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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny and warmer breezes to 25 mph.

Tonight: Shower and storm chances late.

HIGH: 77 LOW: 60



Janus providing telehealth services to clients for free

The REPORTER

People living with disabilities are facing unprecedented challenges during the current COVID-19 crisis. Janus clients are trying to cope with the same fears, uncertainties and anxieties that everyone is experiencing, only on a much more intense level due to their developmental disabilities and intellectual challenges.

In response to the need for social-emotional support, Janus is providing free virtual telehealth services through Zoom. Activities include a variety of classes, including art, cooking, nature, life skills and literacy activities. Of course, there is a cost associated with each of these activities: Supplies, porch delivery of products to client homes, etc.

At this time, there is no reimbursement for the cost of these services. Why do them? Because it's the right thing to do for people whom

Janus considers a part of its extended family.

Kelsey Royal (right) recently began participating in this new service. Her mother, Robyn, said, "Before the Zoom calls began, Kelsey was depressed and not quite herself. She missed her friends at Janus. When the Zoom calls began, she was so happy to see her friends. It was nice to see her smile and to hear her laugh on the calls. She now says she is 'working from home' just like mom."

Please consider making a donation to Janus today to offset the costs of the virtual telehealth program. Simply click on the Donate Button on the home page of the Janus website, Janus-inc.org. It's that easy to make a difference.

The CARES Act created a direct deduction of taxable income for individual contributions to churches and charities of up to \$300 for the 2020 tax year.



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Former technophobe changes her ways

My mom's facility did something wonderful – they helped set up a Zoom call so Mom's family could visit and see her. When my brother told me about this opportunity I was incredibly

excited. Not only would I see Mom, but so many other people that I loved and have been missing. And it was all going to be a surprise for my mother!

I got up earlier than normal to put on a bit of makeup, a concept during these challenging times, and practically counted down the minutes. Soon my family and I logged in and could see my sister and her fiancé, my brother and his wife, and two nephews and their families. My heart leapt to see them all.

Mom joined us a few minutes later. We had some chuckles throughout the call, as half the time we



COLUMNIST
AMY SHANKLAND
Sandwiched

could only see her from the nose up. Mom has jokingly called herself "technologically brain dead" for years and mentioned this fact once again. But she was so happy to see everyone and said so a couple of times.

While things weren't perfect – we couldn't hear my sister and she was in the dark at times – it felt wonderful to catch up with everyone. We hung up a half hour later and I felt blessed. We hope we can do another call in the future.

I also felt grateful for this technology.

If someone would have told me 20 years ago that I would make that statement, I would have laughed in their face. I've resisted most technology since I was a teenager. When my friends were using computers during

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Carmel, show you care with \$20 charity shirt



Photo provided

Carmel City Councilor Jeff Worrell and his wife, Shari, show off their new Carmel Cares T-shirts. \$5 from every shirt sold will benefit COVID-19 relief charities like local food pantries and other charitable non-profits. To get your own \$20 T-shirt or support their efforts, [click here](#).

HCLA promotes Andrea Marley to Executive Director

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) is pleased to announce the promotion of Andrea Marley to Executive Director after nearly two years as Program Coordinator. She has been serving as Interim Executive Director since November.

"Andee has done an absolutely stellar job being proactive, innovative and motivational – not just keeping HCLA on track

but also pushing us forward," said Board President Rachael Coverdale. "This is the natural next step for her and the organization."

Marley, a Carmel native, graduated from Carmel High School and Indiana University Bloomington, where she studied Costume Design, Japanese and Fine Art. For many years, she



Marley

worked as an artisan, living in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Austin and Chicago before returning back home to Hamilton County.

"Above all, I consider myself an artist," she said, adding that she applies that mindset to her work at HCLA. "I love to

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Be a virtual volunteer for Carmel Parks' Weed Wrangle

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) invites the community to be part of a virtual volunteer event throughout the month of May. To participate in the Virtual Weed Wrangle, remove invasive species from your own property. Participating volunteers will receive a free tree sapling from CCPR.

When you are finished removing invasive species from your property, email a photo to volunteer@carmelclayparks.com. Once the photo is received the CCPR volunteer coordinator will email directions for contactless tree pick up and instructions for planting. Volunteers are also encouraged to share photos on social

media using the hashtags #WeedWrangleIndiana and #HCinvasives.

"While we are heartbroken we won't be volunteering together for the Weed Wrangle, we are thrilled to continue educating our community about the importance of eradicating invasive species from our

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Notice of Assessment forms sent

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Assessor's Office began mailing the Notice of Assessment Form 11 this week. The assessed value on the Form 11 is the starting point for calculating annual property tax payments.

"Land values have been reviewed and updated where needed throughout the County," said County Assessor Robin

Ward. "The total value of land and structures should reflect a typical market value for your area or neighborhood."

A taxpayer has the right to file an appeal with the county assessor, should they disagree with the assessment. The deadline to appeal is June 15 (45 days from the date of notice). Information on the appeals process may be found at in.gov/dlgf/2508.htm.



Ward

Carmel firefighters offer free hand sanitizer at today's Farmers Market

The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Department will set up a special COVID-19 information booth at the season opening of the Carmel Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. today, Saturday, May 2. CFD will hand out information on COVID-19 safety, answer questions from the public, and distribute free bottles of hand sanitizer while supplies last.

During the event, representatives from CFD will wear masks and maintain

physical distancing guidelines to avoid possible spread of the virus. Because the market is open to the public, visitors should also wear masks and maintain proper distance from others as they approach the booth.

The goal of this booth is to continue to provide the community with COVID-19 information, including handouts showing the City of Carmel and Carmel Fire Department "Best Practices" for dealing with the virus.

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parks and our backyards,” said Joanna Woodruff, CCPR Volunteer Coordinator. “It is our hope that our volunteers enjoy supporting our native habitats through this virtual experience!”

When participating, please remember the following: Follow CDC guidelines for COVID-19 safety,

use your own tools as they were intended for your safety and those around you, and properly dispose of plant material.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, an invasive species is any type of organism that isn't native to a certain area. Invasive species are prevalent

in parks, neighborhoods and back yards and are more hurtful than helpful to the environment around them. To learn more about how to properly remove common invasive species like Garlic Mustard and Bush Honeysuckle, visit carmel-clayparks.com/park-stewardship.

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college, I still worked on a typewriter. Granted, it was a pretty advanced one, but a typewriter nonetheless.

I absolutely hated – HATED – cell phones when they came out. I'm a private person (really!) and didn't like the idea of having to be attached to something all of the time. In fact, when I lost my phone years ago, I was relieved.

Fast forward to today where my very livelihood

depends on technology. For almost three years, my office has literally been my laptop – I don't keep paper copies of anything and I work at the corner of my dining room table. The Internet is crucial for my grant consulting business. If it's down, I frown (look at me rhyming)!

And that phone I hated so much years ago? It's also vital for not just business, but for keeping in touch with my teenage sons. I know I'll

like it even more when they both move out of the house for college soon and I easily text them.

I'm sure with this virus that most of us are feeling grateful for technology. It's brought us together, enabled us to share joy, and helped us feel somewhat normal in a rather insane world. I've definitely changed my technophobic ways and look forward to seeing my mama again soon.

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Hello, Hamilton County

With Mr. Weatherman, Paul Poteet





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MARLEY

create curriculum days, class experiences and personal connections.”

Outside of work, Marley is enrolled at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, where she is pursuing a Master of Arts in Art Therapy with a focus on Leadership Development. She is also is the secretary of the Carmel Education Foundation's Board of Directors.

In her free time, she enjoys sewing, reading, meditation and Qigong.

Marley lives in Carmel with her five-year-old daughter, Anthea.

Marley takes the helm at HCLA as the community leadership program prepares to enter its 30th year of service to Hamilton County. She will be its seventh Executive Director.

About HCLA

Founded in 1991, Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) is a

10-month community leadership development program for adults who live or work in Hamilton County. Participants spend one day each month immersed in and learning about different aspects of local government, business and charitable organizations. Through its robust curriculum and study of local issues, HCLA has prepared more than 700 graduates to assume active roles in serving our community.

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.





What's new for 2020?

The Atlas Cross Sport.



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Carmel Symphony Orchestra presenting “Holidays in May” Facebook concert tonight

The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra will host its fourth Saturday night show on Facebook this evening. “Holidays in May” will be part of the Saturday show and will feature selections from the popular Holiday

Pops concert. This show takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the [CSO Facebook page](#).

“We can’t wait for the day we can reopen the Palladium and welcome our fans with hugs and wonderful music,” said Music Director Janna Hymes. “But until

that day, we want to comfort our music loving friends the best way possible.”

Joining Hymes on the program are special guests, featured musicians Ann Manship, violin, and Karen Sheely, flute. They will share personal and lit-

tle-known facts about their lives and careers.

These Saturday night programs have special meaning for Hymes. “We are doing this to stay connected with our fans, but we also feel strongly that music is a uniting, healing

force that will help bring us together in a special way,” she said.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions the Carmel Symphony Orchestra has been presenting 30-minute programs on Facebook Live in an effort

to remain connected with their audience base. The free live-stream is simple to access on the Carmel Symphony Orchestra Facebook page.

[Click here](#) to watch a short video of Hymes talking about the shows.

Letter to the Editor

John Ditslear: Why I’m running for County Council

Dear Editor:

It’s simple. I have always focused on one critical goal: Bettering our Hoosier community. I’ve always been passionate about finding innovative solutions to challenges that face the community. I will take that same philosophy to the Hamilton County Council.

I am disheartened by the lack of communication and collaboration with some of our current County Council members. It’s time for a change. It’s time to take action.

I want to take the experience I’ve gained to the County Council. I’ve been a four-term Noblesville Mayor, a Precinct Committeeman, a township chairman, President of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, a three-term Noblesville School Board Member, and a veteran.

While leading the City of Noblesville as Mayor, the role required constant adaptability, proactive planning, collaboration, and listening to our residents. While I served Noblesville, our population grew 57 percent to more than 60,000 people.

I listened, and listened more, to make solid decisions based on what’s best for our community. Even then, there was consistent teamwork happening across the county, and I want to continue that.

With all the uncertainty in our community going on currently, it’s time to have a County Councilor who will work together well with others to find solutions that benefit everyone. I humbly ask for your vote on or before June 2.

John Ditslear

Former Noblesville Mayor

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Letter to the Editor

Ken Alexander wants Steve Nation to join him on County Council

Editor’s note: Ken Alexander currently serves on the Hamilton County Council representing District 4.

Dear Editor,

There are few people more well-suited to the Hamilton County Council than Steve Nation. I feel lucky to consider him a friend, and have thoroughly enjoyed working with him on projects like the Career Center. Thanks to Steve Nation’s tremendous commitment to Hamilton County, many residents are safer and have the resources they need to meet their highest potential.

Steve was also the driving force behind establishing our county’s Youth Assistance programs and victim assistance in cases like domestic violence and child abuse. His efforts in this arena have been recognized internationally, and he was even awarded “Person of the Year” from the International Association of Truancy and Dropout Prevention and was awarded the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award presented by Governor Eric Holcomb.

Especially in times like these, it is critical to have leadership that is prepared for any scenario. I know Steve Nation has the skills necessary to tackle diverse problems like budget discrepancies, reviewing conflicts, and county resource funding. We would be well-positioned with him on the County Council, and I encourage you to consider voting for him this year.

To vote, you can vote by mail by requesting an absentee ballot from the Hamilton County Elections Office before May 21. You can find more information about how to vote at their website.

Ken Alexander

Westfield

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Riverview Health has reopened physician offices

The REPORTER

As of Monday, April 27, Riverview Health has reopened all physician offices with new safety measures in place.

All staff will wear masks at all times, and patients are being asked to also bring their own mask to the appointment. Patients should call the office from their car

upon arrival to be registered over the phone. Staff will then call the patient back when the provider is ready to see them. No patients will wait in waiting rooms.

Any interaction with staff to pay a copay, schedule another appointment, etc. will be done as quickly as possible. Patients with respiratory symptoms will

have visits at different times of the day than patients without those symptoms.

Virtual visits will still be available for those patients who are unable or would prefer not to come into the office.

“We know that there are patients that may be apprehensive about coming into their physician’s office right

now,” said Eric Marcotte, MD, chief medical officer at Riverview Health. “We are urging patients not to delay care. We’re putting new procedures in place that will help us to keep our patients safe.”

Patients should call their physician’s office to schedule an appointment as no walk-ins will be allowed.

Congressman Dan Burton endorses Beth Henderson

Submitted

Former Congressman Dan Burton, who represented Indiana’s 5th District in Congress until 2013, announced his endorsement on Wednesday of Beth Henderson for Congress to represent his former district.

“I support Beth Henderson because she is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment to the Constitution, the Right to Life – and she is a fiscal conser-

vative,” said Burton. “Beth will work with President Trump and Vice President Pence to solve our health care problems. Beth also supports a strong national defense and a strong American foreign policy. She’s nice but she is tough!”

“It’s such an honor to



Henderson

receive Congressman Burton’s endorsement,” said Henderson. “He is the epitome of a public servant, and my goal is to represent the 5th District with the same level of integrity and dedication that Congressman Burton demonstrated throughout his career.”

Burton was first elect-

ed to Congress in 1983 and served on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Burton received numerous awards recognizing his pro-business record from leading groups like the Farm Bureau, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

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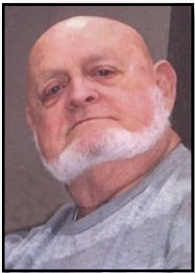
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Harold "Squeak" McDonald

May 20, 1935 – May 1, 2020



Harold "Squeak" McDonald, 84, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on May 20, 1935 to the late Norman and Annie (Crowell) McDonald in Russellville, Ala.

Squeak proudly served his county in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy. He retired from Riverview Hospital and attended Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Squeak enjoyed woodworking in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Betty Ann (Phillips) McDonald; son, Jeff (Diane) VanWinkle; daughter, Tina (Hector) Arocha; brother, Steve McDonald; sister, Annice Davis; sister-in-law, Wilma Robison; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville, with Pastor Steve Walker officiating.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

William "Bill" Smith Tatum

November 16, 1936 – May 1, 2020

William "Bill" Smith Tatum, 83, Carmel, passed away May 1, 2020. He was born November 16, 1936 in New Castle, Ind., son of William F. and Opal S. Tatum.



Before retiring, Bill taught music in several different public schools. He was a longtime member of East 91st Street Christian Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Joyce Tatum; three children, Greg (Linda) Tatum, Carmel, Jeff (Penny) Tatum, Speedway, and Kristie (Linton) Lundeen, West Des Moines, Iowa; and six grandchildren.

Services are private. Burial will take place in Batson Cemetery, New Castle, Bill's hometown.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bill, may be made to Wheeler Mission Ministries, 245 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46204; St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or a charity of your choice.

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

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

Acts 11:7-8 (KJV)

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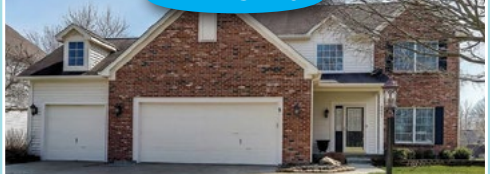
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Angels' Attic cancels Spring Garage Sale

The REPORTER

Angels' Attic announces the cancellation of its Spring Garage Sale, its largest fundraiser of the year, which had been scheduled for May 1 and 2 at Arcadia Christian Church.

Angels' Attic, 105 E. Main St., is currently operating as a drive-thru food pantry only during regular hours of 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The "free store" for donated goods is temporarily

closed, so it is requested that non-food donations be withheld until the store is able to reopen.

Financial contributions may be made to Angels' Attic, P.O. Box 375, Arcadia, IN, 46030.

Mr. Muffin's closes train layout display to public

Submitted

For the health and safety of our customers and friends, the layout at Mr. Muffin's Trains in Atlanta will be closed for now. The shop will remain open for shipping and pickups. We

are taking additional safety precautions, including curbside pickup.

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Store" button in the shopping cart. We'll pull the product and notify you when it's ready to pick up.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call (765) 292-2022 or visit MrMuffinsTrains.com.

Atlanta Town Council closes public places

The Atlanta Town Council has closed the following public places:

- Town Hall
- Community Center
- Playground at the park, but not the park itself

The Easter Egg Hunt has also been postponed until further notice. These closures will remain in effect until further notice.

Carmel

Palladium concerts rescheduled

The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts has rescheduled four Center Presents concerts that had been postponed in response to

public health guidelines for COVID-19.

Ticket holders with questions can contact Patron Services at Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org.

The rescheduled performances will be part of the 2020-21 Center Presents 10th Anniversary Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

Carmel Community Players reschedules final two shows of this year's season

Dear Patrons:

The remaining two shows of the 2019-20 season will be delayed as follows:

The Last Five Years, which had been scheduled

to run from April 24 to May 10, will shift forward to July 17-26, assuming rehearsals can start up again by May/June, for performances at The Cat.

[Click here](#) to make a tax-deductible donation to Carmel Community Players. For more information, call (317) 815-9387 or visit carmelplayers.org.

Carmel closes Monon Community Center

The Monon Community Center is closed until further notice. For the most up-to-date information, please visit carmelclayparks.com/coronavirus-information.

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We look forward to continuing to support those who need our services in new and creative ways!

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For more information, visit prevailinc.org.

PrimeLife temporarily closes doors

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Due to the growing serious health threat of the coronavirus, PrimeLife Enrichment has closed its Center, located at 1078 Third Ave. SW in Carmel, until further notice.

The Central Indiana Council on Aging

(CICOA) will deliver lunches to those in need. PrimeLife Enrichment members are encouraged to contact CICOA for additional information.

Visit primelifeenrichment.org for more information.

County Democrats cancel upcoming meetings

The Hamilton County Democratic Party has canceled its May and June meetings.

Fishers

Fishers High School Alumni Banquet canceled

The annual Alumni Banquet of the original Fishers High School has been canceled.

Spark!Fishers 2020 canceled

The 2020 Spark!Fishers event, scheduled for June 27, has been canceled.

Lobby closed at Fishers Police Department Headquarters

The Fishers Police Department has closed the lobby of its headquarters. Please call (317) 595-3300 to speak to Records staff and (317) 773-1282 to speak with a Fishers police officer.

Noblesville

Noblesville Lions cancel Pork Chop Dinner

The Noblesville Lions have canceled the June 5-6 Pork Chop Dinner this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The club is looking for a new date, possibly in the fall, if things open up. The club will provide an update if and when a new date is established.

Westfield

Westfield Lions Club postpones Poker for Sight tournament

The REPORTER

The Westfield Lions Poker for Sight Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament, originally scheduled for April 17 and 18, will be postponed until Friday and Saturday,

June 12 and 13.

The Lions Poker for Sight tournaments are the largest fund raisers for the Westfield group. They are a vital part of the club's philanthropic endeavors every year.

For more information or to register for Lions Poker for Sight go to lions-poker.org.

For more information on the Westfield Lions Club go to westfieldlions.org.



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History of the Hamilton County Basketball Tournament, Part 4 . . .

Tourney never missed a beat for almost 50 years

By **CHUCK GODBY**

A funny thing happened soon after I decided to turn pages of notes into a series on the very early years of the Hamilton County Boys' Basketball Tournament and offer it to The Reporter: My uncle Jim Godby handed me a magazine-type book he's had for years titled *The Way It Was ... Hamilton County Basketball Tourney*. Until last summer I never knew such a publication existed.

It was written by the late, great Don Jellison prior to the return of the county tourney during the 2003-04 campaign. Jellison, of course, covered Hamilton County sports for decades as the sports editor of the Noblesville Daily Ledger and was instrumental in the creation of The Reporter.

After I left The Ledger in 1990, I spent countless hours in the local library, hoping to compile a Hamilton County basketball history. When that goal became simply too daunting, I decided to focus on the county tourney alone. I made it through the 1920s before life took me off course.

So in three parts you have read about the creation of the Hamilton County Boys' Basketball Tourney and its very early years from notes I recorded in a spiral notebook more than 30 years ago. Now I'm going to speed you through to the last tourney in 1965, before the attempted comeback almost 40 years later.

Actually, I'm taking you through the years courtesy of Mr. Jellison, who gathered all the facts. I'm sure he'd be happy for me to share them. Nobody told the history of sports in Hamilton County better than Don.

Through the Great Depression and two World Wars, the county tourney never missed a beat from 1917 to 1965. The schools that competed were Arcadia, Atlanta, Boxley, Carmel, Cicero, Fishers, Jackson Central, Noblesville, Sheridan, Walnut Grove and Westfield.

Eight of the 11 schools won at least one county championship. Only Atlanta, Boxley and Walnut Grove failed to capture a crown, although all three at least made it to a title game.

Sheridan, which dominated the 1950s, won the most championships with 13. The Blackhawks won eight straight from 1951 through 1958 under the guidance of legendary Hall of Fame coach Larry Hobbs. Hobbs' son Joe, whom Jellison said was the only player to compete on four county-winning teams, returned to coach his alma mater – after his father retired – to the 1960 championship.

The Joe Hobbs reference made me wonder what set of brothers won the most county championships. Although we might never know for sure, I'm going to guess the sons of my grandparents, Harold and Mary Alice Godby, might be a good bet with six.

My dad, Gail, was a regular on the

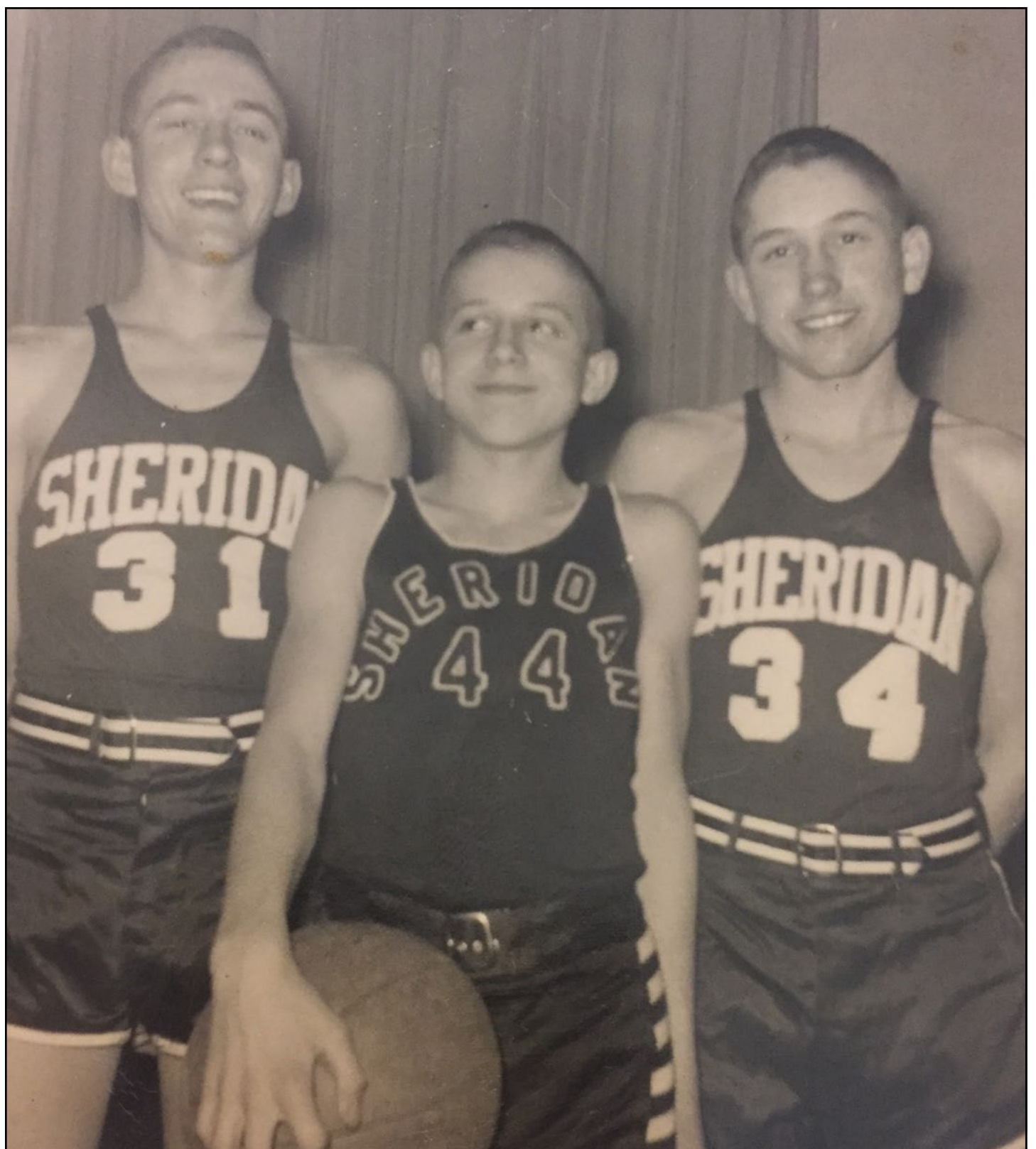


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The Godby brothers were part of the Sheridan domination of the Hamilton County Boys Basketball Tournament in the 1950s, with six county championships between them. Pictured: Gail Godby (played on the 1954 and 1955 winning teams), Jim Godby (1958 and 1960) and Neal Godby (1956 and 1957).

1954 and 1955 winners. Uncle Neal was a regular on the 1956 and 1957 champions, and Uncle Jim, you know him – the furniture guy – was a regular on the 1958 and 1960 champions.

Neal Godby was the only one of the trio to be named to an All-County tourney team.

Larry Hobbs coached the most county tourney champions – eight. Edgar Cotton won five titles at Carmel and Fred Anderson won five – all in succession – coaching Arcadia.

Only Maurice “Mo” Kennedy coached different schools to championship-game victories. He led Noblesville in 1933 and 1935, and directed Westfield in 1943.

Speaking of Noblesville, the Millers participated in the county tourney only 16 times, winning the title four times. They left after winning the 1935 county championship and never returned.

According to Jellison, the reason Noblesville left was never clear.

If you are a modern-day high school basketball fan from Hamilton Heights,

you are still likely to find Roger Bryant on the top row of the bottom section of the Husky Dome watching the Huskies compete. Bryant holds the record for the most points in a single game with 32. Standing 6-foot-4, Bryant, from Walnut Grove, set the mark against Carmel in 1960.

Carmel, with Coach Bill Shepherd at the helm, won the last tourney championship in '65, beating Westfield, 73-60, in the finale. Future Mr. Basketball Billy Shepherd was a freshman and he scored

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Rival Indiana high school coaches welcome newborn sons alongside special surprise

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD
WISH-TV

An easy introduction to one Indiana's fiercest high school basketball rivalries is right here for the taking: Warren Central and Carmel.

These two Indiana prep powerhouses are pitted against one another year after year inside one of the most talented conferences anywhere.

This spring, Garrett Winegar finished his first season as Warren Central's head coach.

Over at Carmel, J.R. Howell wrapped up his third go-around as one of Greyhounds top assistants.

Meanwhile, the anticipation back at home was off the charts as both families were expecting their first newborns.

Fast forward to this week and two healthy baby boys arrived just 12 hours apart.

First, on Monday afternoon, Katie

and J.R. Howell welcomed Jack Micheal Howell.

During the early morning hours on Tuesday, Guyton Scott Winegar was placed in the arms of his parents, Sable and Garrett Winegar.

"It is kind of hard to explain," Garrett Winegar said. "I don't really know how to put it into words, but it is fear and excitement and love all wrapped into one."

Coach Howell was also at a loss on the major addition to his family. "Us being able to hold him for the first time was just unbelievable."

As the first memories and photos came together, so did another story that is just as unpredictable.

"I was getting hungry, it was about dinner time, and Katie (Howell) was getting food at the hospital," J.R. Howell said. "I had tried it, figured I would go outside the hospital, no offense."

As Howell exited their hospital room,

the man in the occupied room next door was doing the same.

"I was walking by and the (passer-by) had masks on," Winegar said. "You couldn't really see his face. He said, 'What's up, man!' and it kind of clicked that it might be him. I said, 'Hey what is your name?'"

After the hilarious, serendipitous run-in, the pair talked for five to 10 minutes about the incredible events of the past few days. Then Winegar couldn't resist asking: "Do you have a Carmel shirt around?"

Howell did have the Greyhound gear handy, and the picture that followed was a classic: Howell in Carmel gold and blue, and Winegar in Warren Central gold and black. At the bottom of frame, Jack Micheal Howell and Guyton Scott Winegar — class of 2038.

J.R. Howell said, "It is just funny. We were one room a part and had no idea."

Both coaches were adamant we thank the doctors and nurses at St. Vincent Women's Hospital, which continues to help families everywhere shine during these dark times.

Then it came time for the biggest speeches of their coaching careers: A message to mom.

"How strong she is how tough she is. It was amazing," Howell said after fighting back tears. "I don't know how she did it."

A similar message was echoed outside of the Winegar house Friday afternoon.

"With her, I was just so proud of her," Winegar said. "It was a long, long labor. She did a great job. Seeing how happy she was and now seeing her take care of him. She is going to be awesome. I am just along for the ride."

Even in Indiana, a bitter basketball rivalry, can only go so far, and, just like most things in life, it is all thanks to mom.

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19 points in the game. Dave Shepherd scored 24 for the Greyhounds.

David Shepherd never got to play in a county tourney game. But Carmel's other future Mr. Basketball's insurance agency did sponsor the county tourney's comeback, which was spearheaded by Mr. Jellison.

"I know Dave enjoyed hosting the event," said former coach Pete Smith, who once guided county schools Noblesville, Carmel and Guerin Catholic, where he coached a couple state champions. "Thanks to Dave's sponsorship it didn't cost the schools anything to compete except gas to travel."

Smith mentioned several reasons a four-year revival of the county tourney — this time including the ladies — failed to ignite long term, lasting only four years.

"For being held during the holiday season, the crowds weren't too bad," he noted. "Few tournaments draw well during the holidays, but this tourney did OK."

"One of the biggest reasons coaches did not like the tourney was the possibility of playing a school three times during a season. Four county schools were members of the HCC. The third time teams might play each other was in the sectional. Don and I fought that idea noting that

college teams face that same possibility. The truth is, many coaches hate to face an opponent twice, let alone three times."

Sheridan refused to join the tournament at all during its four-year run, while University competed once.

"Some athletic directors felt mismatches between schools were not in the best interest of the athletes," Smith noted. "That thought was validated by Sheridan and University not competing, which also shot down the lure of a 'true' county tourney."

Finally, some schools felt the tourney handcuffed them from other options available.

"Some coaches preferred the option of playing outside the area during winter break. They said it benefitted the athletes with additional exposure and experiencing other parts of the state."

"Times are different nowadays," Coach Smith added. "I can't see a true Hamilton County Tournament ever happening again. Being an old-school basketball fan I love the idea of schools playing in their county tourney, no matter the size of the school. But I am also someone who enjoys reading about the history of high school basketball. Now my teams are becoming part of that 'old' history."



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