarter comeback.



a dominating Hoosier Conference win at Lewis Cass on Thursday, by the score 71-19. The Huskies led 12-6 after the first quarter and 37-12 at halftime; Heights never allowed the Kings more than six points in a period. Runner had an incredible game with 22 points (including four 3-pointers), five steals, four rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots.

Jillian Osswald added 13 points and dished out six assists, while Wiley contributed 12 points. Both had four rebounds, as did Abby Christiansen. Mykayla Moran led the rebounds with five, while Payton Dissett made four steals.

The Shamrocks, winners of their last six games, are 14-4 and will play at Greenwood on Tuesday, then travel to Hamilton Southeastern on Friday as part of a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girl-boy doubleheader. The Huskies are 7-9 and also on the road next week, playing at Western Tuesday and at Tipton on Friday in Hoosier Conference games.



Ho. Barker

Sheridan scored a nice rebound win over Herron 51-31 Saturday at Hobbs Memorial Hall.

The victory came after the Blackhawks fell to Tipton 53-10 on Wednesday, but Sheridan bounced back nicely. The Blackhawks outscored the Achaeans in each quarter, leading 15-7 after the first and 32-19 at halftime. Holly Barker scored nine points

for Sheridan; 11 different Blackhawks players scored. Katy Crail and Allie Delph both added seven points, while Heather Barker scored six. Berkley Williams grabbed six rebounds.

Heather Barker led the 'Hawks against Tipton with four points.

Sheridan is 9-8 and will host Indianapolis Washington next Saturday.

Wrestling: 'Rocks win NC Invite, HSE takes Mudsock

The Westfield wrestling team dominated the North Central Invitational on Saturday.

The Shamrocks went 4-0, with wins over Lawrence Central 64-14, Hamilton Southeastern 36-33, North Central 57-20 and Greenfield-Central 48-27. Westfield was led by seniors Kyle Saez, Ryan Mahoney and Sam Medlen, who each went 4-0 with four falls.

Bryson Collier, Dylan Driver, Milo Merkel and Dakota Arvin all went 3-1 for the tournament.

Southeastern beat Fishers 41-30 to win the Mudsock meet Thursday at the Tiger Den.

The Tigers started the meet with a win, as Preston Putzback got a third-period pin at 195 pounds. Southeastern won six matches

in a row, after that: Andrew Irick won at 220 by forfeit, then Crae Kunkleman (285) and Sam Crouse (106) each got major decision victories. Jake Simone won at 113 by fall, Jake Lemieux picked up a decision win at 120, then Gaige Lloyd was a winner by pin at 126.

Fishers' Josh Thompson stopped Southeastern's streak with a decision win at 132. The Royals' Reece Luhmann won at 138 with a pin. The Tigers answered with a victory by fall from Tyler Lindamood at 145, but Jackson Williams clinched the meet for the Royals by taking the 152-pound bout by pin. Fishers swept the final three matches: Zach Pairitz won at 160 by fall, Mason McCartney took the 170-pound match by decision, and JD Farrell was the 182-pound winner by pin.

Hamilton Heights hosts Indiana Girls State Wrestling Championships on Friday



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights will host the Indiana Girls State Wrestling Championships on Friday.

Six women wrestled for the Huskies in last year's state championships: Samera Henson (106 pounds), Markaela Pugh (113), Jayla Logan (132), Adyson Baber (152), Alexis Harbor (182) and Reagon Ward (220). Heights had four finalists, with Harbor winning at 182 pounds and Logan finishing sixth at 132.

The girls state championships start at 6 p.m. on Friday. Tickets are \$10 at the door, with children 5 and under admitted for free.

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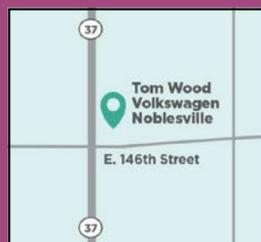


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