

# History of the Basketball Gymnasiums for Pandora-Gilboa High School 1952 to Today

Pandora-Gilboa has an interesting history when tracing its past history. It is a conglomeration of three high schools that merged with each other over the years to form the present-day Pandora-Gilboa High School.

It starts with Pandora High School which fielded basketball teams from 1915-1951. Another school was Crawfis College High School which had teams from 1916-1939. In 1940 Crawfis College High School merged with students from Gilboa to become Blanchard High School. This school existed from 1940-1951. In 1952, Blanchard and Pandora consolidated and was named the Pandora-Gilboa Rockets!

## GYMNASIUM #1 1951 - 2003

The first game in Pandora-Gilboa's gym was on November 28, 1950 when Pandora defeated Malinta-Gremlin in overtime 54-52. This was the year BEFORE the consolidation of Pandora and Blanchard which occurred in the 1951/1952 school year. Dale Bridenbaugh led the Fleetwings of Pandora with 20 points and the coach was Robert Strahm.

This gym was used as a basketball gymnasium for 53 years, 1951-2003. It was purchased by the village of Pandora and is still being used for

various purposes besides basketball. The floor dimensions are 48 x 80. It has chair seats on one side and bleacher seats on the other. The seating capacity was approximately 650.

## CURRENT GYM #2 2004 to Today

The new school and current gym was completed in December of 2003. The Putnam County Sentinel stated that the "Pandora-Gilboa girls' basketball team opened their new gymnasium Thursday night in fine fashion". This game was on December 11 when P-G, coached by Ken Brooks, defeated Cory Rawson 53-41. Amber Kear led the charge with 17 points. The first boys' game was on December 16 when the Rockets, coached by Joe Braidic, lost to Kalida 45-35. Eric Amstuz scored 12 points.

The floor dimensions of this gym are 50 x 94. It has bleacher seats on both sides with a seating capacity of 1,506

PRACTICE GYMS – In addition to the current gym, Pandora-Gilboa has one practice gym.