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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Sunshine. Not as windy, but
chills in the teens in the mornings
and 20s in the afternoon.
Tonight: Mostly clear.

HIGH: 34 LOW: 24



Noblesville Schools Supt. Beth Niedermeyer to retire

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Tuesday that superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer will retire at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Her last day will be June 30, 2022.

Niedermeyer joined Noblesville Schools as superintendent in July 2014 after having served in previous leadership roles with Hamilton Southeastern Schools, the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township and Fort Wayne Community Schools.

During her tenure she led several significant achievements including:

- Academic data above state and national averages, including “A” ratings from the Indiana Department of Education, and state and national recognition for STEM programming, workforce development initiatives, Advanced Placement, college and career readiness, special education, educational technology, and music education.
- Steady community leadership following the district’s school shooting in May 2018, including the hiring of a full-time safety director, the placement of school resource officers in all 10 schools, and over 50 safety enhancements across the district.
- Strong fiscal management, including the passage of two successful referendum campaigns, balanced budget maintenance, high credit ratings, low



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer’s commitment to the education of Noblesville’s children is unwavering. (Please note this picture was taken in 2019 at North Elementary.)

interest rates, and a reduction of the total property tax rate for three years in a row.

- Growth management, including expansions and renovations at all 10 schools and several athletic facilities, the opening of a new community center and transportation center, and the launch of a district solar power initiative expected to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings.
- An expanded focus on creating a school environment where all students can best learn,

including over 30 new mental health enhancements, additional resources for low income and English language learner students, diversity training for staff, and the founding (with other community leaders) of the Noblesville Diversity Coalition.

- The creation/expansion of community outreach and engagement initiatives, including the Miller Ambassadors leadership program, the Noblesville High School internship program, workforce development partnerships, the district’s 150th

anniversary celebration, Superintendent Table Talk, and the Noblesville Schools Back to School BASH.

- Management of the COVID pandemic, with Noblesville Schools able to keep schools open and students learning every day of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year.
- High-quality staffing during intense teacher, employee, and substitute labor shortages, including creative recruiting

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Carmel PD Major David Strong to retire after 37-year career in law enforcement

Lt. Johnathan Foster will replace him as Major of Support

The REPORTER

Carmel Police Department (CPD) Major David Strong has announced he will retire after a 37-year career in law enforcement, 35 of those years with CPD. Strong’s last day will be Jan. 30, 2022. Incoming Chief Jeff Horner has appointed Lt. Johnathan Foster to Major of Support.

The Support Division is responsible for providing department-wide support services in the fields of crime scene specialists, evidence, records keeping, training, chaplains, recruitment and hiring, quartermaster, vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, garage, fleet control, research and development, Health and Wellness Program,



David Strong

School Resource Officer Program and various community outreach programs. In addition, the Support Division provides



John Foster

a variety of community educational programs and services including an Internship Program for college students interested

in law enforcement.

Strong, a native of Westfield, began his career with CPD in January 1987 and spent the first 18 years on the department in the Operations Division, where he was promoted to the ranks of corporal, sergeant and then lieutenant. He later spent several years in support as the range master before returning to operations as an administrative lieutenant. In January 2011, he was appointed to Major of the Operations Division and then to Major of the Support Division in 2016. He received his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

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Carmel’s first and only Human Resources Director set to retire after 25-year career

Mayor appoints Lisa Hartz as new Human Resources Director

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel’s first – and only – Human Resources Director has decided to retire at the end of the year. Barbara Lamb will step down after a 25-year career at Carmel City Hall. Over the course of her tenure with Mayor Jim Brainard, Lamb became a leader in developing new, innovative programs that helped make the City of Carmel a highly desired place to work.

“Barb has been an outstanding leader who has overseen consistent growth in the number of City employees as we have worked to provide public service to a rapidly growing population,” Mayor Brainard said. “Even more importantly, her



Barbara Lamb

sense of fairness, justice and respect for diversity has helped us become a welcoming place to work in Carmel.”



Lisa Hartz

Lamb was hired by the newly-elected Mayor in 1996 when the city’s population was roughly 30,000 and there were

only 275 city employees. Today, Carmel has about 102,000 residents and the city employs nearly 600 people.

Originally from Elkhart County in northern Indiana, Lamb received a master’s degree in Public Management from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (at the Bloomington campus) in 1994 and worked for one year in the Human Resources Department for the City of Indianapolis. She also taught a graduate level HR course at IU before she accepted the position of HR Director for the City of Carmel.

“Mayor Brainard had the

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Westfield Youth Assistance to get matching grants from Rotary Club

The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program received a \$2,500 New Year Matching Challenge grant from the Rotary Club of Westfield, running now through Jan. 2, 2022. Westfield Rotary will match donations to Westfield Youth Assistance dollar for dollar up to \$2,500 during this time. Donors may participate and leverage their gift at westfieldyouth.kindful.com.

“We hope others will open their hearts and wallets and give what they can to jumpstart this important organization toward a great new year,” urged Melody Jones, Rotary Club of Westfield president.

Westfield Youth Assistance Program provides professional, family-centered support to the youth of Westfield. The program can include family education, mentoring, financial assistance, counseling and mental health resources, camps and tutoring.

Proceeds from the Rotary Club of Westfield’s annual fundraising events – Bingo Bash and Cool Creek Concert Brat Booth – provide a funding pool for grants to the community’s non-profits and service initiatives. The club donated more than \$6,000 in 2021 to various charitable organizations and initiatives. The club focuses a large percentage of its efforts toward supporting local youth.

To learn more about Rotary Club of Westfield, [click here](#). You can also visit the Club’s [Facebook page](#).

[Click here](#) to learn more about Westfield Youth Assistance Program.

Sheridan Library celebrating county’s 200th birthday with reading challenge

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is turning 200 in 2023, and the Sheridan Public Library is celebrating with a Bicentennial Reading Challenge.

This program will run from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2023. Participants will have this time to log 200 books and be entered to win prizes. All ages are welcome to register. Join the fun and register today at sheridan.beanstack.org.

New to Beanstack? Simply create an account to get started. Once you have an account, all eligible challenges will be available for registration. For more information please visit, sheridan.lib.in.us.

Noblesville police respond to shots fired at residence, officers investigating

The REPORTER

At 2:14 a.m. Tuesday morning, Noblesville police officers responded to the area of 19498 Hurst Strand Way, Noblesville, to a report of shots fired. Officers arrived on the scene a short time later and began to investigate.

The preliminary investigation indicates that several rounds were fired into the residence and garage located at 19498 Hurst Strand Way. The residence was unoccupied at the time and there were no reported injuries.

In addition to this incident, officers also responded to the same residence Monday in response to an alleged robbery. The victims in that case reported the theft of a video game system and televisions. The suspect(s) in the alleged robbery are believed to be known by the victim(s).

Any resident or business in the nearby area with exterior surveillance camera systems is encouraged to notify the Noblesville Police Department (NPD). It is believed video footage may be of investigative assistance. No arrests have been made at this time and the investigation is ongoing. Future updates may be provided as they become available.

NPD asks that anyone who has additional information to please contact the criminal investigation division at (317) 776-6371.



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and retention initiatives, the largest pay increase to Noblesville teachers in approximately 40 years, and the introduction of interest-based bargaining.

- An adjusted school day schedule to provide enhanced health, well-being and learning for students.

- Launch of district preschool and before/after school care programming.

“I want to thank Dr. Niedermeyer not only for her outstanding leadership and service to Noblesville Schools these past eight years, but also for her commitment to public education for the last 38 years,” said Joe Forgey, president of the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees. “Her passion for learning, thoughtful guidance, and ability to build strong relationships has had an untold positive impact on tens of thousands of students, employees, families and community members over the years.”

“This was a tough decision for me, as the years I have spent with Noblesville Schools have been the proudest of my career,” Niedermeyer said. “I have such tremendous respect for this community and for our educators, support staff and leaders. It’s been my true honor to walk along-

Noblesville Mayor thanks Niedermeyer for her leadership

“Noblesville Schools is better because of Beth Niedermeyer’s leadership. She has led and served with a compassionate and focused heart and an unwavering commitment to ensuring our students’ academic wellbeing and personal safety. The collaboration between Noblesville Schools and the City of Noblesville has never been stronger than it is today. I will miss her in her current role but am excited for her next chapter.”

— Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen



side you all, celebrating our achievements and supporting one another through challenges. I will continue to be committed to students, educators, public education, Noblesville Schools, and this community, and am rooting for your success.”

In addition to her leadership responsibilities with the district, Niedermeyer also serves on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Youth Assistance, Noblesville Diversity Coalition and Noblesville Midday Rotary.

Niedermeyer has received numerous honors and awards over the course of her career including: Central Indiana Superintendent of the Year, Indiana Principal of the Year, Fort

Wayne Community Schools Teacher of the Year, Aerospace Science Teacher of the Year, Excellence in Education awards, and a Distinguished Education Alumna Award from Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The school board will work with a professional superintendent search firm to assist in finding Niedermeyer’s replacement and hope to name the new superintendent this spring. Members of the school community will be asked to share input to help determine the qualities prioritized in selecting the new superintendent.

“Noblesville Schools is one of the best districts in the state and we’re confident that we’ll be able to find another strong leader to continue our tradition of excellence,” Forgey said.

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foresight to understand when he became Mayor that the city needed the HR function,” Lamb said. “He appointed me as the city’s first HR Director with responsibility for centralizing the city’s HR systems and bringing consistency to the policies and procedures of all departments. I created the first handbook for civilian employees and work closely with the Chief of Police and Fire Chief to create equity between civilians and sworn police officers and firefighters.”

Under Lamb’s direction, the city established many programs for its employees, including retiree health insurance, the employee health clinic, adoption benefits, a wellness program, tuition reimbursement, an equitable compensation system and annual employee appreciation breakfasts

and picnics. Lamb also consolidated vacation, sick and personal time into a single Paid Time Off system.

Lamb’s philosophy during her time as HR Director has been to create the best city to work for, bar none. She saw her role as creating an environment in which individuals and teams could thrive and to remove impediments to success. Communication was also a key factor as Lamb believes that when employees know what is going on they are better prepared to contribute to the city’s success.

What are Lamb’s retirement plans?

“I will be at home with my husband Gary, who is already retired, and our two cats, Loki and Ozzie D,” Lamb said. “In the coming year I plan to travel (my first trip will be to visit my niece in San Francisco), read, do

some consulting work and volunteer with the Humane Society of Hamilton County.”

Lisa Hartz named new HR Director

Mayor Brainard has also announced the appointment of Lisa Hartz to the position of the Human Resources Director for the City of Carmel.

Hartz currently serves as Director of Administration and Human Resources for the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority in North Carolina. Hartz brings more than 16 years of experience to her new role and previously worked in Indiana for more than 14 years for public entities. She earned her master’s degree in Business Administration from Columbia Southern University after earning her bachelor’s degree in Human Resources Management from Indiana University.

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Major Strong spent 17 years as part of the SWAT team, four of those years as SWAT Commander. He was a member and team captain of the 2001 World Police and Fire Games gold medalist team and also served as President of the Indiana SWAT Officers Association. Major Strong was awarded CPD’s Medal of Valor, Distinguished Service Awards, Meritorious Service Award, American Red Cross Life Saving Award and 2003 Indiana SWAT Officer of the Year.

He plans to remain in Carmel and spend time with

his family and friends, bike riding, hunting and taking time to travel.

John Foster appointed

Lieutenant John Foster has more than 29 years of experience with CPD. He received a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and began his career with CPD in November 1992 in the Operations Division where he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

Foster spent numerous years in administrative lieutenant positions where

he supervised the School Resource Unit and other specialty units within the department. He also spent time overseeing hiring and recruitment, department training and managing special events within the city.

Foster has spent the last five years of his career supervising the Criminal Investigations Division and currently serves as one of the department’s firearms instructors and was a member of the SWAT team where he served as an operator, team leader and ultimately, commander.

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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

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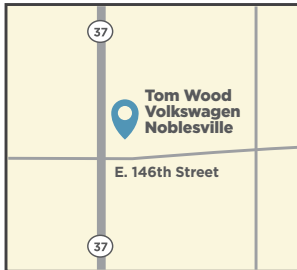


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Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader applauds Sheridan student columnist for quality writing

Dear Editor:

As part of my Sunday ritual, I brew a cup of coffee and then settle in with the Sunday *Indianapolis Star*, which has increasingly become an advocacy piece rather than a newspaper.

Today, the entire first section was dominated by two stories: 1) A story on failure of red flag laws to stop familial shootings; and 2) De-populating prisons to county jails with disappointing results because of alleged mental health problems of the jail population.

Next, I opened my computer and came across the Hamilton County Reporter's [column by Sheridan High School's Pearl Henderson](#), which was better written and more informative than anything the *Star* conjured up. I hope that she sticks with career choices that involve analysis and communication, because she has skills and insights that are rare today.

John Davis

Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Sheridan reader supports Indiana House Bill 1001

Dear Editor:

Democratic Senators Tim Lanane of Anderson and Fady Qaddoura of Indianapolis recently said, "We shouldn't politicize Hoosiers' health or lives" referring to HB1001, which supports businesses who give the choice to employees on choosing whether to take the vaccine or not.

This bill would protect employees from being forced to take the COVID vaccine due to religious and or medical exemptions; it would respect the natural immunity of an employee who tested positive with the virus and recovered from the illness; it would also require the employer who insists on unvaccinated employees to take a weekly test to pay for the costs of the tests and it also would not allow an employer to "take an adverse employment action against an employee because the employee has requested or used an exemption from an employer's COVID-19 immunization requirement."

Our economy just experienced the most horrific set back due to the forced "lockdown" of businesses in 2020. The hardest hit were small businesses such as individual entrepreneurs, personal care, restaurants and bars, and entertainment – to name a few.

We don't need to hinder anyone who chooses to work by mandating a vaccine. Every human being is individual in biological make up, and the "one size fits all vaccine" does not work for everyone. Each and every person's medical situation is unique, and that uniqueness may or may not tolerate the COVID vaccine.

Everyone – the media, the medical industry, social media, politicians, Hollywood, family members and the Chambers of Commerce – needs to stop manipulating and harassing individuals who choose not to take the vaccine. Unvaccinated people have their reasons for not taking the vaccine and we must accept that. This group of unprotected people needs to be added to the protected class groups such as the ethnic, gender identity, race, age, LGBTQ, et al., for protection from discrimination.

As quoted by the two Indiana Legislative Senators, I agree: We should not politicize Hoosiers' health care and lives, and should support HB1001 and stop the discrimination.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

Mari Briggs

Sheridan

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From the desk of Heights Supt. Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 74

As I ready for my ninth year as the Superintendent of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, I am as excited to serve in this role today as I was when I was first hired in January of 2014.

Each year only seems to get better. For this I credit, in part, our amazing village.

It really does take a village to raise a child and I can't think of a better place to call home and raise a family than in Hamilton County. It is where I was raised, my children were raised, and in my not-so-humble opinion, home to six of the best public school districts in the state, including Hamilton Heights.

Here our village has



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

long shown its support in many ways and in many forms to Heights' commitment to creating a positive culture and enriching learning environment. Our community and district families are aligned in the belief that working together helps our students thrive and become the best version of themselves. Through active engagement and strong public-private partnerships, our students are provided with additional opportunities that have made Heights an education destination of choice for families, educators, and support staff.

Our community's investment in our schools helps spark innovation, opportunity, vitality, and

creative solutions that strengthen our school and surrounding communities for future generations. We take immense pride in highlighting the accomplishments and successes of our students and staff, learning initiatives, amazing facilities, and programs. I see the impactful influence of a village working together in our halls and classrooms, on our fields and courts, and throughout the community. Our students' journey is one that is nurtured and shared by all, and I thank you for that gift.

I encourage you to take a moment during this break to go to our [website](#) to revisit our monthly video updates beginning with No. 69 in July, and read our bimonthly messages beginning in August to share in and celebrate some of our accomplish-

ments and successes from the first part of this school year. You will see what is possible and the positive outcomes that result thanks to the involvement of our school board, staff, students, parents, and community.

We really do have many reasons for celebrating and appreciating the solid and supportive anchor that is our family and community. It is truly something special. In the spirit of the season, let's continue to share of ourselves and in our village, by doing the best we can, with a little grace today and every day.

Thank you for supporting our children, teachers, and staff and helping to make Hamilton Heights an amazing place to teach, learn, and belong. From our family to yours, Merry Christmas!

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Hamilton County Prosecutor elected association president

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Prosecutor Lee Buckingham was elected as the next president of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys during IPAC's annual Winter Conference earlier this month. Buckingham will serve as president of the Association for 2022.

Joining Buckingham in leadership positions on the Association are Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings (President-Elect), St. Joseph Coun-

ty Prosecutor Ken Cotter (Vice President) and Daviess County Prosecutor Dan Murrie (Secretary/Treasurer).

Buckingham served as President-Elect for 2021, taking over Board responsibilities in July when former Huntington County Prosecutor Amy Richison left for a Magistrate Judge position.

"I'm looking forward to



Buckingham

the work we have before us to continue to advocate for prosecutors across the state," Buckingham said. "There are a lot of challenges the law enforcement community is dealing with right now but I'm confident we can meet them."

After the election of Association membership at the Winter Conference, Buckingham recognized the

2020 Association President, Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Pat Harrington. The elections for 2021 officers were held via mail due to the COVID pandemic so the 2021 Winter Conference was the first chance to thank Harrington for his work as president during a very tumultuous year at the helm. COVID impacted nearly every aspect of the criminal justice system and Harrington was involved at the state level making sure the voice of prosecutors was heard.

Extra police on patrol during Christmas, New Year

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has announced it will increase patrols during the holiday season as part of a statewide crackdown on impaired driving.

Starting this week until Jan. 1, officers will be on high alert for anyone driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Law enforcement will also watch for seat belt violations and other forms of dangerous driving.

This is part of the Safe Family Travel campaign aimed at reducing crashes and traffic fatalities around the holidays when statistics show an increased potential for drunk driving. The high-visibility patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"This holiday season, we'll have a strong and visible police presence focused on keeping people safe and dangerous drivers off the road," said Sheriff Den-

nis Quakenbush. "This effort is a reminder about the dangers of impaired driving, but it also serves as a warning. If you choose to drive impaired on drugs or alcohol, you will be arrested."

Every year, more than 10,000 people die in drunk-driving crashes in the U.S. That's approximately one person every 52 minutes. While driving under the influence is a daily concern, it's more prevalent around certain holidays, with Christmas and New Year's among the deadliest.

Last December, 73 people lost their lives in fatal collisions in Indiana. Of those, 11 involved a drunk driver, according to ICJI.

"It's important to remember that these aren't just numbers we're talking about," said ICJI Traffic Safety Director Robert Duckworth. "These are people with loved ones whose



Quakenbush

lives were cut short due to impaired driving. Your choices behind the wheel matter, and they can have serious consequences."

Throughout the campaign, Deputies will be working overtime to raise awareness about the dangers of impaired driving, which includes more than just drugs and alcohol. Certain prescription and over-the-counter medications can also affect a person's ability to drive safely, so it's important to read and follow all warning labels or consult

with a doctor before driving.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help to keep Indiana roads safe this holiday season by designating a sober driver or using a ride service, public transportation or taxi if alcohol is consumed. Motorists are also encouraged to wear a seat belt, slow down, put down the cell phone and to make sure kids are properly buckled up. In addition to being required by law, wearing a seat belt also reduces the risk of injury or death in a crash.

Motorists can report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911 or dispatch at (317) 773-1282.

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Rep. Spartz introduces bipartisan National Critical Capabilities Defense Act

The REPORTER

United States Representatives Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05), Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.-03), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.-01), and Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-N.J.-09) on Tuesday introduced the National Critical Capabilities Defense Act (NCCDA) to establish a review process that would protect the United States supply chain from foreign adversaries like China and Russia.

This legislation would create a whole-of-government screening process for outbound investments and

the offshoring of critical capacities and supply chains to ensure that the United States can quickly detect supply chain vulnerabilities.

“The recent pandemic highlighted significant weaknesses in supply chain resiliency, geographic imbalances, and material dependencies on the manufacturing output of our adversaries – like China – posing serious national



Spartz

security risks,” Rep. Spartz said. “This bipartisan, bicameral legislation will improve transparency to mitigate strategic risks and increase domestic manufacturing capabilities for critical products and materials.”

United States Senators Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) also introduced this bipartisan legislation in the Senate.

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Dick Scull
1944 – November 19, 2021

Dick Scull passed away early Friday morning, November 19, 2021, at his home in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., at the age of 76 after a short battle with brain cancer.



He is survived by his wife Judy, his brother Chuck, his son Scott and his daughter Wendy, as well as his stepsons Skip Bailey, Dwight Bailey and Kyle Bailey, along with many grandchildren on both sides.


Those who knew him well will remember his kindness, his ability to fix anything and his love of the outdoors. He will be missed greatly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Isle of Palms First Methodist Church, 12 21st Ave., Isle of Palms, SC 29451 (843-886-6610 or [Hello@iopmethodist.com](mailto>Hello@iopmethodist.com)); or to Pet Helpers, 1447 Folly Road, Charleston, SC 29412 (843-795-1110 or pethelpers.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Edna Mae Hecht
March 14, 1923 – December 15, 2021

Edna Mae Hecht, 98, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on March 14, 1923, to Henry and Carrie (Ackley) Stithem in Palco, Kan.



Edna was an office worker, and later a computer operator for the Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, Ill. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church and the Red Hat Society. Edna loved music, dancing, and enjoyed playing the organ.

She is survived by her grandsons, Thomas D. (Lucile) Boenitz and Paul J. (Catherine) Boenitz; and her great-grandchildren, Claire, Justin, Joel, and Nico.

In addition to her parents, Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Hecht; daughter, Velda R. Boenitz; as well as several brothers and sisters.

The family would like to sincerely thank the caregivers at Harbour Manor Care Center for treating her like part of the family during her time at the facility.


Services will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m., and a Non-Communion service will be from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Burial will be at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Lutheran Church at bethellutheran-church.com.

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Mark Ryan
August 25, 1954 – December 19, 2021

Mark Ryan, 67, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at his home. He was born on August 25, 1954, to Robert and Donna (Turner) Ryan in Indianapolis.



Mark worked for 42 years for Citizens Thermal Energy, retiring as a supervisor. He was also involved in multiple volunteer projects. Mark enjoyed golf, IU basketball, Lapel football, and traveling. He took pride in keeping his pool spotless. Mark loved his iron and ironing board. He was well-known by his family for his snarky sense of humor and his dad jokes. Most of all, Mark loved his family, and especially enjoyed watching his grandkids in their sports activities.

He is survived by his wife, Nicki Ryan; mother, Donna Ryan; son, Cory (Mary) Ryan; daughter, Lindsay (Tim) Miller; grandchildren, Chloe Ryan, Calen Ryan, Dylan Lawson, Jack Miller, Tate Miller, and Drew Miller; brother, Brad Ryan; and his beloved dog, Marlee.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Robert Ryan.

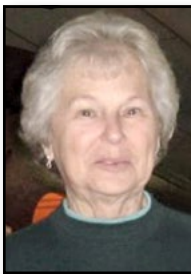
Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m., with services at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dayspring Center, 1537 Central Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202; or to United Way of Central Indiana, 2955 N. Meridian St., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

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Wanda Fay Higginbotham
July 17, 1936 – December 18, 2021

Wanda Fay Higginbotham, 85, Cicero, passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at her home. She was born on July 17, 1936, in Frankton, Ind.



Wanda worked for Firestone and enjoyed puzzles, painting crafts, and working with her flowers. She enjoyed taking care of her children and grandchildren.

Wanda is survived by her children, Jane (Joe) Kubel, Cindy Dwiggins, and John A. Higginbotham; grandchildren, Nate Dwiggins, Andrew Higginbotham, Daniel (Kelsey) Higginbotham, Kayla Kubel, Katie (Jesse) Johnson, and Molly Hobbs; great-grandchildren, Kodi, Lexi, Logan, Avalyn, Atticus, Alistair, Atreyu, Althea and Nora; brother, Bill (Kathy) Friend; sisters, Alma (Don) Wallen and Peggy (Torrance) Davis; and her special friends, Donald Baker and Estle Hendrick.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur K. Friend; mother, Wilma (Blockson) Friend Hurst; stepfather, Kenneth “Bub” Hurst; son, Ronnie L. Hobbs; first husband, Charles Bill Hobbs; second husband, John C. Higginbotham; and her siblings, Thomas Friend and Oakley Friend.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Wanda’s family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with her care.

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William "Bill" Schellenbach II

May 15, 1941 – December 19, 2021



William "Bill" Schellenbach II went to be with his Heavenly Father on December 19, 2021, after a rapidly progressing battle with Lewy body dementia. Bill passed peacefully at home with his beloved wife of 55 years by his side.

Bill was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., on May 15, 1941, to Bill and Evelyn Schellenbach and was the oldest of their three children.

He was a proud member of the U.S. Navy where he served on the USS Monrovia as an electronic technician. Being a Navy Veteran was a great source of pride for Bill in recent years and was most often seen wearing a U.S. Navy baseball cap.

Once he returned from the Navy, Bill met and married the love of his life, Janet L Keeler, on April 23, 1966. About the same time, he began his 35-year career at General Telephone (GTE). At GTE he spent most of his career as a technical writer and course developer. After retiring from GTE, he spent several years as a realtor at F.C. Tucker.

Bill and Jan shared the passion of caring for others and over seven years cared for 22 foster children in their home ranging from premature newborn babies to 10 years old. After moving to Noblesville in the early 1980s, Bill became involved in the leadership at Christ Lutheran Church, Noblesville, where he served in various capacities. More recently, Bill was a disciple at Cornerstone Lutheran in Carmel, where he and Jan are part of the Prayer Warriors Ministry. Bill's faith and testimony were the most important to him and he continued to lead his family in love right to the very end. He was a strong man of faith dedicated to service with a deep love for his family. He was also a volunteer at Riverview Hospital.

Jan and Bill are parents to two daughters Ann (Wally) Gerber and Elizabeth Spiller. He is proud Poppy to Jacob and Nickolas Gerber and Jonathan Spiller. His family has always been his first priority and a great source of joy.

Bill is also survived by his nephew who is like a son, Thomas F Keeler (wife, Lisa and children Heidi Wilhelm and Kyle Keeler); brother, Dan (Carol) Schellenbach; sister, Nancy (Randy) Miller; and several nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and nephew Troy Miller.

Our family would like to acknowledge Dr. Bill Kirsch as well as the nurses and the rest of the staff at Transitions Hospice that allowed Bill to remain home. Rejoice in the Lord, again I say rejoice.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 E. Main St., Carmel. Pastor Scott Giger will officiate. Burial will be at noon on December 23, 2021, at Concordia Cemetery Gardens, 5365 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Arrangements are being handled by Randall and Roberts Funeral Homes of Noblesville.

Memorial contributions to Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 E. Main St., Carmel, IN 46033.

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Richard A. Huber

January 1, 1961 – December 19, 2021



Richard A. Huber passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at the age of 60 after a short but courageous battle with cancer. He had a very strong faith in God and his family takes comfort in knowing that he is now at peace.

Rich was born January 1, 1961, in Indianapolis to the late Robert L. Huber and Judith A. (Ferrin) Huber. Upon leaving the hospital, he came to Carmel with his parents where he was a resident for many, many years and graduated from Carmel High School in 1979. While at Carmel, he participated in football and track among other activities and was a member of Carmel's first state football championship team in 1978.

After high school, Rich attended and graduated from Wabash College in 1983 earning a degree in Economics. Shortly after his college graduation, Rich met and married his best friend, Jane Martin. Rich and Jane were married for 35 years and were proud to have raised three sons, Bradley, Mark, and Kyle who will greatly miss their father.

Aside from his main passion, which was his family, Rich had a love for sports. Along with coaching and supporting his sons in their sporting endeavors, his passion for sports carried into the hope that many young people could benefit by participating in athletics. Rich was an Executive Board Member of the Carmel Dads' Club for over a decade where he donated countless hours in supporting young men and women through sports. He cared greatly about the Carmel Dads' Club, the young people who benefited from its work, and the people that he worked alongside.

Rich's other passion was his work. Rich was the consummate work associate. His career centered around the field of finance, which he enjoyed so much. He worked for the Eden Group from 1983 to 2012 mainly in senior housing management along with numerous other projects. For the last seven years Rich worked as the CFO for Co-hoat and O'Neal Management Corporation, managing golf courses and restaurants. He had the privilege to learn from several important mentors and became one himself.

Rich had several other hobbies which included cooking for his family, going to concerts and traveling. He was also a member of Carmel United Methodist Church and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Rich is survived by his wife, Jane; his three sons, Bradley, Mark (Darlene), and Kyle (Ashley); and brother, Mike (Michelle).

Family and friends will gather at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 23, 2021, at Carmel United Methodist Church, 621 S. Range Line Road, Carmel, where the Funeral Service will take place at 12:30 p.m.

There will be a private family burial in Carmel Cemetery. Masks are required at the Church. The service will be livestreamed at the Carmel United Methodist Church website.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Carmel Dads' Club, 5459 E. Main St., Carmel, IN 46033. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

Philippians 3:1-6 (NIV)

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Wrestling

Huskies win all-county dual over GC

Hamilton Heights hosted Guerin Catholic Tuesday evening for an all-county wrestling dual meet.

The Huskies won the meet 66-16, taking seven of the 10 contested matches. All seven of those wins were by fall, including six first-period pins.

Heights 220-pounder Josh Brown had the quickest pin of the night, winning his match in 27 seconds. Evan Tilton (182), Mason Moran (285) and Alex Furst (126) also got falls within the first 40 seconds. Jaylyn Pugh (132) and Charles Brown (170) were the other two Huskies to get first-period pins, while Michael Cain (152) got his fall in the second period.

"A week and a half ago, we had 70 matches in a Super 6, we had 55 pins," said Heights coach Gary Myers. "We're a pinning team. We're getting better every day."

The Huskies' Carson Fettig (138), Andy Lienemann (195), Cooper Doucette (106) and Isaac Kuhn (120) all received forfeits.

The Golden Eagles' three wins started with Quinn Sutton holding on for an 18-10 major decision victory at 145 pounds. Isaac Richardson then got a third-period pin at 160, and Peter Nguyen won at 113 after an injury default.

"Considering Gary Myers runs a pretty excellent program and his kids are well-disciplined and they do what they're coached, for us, to fight the way we did and come away with three victories on 10 matches, I'm not going to complain," said Guerin Catholic coach Jeff Dunasky.

Heights is 17-1 for the season and travels to Rensselaer Central today to participate in a two-day tournament. The Huskies will wrestle in nine duals over the next two days. The Golden Eagles will next compete in the Mooresville Holiday Classic on Dec. 28 and 29.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Michael Cain (top) takes control of the 152-pound match during the Huskies' dual meet with Guerin Catholic on Tuesday. Pictured for the Golden Eagles is Dominic Moringiello.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 66, GUERIN CATHOLIC 16

Meet started at 132 pounds

132: Jaylyn Pugh (HH) def. Tristan Henry (GC) by fall, 1:47

138: Carson Fettig (HH) won by forfeit

145: Quinn Sutton (GC) def. Isayah Zachary (HH) by major decision, 18-10

152: Michael Cain (HH) def. Dominic Moringiello (GC) by fall, 2:42

160: Isaac Richardson (GC) def. Jimmy Lacey (HH) by fall, 5:22

170: Charles Brown (HH) def. James Brooks (GC) by fall, 1:13

182: Evan Tilton (HH) def. Eli Hall (GC) by fall, 0:31

195: Andy Lienemann (HH) won by forfeit

220: Josh Brown (HH) def. Paul Gr-

skovich (GC) by fall, 0:27

285: Mason Moran (HH) def. Connor Spellman (GC) by fall, 0:36

106: Cooper Doucette (HH) won by forfeit

113: Peter Nguyen (GC) def. Samera Henson (HH) by injury default

120: Isaac Kuhn (HH) won by forfeit

126: Alex Furst (HH) def. Ian Wolf (GC) by fall, 0:28

'Rocks girls beat FC for Smith's 100th win

The Westfield girls basketball team had several reasons to celebrate once it got home from Franklin Central on Tuesday night.

The Shamrocks are back in the IBCA Class 4A poll at No. 8 this week. Westfield has gotten plenty of attention due to its long win streak, which became nine after the 'Rocks beat the Flashes 52-20 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

The victory also marked the 100th career win for Westfield coach Ginny Smith. There was never a doubt that Smith would get to that milestone, as the Shamrocks outscored Franklin Central in each quarter and never allowed the Flashes more than nine point in a period.

Westfield led 16-8 after the first quarter and 25-11 at halftime, then blasted away in the third by outscoring FC 18-2. Alyssa Crockett led the way with 21 points, including three 3-pointers and an 8-of-8 performance from the free-throw line.

Hailey Remaks led the rebounds with six, while Crockett collected five. Olivia Robey made six steals.

The Shamrocks are 12-2 and will now prepare for the Raymond James Hall of

Fame Classic next Wednesday, Dec. 29 at New Castle. Westfield plays Franklin Community in the 11 a.m. game., followed by the second game between Washington and South Bend Washington. The consolation game is set for 6 p.m., with the championship game to follow.

WESTFIELD 54, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 22				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alyssa Crockett	5-13	8-8	21	2
Chesney Tebbe	3-5	1-1	7	3
Mikayla Rudolph	2-4	2-2	6	0
Olivia Robey	1-5	0-2	3	1
Hailey Remaks	0-4	3-5	3	2
Aubrey Crockett	2-5	0-0	4	1
Emmrey Collinsworth	1-3	0-0	2	0
Kiki Loveless	0-2	0-0	0	0
Maren Dee	1-3	1-2	3	2
Lindsey Van Dyke	1-1	3-4	5	1
Totals	16-45	18-24	54	12
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	16	9	18	11 - 54
Franklin Central	8	3	2	9 - 22
Westfield 3-point shooting (4-15) Al. Crockett 3-7, Robey 1-3, Collinsworth 0-2, Remaks 0-2, Rudolph 0-1. Westfield rebounds (31) Remaks 6, Al. Crockett 5, Rudolph 3, Loveless 3, Au. Crockett 2, Collinsworth 2, Robey 2, Tebbe 1, Van Dyke 1, team 6.				

Haralson scores 43 at Carroll . . . Tigers boys sweep Fort Wayne games

Fueled by a breakout and standout performance from one of Indiana's leading freshmen, Fishers got two victories in Fort Wayne on Tuesday.

In their first game, the Class 4A No. 4 Tigers beat 4A No. 5 Homestead in a close game, 50-48. It was back and forth all the way through: Fishers led 12-10 after the first quarter, with the Spartans going up 25-23 at halftime. The Tigers jumped ahead 41-34 after three periods, with Jeffrey Simmons scoring nine points during that period. Homestead made fourth-quarter run, but Fishers held the Spartans off.

Simmons scored 17 points, while Charlie Smith added 12. Jalen Haralson also scored 12 points, including six in the fourth period. That was just a warm-up, however.

In their second contest of the day, the Tigers cruised past Carroll 82-58. The story of the game was Haralson, as he poured in 43 points for Fishers, easily a career high in the freshman's nine-game

high school career.

Haralson scored 14 points in the first quarter alone, actually outscoring the Chargers by himself, as they had 12 points. Simmons also added a basket, making the first-period score 16-12. Haralson continued to pour it on in the second quarter, adding another 15 points. The Tigers led 43-28 at the break.

Fishers added another 22 points in the third quarter for a 65-40 advantage. Haralson scored nine in the third, and finished with five more points in the fourth quarter. For the game, Haralson made three 3-pointers and was 12-of-14 from the free-throw line.

Simmons scored 16 points.

The Tigers are 8-1 and off until next Wednesday, Dec. 29, when they play at the Huntington North tournament.

FISHERS 50, HOMESTEAD 48				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Myles Stringer	0	0-0	0	4
Jalen Haralson	5	2-4	12	3
Aidan Zimmer	1	0-0	3	5
Charlie Smith	5	1-3	12	0
Jeffrey Simmons	6	5-6	17	2
Josh Forbes	1	0-0	2	1
JonAnthony Hall	1	0-0	2	1
Matt Brewer	0	0-0	0	1
Carter Jones	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	20	8-13	50	19
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	12	11	18	9 - 50
Homestead	10	15	9	14 - 48
Fishers 3-pointers (2) Zimmer 1, Smith 1.				

FISHERS 82, FORT WAYNE CARROLL 58				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Myles Stringer	0	0-0	0	3
Jalen Haralson	14	12-14	43	2
Aidan Zimmer	1	2-2	5	2
Charlie Smith	4	0-1	9	1
Jeffrey Simmons	3	4-6	16	0
Josh Forbes	0	0-0	0	2
Carter Jones	1	0-0	3	1
Matt Brewer	0	2-2	2	2
JonAnthony Hall	1	0-0	2	0
Nathan Baker	0	0-0	0	0
Grant Haworth	1	0-0	2	1
Totals	25	18-25	82	14
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	16	27	22	17 - 82
Carroll	12	16	12	18 - 58
Fishers 3-pointers (6) Haralson 3, Zimmer 1, Jones 1, Smith 1.				

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Girls basketball

Huskies dominate at Summit Conference Classic

Hamilton Heights rolled up its win streak to seven games on Tuesday by dominating two Fort Wayne teams as part of the Summit Conference Classic.

First, the Class 3A No. 6 Huskies won at Bishop Dwenger 59-30. Heights led 24-6 after the first quarter and 37-11 at halftime, with Camryn Runner pouring in 14 points and MyKayla Moran scoring nine. The two would finish as Heights' leading scorers, with Runner totaling 20 points and Moran 15. Runner finished with five 3-pointers and Ella Hickok had two 3s.

The Huskies kept their defense rolling in their second game at Concordia Lutheran, where they won 47-22. Heights was up 18-11 at halftime and 30-18 after three quarters, but ran away with the fourth quarter, outscoring Concordia 17-4.

Mia Shields threw in three 3s on her way to 13 points, followed by Runner with 11 and Moran with 10.

Huskies coach Keegan Cherry said his team played solid in both games, and that Heights' defense was "really good." He said in Game 1 "we were locked in and did a great job recognizing personnel."

Cherry said the Huskies played Game 2 with short preparation, but "overall did a nice job. Probably didn't shoot it as well versus Concordia, but our girls battled and did what they needed to do. Both teams presented challenges for us and credit to our girls for staying focused and getting two nice wins."

Heights is 11-3 and plays at Blackford Brown 2, Rhoton 1.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 59, BISHOP DWENGER 30				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	2	0-0	6	0
Mia Shields	1	3-4	5	1
Camryn Runner	7	1-2	20	2
Hadleigh Cherry	1	0-0	2	1
MyKayla Moran	6	3-3	15	1
Kaylee Rhoton	2	0-0	5	1
Kennedy Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Katie Brown	2	0-0	6	0
Morgan Ottinger	0	0-0	0	1
Kassidy Schakel	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	21	7-9	59	8
Score by Quarters				
Heights	24	13	16	6 - 59
Bishop Dwenger	6	5	8	11 - 30
Heights 3-pointers (10) Runner 5, Hickok 2,				

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 47, CONCORDIA LUTHERAN 22				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	1	0-0	3	3
Mia Shields	4	2-2	13	3
Camryn Runner	5	0-0	11	2
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	1
MyKayla Moran	4	2-4	10	1
Kaylee Rhoton	2	1-2	7	1
Kassidy Schakel	0	0-0	0	0
Kennedy Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Morgan Ottinger	1	0-0	3	1
Katie Brown	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	5-7	47	12
Score by Quarters				
Heights	13	5	12	17 - 47
Concordia	7	4	7	4 - 22
Heights 3-pointers (8) Shields 3, Rhoton 2, Hickok 1, Runner 1, Ottinger 1.				

Blackhawks split two road games

Tigers, Royals split with tough Fort Wayne teams

Sheridan split a pair of road games early this week.

On Monday, the Blackhawks traveled to Frankton and lost to the Class 2A No. 9 Eagles 61-23. Frankton was on top from the beginning, leading 19-3 after one quarter and 34-6 at halftime. Chaney Smith scored eight points to lead Sheridan; both she and Ashley Webel made two 3-pointers.

The 'Hawks rebounded on Tuesday by taking a trip to Lebanon and coming home with a 50-42 victory. The teams were tied at 14-14 after the first quarter; Webel drained two 3s during that period. The Tigers then led 28-21 at halftime.

Sheridan came back in the third quarter, holding Lebanon to only two points while scoring 12 of its own. Five different players got baskets during the period, which ended with Sheridan ahead 35-30. The Blackhawks' balance saw them through the fourth quarter, with Taylor Bates scoring five points to lead the way.

Bates totaled 18 points and collected nine rebounds, while Webel finished with 14 points. Cecilia Timme collected seven rebounds and made five steals, with Smith getting five more steals.

Sheridan is 9-3 and returns to action next Tuesday by playing at the Western Classic.

Frankton 61, Sheridan 23

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ashley Webel	2	0-0	6	0
Cecilia Timme	0	0-0	0	2
Chaney Smith	3	0-0	8	1
Jacquellynne Bates	0	0-0	0	1
Taylor Bates	3	1-2	7	1
Lilly Chesney	0	1-2	1	2
Nova Cross	0	1-2	1	0
Shelby Shaw	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	8	3-6	23	7
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	3	3	6	11 - 23
Frankton	19	15	12	15 - 61
Sheridan 3-pointers (4) Webel 2, Smith 2.				

Sheridan 50, Lebanon 42

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ashley Webel	5-19	2-4	14	2
Cecilia Timme	2-6	0-0	5	3
Chaney Smith	4-11	0-0	9	3
Jacquellynne Bates	0-3	0-0	0	5
Taylor Bates	7-15	4-7	18	2
Lilly Chesney	2-4	0-1	4	2
Nova Cross	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-58	6-12	50	17
Score by Quarters				
Lebanon	14	14	2	12 - 42
Sheridan	14	9	12	15 - 50
Sheridan 3-point shooting (4-13) Webel 2-9, Timme 1-2, Smith 1-2.				
Sheridan rebounds (28) T. Bates 9, Timme 7, Chesney 4, Webel 3, Smith 3, J. Bates 2.				

Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern both played two tough teams in Fort Wayne Tuesday as part of a classic.

FISHERS GAMES

First, the Class 4A No. 6 Tigers took on Homestead, where they fell 51-35. The Spartans jumped out to an 11-0 lead; Fishers was able to cut that advantage to 19-11 by the end of the first quarter, but Homestead ran out to a 33-19 halftime advantage and led 47-26 after three periods.

Joordyn Smith and Morgan Roberts both had seven points for the Tigers.

Fishers came back in its second game and beat Carroll 57-54. The Tigers led 15-12 after the first quarter before the Chargers took a 27-24 halftime lead. But Fishers cut that advantage to 38-37 by the end of the third, and scored 20 points in the fourth to get the win.

Joordyn Smith helped out with nine second-half points, including seven in the fourth period. Alycia Triplett led the Tigers with 10 points, followed by Ava Carter and Olivia Smith with eight each.

Fishers is 11-3 for the season and is off until Dec. 30 when it plays at Frankton.

SOUTHEASTERN GAMES

In their first game, the Royals beat Carroll 43-38. Southeastern led 14-7 after the first quarter and 25-14 at halftime. Seven different players scored for Southeastern, with Maya Makalusky adding five points and Makayla Hinshaw going 4-of-4 from the free-throw line. The Chargers slowly came back during the second half, but the Royals were able to hold them off.

Makalusky finished the game with 11 points, including three 3-pointers. Zoe Bolding had eight points and led the rebounds with six, while Hinshaw contributed eight points, four steals and four assists. Olivia Brown also dished out four assists.

In its second game, Southeastern was edged out by Homestead 58-56. The Royals were up 17-10 after the first quarter and led 24-17 in the second before the Spartans went on a 15-0 run to finish the first half. Homestead led 32-24 at the break, but Southeastern fought back to take a lead early in the fourth quarter. The Spartans' Ayana Patterson made a three-point play with just over a minute to go to get her team back in front and eventually win.

Maya Makalusky drained five 3s on her way to 21 points, followed by Riley Makalusky with 16 points. Brown earned a double-double of 10 points and 10 assists, in addition to seven rebounds and four steals. Bolding had four blocked



Sheridan's Lilly Chesney (3) attempts a free throw during the Blackhawks' Monday game at Frankton. Also pictured are Chaney Smith (15) and Nova Cross (5).

HOMESTEAD 51, FISHERS 35				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Karina Scott	2	0-0	6	0
Joordyn Smith	2	2-2	7	1
Kate Thomas	0	0-0	0	0
Hailey Smith	2	0-0	5	2
Olivia Smith	1	2-2	4	1
Ava Carter	0	0-0	0	1
Talia Harris	2	1-1	6	1
Alycia Triplett	0	0-2	0	3
Morgan Roberts	3	0-0	7	0
Grace Fisher	0	0-0	0	0
Allison Scheu	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	5-7	35	9
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	11	8	7	9 - 35
Homestead	19	14	14	4 - 51
Fishers 3-pointers (6) Scott 2, J. Smith 1, Harris 1, Roberts 1, H. Smith 1.				

FISHERS 57, FORT WAYNE CARROLL 54				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Karina Scott	2	0-0	4	0

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'Blazers beat Seton Catholic, lead PAAC North

Larry Pierce scored 19 points as the University boys took control of Pioneer Conference North division race with a 62-51 win over Seton Catholic Monday evening at The U Center.

The Trailblazers overwhelmed the Cardinals in the first half, leading by as many as 21 points late in the second quarter and managed to hold a double digit lead for all but two seconds of the second half.

Nate Jeffrey put the Trailblazers on top to stay two minutes in to the game at 4-3. Back to back buckets by Pierce, the second off a Seth Hogg steal, gave University a 8-3 lead. Robert Russell and Kahmi Bracey hit three pointers in the first quarter and University led 18-8 at the quarter break.

The Cardinals scored the first four points of the second quarter before University scored the next 15 points to blow the game open. Pierce scored on a rebound before a three pointer from Andre Ozlowski forced a Seton Catholic timeout. Pierce threw done a one handed dunk and Hogg hit a triple before two Bracey

baskets made the second 33-12 with 3:00 left in the half. Another Russell three pointer finished the first half scoring for University who took a 36-20 lead to the locker room.

Seton Catholic started to try to crawl back in the game in the third quarter, but Pierce had six points in the period and Russell hit another three pointer and University led 45-31 after the third.

University held a 51-36 lead with 5:00 remaining when Jeffrey scored off a nice assist from Hogg. University went scoreless for nearly three minutes before Hogg scored off a Jeffrey assist with 2:20 remaining to put the lead at 53-40. Seton Catholic eventually closed to 59-51 on a banked in three pointer with 25 seconds left, but Bracey made a pair of foul shots and Hogg made one to close out the scoring.

University coach Brandon Lafferman was excited about this team's performance. "I'm really proud of my team having three games in four days, with tonight being the most important one, a huge conference matchup that we had to win

if we wanted a chance at another title. I thought our guys came out great with a lot of energy. Larry Pierce really set the tone early on and we did a really good job defensively guarding them in the first half. Second half was a little slow, but we managed the last five minutes of the game really well and came away with a big win."

The win improves University to 6-2 overall, 2-0 in the PAAC North. The Blazers can clinch their sixth consecutive berth in the PAAC championship game when they host Muncie Burris on Jan. 14. University has won the last four PAAC championship games and have won 21 consecutive PAAC North games. University's last loss in division play was Dec. 12, 2015 when they lost to eventual Class 1A state champion Liberty Christian in what was the Blazers first game in PAAC play.

Seton Catholic saw their seven-game winning streak come to an end. The Cardinals are 7-2 overall and 1-1 in PAAC North play.

The Trailblazers will play in the Phil

Cox Memorial Tournament at Kokomo on Dec. 29 and 30. University opens tournament play at 8:00 p.m. on Dec. 29 against the host Wildkats. University will play either Valparaiso or South Bend Riley at noon on Dec. 30 with their final tournament game also being played on Dec. 30 against one of Guerin Catholic, Warren Central, Brownsburg or South Bend Adams.

UNIVERSITY 62, SETON CATHOLIC 53				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bryce Gray	3	0-0	8	2
Nate Jeffrey	3	2-2	8	0
Kahmi Bracey	4	3-4	12	2
Robert Russell	2	0-0	6	2
Andre Ozlowski	1	0-0	3	2
Larry Pierce	9	1-3	19	3
Seth Hogg	2	1-2	6	4
Steven Scott	0	0-0	0	3
Totals	24	7-11	62	18
Score by Quarters				
Seton Catholic	8	12	11	22 - 53
University	18	18	9	17 - 62
University 3-pointers (7) Gray 2, Russell 2, Bracey, Ozlowski, Pierce.				

Royals split games at Fort Wayne

The Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball team split its games at Fort Wayne on Tuesday.

In their first game, the Royals sailed past Carroll 66-44. Southeastern out-scored the Chargers in each of the four quarters, leading 21-14 after one period and 37-27 at halftime. Reph Stevenson had 10 points in the first half. The Royals added 18 points in the third for a 55-35 lead.

Stevenson finished with 19 points, with Caleb Smock scoring 12 and Sam Jacobs contributing 11 points.

Southeastern dropped its second game 69-45 at Homestead. The Spartans led 16-11 after one quarter and 32-20 at halftime.

Jacobs led the Royals with 21 points. Southeastern is 3-5 and is off until Jan. 7 when it plays at Lawrence Central.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 66, FORT WAYNE CARROLL 44				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Donovan Hamilton	1	0-0	2	0
Reph Stevenson	8	3-5	19	0
Caleb Smock	5	0-0	12	0
Joshua Jones	0	0-0	0	0

Sam Jacobs	4	2-2	11	2
Christian Pfeifer	0	0-0	0	0
Michael Griffith	4	1-1	9	3
Eli Robinson	3	2-2	8	3
Kasey Ash-Simpson	2	1-2	5	1
Braeden Totton	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27	9-12	66	9
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	21	16	18	11 - 66
Carroll	14	13	8	9 - 44
Southeastern 3-pointers (3) Smock 2, Jacobs 1.				

HOMESTEAD 69, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 45				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Donovan Hamilton	3	1-1	8	3
Reph Stevenson	1	2-2	4	2
Caleb Smock	1	0-0	3	0
Joshua Jones	0	0-0	0	2
Sam Jacobs	8	5-6	21	1
Michael Griffith	0	0-0	0	2
Eli Robinson	0	0-1	0	2
Kasey Ash-Simpson	1	2-2	4	0
Christian Pfeifer	1	0-0	3	0
Braeden Totton	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	16	10-12	45	12
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	11	9	12	13 - 45
Homestead	16	16	18	19 - 69
Southeastern 3-pointers (3) Hamilton 1, Smock 1, Pfeifer 1.				

With big-scoring second half . . . GC cruises at Lapel

Guerin Catholic scored a nice win at Lapel on Tuesday, beating the Bulldogs 67-45.

The Golden Eagles led 17-12 after the first quarter. Lapel cut that advantage slightly by halftime, to 26-22, but Guerin Catholic took care of business in the third period by scoring 21 points. The Golden Eagles added another 20 points in the fourth.

Will Grissom scored 17 points and also handed out four assists. Robert Sorensen and Lucas Parker both drained three 3-pointers while scoring 15 points each. Jack Cherry led the rebounds with five.

The Golden Eagles are 4-3 and play Thursday afternoon at Lebanon. The junior varsity game starts at 1 p.m., with the varsity contest beginning around 2:30 p.m.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 67, LAPEL 45				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	2-4	1-2	5	2
Robert Sorensen	5-5	2-2	15	0
Will Grissom	5-10	7-10	17	1
Josh Holba	4-5	0-0	8	4
Lucas Parker	5-7	2-2	15	2
Kamea Chandler	2-2	0-0	4	2
Matthew Etchison	0-1	0-0	0	0
Patrick Baird	0-0	0-0	0	0
Aden Cannon	0-1	0-0	0	3
Ryan Zimmerman	1-1	0-0	2	0
Ty Sanders	0-0	1-2	1	0
Luke Scariano	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24-36	13-18	67	14
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	17	9	21	20 - 67
Lapel	12	10	10	13 - 45
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (6-12) Parker 3-4, Sorensen 3-3, Cherry 0-2, Grissom 0-2, Etchison 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (22) Cherry 5, Grissom 4, Parker 4, Holba 3, Sorensen 2, Baird 2, Etchison 1, team 1.				

Heat dominate Pacers, 125-96

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After a four-day break between games, the Pacers had hoped a trip to play an injury-plagued Miami Heat squad would bring good fortunes.

However, the Heat quickly quelled that notion.

Miami (19-13) drilled 22 3-point shots — 11 from Duncan Robinson and Tyler Herro — and limited Indiana (13-19) to a season-low 35.6 percent shooting to win 125-96 in dominant fashion. The hosts used a late first-quarter run to take a lead and never look back. Appearing rusty, the Blue & Gold never made a significant run after the hosts pulled away.

"I feel like we didn't come out with the energy that we needed to play (with) today," said Domantas Sabonis (12 points, four rebounds). "We had a tough night shooting. That hurt, and it just all added up."

In all, four Pacers finished in double figures. Chris Duarte looked the most impressive, finishing with 17 points on 5-of-7 shooting, including 3-of-4 from deep. Caris LeVert also tallied 17 but shot 4-of-15 from the floor. Oshae Brissett added 14 off the bench. Robinson and Herro had 26 apiece to lead Miami during their 3-point parade.

"They just played better than we did from start to finish," LeVert said plainly.

With the Heat short on centers, the Pacers attacked the paint early to earn a small first-quarter lead. Myles Turner (nine points, seven rebounds, two blocks) and Sabonis accounted for six of the squad's first nine points. Justin Holiday's jumper from just behind the free-throw line then gave the squad an 11-6 lead with 8:07 remaining.

However, Miami stuck around due to their sharpshooters. The hosts' first five

buckets of the game were from 3-point range, including a rare make from center Dewayne Dedmon that pushed the Heat in front, 15-13, at the 6:41 mark.

With Indiana leading 16-15, Miami rattled off an 11-2 run over a 4:01 span to extend the gap to eight with 2:24 to play. KZ Okpala's cutting layup with 1:59 remaining pushed the hosts ahead by double digits for the first time. The Heat's seventh trey of the period, a 27-footer from Max Strus, pushed Miami ahead 33-21 as they entered the second.

Miami's lead continued to rise as the Pacers' defense appeared rusty. The Heat found eight easy points in the paint, and Tyler Herro added two triples to push the hosts' lead to 47-28 with 7:22 to play. On offense, the Blue & Gold had issues finding spaces in Miami's zone defense — a theme spotted in the teams' previous matchup on Dec. 3.

Things only got worse for the Blue & Gold as the period ticked past the half-way mark. Backup center Omer Yurtseven used five quick points to push the Heat's lead to 20 twice. With 4:28 remaining, Duncan Robinson nailed another triple to extend it to 55-32.

Down the stretch, the story remained the same. LeVert's layup with 17.1 seconds remaining gave Indiana a chance to go into halftime with some life. However, Kyle Lowry was fouled with 0.5 seconds left. He sank both free throws to send the Blue & Gold into halftime down 68-45.

After the squads traded two triples apiece, Turner and Holiday managed four points to cut the deficit to 74-55 with 7:51 remaining in the third. Despite the Heat continuing to find offensive success, a pair of threes from Duarte and LeVert continued to give the Pacers a glimmer of hope. The duo soon trimmed the

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shots.

"Good overall day as team is progressing," said HSE coach Brian Satterfield. "We still have a few items to iron out."

The Royals are 8-6 and play next week at North Central's Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational. Southeastern plays Bloomington North at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28 and Gibson Southern at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 43, FORT WAYNE CARROLL 38				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	4-7	0-3	11	0
Makayla Hinshaw	2-8	3-4	8	3
Riley Makalusky	1-8	0-1	3	4
Olivia Brown	2-2	0-1	4	0
Zoe Bolding	4-6	0-0	8	0
Teegan Acres	1-2	1-2	3	1
Gabi Layman	1-4	0-0	3	1
Lauren Stewart	1-2	0-0	3	1
Caleigh Scott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Maine Hooks	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-39	4-11	43	10

HOMESTEAD 58, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 56				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	8-16	0-0	21	2
Makayla Hinshaw	2-3	4-4	9	3
Riley Makalusky	6-10	2-5	16	2
Olivia Brown	5-6	0-1	10	4
Zoe Bolding	0-0	0-0	0	4
Lauren Stewart	0-4	0-0	0	0
Teegan Acres	0-0	0-0	0	2
Gabi Layman	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-40	6-10	56	17
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	17	7	15	14 - 56
Homestead	10	22	8	17 - 58
Southeastern 3-point shooting (8-18) M. Makalusky 5-10, R. Makalusky 2-3, Hinshaw 1-2, Stewart 0-2, Layman 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (16) Brown 7, Bolding 4, M. Makalusky 3, R. Makalusky 2.				

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NBA standings

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	21	9	.700	-
Philadelphia	16	15	.516	5.5
Boston	15	16	.484	6.5
Toronto	14	15	.483	6.5
New York	14	17	.452	7.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	19	10	.655	-
Cleveland	19	12	.613	1.0
Milwaukee	19	13	.594	1.5
Indiana	13	19	.406	7.5
Detroit	5	25	.167	14.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	19	13	.594	-
Washington	16	15	.516	2.5
Charlotte	16	17	.485	3.5
Atlanta	14	15	.483	3.5
Orlando	6	25	.194	12.5

Tuesday's games	
Miami 125, Indiana 96	Dallas 114, Minnesota 102
New York 105, Detroit 91	Phoenix 108, L.A. Lakers 90
New Orleans 111, Portland 97	Washington at Brooklyn, postponed

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	21	9	.700	-
Denver	15	14	.517	5.5
Minnesota	15	16	.484	6.5
Portland	13	19	.406	9.5
Oklahoma City	10	19	.345	10.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	25	5	.833	-
Golden State	25	6	.806	0.5
L.A. Clippers	16	15	.516	9.5
L.A. Lakers	16	16	.500	10.0
Sacramento	13	19	.406	13.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	19	13	.594	-
Dallas	15	15	.500	3.0
San Antonio	12	18	.400	6.0
New Orleans	11	21	.344	8.0
Houston	10	21	.323	8.5

NFL standings - Week 15

National Conference						
East	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
Dallas	10	4	.714	401	293	
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	364	308	
Washington	6	8	.500	283	351	
N.Y. Giants	4	10	.286	238	331	
South	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	10	4	.714	410	306	
New Orleans	7	7	.500	313	285	
Atlanta	6	8	.429	258	384	
Carolina	5	9	.357	271	313	
North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
z-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	359	302
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500	361	342
Chicago	4	10	0	.286	240	349
Detroit	2	11	1	.179	243	366
West	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
Arizona	10	4	.714	378	284	
L.A. Rams	10	4	.714	386	303	
San Francisco	8	6	.571	360	314	
Seattle	5	9	.357	282	282	
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Week 15 scores	
Kansas City 34, L.A. Chargers 28, OT	Cincinnati 15, Denver 10
Indianapolis 27, New England 17	San Francisco 31, Atlanta 13
Dallas 21, N.Y. Giants 6	Green Bay 31, Baltimore 30
Houston 30, Jacksonville 16	New Orleans 9, Tampa Bay 0
Pittsburgh 19, Tennessee 13	Las Vegas 16, Cleveland 14
Miami 31, N.Y. Jets 24	Minnesota 17, Chicago 9
Detroit 30, Arizona 12	L.A. Rams 20, Seattle 10
Buffalo 31, Carolina 14	Philadelphia 27, Washington 17

American Conference						
East	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
New England	9	5	.643	367	227	
Buffalo	8	6	.571	394	243	
Miami	7	7	.500	285	312	
N.Y. Jets	3	11	.214	250	428	
South	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
Tennessee	9	5	.643	337	309	
Indianapolis	8	6	.571	398	300	
Houston	3	11	.214	207	372	
Jacksonville	2	12	.143	196	370	
North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	369	309
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	334	315
Pittsburgh	7	6	1	.536	291	335
Cleveland	7	7	0	.500	292	305
West	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	
Kansas City	10	4	.714	385	296	
L.A. Chargers	8	6	.571	379	370	
Las Vegas	7	7	.500	299	374	
Denver	7	7	.500	285	243	

IBCA boys basketball poll for Dec. 20

Rank	School	Points	Record	FPV
1	Zionsville	400	7-0	20
2	Carmel	363	6-2	
3	Fishers	327	6-1	
4	Valparaiso	307	7-0	
5	Lawrence North	293	5-1	
6	Homestead	279	6-2	
7	Indianapolis Cathedral	266	5-2	
8	Brebeuf Jesuit	243	5-1	
9	Westfield	201	3-2	
10	Chesterton	160	5-0	
11	Bloomington North	159	5-1	
12	Indianapolis Tech	141	5-2	
T13	Ben Davis	136	5-2	
T13	Mishawaka Marian	136	7-1	
15	Linton-Stockton	128	7-0	
16	North Central (Indianapolis)	119	5-2	
17	Penn	91	7-0	
18	Connersville	90	7-0	
19	Central Noble	82	6-0	
20	Leo	54	6-1	

Other schools receiving votes:

Anderson (4-1), Bloomfield (6-0), Bloomington South (4-3), Brownsburg (5-3), Brownstown Central (6-0), Crown Point (6-1), Evansville F. J. Reitz (5-0), Floyd Central (5-1), Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (5-0), Fort Wayne Snider (2-1), Glenn (7-0), Indianapolis Attucks (4-5), Lafayette Jefferson (7-1), Lawrence Central (3-3), Mt. Vernon (Fortville) (4-1), North Daviess (8-0), North Harrison (4-1), NorthWood (7-0), Pike (4-1), South Spencer (6-0), Terre Haute North Vigo (6-0).

IBCA girls basketball poll for Dec. 12

Rank	School	Points	Record*	FPV
1	Crown Point	394	12-1	16
2	Franklin Community	378	14-0	4
3	Homestead	345	10-1	
4	Bedford North Lawrence	322	12-1	
5	Noblesville	320	11-2	
6	South Bend Washington	312	13-2	
7	Lake Central	231	10-2	
8	North Central (Indianapolis)	230	12-3	
9	Fishers	224	10-2	
T10	Westfield	202	11-2	
T10	Silver Creek	202	13-1	
12	Benton Central	152	12-0	
13	Mishawaka Marian	145	10-2	
14	Columbus East	137	11-2	
15	Valparaiso	119	11-1	
16	Columbia City	108	12-0	
17	East Central	98	8-1	
18	Fort Wayne Snider	80	10-2	
T19	Zionsville	48	8-4	
T19	Penn	48	9-4	

Other schools receiving votes (record):

Ben Davis (7-5), Castle (11-3), Fairfield (12-1), Fort Wayne Northrop (7-1), Garrett (10-1), Hamilton Southeastern (7-5), Jac-Cen-Del (10-2), Jennings County (9-3), Lanesville (13-1), Northridge (9-3), South Central-Union Mills (13-0), Triton Central (11-1), Waldron (12-0), Washington (12-1), Winchester (12-0).

Note: Records listed are through games of Dec. 18, 2021.

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deficit to 79-61 with 5:58 left. But as Indiana warmed up, Miami continued to be lethal from deep. Strus and Robinson teamed up for two more long balls quickly to push their lead back to 21. From there, the Heat regained control of the game easily. After Sabonis' three-point play gave the game an 85-67 score, Miami rattled off 11 straight in 2:33 to jump ahead 96-67. Points came in various ways for the Heat, as they broke down Indiana's defense in all areas of the court. Herro's jumper with 10.4 seconds remaining in the frame gave the Heat a 98-69 advantage heading into the fourth. The Pacers started the final frame with seven unanswered to cut the deficit to 98-76 with 10:15 to play. But Miami responded with eight straight, including two more triples from Herro, to extend the lead to 30 for the first time. The spree officially slammed the door shut on any miraculous comeback for the Blue & Gold. In positive news, the blowout gave Pacers rookie Isaiah Jackson extended playing time. With 8:18 left, he snagged an offensive rebound and a putback bucket, showing his perseverance in the paint. He finished with six points, four rebounds, and a steal. Meanwhile, the Heat allowed 41-year-old Udonis Haslem to log some minutes for the squad. The NBA's oldest active player entered with a loud cheer from the crowd, as the hosts easily cruised to the win.

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