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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny. High temp in the morning. High 54. Temps fall into the 40s by afternoon.
Tonight: Clouds increase.

HIGH: 54 LOW: 32



County honors employees for many years of service

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is celebrating 170 employees for their service to the community.

Each year the Board of Commissioners and Human Resources Department recognize and honor employees for long and meritorious service by presenting service awards at the end of each five years of employment.

Each recipient will be given a service pin with the number of years on it.

Our goal is to bring to the citizens and taxpayers of Hamilton County the most responsive governmental services possible," Human Resources Director Sheena Randall said. "Employing top quality people, providing them with meaningful work, and retaining their services helps serve the public efficiently and effectively."



Randall



Photo provided by Hamilton County Government

(From left) Jennifer Sundling, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Mervin Hair, Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Steve Dillinger, and Rex Foutz.

Rex Foutz and Mervin Hair, both with the Highway Department, and Jenny Sundling in the Clerk's Office top this

year's list of employees with the most longevity. They have each been employed with the county for 40 years.

"Hamilton County has always been a great place to work,"

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Community First Bank named Indiana Small Business Lender of the Year

The REPORTER

Community First Bank of Indiana is the state's Small Business Lender of the Year for 2022.

The annual award is given by Indiana Statewide Certified Development Corporation (ISCDC), which works with local lenders to provide financing from the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 loan program. The SBA 504 loans help owners of expanding or startup small businesses buy real estate, buildings, and equipment. The main feature of the 504 loan program is that it allows borrowers to pay a below-market down payment and repay the loan with a fixed low interest rate over a long term.

Community First Bank is headquartered in Kokomo and also has five locations in Westfield, Noblesville, and Indianapolis. The commercial loan officers providing the winning loans were Duane Kamminga, Jonathan Malin, and Greg Gordon.

"We were honored to receive this recognition from the ISCDC," said Chief Credit Officer Bob Hickman. "From the day Community First was founded almost 20 years ago, one of our primary missions has been meeting the borrowing needs of small businesses throughout our market. The SBA 504 program and our partnership with the ISCDC is a great tool for helping businesses to expand and grow



Photo provided by Community First Bank

(From left) Community First Bank's Bob Hickman, Pete Needler, Jeff Magginnis, Greg Gordon, Scott Hammersley, Adam Pleva, and Duane Kamminga accept the award from Indiana Statewide CDC's Jean Wojtowicz.

successfully."

The winner of the Small Business Lender of the Year Award is the institution that generates the largest volume of loans with the Indiana Statewide CDC as a percentage of bank deposits. Loans made by the end of the Fiscal Year, Sept. 30, qualify for this annual award. Twenty-eight financial institutions contended for this

year's award. Community First Bank was announced the winner of the Fiscal 2022 Lender of the Year award at Indiana Statewide CDC's annual meeting.

About Community First Bank

Community First Bank (CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo and is committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making, and relationship-building at its

core. The locally owned and operated bank currently has branches in Indianapolis, Kokomo, Westfield, and Noblesville. CFB has been named as one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana for eight consecutive years by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Additional information can be found at CFBIndiana.com. MEMBER FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

Poof & Lucy

Ever since I was a little girl, there was an ad with a picture of a small child standing next to a gigantic dog. I always loved the picture and knew one day when I was grown up that I would have a dog that looked like the one standing next to this girl in the picture. It was a Newfoundland; a big, slobbery, lazy and absolutely beautiful dog.

Fast forward many years later, I'm moving into my first home on my own with my husband and the time came to talk about getting a dog. My husband is not one who needed to be talked into getting a dog. He loves dogs just as much as me. He wanted to wait a couple of months to settle in our house and take a vacation we had planned for that summer before diving into a puppy. His reasoning made sense, but it was not going to work for me.

I found a Newfoundland pup in northern Indiana that was in need of a home, and we set up a day to go and just meet her. They referred to her as "orange" since that was the color of her ribbon they used to distinguish their pups.

It was December in the year of 2013, just a mere few days after Christmas that we went up on icy roads to meet the pup. We arrived at the farm with such excitement. We both knew you don't go and look at a puppy. We both knew that we were meeting our first dog together and starting an adventure. It was snowing and absolutely freezing; the kind of cold where your extremities ache and you cannot warm yourself.

We walked into a heated barn on their farm, and there was the orange puppy. We both melted and she took to my husband as if she was his soulmate. Instantly, we both loved her and knew she was ours, but the truth is, from day one, she was always his and the same for him. She decided at that moment that he was her number one person, and I would always be secondary in her life. She loved me, no doubt, and I loved her so much my heart hurt, but I was second. She was always the other woman in our relationship, and it was unspoken how much those two had unending devotion to each other.

Her name was Stella, but she went by many names. Poof, McDoo, Newf Poof who goes woof, just to name a few. We called her Poof. She grew into this gigantic black and white (Landseer) Newfoundland. She was striking in her appearance, not just for her size, but her beauty.

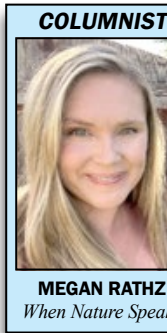
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Laura Campbell will not seek re-election to Carmel City Council

The REPORTER

The Reporter has learned that Carmel City Council member Laura Campbell will not seek reelection this year. Campbell released the following statement regarding her decision:

"After much consideration, I have decided that I will not run for reelection to the Carmel City Council. I will continue to serve as city councilor through the end of the year, and I will work with whoever is elected to the North District council seat to ensure a smooth transition in 2024."



COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ

When Nature Speaks

Noblesville Fabric Arts Show accepting submissions through July 2023

The REPORTER

Artists with a fondness for fabric are invited to participate in the Noblesville Fabric Arts Show in August 2023. The show is made possible through a partnership between Nickel Plate Arts and the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission's representative from Noblesville.

The Fabric Arts Show will take place in Noblesville (location to be announced), with an opening reception on Aug. 4 during First Friday events. The

People's Choice Awards ceremony will take place on Sept. 1.

The Fabric Arts Show includes two categories for entry: 1. heirloom or antique, and 2. modern or newly created. To be considered for the show, pieces must have a Hamilton County connection either through subject, maker, history, or current owner. Show sponsors encourage artistic interpretations of Hamilton County's history through new pieces of fabric art.

Applicants may submit more than one piece. The deadline for submission is July 22, 2023. Applicants can complete a form to submit their pieces for consideration beginning Jan. 9, 2023, at this link.

About the Bicentennial

The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission was established by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners as the official oversight agency for the 200th anniversary, happening in 2023. It will do so in partnership with



the Hamilton County Historical Society, Hamilton County Tourism, Inc., and lead sponsor Duke Energy.

The official 2023 Bicentennial event lineup in-

cludes upwards of 45 one-of-a-kind events funded by the Bicentennial's grant program. In addition, a traveling exhibit will be available to the public at

more than 25 locations around the county.

Access the complete events calendar on the Bicentennial website at hamcoturns200.com/events.



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SCAN ME

Poof & Lucy

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This was the dog who was there for the first 10 years of our life together. This was the dog who laid next to us on the couch as we shared the joy of finding out we were pregnant, saw us bring home two babies, watched us grieve as we lost two pregnancies, and was there for every single one of life's ups and downs. This was the dog who sat there staring at us as we welcomed each kid home and another dog with a look on her face that said, "Are you kidding me?" We used to joke that she would roll her eyes, go light a cigarette, have herself a smoke, and be less than pleased with us for being traitors.

Ten years passed with her more quickly than I cared to believe. When you have a dog of a certain size and age, you always have that dreaded fear in the back of your mind that life is short and every little thing that was once minor seems more anxiety-ridden because no matter how old they are, you're never ready.

The day came, somewhat out-of-the-blue for us. It was horrible and one that I would like to rid my mind of forever. We were emotionally gutted. I haven't grieved like this since losing my own dad. I kept telling myself that my kids are OK and that I need to put this in perspective and function, but in reality, she was a dog to everyone else, but she was my first kid. She was the one who in essence made me a mom.

We had to make the heartbreaking and devastating, but appropriate decision to let her be at peace. I have lost dogs before and felt devastation, but this was different. I was an adult, and

Photos provided by Megan Rathz

Stella "Poof" Rathz (above left) and Lucille "Lucy" McGillicuddy Rathz (above right).

it was up to my husband and me to do right by her. There wasn't a grownup to take care of this situation and shelter me from the harsh reality of what needed to be done. The car ride home from the vet still brings tears to my eyes as I write this.

We both knew at some point we were going to get another dog, but neither of us was ready. We had just lost a beloved family member when we said goodbye to Poof. You do not just wake up and decide you're ready. We both knew that after adopting our second dog from a rescue in Muncie called ARF (Animal Rescue Fund) that when the time came to get another dog that they would be coming from there. I decided to reach out to the lady I had corresponded with when we adopted our second dog to let her know our situation and reiterated that while we were NOT ready to get another dog emotionally, that at some point we would be and wanted to make sure our adoption information was current from our last adoption. We did agree that while we were not ready, that when the time did come, her name would be Lucy. We

both have always loved the name and it would be the name of our next dog.

A couple of weeks go by, and I receive a text from the same lady with a picture of a pup and a text that read, "We have a litter of half husky/ quarter lab/ and quarter border collie. One female left." I was in the middle of work and saw her name appear on my text and instantly my heart started beating faster. I can hear my pulse and start to think, *Oh my God. I don't know if I'm ready. There's no way my husband is ready, but she is so cute and we are so sad.*

I knew I had to handle this delicately with my husband. I sit down at my desk and flip my desk calendar to December 13, and I notice that it happened to be the Feast Day of St. Lucy. I immediately knew it was a sign.

I sent my husband a screenshot of my conversation and her picture. He immediately, as I knew he would, started with trepidation and saying he didn't know if he was ready. I then sent him the photo of my desk calendar with St. Lucy. It was met with crickets. I knew what this meant. He

was processing all of this. He told me to call him. The next thing I know we are seriously discussing the possibility of this puppy.

The lady at the rescue called him (per my request) to discuss the puppy, her situation, and any questions he may have. She asked if we wanted to schedule a meet and greet. He said that he would talk to me and we would let her know that day. He told me to give him a call and when we spoke, we both agreed our minds were racing and needed some time to think on this without the influence of the other person. I said why don't we just not talk for a couple of hours and each give this some thought before we say how we are feeling.

Two hours later, I called him and he told me we had a meet and greet scheduled for noon that Saturday. We were just going to meet her. It doesn't mean we are taking her home that day or at all.

As that week progressed, we started referring to her as Lucy. This sad weight we had been carrying around seemed to lift a bit. The next thing I know, my husband is ordering her an I Love Lucy Christmas stocking and both of us ordered her toys for Christmas.

Saturday rolls around and the time had come to meet this pup. In walks Lucy and I knew just as I did with Poof, our lives were about to change. She was our next great adventure. We didn't even discuss it. We just knew meeting her that she was ours. It is snowing and absolutely freezing again, but once again I melt when I see her.

The name Lucy means "light." She has been a beacon of light during a period of darkness in our home and hearts. I will always remember Poof and I will always miss Poof. I will forever maintain a large part of my heart for her, but it is in her loss that I realize my heart has room for more love to give, and the space I made is just Lucy's size.

I love Lucy and she loves not only me, but all of us. I've told her many times that we needed her and I know she needed us, too. Afterall, nobody really goes to meet a puppy.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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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:

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Old friends & new ring in 2023 at Noblesville Wolfies



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt
(From left) Kae Campbell, Sydney Farrer, and John Sampson took a moment on New Year's Eve to pose for The Reporter's camera at Wolfies, 20999 Hague Road, Noblesville. Sampson told The Reporter that Farrer was hands down the best server he had met in a very long time.

SERVICE

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Foutz said, "I feel my skills are constantly being developed while also achieving significant personal growth and job satisfaction. Plus, I love the farmer's tan I get every year."

"The county offers great benefits too," Randall added, "such as health insurance, paid holidays, and a 37.5-hour work week."

This year, three employees will celebrate 35 years of service with the county, five will mark 30 years, and 20 will observe 25 years. Another 16 employees will be honored for reaching the 20-year milestone with 45 marking 15 years, 36 celebrating 10 years, and 42 reaching five years of employment.

County Employees Recognized

5 Year Service Pins		
Kim Thompson	Michael Berning	Shelby Clayton
Nicholas Jones	Bruce Wright	Timothy Fisher
Tonya Adkins	Jalyn Jellison	Jalyn Phifer
Jessica Vecera	Jennifer Armstrong	Tina Blackwell
Alyssa Hungate	Aaron Lochar	Christopher Louks
Kaitlyn Kraus	Brittany Stark	Jesse Cummins
Sarah Lockart	Andrew Hazel	Julie Stonebraker
Joan Keene	Margaret Brothers	Jonathan Brown
Steven Butler	Darren Murphy	Garrett Goldman
Andrew Kingsley	Steven Sneath	Parks Maraia Howard
Brandon Rau	Patricia Reel	Tyler Abbitt
Dalton Ballard	Bradly Spray	Ryan Ebbert
Derek Hartle	Stephanie Kingen	Kyle Landes
Jessica Pierce	Nicole Prater	Kyle Smith
10 Year Service Pins		
Eric Couch	Melissa Bannon	Kelly Hill
Erika Wiles	Amanda Clark	Michael Crussel
Jacqueline Wigley	Michelle Brown	Benjamin Craig
Nikohl Failor	Jennifer Giordano	Lakisha Goins
Melissa Hamilton	Michelle Lewis	Nathanael Nelson
Jennifer Poynter	Rachell Vaughan	Jessica Marvel
Richard Merida	Michael Guyer	Robert Thompson
Laura Wozniak	Kasey Biddle	Ashley Janisse
Brittney Shoemaker	Cory Hayden	Laura Phifer
Angela James	Amy Kreider	Nicole Paciorek
Lyndae Crouch	Christopher Santiago	Tina Szmurlo
Kristin Wagoner	Nathan Whisler	Kay Oberhaus Wyler
15 Year Service Pins		
Paul Sheller	Jonathan Neudigate	Elizabeth Polley
Bill McCormick	Brian Louks	Glen Haltom
Katherine Moorhouse	Daniyel Cassell	Karen Lochar
Robin Chastain	Alayna Fenimore	Melisa Boggs
Kari Key	Sharna Swenson	Brenda King
Kia Harrington	Sheillah Stevens	John Chalfin
Carol Swenson	Julie Nagel	Zachary Serine
Massiel Krall	Kirsten Hasty	James Werbe
Marcel Lazdins	Amber Orr	Tiffany McNeely
Andrea Joines	Ryan Randall	Brandi Pass
Andre Miksha	Kristy Smith	Steven Hartley
Danielle Roque	Christopher Yates	Tamoura Thomas
Scott Goff	Brittany Stubblefield	Matthew Miller
Larry DeFoe	Nick Risinger	Jennifer Garland
Christopher Jones	Kyle Hanslow	Luther Cline
20 Year Service Pins		
Linda Swickard	Laurie Reiter	Barton Griesenauer
Heath Pearson	Ryan Horine	Georgia Roudebush
Mixay Baccam	Kathy Ransford	Brentt Lutz
Trini Beaver	Elizabeth Jackson	Michael Jamison
Bryan Melton	Pamela Louks	Brandy Egan
25 Year Service Pins		
Anthony Charlton	Thomas Higgins	Steve Wood
Shelly France	Chsryl Laudig	Shalina Harrington
Chandra McKinney	Jason LeMaster	Alexander Schildmeier
Marcus Crandall	Michael Conaway	Joannie Wert
Diana Cleland	David Najjar	Jody Sells
Misti Reader	Travis Petrie	Shasta Decker
Todd Green	Florence Lacey	
30 Year Service Pins		
Kay Heiny	Sherri Byer	Philip Tragesser
Melissa Uhrick	Graham Packham	
35 Year Service Pins		
Cary Justice	Michael Parnell	Shellie Watson
40 Year Service Pins		
Jennifer Sundling	Rex Foutz	Mervin Hair

The Great Dine Out returns to Hamilton County

By AMICIA RAMSEY
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More than 50 restaurants in Hamilton County are participating in the Great Dine Out. It's a month-long promotion where restaurants offer deals and discounts on food items for both dine-in and carryout. The event is designed to help restaurants boost foot traffic after the holidays. Customers can expect specials ranging from a free

dessert or appetizer to \$5 off a meal. Restaurants taking part in the Great Dine Out include Four Day Ray Brewing, Rise'n Roll Bakery, and

Social Cantina. Here's how it works: Customers visiting participating restaurants can redeem the offers with their

smartphones. Just go to the Great Dine Out's website and fill out a brief form with general information including your name, number, and email address. A link to a free mobile passport called the "Great Dine Out Pass 2023" will be sent to you via email and text. Save the passport and present it to a staff member at a participating restaurant to receive a deal or discount. Anyone who completes five mobile check-ins at participating restaurants will receive a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant, while supplies last. January 2023 marks the third time the event has happened, and according to Hamilton County Tourism, this year's event has the largest-ever selection of participating restaurants.

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The Great Dine Out in Hamilton County January 2-31, 2023

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80s
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It will be totally
awesome!**
(You know you still
have clothes from the
'80s in your closet)



**This gnarly ride
will take you
Back In Time
(Huey Lewis
knows what we're
talking about)**

Boards & Commissions

Fishers boards and commissions are a great way for citizens to get involved in their local community. These groups provide input and direction for the council on decisions that can impact Fishers for years to come. This participation from our residents is essential to maintaining our status as one of this country's best places to live.

Graphic provided by Jocelyn Vare

Who gets picked to serve on a City of Fishers board or commission? Not you

If you are the kind of person who wants to get involved with city government or community volunteer work, a city board or commission should be the perfect on-ramp.

The City of Fishers website reads: "Fishers boards and commissions are a great way for citizens to get involved with their local community. These groups provide input and direction for the council on decisions that can impact Fishers for years to come. This participation from our residents is essential to maintaining our status as one of this country's best places to live."

In reality, citizen applications are not reviewed or even acknowledged. Appointments to city boards and commissions in Fishers are made behind closed doors and current appointments are just blindly renewed for another term. If you are one of the dozens of citizens who applied, you are not being considered.

Back in January 2021, I demonstrated to the City Council that this problem needed to be fixed. I reviewed the makeup of all the Fishers boards and commissions at that time and found an egregious lack of diversity. For example, only 20 percent of all appointments are women. Since these appointments lack transparency and fail to consider citizen applications, there is zero opportunity for more women to serve. New ideas will never enter the room if seats at the table are only offered to the people currently sitting in them.

At that time, 47 citizen applications were received. Forty-seven people wanted to serve. None were considered. The city did not recruit citizens to apply. In short, the City Council's Republican majority did not want new citizens participating in these boards and commissions.

How did the City Council majority respond when I flagged this concern and made a recommendation to evaluate current appointees and open up future appointments? They said absolutely nothing.

Our community's local news blogger, Larry in Fishers, commented on this after my remarks at the January 2021 meeting. He said, "It concerns me that city council appointments to boards and commissions fail to reflect that diversity of today's Fishers."

A year later, a taskforce of selected city councilors was created to evaluate all city committees and consider creating a new Rules Committee. The taskforce's efforts were commandeered by the Republican majority. They recommended giving full authority to one person, the City Council President, to independently make all the appointments to boards and commissions. Thankfully, that proposal was defeated.

The Indianapolis Star reported, "A proposal to give the Fishers City Council president final say on appointments to boards and commissions ran into resistance this week by (the two Democrat) councilors who said it was secretive, unnecessary and fails to increase diversity on the citizen panels."

Finally, in January 2022, a Fishers City Council standing Rules Committee was formed. The purpose of the new Rules Committee is to recommend the appointments to city



GUEST COLUMNIST
JOCELYN VARE

boards and commissions. Finally, a transparent and formalized appointment process would be created! Not so fast. Although created in January, the committee didn't conduct its first meeting until December. When the committee met for the first time to consider the 2023 appointments to city boards and commission, the Rules Committee meeting lasted only five minutes!

The Rules Committee approved a draft of 2023 appointments to city boards and commissions at its Dec. 15, 2022, meeting. The city attorney prepared that draft and the committee approved it as presented. Each of the appointments in the draft was a renewal of the current appointee.

No new appointees were considered. Many applications were submitted by citizens this year who wanted to be considered for these appointments, even though the city did not promote this opportunity. These applications were not reviewed by the committee at its meeting.

Who in our community gets picked to serve on a City of Fishers board or commission? Not you.

Not unless you already serve on a board or commission. And that can really explain why there is a lack of diversity in these appointments again. This is unacceptable.

I have directed chairperson Selina Stoller to reconvene the Rules Committee, fix the errors on the appointment recommendations, consider all the new applications and review the current roster of appointees. In addition, I offered this example of a best practice for Fishers to adopt. A City of South Bend ordinance includes simple procedures for appointing citizens to city boards and commission. These new procedures would be a big improvement in transparency for Fishers.

In conclusion, the City of Fishers is the sixth-largest city in the state. We are looked upon as a leader, one of the few bright spots in Indiana. Our city government practices here should be precise, transparent, and thoughtful. It's not hard.

It is clear from this two-year-long journey that the current city administration and majority of the city council do not take the responsibility board and commission appointments seriously. The Republican majority is determined to control these appointments and have no concern about a lack of transparency. They are not serving the entire community. They are serving themselves and hope you don't notice.

Thankfully, the appointments do not have to be finalized until Jan. 17, 2023. There's still time to do it right. And, it requires more than a five-minute meeting for the Rules Committee to fulfill its responsibility.

Fishers residents, if you'd like to be considered for an appointment to the City of Fishers board or commission, please complete the online application. We must try to make our city better and better represent the people who live here. I'm here, fighting for this with you.

Jocelyn Vare currently serves as the first Democrat elected by the city of Fishers and was a candidate for State Senate District 31 in 2022. Learn more at JocelynVareForFishers.com.

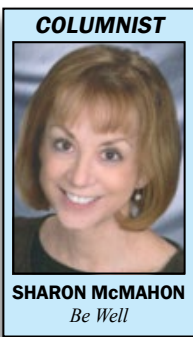
"Every nanosecond is a moment in history after it's passed." – Lt. Commander Data, Star Trek, The Next Generation

Motivation – don't we get just a little weary of hearing that word in the month of January? We barely get through the holiday season without being reminded that we should feel guilty about "overindulging" and the reminder to do something about it! Every infomercial on dieting, exercising, organizing, taking a class, running a race, etc. just loves to tell us we need to get motivated!

The unfortunate thing is that it is true.

I have heard, overheard, and participated in many conversations the past few months about getting motivated in January. The object of that motivation is usually losing weight and/or getting more fit and healthy. Both good objectives for most of us out-of-shape Americans!

The demands of fam-



COLUMNIST
SHARON MCMAHON
Be Well

ily, work, relationships, home ownership, pets, and anything else imaginable seem often to take precedent over those goals, however. Looking back at the months gone by, for example ... already passed, gone, done. We can not go back in time. We can, however, assert control over healthy goals for our present and future.

What are you going to do with your "nanoseconds" today, tomorrow, and beyond? We humans often say that we don't have "time" to focus on preparing meals and eating healthy (do you have time to sit in a long line of cars in a drive-thru?) or that we just cannot seem to "fit in" that 20 to 30 minutes for a workout several times each week, but we seem to manage to carve out time for American Idol or NCIS, social media, video games – you get the picture.

I can say with experience that through our youth and mid-years that those

nanoseconds don't seem very important for most of us. However, as we begin to pass the "middle years" we realize that apart from health conditions beyond our control, most of us have not been the best stewards of our bodies. According to the Harvard School of Public Health, one of the most recent and careful global estimates finds that roughly 500 million adults are obese (defined as a body mass index, or BMI, of 30 or higher). That's almost 10 percent of men and 14 percent of women – and it's nearly double the rate of obesity in 1980. Nearly 1.5 billion adults were overweight or obese (defined as a BMI of 25 or higher.) If nothing is done to reverse the epidemic, more than 1 billion adults are projected to be obese by 2030.¹

Obviously, there is nothing we can do about the passing of time, but each day we all have a total of 24 hours, 1,440 minutes, 86,400 seconds, and a LOT of nanoseconds (One nanosecond is to one second as one second is to 31.71 years

– so you do the math!) Each day provides another opportunity to focus on some aspect of your health and well-being – these opportunities may be short in duration around your busy schedule, but they do exist.

As we take on this new year of 2023, remember that you can be in charge of increasing your fitness level, developing a healthier eating plan, and finishing up the year knowing that those nanoseconds have been well cared for along the way!

Wishing you all the best in your health and fitness goals in the year ahead! You can do it!

¹Kelly T, Yang W, Chen CS, Reynolds K, He J. Global burden of obesity in 2005 and projections to 2030. *Int J Obes (Lond)* 2008;32:1431-77

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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Noblesville Police Department accepting pre-applications for Spring 2023 process

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Police Department (NPD) is accepting pre-applications for the Spring 2023 Applicant Screening Process.

Citizens may apply for the selection process at cityofnoblesville.org/employment. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1. The process is scheduled to take approximately three to five months to complete and will include the following components:

1. Pre-Application Screening
2. Physical Fitness Assessment
3. Written Examination
4. Oral Interview & Writing Exercise
5. Complete Personal History Statement
6. Polygraph Examination
7. Background Investigation
8. Psychological Examination
9. Complete Physical Examination/Drug Test

10. Approval of Police Merit Commission

Basic minimum requirements include:

1. Must be a U.S. Citizen
2. Must have a successfully received a high school diploma or GED equivalent
3. Must be at least 21 years of age and have not reached 40 years of age by date of hire
4. Must possess a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle
5. No felony of domestic violence convictions
6. No Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) convictions
7. No dishonorable discharge from the military service

Noblesville is the county seat of Hamilton County and the 10th largest city in Indiana with a population of more than 69,600 residents, covering approximately 32 square miles. The Noblesville Police Department has 96 sworn

officers and has many specialized units to include drone pilots, SWAT, motorcycle, FTO, crisis negotiations, K-9, mentoring, boat patrol, honor guard, dive, crime scene technicians, bicycle patrol, motor vehicle crash reconstructionist, school resource officer, mental health specialist, wellness specialist, and many more.

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3. 80 percent of medical, dental and vision premiums paid
4. \$1,000 annual clothing allowance

5. Take-home vehicle
6. Pay and vacation incentives for experienced law enforcement officers

7. Lifetime pension after 20 years of service (1977 Police Officers' & Firefighters' Pension Fund)

Anyone requesting additional information is encouraged to contact Recruiting Officer Lt. Bruce Barnes at (317) 776-6340 ext. 1243 or bbarnes@noblesville.in.us.

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Meijer donation helps further Carmel Fire Auxiliary’s community outreach efforts

The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Auxiliary does amazing work in and around the Carmel community. The Auxiliary performs community outreach in a variety of ways.

One way is the support of Carmel Community AEDs. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

Most recently, the Auxiliary has worked toward getting AED stations installed along Carmel’s trail network and in Carmel Clay Parks locations.

The Auxiliary also supports the Safe Haven Baby Box Fund. The baby boxes are part of the Safe Haven Movement, offering desperate mothers a way to surrender their newborns anonymously for adoption. Carmel’s Baby Box is located at Station No. 45, 10701 N. College Ave.

Most people in the area are familiar with the Auxiliary’s Community Assistance Program (CAP). This year the program was able to provide a holiday meal and pantry items for 175 families, along with presents for the children of those

families.

The Auxiliary also supports programs such as the Firefighter for a Day Camp, Public Safety Day, and Medical Supplies for Ukraine, as well as providing firefighter/family support. It hosts pancake breakfasts twice a year so the families of Carmel firefighters can get to know each other. It sponsors a CarmelFest parade float for the Carmel Police Department’s (CFD) mascot Sparky and passes out candy along the route. It also supports the CFD Peer Support Team by sponsoring training events.

Currently, the Auxiliary is actively working on two projects. The first is for the Hoosier Burn Camp. The Auxiliary is collecting gently used or new purses for their purse pull at the Hoosier Burn Camp Masquerade Ball coming up in February. Find out more about the event, hosted by Colts interim coach Jeff Saturday and his wife, by visiting hoosierburncamp.org/masquerade-ball.

Hoosier Burn Camp is an opportunity for young people who have suffered the physical and emotional



Photos provided by Carmel Fire Department
(Above) Meijer Supermarket’s donation of \$10,000 to the Carmel Fire Department Auxiliary will help the organization continue its important programs that serve the people of Carmel and Clay Township. **(Below)** The Auxiliary has been working to place AED stations along Carmel’s trail network.

trauma associated with a severe burn injury to be ‘just one of the kids’ in a safe and supportive environment.

The Indiana Diaper Bank also benefits from the efforts of the CFD Auxiliary. Diaper bins are located at each Carmel fire station, and a diaper drive was held during the month of December.

To aid the Auxiliary in its efforts, Meijer Supermarket donated \$10,000 to the Carmel Fire Auxiliary on Dec. 13.

“This donation is specifically geared toward the programs the Auxiliary supports all year long,” said Renee Butts, Public Education Officer for CFD and Presi-

dent of the Auxiliary. “We are so grateful for Meijer. It is through companies like Meijer that the Carmel Fire Auxiliary is able to continue to have an even greater outreach for our community and have a bigger impact!”

If you would like to assist the CFD Auxiliary by making a donation, you can send a check payable to CFD Auxiliary, Inc., 2 Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032. If you want to be specific in the area you are donating to, indicate the area in the memo line. You can also directly contribute to the AED campaign by visiting qrco.de/bctbTw or the Baby Box fund by visiting qrco.de/bey9FD.



Obituary

Elizabeth Nancy Ann Alexander Gerrard
August 6, 1921 – December 30, 2022

Elizabeth Nancy Ann Alexander Gerrard, 101, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 30, 2022, at Sanders Glen in Westfield. She was born on August 6, 1921, to Harry and Nora (Auch) Alexander in Indianapolis.

Elizabeth attended Noblesville High School and graduated from Broad Ripple High School. She married Jimmy Gerrard on June 2, 1942. Elizabeth worked for Conner Prairie Living Museum as an interpreter for over 40 years.

She is survived by her son, Erik G. Gerrard; daughter, Melody A. (Garry) Robertson; grandson, Jared M. (Christy Marie) Robertson; granddaughter, Christina L. (John) Stevenson; great-granddaughter, Norah Rose Robertson; brother, Edward Alexander; nephew, Andrew Alexander; nieces, Nancy (Steve) Compton and Susan (Leo) Herrera; as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy G. Gerrard; and her brother, Alvin Alexander.

Private family graveside services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Sanders Glen, 334 S. Cherry St., Westfield, IN 46074; or Paradigm Hospice, 8904 Bash St., Suite B, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Condolences: randallroberts.com



Klingenmeier ‘Clues’ in on Beef & Boards’ 50th anniversary season

Beef & Boards

Dinner Theatre opens its 50th season with *Clue* – Sandy Rustin’s adaptation of the film version written by Jonathan Lynn, with original music by Michael Holland. The film and play are, of course, based upon situations and characters in the eponymous Hasbro board game.

Eddie Curry directs an all-star cast of performers in this mystery farce. The ensemble of Scot Greenwell as Mr. Green, Sally Schabrough as French maid Yvette, David Schmittou as butler Wadsworth, Cara Statham Serber as Mrs. White, Suzanne Stark as Mrs. Peacock, Jeff Stockberger as Colonel Mustard, John Vessels as Professor Plum, and Deb Wims as Miss Scarlet fill the stage with a wide variety of comedic techniques. At its best, the production is an almost vaudevillian display of schtick.

The action takes place

at Boddy Manor (hats off to Michael Layton’s door filled set design), where the invited guests are assembled in order to meet with their common blackmailer Mr. Boddy, and to deal with his demands for an increase in their payments to him. As various characters are bumped off, the mystery grows – who is a murderer and how can they be stopped?

A fine supporting cast: Ben Asaykwee, Hannah Boswell, Carrie S. Neal and Tristan Ross fill in an array of roles. In a play written with endless wordplay, physical comedy, over the top portrayals, lightning quick bits (Ms. Neal’s moment on stage is especially hilarious), and multiple surprise endings – every actor’s performance is presented with a sharp edge and the laughs are plentiful.

Bottom line: *Clue* makes for a very funny, very entertaining start to B&B’s celebration season. The comic



Photo by Julie Curry
(Clockwise from top left) The suspects include John Vessels as Professor Plum, Jeff Stockberger as Colonel Mustard, Scot Greenwell as Mr. Green, Suzanne Stark as Mrs. Peacock, Cara Statham Serber as Mrs. White, and Deb Wims as Miss Scarlet.

aspects of the show, mixed in with the mysteries that are offered, are a definite hit with this reviewer.

Information about B&B’s current production of *Clue*, and their 2023 50th Anniversary Season, can be

found online at beefandboards.com or you may call the B&B box office at (317) 872-9664.

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Letter to the Editor

Westfield reader: Indiana Department of Health must prove that its intentions serve Hoosiers

Dear Editor,

I am writing to reflect on the column “[Hoosiers deserve increased funding for public health](#)” by Richard Feldman, MD, published in The Reporter on Nov. 23.

I’m always skeptical when the word “deserve” is used to promote an idea or product. Have you noticed advertisers using that term to get you to buy their products? Dr. Feldman is trying to “sell” you a product, too. This “product” will cost Indiana taxpayers nearly \$250 million a year if it is approved. Dr. Feldman is promoting the implementation of recommendations made by the Indiana Governor’s Public Health Commission (GPHC) – Learn more here: [Indiana Governor’s Public Health Commission](#). While Hoosiers DO deserve high quality health services, the health status of Hoosiers is of the worst in the nation. Clearly, the money taxpayers have invested already has not produced positive results. In his column, Dr. Feldman indicates that across the nation public health services have played a key role in expanding the lifespan. He specifically mentions that disease prevention and safer living conditions were main contributors to the increased lifespan; however, the recommendations made by the GPHC focus very little on those two areas.

Dr. Feldman offers that the proposed funding will improve governance; the GPHC proposes improving governance by requiring any county health department that “chooses” to accept funding to comply with Indi-

ana Department of Health (IDH) policies. This removes local jurisdiction. If your county has unique service needs that are not deemed acceptable at the state level, your county may not be allowed to fund those services. Conversely, the IDH can decide to enact policies that are not reflective of the local needs.

Dr. Feldman reports that school-based clinics are on the list of GPHC recommendations. Public health departments are not designed to provide health care services. They were created to enforce health policy and monitor health issues common to all citizens – restaurant safety, water safety, building and environmental safety, etc. Health departments should not be funding or assisting in creating health services in schools.

An argument could be made that having health services in schools allows for convenient access to quality medical care. However, the American Care Act was created to ensure access to affordable care. Children should have a consistent provider who knows the child and family personally; hopefully, this provider will care for them throughout their growth. Parents should be fully engaged in managing health care for their children; schools are not medical entities and can interfere with parental consent for care.

Data collection and SHARING is also noted as a recommendation. That means data collection about YOU! What does IDH do with your information? Why do they need it? Electron-

ic medical records (EMR) are all the rage in the health arena. EMRs can be accessed by many people depending on who is involved with creating, designing, and submitting information to them. You have no control over who sees your medical information – nope, HIPPA doesn’t apply here. If there are errors in your record, you do not have the ability to ensure there are corrections or updates.

Certainly, having access to your medical records in an emergency can be valuable, but until your information is truly protected, and processes are in place to ensure accuracy, EMRs are not the answer to improved health outcomes.

Finally, what Dr. Feldman does not indicate is that the GCPH and IDH have not identified how the nearly \$250 million in tax dollars will be distributed or administered; there are no plans in place. The IDH has not demonstrated a successful history of using taxpayer dollars to achieve improved health states, so how do they intend to change that course if they should be given more money?

Money is not the solution to health challenges; it can be helpful in the right hands and in the right circumstances. Dr. Feldman and the GPHC need to go back to the drawing board and create a plan that serves taxpayers.

IDH shouldn’t be given more money until they can prove their intentions serve the citizens of Indiana.

Cathy Herndon
Westfield

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary."

Revelation 2:1-3 (NIV)

Gloria Merz

May 21, 1939 – December 29, 2022

Gloria Merz, 83, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on May 21, 1939, in Napanee, Ind.

Gloria was a homemaker and also worked as a department manager for Keltch Pharmacy in Fort Wayne. She attended St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church and enjoyed helping others, which she demonstrated through her time with Beginning Experience Ministry in Fort Wayne. Gloria enjoyed the penny slots at casinos, loved the ocean, and enjoyed cooking. She loved playing cards, especially euchre and peanut, and games with her friends, children, and grandchildren.

Gloria is survived by her children, Scott (Lisa) Merz, Lisa Roy, and Erik Merz; six grandchildren, Drew Merz, Chris Merz, Isaac Merz, Allison (Reed) Peterson, Michael (Kelsey) Jenkins, and Reece (Abi) Zillman; and six great-grandchildren, Elijah, Hannah, Rylee, Addi, William, and Evelyn.

Gloria was preceded in death by her father and stepmother, Donald & Bessie Beezley; and her mother and stepfather, Emma (Helmuth) & Merrill Schmeltz.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The V Foundation, 14600 Weston Pkwy., Cary, NC 27513 (v.org/about-us).

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Richard L. "Rick" Brown

October 11, 1947 – December 29, 2022

Richard L. "Rick" Brown, 75, Cicero, passed away at 3:05 a.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at home. He was born in Hillsdale, Mich., on October 11, 1947, to Alfred Hoverd and Edla Lorieta (Sears) Brown. Rick married Evelyn Mae Odom on August 7, 1969; she survives.

Rick was a firm believer in hard work, which made it important to him to set the appropriate goals for himself. After getting started in the car business, owning a dealership became a major goal for him to achieve. That goal came true in the early 2000s as Rick became owner of Dan Young GM, a dealership that he had been working at since the early 1990s. Rick would often be found at classic car shows, enjoying the history of the automotive industry.

Rick was very active in the Tipton community. His operation and ownership of Dan Young General Motors for many years provided an avenue for him to make meaningful contributions to many throughout the area. Rick was very involved with holiday philanthropy, participating with the Kokomo We Care and Tipton We Share programs.

When Rick was not at the dealership, he enjoyed boating and activities on the lake. Many memories were made during the trips to Dale Hollow for family vacations. He loved to bowl and enjoyed the yearly Elks National Bowling weekend. Rick was a member of the Tipton Elks Lodge and the Moose in Tipton and was a former member of the Tipton Rotary Club.

Rick served his country in the Army from December of 1966 through December of 1968.

Survivors include his wife Evelyn of Cicero; children, Jim Cripe and wife Angela of Whitestown, Sheri Gruwell and husband Tim of Daleville, and Joe Brown and wife Christy of Cicero. Grandchildren include Taylor Cripe, Jeremy Cripe, Andrew Walters, Andrea Gruwell, Madison Brown, and Katelyn Brown. Rick has four great-grandchildren: Natalee, Emma, Gracelynn, and McKinlee Walters.

Funeral services for Rick will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, at Young-Nichols Funeral Home in Tipton with Rev. Jeff Harlow presiding. Burial with military rites conducted by the Tipton American Legion and the U.S. Army will follow at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero. Visitation will occur from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, and from noon until service time on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Tipton County Foundation, 1020 W. Jefferson St., Tipton, IN, 46072.

Condolences: young-nichols.com

James Paul White Jr.

February 13, 1951 – December 26, 2022

James Paul White Jr., 71, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2022, at Clearvista Lake Health Campus in Indianapolis. He was born on February 13, 1951, to James Paul White Sr. and Janet Gail (Bragg) White in Noblesville.

James proudly served his country in the United States Navy aboard the USS Hunley during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed arrowhead hunting especially with his mother, trapping and hunting with his father, and fishing. James was a very polite and cordial man with a good heart and was a protective big brother. His world revolved around his daughter and grandson.

He is survived by his daughter, Janet Kathryn White; grandson, Coleman Lee White; sister, JoLynn Sims; nieces, Chana, Melonee, and Billie Jo; as well as several first, second, and third cousins.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his wife, Tamara Battles; and his nephew, William Haskell Cook III.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023, at Marion National Cemetery, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, Ind.

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The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, in the Community Room of the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan. The Board of Finance will meet immediately after the regular board meeting.

The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, in the Department of Community Services Conference Room on the third floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

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Basketball

Golden Eagles soar into new year with resounding win over Lebanon

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team’s defense has been steadily getting better over the past couple weeks.

And the Golden Eagles took a quantum leap as they flew into the new year. Guerin Catholic hosted Lebanon Tuesday at the Eagles Nest and had its best defensive performance of the season, cruising past the Tigers 61-29.

It was the first time the Golden Eagles had held an opponent under 30 points since Nov. 30, 2019, when Guerin Catholic beat Manual 63-29. Needless to say, GC coach Bobby Allen was proud of his team’s effort.

“We were locked in about playing defense off the ball and being engaged in every possession, and our guys showcased that tonight,” said Allen.

Lebanon led for some of the first quarter, going up 8-4 early in the period. But Guerin Catholic took control by nailing three straight 3-pointers, one each from Jack Cherry, Robert Sorensen and Dylan Murans.

With that, the Golden Eagles led 13-8 and never trailed again. Kayden Sloggett ended the run with a 3 for the Tigers, but Guerin Catholic scored six consecutive points to finish the quarter ahead 19-11.

Kamea Chandler began the second period with a lay-in, and the Golden Eagles were up 21-11. Lebanon scored five straight points after that, and Allen called



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(Above left) Guerin Catholic’s Dylan Murans scored seven points for the Golden Eagles. (Above right) Guerin Catholic’s Ty Sanders was one of the rebounding leaders for the Golden Eagles during their win over Lebanon Tuesday at the Eagles’ Nest. Sanders had six rebounds and also scored six points.

a quick timeout. Guerin Catholic got it together and went on a 13-3 run to hold a 34-19 halftime advantage. Sorensen helped out by going 6-of-6 from the free-throw line during the quarter.

The Golden Eagles rolled through the third period, leading 46-26 when it finished. Sorensen added five points, including another 3. Guerin Catholic then dominated the fourth quarter, allowing the Tigers just three points. Chandler, meanwhile, scored five points, including a 3.

Eight different GC players scored, led by 18 points from Sorensen. Cherry and

Chandler both added nine points. Chandler and Ty Sanders each collected six rebounds, and Sorensen made six steals.

“I think our balance is great right now,” said Allen. “And we’ve had multiple conversations the past week of understanding your role for that game and then executing it.”

Guerin Catholic improved to 7-4 with the win and hosts Bishop Chatard on Friday in a girls-boys

Circle City Conference doubleheader. The Golden Eagles have only played one conference game so far, a Dec. 16 win over Heritage Christian.

“They play so hard, they play disciplined, they’re very well-coached,” said Allen. “Every conference game is big for us right now, especially after we beat Heritage Christian a couple of weeks ago. We feel like we’re in a good spot right now.”

GUERIN CATHOLIC 61, LEBANON 29				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	3-9	2-3	9	2
Robert Sorensen	5-9	6-8	18	0
Kamea Chandler	3-7	2-2	9	2
Dylan Murans	3-3	0-0	7	3
Bryson Cardinal	2-2	3-4	7	3
Lucas Parker	1-3	1-2	3	1
Ty Sanders	3-6	0-0	6	0
Josh Holba	0-1	0-2	0	0
Ryan Zimmerman	1-1	0-0	2	1
Julian Melendez	0-0	0-0	0	1
Kyle Shadoan	0-1	0-0	0	0
Malcolm Houze	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ben Grissom	0-1	0-0	0	1
Totals	21-43	14-19	61	14
Score by Quarters				
Lebanon	11	8	7	3 – 29
Guerin Catholic	19	15	12	15 – 61
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (5-8) Sorensen 2-2, Chandler 1-2, Cherry 1-1, Murans 1-1, Parker 0-1, Shadoan 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (34) Chandler 6, Sanders 6, Sorensen 4, Grissom 4, Cherry 3, Murans 3, Holba 2, Parker 2, Melendez 1, Zimmerman 1, Cardinal 1, team 1.				

University girls keep ahead, take down Western by two points

The REPORTER

The University girls saw a double-digit lead slip away Tuesday night before rallying in the last two minutes of the game to pull out a thrilling 59-57 win over Western at The U Center.

The Trailblazers led 25-14 midway through the second quarter and 34-26 early in the third quarter. The Panthers clawed back with some strong defense and pulled within 42-41 when Lauren Bradley made a 35-foot shot at the third quarter buzzer but bounced high off the back of the rim and fell through the net.

Western took their first lead since 2-0 early in the

fourth quarter when Mackenize York made a three pointer. The game was tied at 48 midway through the fourth quarter and remained scoreless for nearly two minutes until Western scored five quick points to take a 53-48 lead with 2:04 left.

Kelsey DuBois got the Blazers within 53-50 with a bucket with 1:37 remaining. University's pressure defense resulted in a steal that led to two Jordan Patterson free throws with 1:03 left. The Blazers forced a turnover with 59 seconds left. DuBois kicked the ball out to Patterson in the right corner and the senior nailed

a clutch three pointer to put University up 55-53 with 48 seconds left. The Trailblazers made it a two-possession game after DuBois corralled a defensive rebound and got the ball to Patterson who found Kiera Bright for a breakaway layup and a 57-53 lead with 28 seconds remaining.

After a Caroline Long basket for Western, Patterson was fouled with 11.7 seconds left and calmly made a pair of free throws for a 59-55 lead. Western scored with five seconds left but were out of timeouts and University was able to let the clock expire before inbounding the ball.

DuBois had a game-high 17 points on 7 for 11 shooting. The senior had a team-leading nine rebounds. Payton Seay had 15 points, seven rebounds, four steals and four assists. Patterson scored seven of her 10 points in the fourth quarter and handed out five assists. Taylor Seay had nine points, including seven in the first quarter before fouling out with 5:33 left on an offensive foul call. Kamryn Washington had five big assists for University. The Blazers had 17 assists on 20 made baskets.

Western was led by Long with 16, York with 14 and Bradley with 11.

University improves to 10-4 on the season while Western falls to 12-4.

The Trailblazers are at

Harrison Friday evening before returning to host Covenant Christian Saturday in a girls/boys doubleheader.

UNIVERSITY 59, WESTERN 57				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	7-11	3-4	17	2
Kamryn Washington	0-1	0-0	0	3
Payton Seay	5-19	5-7	15	1
Taylor Seay	3-4	3-5	9	5
Jordan Patterson	2-5	4-4	10	2
Keira Bright	3-7	0-1	8	2
Alex Feeney	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-47	15-21	59	15
Score by Quarters				
Western	14	11	16	16 – 57
University	18	14	10	17 – 59
University 3-point shooting (4-11) Bright 2-5, Patterson 2-4, DuBois 0-1, P. Seay 0-1.				
University rebounds (22) DuBois 9, P. Seay 7, Patterson 3, Bright 1, Washington 1, Feeney 1.				

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Basketball

Fishers girls secure eighth straight win

The REPORTER

Fishers' girls team picked up its eighth straight victory Tuesday by sailing past Pike 66-42 at the Tiger Den. The Red Devils led 12-11 after the first quarter, but the Tigers came back to out-score Pike in each of the next three periods. Two 3-pointers from Joirdyn Smith in the second quarter helped Fishers move ahead 27-20 by halftime. In the third quarter, Karina Scott drained

a pair of triples, and the Tigers defense held the Red Devils to six points. Fishers led 44-26 going into the fourth quarter, and scored 22 points in that period. Olivia Smith led Fishers with 11 points, while Joirdyn Smith scored nine. Talia Harris, Kate Thomas and Allison Scheu all added eight points. The Tigers are 14-2 and play Saturday at North Central.

FISHERS 66, PIKE 42				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Joirdyn Smith	3	0-0	9	2
Talia Harris	4	0-0	8	1
Alycia Triplett	1	1-2	3	2
Hailey Smith	1	2-2	4	2
Olivia Smith	3	3-4	11	2
Karina Scott	2	0-0	6	0
Kate Thomas	3	2-8	8	1
Allison Scheu	0	8-11	8	2
Morgan Roberts	0	0-0	0	0
Neveah Dickman	0	4-4	4	0
Ava Carter	2	0-0	5	2
Totals	19	18-31	66	14
Score by Quarters				
Pike	12	8	6	16 - 42
Fishers	11	16	17	22 - 66
Fishers 3-pointers (8) J. Smith 3, Scott 2, O. Smith 2, Carter.				



Noblesville's Dani Mendez had six rebounds, scored six points and made six steals during the Millers' Tuesday win over Ben Davis. Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Miller girls grind Ben Davis in team's seventh straight win

The REPORTER

Noblesville's girls team ran its win streak to seven games in a row Tuesday, as the Millers beat Ben Davis 75-59 at The Mill. Noblesville led 20-5 after the first quarter, with Reagan Wilson and Meredith Tippner both scoring six points. The Millers poured in another 20 points in the second period for a 40-17 halftime lead. Noblesville led 57-30 after three quarters, then held off

a 29-point fourth quarter from the Giants to get the double-digit win. Tippner had another double-double, this one totaling 23 points and 11 rebounds. Wilson scored 22 points and Kaitlyn Shoemaker added 10 points and six rebounds. Dani Mendez collected six rebounds and made six steals, while Wilson dished out eight assists. The Millers are 14-3 and host Cathedral Saturday afternoon.

NOBLESVILLE 75, BEN DAVIS 59				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	4-9	1-2	10	4
Brooklyn Ely	0-3	2-2	2	0
Reagan Wilson	9-14	2-3	22	1
Meredith Tippner	10-21	3-5	23	4
Dani Mendez	2-2	2-2	6	5
Ava Shoemaker	1-5	0-0	3	2
Kate Rollins	3-3	2-3	9	2
C.C. Quigley	0-1	0-0	0	1
Brooklyn Grayson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Khamani Ramsey	0-0	0-1	0	1
Carly Motz	0-1	0-0	0	0
Bri Gray	0-1	0-2	0	1
Totals	29-60	12-20	75	21
Score by Quarters				
Ben Davis	5	12	13	29 - 59
Noblesville	20	20	17	18 - 75
Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-15) Wilson 2-6, A. Shoemaker 1-4, K. Shoemaker 1-2, Rollins 1-1, Ely 0-2.				
Noblesville rebounds (35) Tippner 11, K. Shoemaker 6, Mendez 6, Wilson 3, A. Shoemaker 2, Gray 2, Ely 1, Rollins 1, team 3.				

Sheridan girls easily defeat Crawfordsville

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls basketball team cruised past Crawfordsville 62-31 Tuesday at Larry Hobbs Hall. The Blackhawks led 13-4 after one quarter and 29-9 at halftime, then pulled further away in the third period, outscoring the Athenians 22-9 for a 51-18 lead. Kenzie Garner earned a double-double of

22 points and 14 rebounds, and also had five steals. Ashley Webel scored 10 points, followed by Lilly Chesney with nine rebounds and eight points. Jacquellynne Bates added six points and five steals. Sheridan is 7-8 and will host Tri-Central on Thursday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game that will also be the Blackhawks' Senior Night game.

IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Jan. 2

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	South Bend Washington (19)	399	17-0
2	Zionsville (1)	381	15-0
3	Hamilton Southeastern	333	15-1
4	Fishers	323	13-2
5	Noblesville	310	13-3
6	Fort Wayne Northrop	300	11-1
7	Bedford North Lawrence	285	14-3
8	Northridge	226	16-2
9	Homestead	221	11-2
10	Twin Lakes	188	16-0
11	Indian Creek	184	16-0
12	Columbia City	176	14-2
13	Lake Central	121	11-4
14	Evansville Memorial	119	15-0
15	Norwell	90	13-2
16	Warsaw	89	12-4
17	Valparaiso	67	14-1
T18	Lawrence Central	49	13-3
T18	Warren Central	49	11-4
20	Center Grove	43	12-4

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Andean (12-2), Ben Davis (11-5), Blackford (14-0), (15-0), Central Noble (15-0), Columbus East (5-9), Connorsville (7-9), Corydon Central (14-2), Danville (13-2), Fairfield (12-2), Fort Wayne Carroll (8-6), Fort Wayne Snider (13-3), Franklin Community (10-4), Huntington North (11-2), Jay County (13-1), Lake Station Edison (10-2), Lanesville (15-2), Lawrence North (11-6), Mishawaka Marian (12-4), North Knox (17-1), Penn (10-5), West Lafayette (12-3).

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Jan. 2

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Ben Davis (20)	400	12-0
2	Cathedral	372	6-1
3	Brownburg	352	10-1
4	Penn	351	7-1
5	Homestead	282	9-1
6	Center Grove	269	10-1
7	Carmel	257	7-3
8	Mishawaka Marian	216	10-1
8	Kokomo	216	7-4
10	Noblesville	204	7-2
11	Lawrence North	196	7-1
12	NorthWood	165	8-2
13	Westfield	124	6-1
14	Blackhawk Christian	100	10-1
15	Linton-Stockton	97	10-1
16	New Palestine	95	9-0
17	Hammond	69	10-1
18	Zionsville	66	6-4
19	Jennings County	63	10-0
20	Lawrence Central	49	7-4

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Anderson, Bloomington North, Brownstown Central, Castle, Chesteron, Columbus North, Crispus Attucks, Evansville Memorial, Fishers, Floyd Central, Gary 21st Century, Harrison, Lake Central, Munster, New Albany, North Daviess, Northridge, Norwell, Valparaiso, Warren Central.

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Basketball

Noblesville's own Meredith Tippner earns Player of the Week status

The REPORTER

Noblesville sophomore Meredith Tippner was named the girls Indiana Basketball Coaches Association/Franciscan Health Player of the Week in District 2 for the weeks of Dec. 22 and 29.

Tippner has had a fine season, and the Millers are out to a 13-3 start on the year. Last week, she was instrumental in their wins over two strong opponents, helping them win the prestigious Raymond James Hall of Fame Classic. In their first game of the day, Noblesville took down East Central rather comfortably, 62-37. Tippner scored 16 points in the contest, but she also added eight rebounds, four assists, two steals, and a blocked shot in limited minutes.

Later that evening, Tippner helped the Millers knock off Bedford North Lawrence for the second time in two weeks, this time by a nail-biting 69-67 mark in double overtime. While the game was exhilarating throughout, the 5-10 guard managed to post a huge double-double with 23 points and 15 rebounds. She was also involved in facilitating as well, as she handed out five assists in the big win.



Kent Graham/File photo
Noblesville's Meredith Tippner was named the IBCA girls Player of the Week in District 2 after her performance at the Hall of Fame Classic last week.

Busy Tuesday for several boys basketball teams

The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys basketball team rolled past North Montgomery 58-29 in a Tuesday away game.

The Blackhawks led 12-6 after the first quarter, then powered through the middle periods by outscoring the Chargers 34-8. Caleb Wright had an outstanding game, draining four 3-pointers on his way to 23 points. Wright also had eight rebounds.

Tyler Garner added 11 points, while Owen Bell pulled five rebounds. Trent DeCraene dished out five assists.

Sheridan is 6-5 and hosts Tri-Central Friday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Backed by an incredible shooting performance from Taden Metzger, Fishers cruised past Lafayette Jefferson 64-41 in a Tuesday away game.

Metzger threw in eight 3-pointers for 24 points. After making one triple each in the first and second periods, Metzger nailed three 3s in both the third and fourth quarters. His baskets helped the Tigers maintain a solid advantage over the Bronchos for the entire game.

Fishers' defense also did its job, holding Lafayette Jeff to 13 points in the first half. The Tigers led 33-13 at halftime, then added 18 more points in the third quarter. Jalen Haralson had six in that period, he finished with 11 points.

The Tigers are 7-6 and play Friday at Pike.

Westfield used a big third quarter to win at Mount Vernon Tuesday, 67-58.

The Marauders led 15-10 after the first quarter and

31-26 at halftime. Trey Buchanan kept the Shamrocks in the game with 14 points in the first half. Westfield's defense took over in the third period, holding Mount Vernon to nine points, while the Rocks poured in 20 points of their own. Buchanan helped out with eight points, including two 3s.

Westfield led 46-40 after three quarters, then added another 21 points in the fourth. Buchanan wound up with four 3s and 25 points, with Charles Farrell scoring 11 points and Alex Romack contributing 10 points.

The Shamrocks are 7-1 and host Yorktown Friday.

Noblesville was dealt a tough loss at Pike on Tuesday, 61-60.

The Millers led 17-13 after one quarter, with Luke Almodovar pouring in 13 points. The Red Devils came back to lead 31-27 at halftime, then extended their advantage to 48-42 after three periods. Noblesville made a comeback in the fourth by scoring 18 points, helped by Preston Roberts' eight points, but the Millers fell just short.

Almodovar finished with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Cooper Bean scored 15 and Roberts had 12.

Noblesville is 7-3 and hosts Muncie Central on Saturday.

SHERIDAN 58, NORTH MONTGOMERY 29

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Garner	4-8	2-2	11	1
Trent DeCraene	4-7	0-0	9	0
Caleb Wright	8-15	3-4	23	2
Parker Williams	3-4	0-0	6	2
Carsen Aleman	3-4	0-0	6	2
Evan Krupp	0-0	0-0	0	2
Owen Bell	1-2	0-0	3	1
Eli Kolb	0-1	0-0	0	0
Nate Hinshaw	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	23-41	5-6	58	11

Score by Quarters

Sheridan	12	17	17	12 - 58
North Montgomery	6	5	3	15 - 29

Sheridan 3-point shooting (7-10) Wright 4-5, Garner 1-2, DeCraene 1-2, Bell 1-1.
Sheridan rebounds (28) Wright 8, Bell 5, DeCraene 4, Williams 3, Kolb 3, Garner 2, Aleman 2, Krupp 1.

FISHERS 64, LAFAYETTE JEFFERSON 41

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	8	0-0	24	2
Jalen Haralson	5	1-2	11	3
Aiden Zimmer	1	0-0	3	1
JonAnthony Hall	1	0-0	2	2
Keenan Garner	2	1-2	5	0
Millen McCartney	1	0-0	3	1
Parker Perdue	2	0-0	5	1
Grant Ables	3	0-0	7	2
James Stasey	1	0-2	2	0
Grant Haworth	0	0-0	0	2
Justin Kirby	1	0-0	2	0
Bryon Seymour	0	0-0	0	0
Chris Rhodes	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	2-6	64	14

Score by Quarters

Fishers	15	18	18	13 - 64
Lafayette Jeff	7	6	12	16 - 41

Fishers 3-pointers (12) Metzger 8, McCartney, Zimmer, Perdue, Ables.

WESTFIELD 67, MOUNT VERNON 58

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	10	1-1	25	2
Sam Bishop	1	4-4	7	1
Charles Farrell	5	1-1	11	1
Armani Middlebrooks	3	1-2	7	2
Alex Romack	3	4-6	10	1
Max McComb	0	0-0	0	4
Seth LaRavia	2	0-0	4	0
Will Harvey	1	0-0	3	2
Caleb Wise	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	11-14	67	13

Score by Quarters

Westfield	10	16	20	21 - 67
Mount Vernon	15	16	9	18 - 58

Westfield 3-pointers (6) Buchanan 4, Bishop 1, Harvey 1.

PIKE 61, NOBLESVILLE 60

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Almodovar	7	2-3	20	1
Aaron Fine	3	1-2	7	2
Cooper Bean	5	3-3	15	1
Aiden Brewer	1	0-0	2	2
Hunter Walston	1	0-0	2	3
Luke Etchison	1	0-0	2	2
Preston Roberts	4	2-2	12	4
Justin Curry	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	8-10	60	15

Score by Quarters

Noblesville	17	10	15	18 - 60
Pike	13	18	17	13 - 61

Noblesville 3-pointers (8) Almodovar 4, Bean 2, Roberts 2.

Thanks for reading!

Janet Hart Leonard

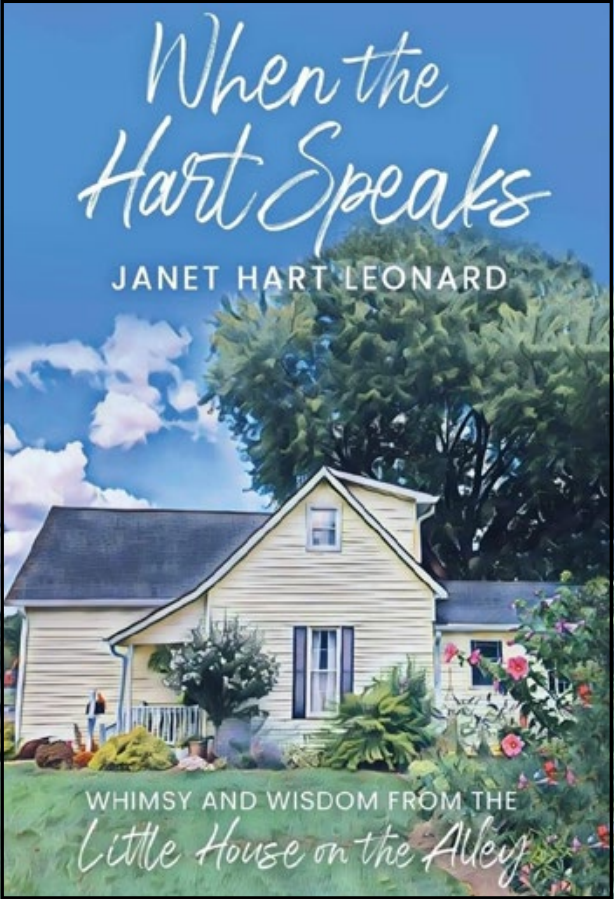
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Sheridan Lions feed hungry basketball fans



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The Sheridan Lions Club stayed busy during the holiday season raising funds for community projects and making the season bright for others. (Above) Lions Aaron Gatewood, Jeff Mosbaugh, and Jim Kitchel make sure Barb Bowen is well-fed during the lasagna dinner held before a basketball game on Dec. 9. Her husband Bill is the Blackhawks coach.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 4

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Guerin Catholic at Park Tudor, 6 p.m.
Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hamilton Heights at Oak Hill, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Clinton Prairie at Sheridan, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.
Westfield at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tri-Central at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
Center Grove at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Tipton, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lewis Cass, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Warren Central, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 6

BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Pike, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Northwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Lawrence Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Tri-Central at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
Yorktown at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hoosier Crossroads Conference diving meet, 5 p.m. at Hamilton Southeastern

WRESTLING

IHSGW regionals, 4 p.m. at Warren Central

Saturday, Jan. 7

BOYS BASKETBALL

Covenant Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Warren Central, 7:30 p.m.
Muncie Central at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Rossville, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cathedral at Noblesville, 1:30 p.m.
Carmel at Fort Wayne South Side, 2 p.m.
Northwestern at Hamilton Heights, 2 p.m.
Covenant Christian at University, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers at North Central, 7:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Westfield at Columbus East, 1 p.m.

SWIMMING

Northwestern at Hamilton Heights, 10 a.m.
Hoosier Crossroads Conference swim meet, 11 a.m. at Hamilton Southeastern

Pioneer Conference meet, noon at Ball State

WRESTLING

Sheridan at Tipton Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Carmel, Hamilton Heights at State Team Duals, 9 a.m. at Jay County
Fishers & Noblesville at Zionsville Hall of Fame Tournament, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational, 9 a.m. at North Central

Tuesday, Jan. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL

University at Shenandoah, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ben Davis at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Roncalli, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Noblesville and University at North Central, 6 p.m.
Western at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Noblesville at Zionsville Triple Dual, 5:30 p.m.
Anderson at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.
Sheridan at Lebanon, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Pendleton Heights, 6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, Jan 3, Basketball

5:55 pm Pike vs **Fishers** | Girls JV & Varsity | Fishers Sports Network
6:00 pm Ben Davis vs **Noblesville** | Girls Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:10 pm **Westfield** vs Mt Vernon | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:10 pm Beech Grove vs Bishop Chatard | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:10 pm Tindley vs Heritage Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Ben Davis vs **Noblesville** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports

Thursday, Jan 5, Basketball

7:10 pm Brebeuf vs Covenant Christian | Girls Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Tr-Central vs **Sheridan** | Girls Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

Friday, Jan 6, Basketball

5:40 pm Bishop Chatard vs **Guerin Catholic** | Girls Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:10 pm Covenant Christian vs Heritage Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Bishop Chatard vs **Guerin Catholic** | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Tr-Central vs **Sheridan** | Boys Varsity | Bragg Sports Media

Saturday, Jan 7, Basketball

12 pm Cathedral vs **Noblesville** | Girls Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
1:30 pm Cathedral vs **Noblesville** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports
5:55 pm North Cental vs **Fishers** Girls JV & Varsity | Fishers Sports Network
6:00 pm Muncie Central vs **Noblesville** | Boys Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:10 pm Tipton vs Bethesda Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Muncie Central vs **Noblesville** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm Rossville vs **Sheridan** | Boys Varsity | Bragg Sports Media



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