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Hamilton County Sheriff's Office employees and more than 50 local kids went on a Christmas shopping trip to Target Saturday morning.

Sheriff's Office Christmas on Target

The REPORTER

With snow flying, lights flashing and sirens sounding, Santa's helpers at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office had a busy morning as the Shop for Kids annual shopping extravaganza took place on Saturday. More than 50 area youth were treated to a shopping trip to Target in an effort to make the holiday season a bit brighter for those who need some extra assistance to experience the joy

of the season. The morning started with donuts and juice as the kids, their families and employees of the Sheriff's Office got to know each other. Everyone then bundled into cars for a special trip from the Sheriff's Office to the Fishers Target store. Dozens of cars with lights and sirens in full operation stretched down the road as motorists stopped, waved and took photos. What the onlookers couldn't see were the excited

faces of children who, for some, the trip itself was a highlight of the day. Once at Target, each child was given \$150 to spend on holiday presents. Many chose necessities such as coats, shoes, clothes and supplies that they might not otherwise have been able to afford. Everyone found some toys, games, or special items as carts were filled to overflowing. More than \$7,000 was spent by over 50 deserving children in the an-

nual holiday tradition. President of Shop for Kids, Deputy Todd Green, stated this was the largest event in the nine year history of the program. He noted that there were many tears of joy and gratitude mixed with the smiles and laughter as parents saw their children receive presents that otherwise would not be available. For Sheriff's Office employees, the positive interactions and relationships make the day even more special.

Funds for Shop for Kids are raised through donations and charity events throughout the year, including an intra-agency softball tournament and a golf outing. Members of the agency volunteer their time and no tax dollars are used for the program. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Shop for Kids, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060. A special thanks to Target employees for their participation in the day's events.



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Approximately 280 people came together like a workshop full of elves Saturday morning to provide Christmas for 30 families who would not be able to celebrate Christmas without them. For more photos visit ReadTheReporter.com and search #SFCHC17 on Facebook.

Secret Families save Christmas

By **STU CLAMPITT**
ReadTheReporter.com

For the fourth year, Secret Families Christmas Charity of Hamilton County has made Christmas for those in need. Saturday, approximately 280 volunteers came together to give 30 local families, totaling over 150 people, a full Christmas experience.

Tom Flanagan, Head Elf for Secret Families of Hamilton County told The Reporter, "Our inspiration was the same program going on in Delaware County and we saw there was a place for it in Hamilton County. They had been doing it in Dela-

ware County for 10 years. A good friend of ours had started it up there and we started talking about Hamilton County. Contrary to popular belief, there is need in Hamilton County."

According to Flanagan, they provide a complete Christmas for the whole family.

"We work with the local elementary school guidance counselors and principals to identify families that will not have Christmas without intervention," Flanagan said. "We then call to interview the families for sizes, wants and needs. Every individual in the household will get a bag of wrapped

presents specifically for them. If needed, we give them a live Christmas tree complete with the base, lights and ornaments."

Michael DeWitt, owner of the IT consultancy company Midtown Technology Group, has also been moonlighting with Santa Claus for the last four years. According to DeWitt, Secret Families buys, wraps and delivers all the gifts in just one day each year.

"We start at Meijer at 6 a.m. where we buy everything," DeWitt told The Reporter. "We then

"Today, as always was a humbling experience, and we are thankful we could help 30 Hamilton County families."

- Michael DeWitt, Saturday afternoon

go to Wasson's Nursery in Fishers. We wrap presents at Wasson's in the greenhouse. Hamilton Southeastern High School has been nice enough to help us with parking. We will shuffle volunteers back and forth, but we will deliver everything right from Wasson's."

Flanagan explained that this Christmas experience is not just about presents and decorations, but also about

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My forever sister/friend

She has the voice of reason. She has the heart of a servant of the people. She has wisdom that comes from having lived amongst the real people. She has the discernment that has weighed the hopes of people with the reality of the facts.

Most of all, she is my friend.

Kathy Richardson Williams and I met in third grade. Miss Lunsford was our teacher at First Ward (where North Elementary now stands). I will forever call her Kathy Kreag. The biggest common denominator between us was the fact that we were "onlys". No sisters. No brothers.

We needed someone to come along beside us and



From the Heart

JANET HART LEONARD

be our sounding board, our cheerleader and our protector. Mess with either one of us and you will deal with the other one.

Kathy and I have always shown up to be there for each other at a moment's notice. She has always been one of the first people I call whenever life brings confetti or teardrops.

And so it was Tuesday night about 11:00 when I got the text from her saying she would not be running for the 29th District State Representative position. My first thought was who can fill her shoes? No one cares or works any harder for the state of Indiana or the people she represents.

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Duke helps young 'Questers' climb the walls of skill at Carmel Clay Public Library

The REPORTER

There are avatars moving up the wall in the technology lab at the Carmel Clay Public Library.

With a \$5,000 Duke Energy grant, the library's Children's Department launched a new feature where kids ages eight to 12 can participate in a self-guided "Questers" program that involves science,

technology, engineering, art and math games, robots and other activities. As kids complete the activities they earn points and badges, and their self-created avatars move up the "wall of skill."

"Children learn when they have fun, and this encourages kids to explore, play and experiment while

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The decisions that she has made have not always been popular but she always did her due diligence to weigh out the pros and cons as well as the consequences of her decisions.

Whenever she was out and about for a relaxing evening with friends, she always listened when approached by someone who wished to share their opinion of a matter that may or may not be something she had any control over . . . but she listened.

My kids have always called her Aunt Kathy. Funny thing is that when she married my daughter-in-law's uncle, she really did become Aunt Kathy.

Kathy sat with my mother at my wedding . . . because that's where a "sister" would be sitting. Kathy actually officiated the wedding of my daughter and her husband.

Kathy is the real deal. She will be missed at the statehouse. Hopefully, the people of Hamilton County will put her back in the Clerk's office where she has been since, well forever.

We often laugh that we have lived within five blocks of each other our entire lives. We are as hometown as it gets. Even more funny is that fact that we have cemetery plots that are just down the drive from each at Crownland Cemetery.

We are simply sisters from other mothers.

Kathy will have more time to be at ballgames with her husband, Perry. She is the ultimate Noblesville Millers fan. Kathy now has two bonus daughters and several grandsons. And she has this sister/friend that may get to see her more often.

Kathy will get to spend more time in her backyard which looks like the cover of Garden Beautiful. Kathy has a green thumb and her pond and patio and yard prove it.

Thank you Kathy for forty-four years of friendship. Here's to many more. From my back porch to your back patio we will grow old together. And yes, let's always find time to smell the roses . . . or just admire the sunflowers!

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acquiring new skills they will use in the future," said Mark LaBarr, community relations manager for Duke Energy in Hamilton County.

Inspired by the Muncie Public Library's "Digital Climbers Program," the program encourages students to work independently to master technology skills. Participants compete with other students as they chart their progress with help from library staff "Expedition Guides."

The Quester lab is open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

About Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to address the needs of the communities where its customers live and work.



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(From left) Carmel Clay Public Library Director Bob Swanay, Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation Director Elizabeth Hamilton and Duke Energy Hamilton County Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr.

The foundation provides approximately \$2 million annually in charitable gifts across Indiana. The foundation's education focus

spans kindergarten to career, particularly science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), early childhood literacy and

workforce development. It also supports the environment and community impact initiatives, including arts and culture.

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providing basic needs.

"Each family gets a family bible with a \$50 gift card from Meijer inside to buy their Christmas dinner," Flanagan said. "We also give an 'in kind' bag. Most of the families that we serve are either on welfare or food stamps. They can't buy personal care or household care items with those funds.

So we have toilet paper, paper towels, house cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, bath soaps, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and those kinds of items. This year - I don't know if we will be able to do this every year—every family will receive a food box with about 50 pounds of non-perishable food items."

Flanagan called the corporate sponsors "absolutely wonderful." He named several, including Meijer in Noblesville, Chuy's Tex-Mex Restaurant in Hamilton Town Center, Wasson's Nursery and Outdoor Living Center on 126th Street, Anchor Health Chiropractic's Dr. Mitch Borgman and his wife Heather, Irving

Materials, The Fishers Exchange Club, Kiwanis in Noblesville and Star Heating and Cooling in Fishers.

After a long day of giving, DeWitt told The Reporter Saturday afternoon, "Today, as always was a humbling experience, and we are thankful we could help 30 Hamilton County families."

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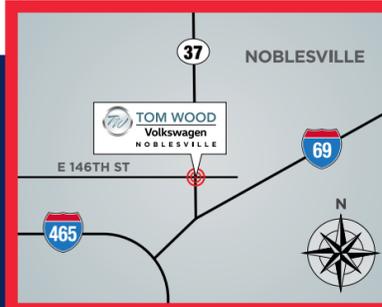
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Mrs. Noblesville's comfort zone challenge

By **STU CLAMPITT**
ReadTheReporter.com

Jenna Stewart, 42, is Mrs. Noblesville 2018. In April she will compete to become Mrs. Indiana America, and the winner of that pageant will go on to try for Mrs. America in Las Vegas next summer. Stewart has never been in a pageant before and calls this experience a "comfort zone challenge and a personal development challenge."

Mrs. America is a pageant established to honor married women throughout the United States. Each of the contestants from the 50 states and the District of Columbia range in age from 20s to 50s. They earn the right to participate in the national event by winning their state competition.

Stewart credits her niece for pushing her to become Mrs. Noblesville and setting her on the road to compete for the title of Mrs. Indiana America.

"I have a niece, Natalie, who went to Purdue. Her freshman year we started to give each other comfort zone challenges because she was moving into this new life, going on her own as a college freshman," Stewart told The Reporter.

After a few rounds of challenges involving small steps out of each of their comfort zones, with the goal of personal development, they had to take it to the next level.

"We had to figure out what the next thing was going to be," Stewart said. "I am doing this pageant in spring and she is launching her own YouTube channel."

Stewart is a mother of two children, a lawyer and

a voting rights issue advocate for the League of Women Voters in Indiana. She is a member of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee and says she is very happy to have lived in Noblesville for the last two decades.

"My husband and I have been married for 20 years, Stewart said. "We love Hamilton County and we love Noblesville. I think Noblesville is a very family-friendly town. There are a lot of great things to do. We really appreciate Noblesville Main Street, the City of Noblesville and all of the family-friendly activities: the skating rink, Christmas on the Square, the Santa house. There is always an event going on regardless of the season to engage the community. We always feel like there are local activities to participate in with our kids and with our friends and neighbors."

Her platform in the Mrs. Indiana America competition is focused on encouraging civic engagement.

"I am an issue advocate for the League of Women Voters of Indiana; civic engagement is something that is personally important to me," Stewart told The Reporter. "It's about the importance of every citizen's privilege and responsibility being citizens of a democracy. We all have a second job and that is our civic engagement. To keep up with issues, to vote, to observe our elected officials and to pay attention to what they are doing."



Stewart

She told The Reporter she welcomes opportunities to speak to organizations and school groups about civic engagement, as she recently did at a local high school.

"I had a great opportunity to speak with Carmel High School students last week," Stewart said. "Their Amnesty International group had a 'hunger banquet' and they came to speak about voting rights."

Sponsorship is part of the preparation for the pageant with which Stewart could use your help.

"I'm currently being sponsored by friends and family," Stewart said. "We will list our sponsors in a brochure that will be distributed at the pageant in April and will also be available online at mrsindianaamerica.com. I'm in communication with local businesses regarding sponsorship opportunities and would welcome communication about sponsorship."

If you want to schedule a speaking event on civic engagement or talk about Mrs. Indiana America sponsorship opportunities, contact Jenna Stewart via email at jms@jmsstewart-law.com. You can follow her on Twitter at MomOnAHorse. Search "Mrs. Noblesville Indiana 2018" on Facebook or [click here](#).

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Timber harvest completed at Yellowwood State Forest

The REPORTER

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has transformed nearly 160,000 acres of once neglected and abandoned farm and forest land into the healthy and diverse forests that exist in Indiana today, including the Yellowwood State Forest's backcountry.

Forest practice and research shows that periodic timber removal assists in maintaining the overall health of the forest, including managing for endangered species, soil and water protection, sustainable timber and recreational activities. [Learn more about timber harvesting in Indiana State Forests.](#)

The periodic strategic removal of trees in man-

aged harvests opens the forest floor to sunlight, allowing new trees to develop. Logging by single-tree selection, which targets mostly stressed, diseased and declining trees, is part of managing for these conditions in the backcountry area.

DNR's Division of Forestry is currently leading an effort to harvest select trees from the 299 acres of the Yellowwood State Forest's backcountry. Single-tree selection will be used, as it has been used in the previous 13 harvests of the now Morgan-Monroe/Yellowwood State Forest backcountry area.

Five to seven trees per acre may be removed during this thinning. The DNR's forestry division

determines the trees to be removed dependent on each tree's health and impact to the overall forest area.

Studies conducted by independent researchers working on State Forests show that species of conservation concern, such as the timber rattlesnake, hooded warbler, worm-eating warbler and Indiana bat can benefit from conditions created by periodic thinning of the areas like the backcountry's current closed canopy.

Much inaccurate information has been distributed about the timber harvest in the Morgan-Monroe/Yellowwood State Forest's backcountry area. [View maps of the area from 1939 and present.](#)

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Noblesville police respond to concerns over 'suspicious' van

By **TIM McNICHOLAS**
wishtv.com

After getting a string of phone calls about a suspicious van in Hamilton County, Noblesville police clarified Friday that they are not investigating the van and they haven't received any criminal complaints.

Police said a group of concerned parents are posting about the van on social media. Detectives said they tracked down the van, talked to the drivers and are no longer investigating.

Officers said it is a good thing people in the county are vigilant and reporting suspicious activity.

Noblesville police took to Facebook on Friday afternoon with a post titled "In reference to the dark blue Ford work van."

"We have identified and spoken with the driver and passenger of the vehicle," the post read. "We have confirmed that they work for a delivery service and are delivering packages in the Fishers/Noblesville area."

Andrea Carrington, a mom who lives just outside Fishers, said she posted pictures of the van to a neighborhood page on Nextdoor after some of her neighbors saw the van.

"It's concerning because you want to know

that you live in a safe area. It's good that everyone is on alert," Carrington said.

Carrington said the post from police gives her some relief and she hopes the police and her neighbors stay vigilant.

"Our neighborhood is great. Everyone is on alert."

When asked if the people in the van talked to kids in the area, police said they believe a kid said something to one of the people in the van about being creepy, and a man responded that the child was being disrespectful.

Officers say if you hear of anything suspicious happening, you should call them.

Guardian Angel Hospice celebrates 15 years serving Central Indiana

The REPORTER

Today, Guardian Angel Hospice celebrates its 15th anniversary. In 2001, a group of hospice professionals calling themselves "The Founding Angels" came together to start a new organization based on the belief that they could offer hospice care on a higher plane than any other resource in Central Indiana.

The group has evolved since that time, but one constant that has remained is the determination to run their organization by the stated values of professionalism, teamwork, stewardship, integrity and service. These values are the guiding force of operations and have been placed at the top of the organizational chart to emphasize

their importance.

Guardian Angel Hospice has grown steadily in the number of patients they serve, as well as in the size of their staff and volunteer base to provide those services. They are proud to say they currently employ over 100 of the most highly-qualified staff available in hospice care. They continue to be locally owned and operated, with offices in Kokomo, Logansport, Lafayette and Carmel.

Their focus is to provide outstanding end-of-life care to persons in Central Indiana. Guardian Angel Hospice currently serves 30 counties: Benton, Blackford, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Grant, Delaware, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks,

Henry, Howard, Huntington, Madison, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Parke, Pulaski, Putnam, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vermillion, Wabash, Warren, Wells and White.

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Celebrate the New Year with a First Day Hike on Jan. 1

The REPORTER

Usher in 2018 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes offered Jan. 1 at Indiana's state parks.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2018 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends.

DNR's Division of State Parks is hosting 32 First Day events throughout the state.

Information on First Day events in Indiana is at StateParks.IN.gov/2420.htm.

The guided hikes are organized by Indiana State Parks in cooperation with America's State Parks. Hikes will take place in all 50 states.

First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Mass. The program was launched to foster healthy lifestyles and promote year-round recreation at state parks.

For more information, visit America's State Parks website (stateparks.org) or [Facebook page](#).

First Day events at Indiana State Park properties are (all times are local):

Brookville Lake, Mounds State Recreation Area, 4 to 4:45 p.m.: Meet at the Campground Shelter across from Wildlife Wander Trail for a 0.7-mile hike. Along the way, a naturalist will explain what life is like for animals during winter. The trail is rated easy. Hot cocoa will be served around a campfire afterward.

Brown County State Park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Meet at the Abe Martin Lodge for a hike around the original state park property, including a walk across the covered bridge. Learn about those early years, then stick around for refreshments and a slideshow with historic pictures of the park.

Chain O'Lakes State Park, 2 to 4 p.m.: Meet the park's naturalists at the Sand Lake beach/nature center for an easy 90-minute, 1.3-mile hike around the lake. Hot cocoa and snacks will be available afterward.

Charlestown State Park, 8 to 10 p.m.: A full-moon hike will begin at the Trail 1 parking lot. The hike will last two hours and is rated as rugged. Wear good shoes and bring a hiking stick and a red flashlight.

Clifty Falls State Park, 11 a.m. to noon: Join the naturalist at Clifty Shelter to view scenic vistas, stunning waterfalls and unique rock features on this moderately rugged hike. Refreshments will be provided.

Falls of the Ohio State Park, 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Hike along the upper fossil beds and learn about Devonian-age sea life as well as the plants and animals that now live along the river's edge. Bring binoculars to look for winter birds. The

interpretive center will open a few minutes before and after the hike for access to restrooms and water fountains, otherwise it is closed on Jan. 1. The hike will be canceled in case of inclement weather. A \$2 pay-to-park fee applies, but the hike is free.

Fort Harrison State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the Delaware Lake parking area for a hike on Harrison Trace. The paved loop is approximately 1 to 1.25 miles long. The hike should take about 45 minutes. Light refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Fort group.

Hardy Lake, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Meet at the property office for an "Owl Hoot Hike" to discover "whoosoo's in the woods."

Harmonie State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the pool parking lot for a 2-mile, 45-minute hike on a paved trail. Strollers are welcome. Join others afterward for hot cocoa, cookies and conversations.

Indiana Dunes State Park, 10 to 11 a.m.: Meet at the nature center for a special 3-Dune Challenge covering 1.5-miles. At the end, park volunteers will welcome hikers with snacks and a fire provided by the Friends of the Indiana Dunes group.

Lieber State Recreation Area, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Hilltop Shelter for a 2-mile hike expected to last about 90 minutes.

Lincoln State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for a 2-mile hike through Sarah Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve. The hike should last about an hour and visitors should expect hills and somewhat rough terrain.

McCormick's Creek State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at Canyon Inn for a Canyon Hike and Photo Contest. The roughly 3/4-mile hike is easy to moderate. Hikers can bring cameras or smart phones to snap photos for an optional contest. Refreshments will be available at the end of the hike.

Mississinewa Lake, 5 p.m.: Meet at Miami State Recreation Area's Bostwick Pond for a 1-mile hike that will last about 30 minutes. S'mores and a fire will be available after the hike.

Monroe Lake, Fairfax State Recreation Area: Monroe Lake will host the fifth annual First Day Trail Run/Walk. Registration/check-in runs from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at Bay View Shelter. The run/walk starts at 3:30 p.m. The event is untimed. Participants can choose from a 1.3- or 3.7-mile course. Registering in advance costs \$15. The advance registration deadline is Dec. 30.

Those who register online in advance will have access to a post-event appetizer buffet at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn. The first 300 people to register in advance will receive a commemorative patch and

a \$15 gift certificate for the restaurants at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn.

Same-day registration is also \$15. More information and online registration is at bit.ly/firstday-trail2018.

Mounds State Park, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Join the naturalist on an illuminated hike to the mounds. The hike will begin at the nature center and may involve rugged terrain and stairs.

O'Bannon Woods State Park, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at the nature center to walk with the park's oxen, Forest and Gump, and its donkeys, Garth and Gracie. The walk will be on a roadway for about 1 mile. Enjoy refreshments upon return to the nature center. The event is contingent on weather and road conditions.

Ouabache State Park, 10 to 11 a.m.: Meet at the bison enclosure for a stroll around the bison enclosure. The hike will include a stop at the feeding station to feed and observe the bison and learn bison history.

Patoka Lake, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for a 3/4-mile hike on the scenic Garden Rock Loop trail.

Pokagon State Park, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for an easy stroll to look for winter wildlife. The event will end with a bonfire.

Potato Creek State Park, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Meet at the Trail 3 trailhead at the Quaking Aspen picnic area for a 1- to 1 1/2-hour moderate walk. The park might have a few pairs of snowshoes to borrow, depending on weather. Warm up in the nature center afterward with hot drinks and cookies.

Prophetstown State Park, 1 to 3 p.m.: Meet at the visitor's center for a prairie hike that ends at the Native American Village with a fire in the council house and hot beverages.

Raccoon Lake, Noon to 1:30 p.m.: Meet at the entrance to the main boat ramp parking lot for a hike to look for wildlife.

Salamonie Lake, 2 p.m.: Meet at Salamonie River State Forest's Hominy Ridge Lake Dam for a 1-mile stroll that will highlight historic Civilian Con-

servation Corps projects.

Shades State Park, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at Hickory Shelter for a hike on Trail 1. Reflect on the past year and look forward to 2018 at Prospect and Inspiration points.

Shakamak, State Park, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Meet at the log cabin by the aquatic facility for a walk down the pedestrian path, around the west shelter, and back to the log cabin. The log cabin will have snacks, warm drinks and a fire. The entire route is ADA accessible.

Spring Mill State Park, 9 to 11 a.m.: Meet at Spring Mill Inn for a hike through Donaldson Woods

Nature Preserve and past several caves. The hike will last more than 2 miles with some hills.

Summit Lake State Park: An indoor activity for kids starts at 10 a.m. at the park office. At 11 a.m., hikers should meet at the nature center for a 1-mile, 30-minute hike. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be available at the park office beforehand.

Tippecanoe River State Park, noon: Meet at the fire tower parking lot for a half-mile hike that will last about 30 minutes. Hikers can climb the tower for excellent views.

Turkey Run State Park, 11 a.m. to noon:

Celebrate the New Year by hiking Trails 6 and 11 while learning about the natural and cultural history of Turkey Run. The hike is moderately rugged hike. Refreshments will be available afterward in the inn.

Versailles State Park, 2 p.m.: Join assistant property manager Brad Walker on a 4-mile fitness hike to kick off the New Year.

Whitewater Memorial State Park, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Meet at the Poplar Grove Shelter for a moderate, 2.5-mile hike on the Memorial Loop Trail with a trivia game. Participants can drink hot cocoa around a fire afterward.



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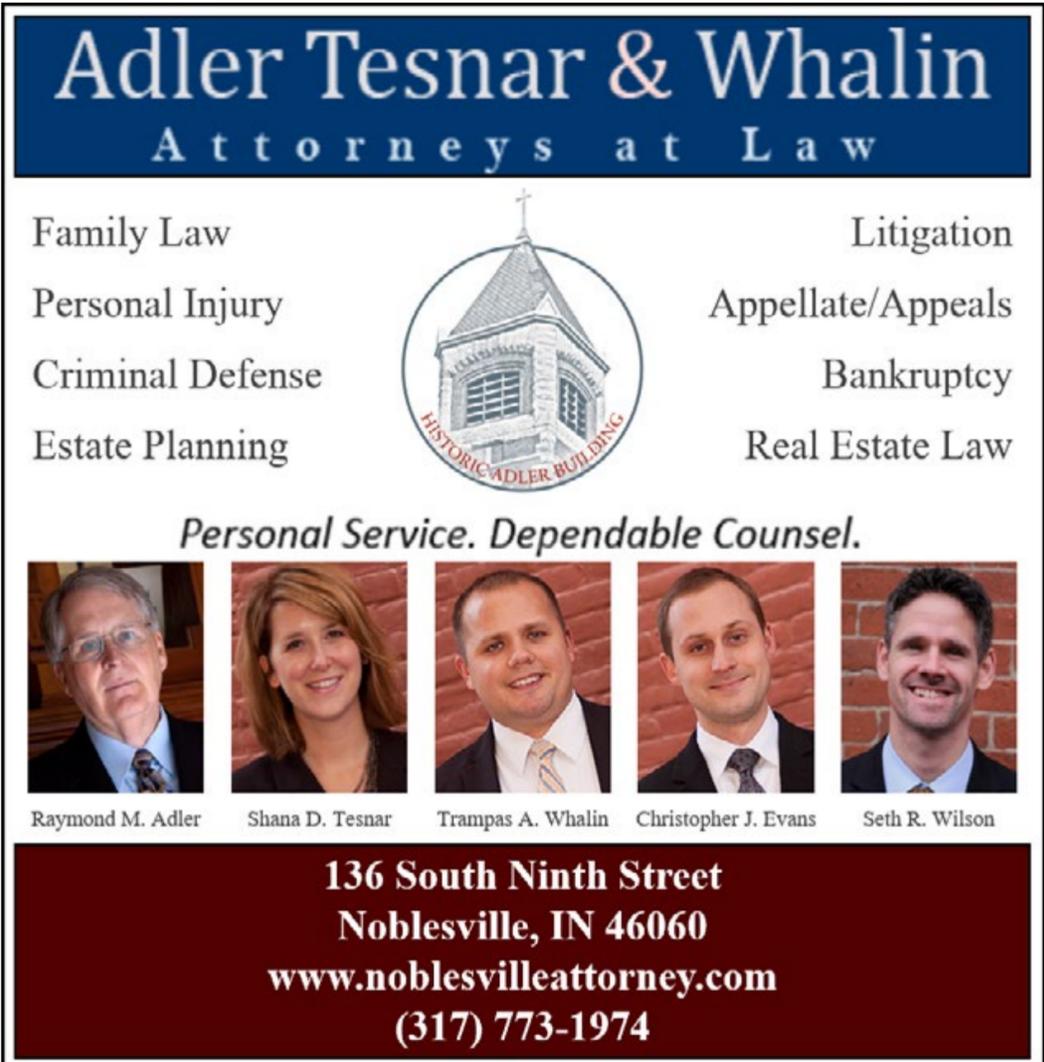
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Interstate 69 travel lanes added in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Milestone Contractors is opening additional travel lanes on Interstate 69 this week between State Road 37 Exit 205 and State Road 38 Exit 219. I-69 opened to three lanes in each direction on the heavily traveled stretch of interstate Friday morning.

As part of a \$92 million design-build contract, Milestone has added a third lane in each direction to the median, repaired and resurfaced existing pavement and rehabilitated bridges and drainage structures on 15 miles of I-69 in Hamilton and Madison counties. The project also widened and reconfigured the Campus Parkway Exit 210 interchange into a double-crossover diamond configuration, which was opened to traffic this summer.

Construction of an additional auxiliary lane between the 116th Street entrance ramp to I-69 South and the I-69 South Exit 204 ramp to 106th Street will continue through next spring.

I-69 South will be temporarily reduced to two lanes to allow space for the State Road 37 and 116th Street entrance ramps to safely merge while construction con-

tinues on the southbound auxiliary lane between the 116th Street and 106th Street ramps.

Crews closed lanes on I-69 South and State Road 37 South Friday morning to modify pavement markings in the area to establish this winter traffic pattern.

Taking I-69 to the Next Level

INDOT is planning a separate design-build project that will continue adding a third lane in each direction to the median of I-69 between State Road 38 Exit 219 and State Road 109 (Scatterfield Road) Exit 226.

In addition, other improvements will be made to preserve, rehabilitate or replace existing pavement, bridges and drainage structures along all 14 miles of I-69 from State Road 38 to State Road 67 Exit 234.

INDOT anticipates awarding a contract for the project in the spring. Construction is expected to begin in 2018 and last through at least 2019.

Additional information will be provided early next year, and a public meeting will be planned after a design-builder has been selected.

New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Dec. 4:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. The quantum spy: a thriller by Ignatius, David
2. Ramses the damned returns: the passion of Cleopatra by Rice, Anne
3. Kill the heroes: a Charlie Henry mystery by Thurlo, David
4. Nauti angel by Leigh, Lora
5. First snow by Roberts, Nora
6. Thomas Kinkade's Cape Light Christmas blessings by Spencer, Katherine
7. The importance of being unrest by Balzo, Sandra
8. Mrs. Osmond by Banville, John
9. Bubba and the cosmic blood-suckers by Lansdale, Joe R.
10. The library at the edge of the world: a novel by Hayes-McCoy, Felicity

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. T is for transformation: unleash the 7 superpowers to help you dig deeper, feel stronger & live your best life by T, Shaun
2. In shock: my journey from death to recovery and the redemptive power of hope by Awdish, Rana
3. Revolution song: a story of American freedom by Shorto, Russell
4. Revolution: the history of England from the Battle of the Boyne to the Battle of Waterloo by Ackroyd, Peter
5. The best of America's test kitchen
6. Basketball (and other things): a collection of questions asked, answered, illustrated by Serrano, Shea
7. The grouchy historian: an old-time lefty defends our Constitution against right-

wing hypocrites and nutjobs by Asner, Edward

8. Soonish: emerging technologies that'll improve and/or ruin everything by Weiner-smith, Kelly

9. The Kinfolk entrepreneur: ideas for meaningful work by Williams, Nathan

10. Dinner in an instant: 75 modern recipes for your pressure cooker, multicooker + Instant Pot by Clark, Melissa.

New DVDs

1. Humans. Series 2
2. The dead zone
3. Heartland. The complete tenth season
4. Atomic blonde
5. The dark tower
6. Sing Street
7. Republic of Doyle. The complete sixth season: the final chapter
8. Top of the lake
9. The good witch's wonder
10. Republic of Doyle. The complete fifth season

New Music CDs

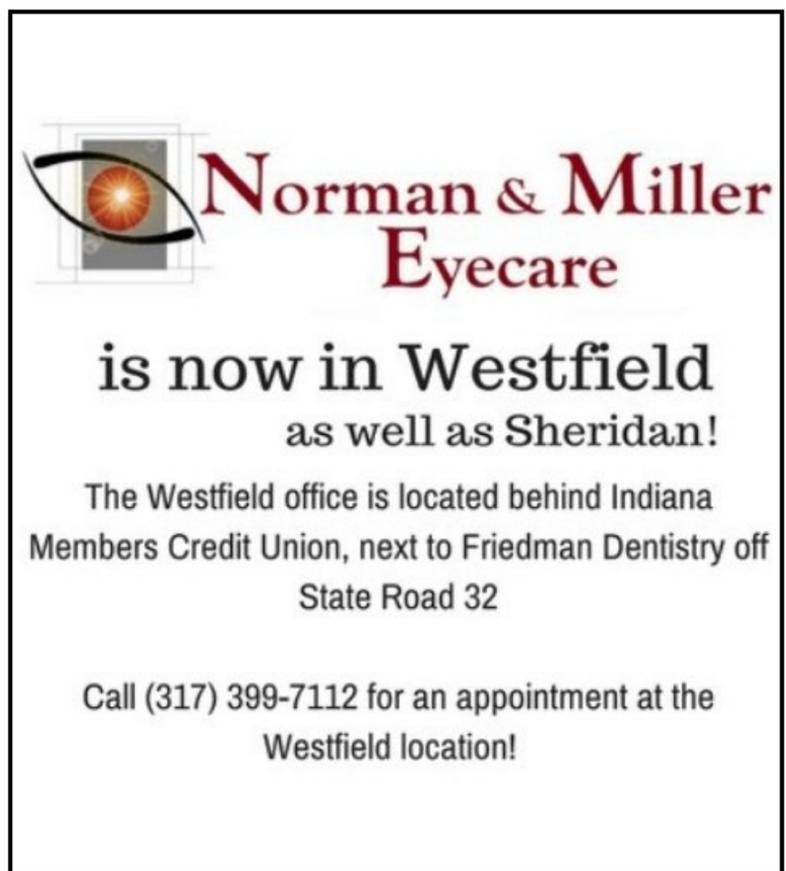
1. Truth is a beautiful thing by London Grammar
2. Top 25 praise songs. Good good Father
3. Now by Twain, Shania
4. Reputation by Swift, Taylor
5. Spider-Man: homecoming: original motion picture soundtrack by Giacchino, Michael
6. Meaning of life by Clarkson, Kelly
7. Ogilala by Corgan, Billy
8. Olaf's frozen adventure: original soundtrack by Bell, Kristen
9. All American made by Price, Margo
10. As you were by Gallagher, Liam

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Fishers road construction updates, week of Dec. 11

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106th Street

The eastbound lane of 106th Street between the railroad tracks and the roundabout at Crosspoint Boulevard will be closed while the contractor constructs a turn lane.

131st Street

There will be periodic lane restrictions at the intersection of 131st Street and Cumberland Road while utility relocation work is completed.

126th Street

Expect periodic lane restrictions at 126th Street and Hoosier Road through the end of the year while work is completed on a new traffic signal.

116th Street

Periodic lane restrictions will occur on 116th Street east of Allisonville Road as the contractor repairs concrete curbs and ramps and begins resurfacing work on the roadway. Restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3

p.m. The city greatly appreciates residents' patience with construction noise.

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State Road 37

Project leaders will provide updates at the State Road 37 Project Public Meeting on from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11 at the Delaware Township Trustee Event Center. Find updates and more info at driveSR37.com.

The State Road 37 improvement project is a \$124 million joint project between Fishers, Hamilton County, Noblesville and INDOT. Questions or concerns may be directed to drivefishers@fishers.in.us.

Who was Mrs. R. E. Edwards?

The REPORTER

This week in Hoosier History Highlights for the week of Dec. 10:

1816 – President James Madison signed a Congressional resolution admitting Indiana to the Union as the 19th state. Each year, Dec. 11 is celebrated as "Statehood Day." The first state capital was Corydon.

1909 – Workers placed the last of 1.2 million ten-pound bricks on the 2 1/2 mile oval track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The new surface proved to be much better than the original one which was primarily gravel. Today, the historic track is affectionately called "The Brickyard."

1917 – Thirty Indiana delegates attended the National Women's Suffrage Association meeting in Washington, D.C. Women from around the nation met for the three-day event at Poli's Theater. The Indiana group was led by Mrs. R. E. Edwards of Peru, president of the Indiana Franchise League.

1937 – Harry G. Leslie died in Miami, Fla., while visiting the home of Hoosier author George Ade. Leslie was the 33rd Governor of Indiana, serving from 1929



to 1933. Born in Lafayette, he attended Purdue University and was president of his class every year. He was a star baseball and football player, and, though badly injured, survived the 1903 train wreck in which 14 members of the Purdue football team were killed.

1958 – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to a crowd of 4,000 at Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis. He said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

2007 – Julia Carson died in Indianapolis. A graduate of Crispus Attucks High School, she served many years in the Indiana legislature. She also served as Trustee of Center Township in Indianapolis. In 1996, she won a seat in the United States House of Representatives, a position she held until her death.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.
 Matthew 17:12-13 (KJV)

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Girls defend championship, boys place third, GC's Cline wins 100 free...

Huskies swimming hosts own Invitational

The Hamilton Heights swim team hosted its annual Invitational on Saturday. The Huskies girls team won the tournament for the second year in a row, while the boys placed a respectable third.

The Husky girls came out of the gate ready to swim. The medley relay team of Rachel Sanquetti, Emily Lester, Claire Sloderbeck and Tara Holder started off the meet with the win.

"The girls then went into full attack mode taking back to back sweeps," said Heights coach Sue Beale.

The Huskies swept the 200 freestyle with Sanquetti taking first, Madi Hasler second and Allison Osborne third. Next was a sweep in the individual medley: Tara Holder was first, Emily Lester second and Lucy Uhrick third.

Sanquetti went on to win the backstroke and anchor the first-place 400 free relay with Sloderbeck, Holder and Ryleigh Poe. Sloderbeck won the 50 free and Poe won the 500 free as well. Other top six finishers were; Allison Osborne (fifth, 50 free), Abigail Mayo (sixth, 50 free), Poe (second, butterfly), Tiffany Williams (fourth, 100 free), Halser (third, 500 free), Holder (fourth, backstroke), Williams (sixth, backstroke), Lester (second, breaststroke) and Uhrick (third, breaststroke). The Heights 200 free relay team of Osborne, Uhrick, Poe and Hasler placed second.

Heights' boys team finished third behind first-place Tipton and second-place Mount Vernon.

"The boys team had several great swims including two first-place finishes for Jared Holder," said Beale. Holder won the 50 free in 22.32 seconds and the backstroke in 54.09 seconds.

Tony Harden took fourth in the 100 free in a time of 56.89 and Joe Ringer was fourth in the 500 free with a time of 6:04.60. The Heights relays placed second



Photo by Doug Sanquetti

The Hamilton Heights girls swim team defended its championship at the Husky Invitational on Saturday. Heights scored 1-2-3 sweeps in two events and won a total of seven races.

in the medley, third in the 400 free and fourth in the 200 free.

Guerin Catholic finished fourth as a team in both the girls and boys meets. Mary Kate Cline won the girls 100 free.

Boys basketball

Late run seals win for Millers in Anderson

Noblesville used a fast start and a strong finish to get a big road win on Saturday, beating Anderson 62-49 at the Indians' gym.

The Millers led 18-4 after the first quarter. Anderson made its own run in the second period, but Noblesville held on to a 25-24 lead at halftime. The teams were tied at 40-all early in the fourth quarter, but the Millers made a 10-0 run later in the period to seal the game.

"I was very proud of our players for their mental and physical approach today during practice and our game," said Noblesville coach Brian McCauley. "We had a very disappointing game yesterday but our guys showed a lot of character by coming back

today and beating a good Anderson team on the road.

"Xavier Hines shot really well and led us with 29 points. Jordan Schmidt played a very good game versus some tough pressure. Zack Johnson chipped in 14 points and Ryan Barnes played very well offensively and defensively. I think we grew tonight as a team. We want to continue to build this week from things we learned this weekend."

Hines made three 3-pointers during the game. Johnson led the Millers' rebounding with five boards and also handed out five assists.

Noblesville is now 3-2 for the season and hosts Westfield on Friday.

Noblesville 62, Anderson 49

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Noblesville	18	7	15	22
Anderson	5	19	11	14
Score by Quarters				
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Noblesville 3-point shooting (4-11) Hines 3-6, Johnson 1-2, Schmidt 0-2, Vitales 0-1. Noblesville rebounds (23) Johnson 5, Schmidt 4, Hines 4, Barnes 4, Fisher 2, Keever-Hill 1, team 3.



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First ever win at Carmel...

Matthews' late steal, basket sends Fishers to victory

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Fishers has been re-established for over a decade now, but every once in a while, the Tigers accomplish something for the first time.

On Saturday, the Tigers' boys basketball team got a first victory over Carmel at the Greyhounds' Eric Clark Activity Center. Josiah Matthews made a steal with five seconds to go and raced down the court to make an easy layin as time expired. With that, Fishers had the win, 49-47, the only time in the game the Tigers held the lead.

"We hit some shots that went our way tonight, we executed pretty well," said Tigers coach Matt Moore. "He's put in a lot of work. He's earned the right to take those shots. We got to do a great job of getting him in position to make them and he made a big one there late to give us a chance."

Matthews finished the game with 15 points, while Szilagyi and Russom each scored 12.

As for Carmel, Mulloy scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Jackson scored 12 points and Heady made five rebounds. "We competed," said 'Hounds coach Ryan Osborn. "We made some mistakes late. We had two starters out tonight. We're a little bit banged up in just about every position and ultimately didn't take care of the ball like we should. When we did take care of the ball, we got shots. We shot at a pretty high percentage. But to have, I think, 16 or 17 turnovers in a game like this puts you on your heels a little bit."



Josiah Matthews
Fishers



John Michael Mulloy
Carmel

The 'Hounds worked their way back to a 26-15 lead late in the second quarter before Fishers scored eight unanswered points to cut the Carmel lead to 26-23 at halftime. Willie Jackson started the run by making three consecutive foul shots after being fouled while attempting a 3-pointer. Hicks then added a layin, and Matthews drained a 3.

Fishers tied the game up at 30-30 late in the third after Hicks made a 3-pointer. Carmel worked its way back up to 34-34 by the period's end, thanks to foul shots by Luke Heady and Jackson.

A 3-pointer by Owens put Carmel up 39-33. Brendhan Russom cut that lead to four with a basket, but two free throws from

John Michael Mulloy kept the 'Hounds ahead 41-35. After that, Fishers ended the game on a 14-6 run. Szilagyi helped out with a pair of 3s.

"He's a guy that we just need to keep hunting shots," said Moore. "He's put in a lot of work. He's earned the right to take those shots. We got to do a great job of getting him in position to make them and he made a big one there late to give us a chance."

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Fishers is now 2-3 for the season, and travels to Hamilton Southeastern on Friday for the Mudsock game. Carmel is 3-2, and hosts North Central on Friday in a Metropolitan Conference game.

Fishers 49, Carmel 47

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Emmanuel Davis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Luke Hernandez	0-1	0-0	0	2
Jeremy Szilagyi	4-10	2-2	12	1
Craig Yoho	0-2	0-0	0	1
Jack Maller	0-1	0-0	0	3
Willie Jackson	1-2	3-3	6	3
Terry Hicks	4-10	2-2	12	3
Brendhan Russom	2-3	0-1	4	4
Josiah Matthews	6-8	2-2	15	3
Alex Szilagyi	0-1	0-0	0	0
Geoffrey Brown	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jordan Jones	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	17-38	9-10	49	21

Fishers 3-point shooting (6-19) J. Szilagyi 2-7, Hicks 2-6, Matthews 1-3, Jackson 1-1, A. Szilagyi 0-1, Yoho 0-1.

Fishers rebounds (10) Jackson 3, Hicks 3, Matthews 1, Hernandez 1, J. Szilagyi 1, Maller 1.

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Heady	0-5	4-5	4	3
Alex Jackson	4-6	2-2	12	2
Andrew Owens	2-4	4-4	9	4
Ben Frische	1-1	2-2	4	2
John Michael Mulloy	4-6	10-12	18	3
Beau Robbins	0-0	0-0	0	0
Will Christie	0-1	0-0	0	1
Totals	11-23	22-25	47	15

Carmel 3-point shooting (3-10) Jackson 2-4, Owens 1-3, Heady 0-3.

Carmel rebounds (22) Mulloy 9, Heady 5, Jackson 3, Owens 2, Christie 1, Frische 1, Robbins 1.

Score by quarters
Fishers 6 17 7 19 - 49
Carmel 12 14 8 13 - 47

Busy 24 hours for HSE...

Royals hold off Center Grove in OT, stay unbeaten

Less than 24 hours after winning a close game against a top-level team, Hamilton Southeastern...won a close game against a top-level team.

This time it was Center Grove, which the Class 4A No. 5 Royals faced Saturday afternoon in the Forum Tipoff Classic at Southport. Southeastern needed overtime to get past the Trojans, who are getting votes in the 4A poll, but ultimately prevailed 65-63.

The Royals led for the majority of the game, first making a 7-0 run to go ahead 12-7 in the first quarter. Aaron Etherington scored five of those points. Southeastern led by as many as nine points, 43-34, in the third period, before CG went on an 8-0 run that carried it into the fourth quarter.

The Trojans led 53-52 late in the game, but a Noah Smith free throw tied it at 53-all, and that's where regulation ended. Center Grove led 58-56 with under two minutes left, but the Royals used a 6-0 spurt to regain the lead and held it until the buzzer. Smith and Nick Bowman made baskets, with Mabor Majak hitting a pair of free throws in between.

Etherington finished the game with 23 points, with Smith scoring 16 and Majak 10. These three Royals were also the rebounding leaders: Smith had seven boards, Etherington pulled six and Majak collected five. Bowman handed out five assists, while Smith and Chris Grubbs both dished out four. Majak made two blocked shots.

The Royals are 5-0 for the season and get a few days off before another big game: Southeastern hosts Fishers Friday in the annual Mudsock contest.

Southeastern 65, Center Grove 63 (overtime)

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nick Bowman	2-3	0-0	5	1
Chaz Birchfield	2-6	3-4	7	1
Aaron Etherington	9-13	4-7	23	4
Josh Fugate	0-0	0-0	0	0
Noah Smith	7-12	2-4	16	2
Brandon Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0
Chris Grubbs	2-6	0-1	4	4
Bradley Beemon	0-0	0-0	0	0
Mabor Majak	3-7	4-4	10	4
Totals	25-47	13-20	65	16

Score by Quarters
Southeastern 12 13 18 10 12 - 65
Center Grove 9 13 18 13 10 - 63

Southeastern 3-point shooting (2-7) Etherington 1-3, Bowman 1-2, Smith 0-1, Grubbs 0-1.
Southeastern rebounds (31) Smith 7, Etherington 6, Majak 5, Birchfield 4, Grubbs 2, Bowman 1, team 6.

Sheridan drops game with Tipton

Sheridan fell to Tipton 49-32 in a Saturday game at Hobbs Memorial Hall.

The Blackhawks trailed 11-10 after the first quarter, then the Blue Devils outscored Sheridan 17-6 to take a 28-16 halftime lead. Ange Gnamkey scored nine points to lead the 'Hawks in scoring, while Nick Burnell pulled 12 rebounds.

Sheridan is now 3-2 for the season and hosts Eastern on Friday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Tipton 49, Sheridan 32

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Austin Hunter	1-2	0-0	3	1
Jack Waitt	0-3	4-4	4	1
Drake Delph	2-10	2-2	6	2
Brody Perry	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ange Gnamkey	3-10	3-6	9	3
Nick Burnell	2-3	1-2	5	3
Sean Weitzel	0-1	0-0	0	1
Jesse Kolb	2-4	1-2	5	2
Totals	10-33	11-16	32	13

Score by Quarters
Tipton 11 17 10 11 - 49
Sheridan 10 6 5 11 - 32

Sheridan 3-point shooting (1-7) Hunter 1-2, Waitt 0-2, Delph 0-2, Gnamkey 0-1.
Sheridan rebounds (24) Burnell 12, Gnamkey 4, Delph 3, Kolb 3, Perry 1, Weitzel 1.

Southeastern wrestling has perfect day at Frankfort Duals

Photo provided

The Hamilton Southeastern wrestling team won the Frankfort Duals title on Saturday. The Royals won all five of their duals, defeating Shelbyville 62-12, North Montgomery 32-30, Kokomo 68-9, Lebanon 52-22 and Frankfort 58-18. Crae Kunkleman, Andrew Irick, Jake Simone, Jake Lemeiux, Jesse Wagner and Blake Forbes all took home individual championships on the day. Southeastern is back in action Tuesday when it hosts Noblesville in a dual meet.



Huskies fall to Delta

Hamilton Heights dropped a 67-60 game at Delta on Saturday night.

The Eagles jumped out to a 20-11 lead after the first quarter and kept their lead around that margin for most of the game. Delta led 39-30 at halftime before the Huskies cut it to 49-44 after three quarters. AJ Field scored 12 points for Heights on 4-of-8 shooting from 3-point range. Gus Etchison added 11 points. Sam Wahl drained three 3-pointers for nine points. Tyler Wiltermood also scored nine and pulled four rebounds.

The Huskies are 2-4 and will play at Western next Friday in a Hoosier Conference game.

Delta 67, Heights 60

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sam Wahl	3-5	0-0	9	4
Max Beale	0-0	0-0	0	0
Michael Cross	1-3	0-0	3	3
AJ Field	4-10	0-0	12	2
Grant LePoidevin	0-3	3-4	3	1
Gus Etchison	5-13	0-1	11	2
Caleb Bean	3-6	2-2	8	3
Tyler Wiltermood	4-5	1-4	9	4
Hudson Hochstedler	2-2	1-2	5	1
Totals	22-47	7-13	60	20

Score by Quarters
Heights 11 19 14 16 - 60
Delta 20 19 10 18 - 67

Heights 3-point shooting (9-24) Field 4-8, Wahl 3-5, Etchison 1-7, Cross 1-1, LePoidevin 0-2, Bean 0-1.
Heights rebounds (11) Wiltermood 4, Field 2, Etchison 2, Bean 2, Hochstedler 1.

Sills' career-high helps GC to win

Junior Kian Sills scored a career-high 23 points and tied a single-game school record with 7 steals as Guerin Catholic snapped a three-game losing streak with an 86-62 victory over Muncie Central in boys basketball action Saturday night.

The Golden Eagles shot 50 percent (33-of-66) from the field for the contest and never trailed. A dunk by Drew Thieme highlighted a 14-2 run as the Golden Eagles took a 39-29 lead in the locker room at halftime. Muncie Central fought back though after halftime to outscore GC 24-19 in the third quarter.

However a 28-point fourth quarter sealed the victory for Coach Pete Smith's Golden Eagles. "We played with more energy tonight than we had in our first four games," said Smith. "I was pleased we only committed six turnovers the final three quarters; that sure helped. We defended well overall, despite giving up 62 points." A pair of zone defenses administered by GC forced the Bearcats to shoot 29 3-point field goals, of which they made only four.

Sills was complemented nicely in the scoring column by Jack Hansen and Zach Munson, who scored 22 and 21 points, respectively. Hanson also added career-highs of 15 rebounds and nine assists in the contest. Luke Godfrey came off the bench

Guerin Catholic 86, Muncie Central 62

Guerin	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kian Sills	9-16	1-2	23	1
Bernie McGuinness	2-7	0-0	4	2
Clay Hepp	1-3	0-0	2	2
Zach Munson	7-14	7-9	21	3
Jack Hansen	8-13	5-5	22	2
Luke Godfrey	2-6	0-0	5	1
Drew Thieme	3-5	1-1	7	4
Josh Osborn	0-0	0-0	0	0
Roc Ricker	0-0	0-0	0	1
Matt Parenteau	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	33-65	14-17	86	16

Score by Quarters
Muncie Central 9 20 24 9 - 62
Guerin Catholic 16 23 19 28 - 86

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (6-16) Sills 4-7, Hansen 1-3, Godfrey 1-1, Thieme 0-1, Munson 0-1.
Guerin Catholic rebounds (45) Hansen 15, Munson 8, Sills 7, Thieme 4, Godfrey 2, Osborn 2, McGuinness 1, Hepp 1, Parenteau 1, team 4.

Defense steps up for undefeated No. 4 University

Class 1A No. 4 University held Liberty Christian to just three points over the last 12:14 of the game and opened PAAC North play with a 47-27 win Saturday night.

Senior Zack Hodgkin featured for the Trailblazers, leading the team in point (14), rebounds (nine) and assists (four) as well as shutting down the Lions leading scorer Joshua Tufts over the last 12 minutes.

"I can't say enough about Zack Hodgkin on both ends of the court," said University

coach Brandon Lafferman. "We are excited to be 6-0. We had to grind out this win. Our defense was really good. Sam Mervis did a nice job guarding their point guard."

The 6-0 start for the Blazers is the best in school history. The 2005-06 team started 5-0.

David Howard had 13 points and eight rebounds.

University took the lead for good at 6-5 on a rebound basket by Hodgkin and led to a 13-9 advantage after the first quarter. Two Hodgkin baskets and a Mervis lay-in stretched the lead to 19-11 early in the second. Liberty Christian closed to within four before University finished the half strong. Howard scored an and one off a nice feed from Ethan Sickels. Hodgkin threaded a bounce pass to a streaking Mervis for a

lay-in before Howard grabbed an offensive rebound and fell to the floor before passing to Hodgkin for a basket. University led 28-19 at halftime.

The Blazers were held scoreless for the first four minutes of the third quarter. After the Lions closed to the lead to 28-24, the Blazers switched Hodgkin on to Tufts (who had 11 of the Lions' 27 points). Mervis found Quinn Steiner in the corner for a three pointer before Howard scored three consecutive baskets for a 37-24 lead after three.

The Lions broke a 6:32 scoreless streak with a basket in the first 90 seconds, but managed only one free throw over the last 6:36 of the game.

University is next action Friday night against PAAC North rival Muncie Burris at The U Center.

University 47, Liberty Christian 27

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
David Howard	6-11	1-1	13	2
Quinn Steiner	1-3	0-0	3	0
Ethan Sickels	2-5	0-0	5	0
Foster Flamion	1-4	2-2	4	2
Sam Mervis	3-4	0-0	6	1
Josh Watson	1-2	0-0	2	3
Zack Hodgkin	6-11	2-2	14	2
Totals	20-40	5-5	47	10

Score by Quarters
 University 13 15 9 10 - 47
 Liberty 9 10 5 3 - 27
 University 3-point shooting (2-13) Sickels 1-4, Steiner 1-3, Howard 0-4, Flamion 0-1, Watson 0-1.
 University rebounds (25) Hodgkin 9, Howard 8, Flamion 5, Mervis 3.

Trailblazer girls overcome adversity, beat Lions

University overcame a slow start and some adversity Saturday night at Liberty Christian to defeat the Lions, 54-43, and assume control of the PAAC North Division.

For most of Saturday's game, the Trailblazers (9-2, 3-0) were without leading scorer Lindsey Syrek, as the sophomore forward was in foul trouble most of the night. Syrek picked up her second foul midway through the first quarter, got hit with her third shortly after coming back into the game in the second quarter, and was whistled for her fourth foul a few minutes into the third quarter.

But despite Syrek's time on the bench and minimal contribution in the box score (Syrek's five points were a season-low,

marking first time all year she didn't record a double-double), University found a way to rally and get the job done at Liberty Christian (3-6, 0-1).

The Trailblazers were behind by double figures in the first quarter, trailed 19-11 at the quarter break, and after getting the lead back down to three late in the first half, entered halftime down 27-20. Liberty Christian's stifling man-to-man defense kept the University offense from getting much momentum — only Haley Tomlinson hit multiple first-half field goals for University — as Natalie Nickless struggled to get open 3-point looks. And when Liberty Christian came out to push its advantage to 31-22 early in the third quarter, it looked like University's shot at a division, and conference, title could slip through its hands in Anderson.

But Nickless came alive from there, hitting a quartet of 3-pointers and knocking down two free throws to key a 26-6 University run that saw the Trailblazers go

from nine down in the third quarter to 11 up in the fourth, at 48-37, all largely without Syrek on the floor. Lilly Fair subbed in for Syrek after the latter picked up her fourth foul, and the Trailblazers defense tightened the screws on the Lions offense, using their press to force a high number of turnovers.

Nickless scored 11 of her team-high 17 in the third quarter, which University closed with a 39-35 lead, before Lily Snyder picked up the scoring burden in the fourth, scoring seven of her 11 points down the stretch to help secure the victory.

Lucy Snyder did her share of the work in the first half keeping the Trailblazers in the game; she scored six of her eight before halftime. It looked as if University would end the first quarter down 11, before Nickless hit a banked-in 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded.

University's magic number for the program's first division title, and championship game appearance, is down to one. If Liberty Christian defeats Seton

Catholic next Saturday, the Trailblazers will win the division — otherwise, University can secure its own fate, and complete a perfect 4-0 season in the division, with a win over Seton Catholic on Dec. 21 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The Trailblazers return to action Thursday night, visiting Sectional 58 foe Indiana School for the Deaf.

University 54, Liberty Christian 43

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lindsey Syrek	2	1-2	5	4
Brooke Andrus	2	2-3	6	0
Lily Snyder	4	3-4	11	0
Lucy Snyder	2	4-4	8	0
Natalie Nickless	5	2-2	17	2
Lilly Fair	1	1-2	3	2
Haley Tomlinson	2	0-0	4	0
Hallie Harrison	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	18	13-17	54	9

Score by Quarters
 University 11 9 19 15 - 54
 Liberty 19 8 8 8 - 43
 University 3-pointers (5): Nickless 5.

GC girls fall to Tri-West

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team dropped a 72-31 game at Tri-West on Saturday.

The Bruins led 29-16 at halftime, then outscored the Golden Eagles 26-7 in the third quarter. Sydney Geis led Guerin Catholic with seven points and also pulled five rebounds.

The Golden Eagles are off until Wednesday, Dec. 20 when they play at Lapel.

Tri-West 72, Guerin Catholic 31

Guerin	FG	FT	TP	PF
Danielle Mason	2-5	0-2	4	3

Sarah Holba	2-5	0-0	4	3
Sydney Geis	2-15	3-4	7	1
Hanna Bills	1-2	2-2	4	0
Carly Hammons	1-4	0-1	2	3
Carly Wilson	0-1	0-0	0	2
Fiona Weber	0-1	0-0	0	0
Grace Hackett	1-2	0-0	2	4
Lexi Foerder	0-2	0-0	0	0
Mary Theresa Ford	1-4	1-3	3	1
Nicole Cunningham	2-4	0-0	5	1
Totals	12-45	6-12	31	18

Score by Quarters
 Guerin 8 8 7 8 - 31
 Tri-West 13 16 26 17 - 72
 Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (1-16)
 Cunningham 1-2, Geis 0-7, Ford 0-2, Holba 0-1, Bills 0-1, Hammons 0-1, Wilson 0-1, Foerder 0-1.
 Guerin Catholic rebounds (24) Cunningham 5, Mason 4, Holba 4, Hammons 3, Wilson 2, Hackett 2, Ford 2, Geis 1, Foerder 1.

Westfield boys win on the road

The Westfield boys basketball team won a Saturday road game at New Palestine 48-44, evening its record to 2-2.

The game was tied at 11-all after the first quarter, after which the Shamrocks went ahead 27-23 at halftime. New Pal came back to cut Westfield's lead to 36-35 after three quarters.

The 'Rocks were led in scoring and rebounding by Jack Reinoehl, who had 13 points and six rebounds respectively. Caleb Welch and Zach Banks each chipped in 10 points to help the Shamrocks secure the non-conference victory.

Westfield is on the road again next Tuesday when it travels to Franklin Central to take on its future Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival. The Flashes will join the HCC next school year.

Stats for this game were not available at press time.

Reinoehl

Huskies wrestling wins

Clinton Prairie Invite

Hamilton Heights won the Clinton Prairie Invitational on Saturday.

The Huskies scored 210 points, finishing ahead of Carroll's 172, South Vermillion's 159 and Rossville's 155. Heights put seven wrestlers into the finals of their respective weight classes. Two of those wrestlers won: Dreiken Dunn took the 152-pound match by fall and Alex Naylor won at 220 in a 4-2 decision. The other five finalists were Devonte Henson at 113, Joshe Meyer at 120, Caleb Jones at 126, Cordell Cowan at 132 and Luke Stohler at 170.

The Huskies had two third-place finishes. Cooper Mansfield got the bronze at 138, as did Noah Lawson at 195. Both got pins in their last matches of the day.

Alex Kraus, Sam Dunkelburger, Kolton Myers and Trevor Cunningham all contributed points to the team as well.

Heights will be back in action Wednesday at Anderson.

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NBA standings

Saturday's scores		Chicago 104, New York 102
L.A. Clippers 113, Washington 112	Milwaukee 117, Utah 100	
Miami 101, Brooklyn 89	Oklahoma City 102, Memphis 101, OT	
L.A. Lakers 110, Charlotte 99	San Antonio 104, Phoenix 101	
Atlanta 117, Orlando 110	Houston 124, Portland 117	
Cleveland 105, Philadelphia 98		

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	22	5	.815	-
Toronto	16	7	.696	4.0
Philadelphia	13	12	.520	8.0
New York	12	13	.480	9.0
Brooklyn	10	15	.400	11.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	19	8	.704	-
Milwaukee	15	10	.600	3.0
Indiana	15	11	.577	3.5
Detroit	14	11	.560	4.0
Chicago	5	20	.200	13.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	14	12	.538	-
Miami	12	13	.480	1.5
Orlando	11	17	.393	4.0
Charlotte	9	16	.360	4.5
Atlanta	6	19	.240	7.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	15	11	.577	-
Denver	14	11	.560	0.5
Portland	13	12	.520	1.5
Utah	13	14	.481	2.5
Oklahoma City	12	13	.480	2.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	21	6	.778	-
L.A. Lakers	10	15	.400	10.0
L.A. Clippers	9	15	.375	10.5
Sacramento	8	17	.320	12.0
Phoenix	9	19	.321	12.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	20	4	.833	-
San Antonio	19	8	.704	2.5
New Orleans	13	13	.500	8.0
Memphis	8	18	.308	13.0
Dallas	7	19	.269	14.0

Fishers hosts Tiger Claw Diving Invite

Photos provided

Fishers hosted its annual Tiger Claw Dive Invite on Saturday. In the girls meet (above), Hamilton County divers swept the top five positions. Fishers' Morgan Casey won the meet with 427.40 points. Southeastern had the next two, with Sarah Ballard (417.95) taking second and Halli Siwik (407.60) placing third. The Tigers' Grace Mossing finished fourth with 381.05 and Carmel's Emma Toomey was fifth with 352.60.

In the boys meet (below), Fishers' Cole VanDevender won in dominating fashion, scoring 529.00 points. Two Southeastern divers also finished in the top eight: Nathan Barr placed third with 376.65 and Garrett Garwood finished sixth with 337.45.



Noblesville sweeps its own Invitational

The Noblesville swim teams won both the boys and girls team championships at the eight-team Noblesville Invitational on Saturday.

Both of the Miller teams set records for the most points scored at this meet. Noblesville's girls totaled 506 points, while the boys scored 490 points. The Millers won four of the six relays.

Individual event winners were: Gillian Cripe in the 200 freestyle, Jack Wolfred in the 100 and 200 freestyles, Sammy Huff in the individual medley and the breaststroke, Evan Diamente in the 50 free and the butterfly, Caitlin Marshall in the butterfly and the 100 free and Jordan Cooley in the backstroke.

Noblesville will compete at Westfield next Saturday before starting its Winter Break training.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Noblesville 506, Whiteland 386, Harrison 278, Delta 212, Lafayette Jefferson 179, Bishop Chatard 157, Anderson 156, Marion 74.

200 medley relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Jordan Cooley, Sammy Huff, Caitlin Marshall, Abby Harvey) 1:53.90, 2. Noblesville "B" (Brianna McBride, Rachel Tat, Tina Berger, Sarah Hayes) 2:04.56.

200 freestyle: 1. Gillian Cripe 2:05.18, 4. Brooke Haflich 2:09.16, 5. Berger 2:09.97.

200 individual medley: 1. Huff 2:13.05, 3. Cooley 2:23.14, 4. McBride 2:24.69.

50 freestyle: 3. Sophie Carmosino 27.24, 4. Claire Yeakey 27.75, 6. Hayes 28.02.

100 butterfly: 1. Marshall 1:00.26, 2. Harvey 1:06.97, 3. Haflich 1:08.48.

100 freestyle: 2. Cripe 57.41, 3. Carmosino 59.41, 7. Hayes 1:01.05.

500 freestyle: 1. Marshall 5:23.87, 4. Berger 5:41.79, 6. Yeakey 5:54.95.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Harvey, Carmosino, Cripe, Huff) 1:44.74, 3. Noblesville "B" (Hayes, Emma Snyder, Tat, Haflich) 1:52.61.

100 backstroke: 1. Cooley 1:02.33, 3. McBride 1:04.97, 4. Emily DeCocq 1:07.18.

100 breaststroke: 1. Huff 1:08.11, 2. Harvey 1:13.11, 5. Tat 1:16.27.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Cripe, Carmosino, Haflich, Marshall) 3:53.36, 3. Noblesville "B" (Snyder, Cooley, Yeakey, McBride) 4:05.03.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Noblesville 490, Harrison 389, Whiteland 288, Delta 238, Lafayette Jefferson 173, Anderson 160, Bishop Chatard 107, Marion 103.

200 medley relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Cameron Kramer, Sam Bleisch, Evan Diamente, Lawson Crum) 1:42.03, 3. Noblesville "B" (Nick Beeson, Isaac Stephan, Will Huff, Ben Griffin) 1:47.24.

200 freestyle: 1. Jack Wolfred 1:47.60, 3. Aaron Helms 1:51.03, 4. Jakob Janson 1:52.57.

200 individual medley: 2. Kramer 2:02.86, 5. Stephan 2:08.61, 7. Beeson 2:12.99.

50 freestyle: 1. Diamente 22.07, 3. Crum 23.50, 5. Seth Koszyk 24.50.

100 butterfly: 1. Diamente 53.17, 3. Janson 56.76, 6. Huff 57.59.

100 freestyle: 1. Wolfred 48.20, 3. Griffin 53.09, 4. Crum 53.35.

500 freestyle: 2. Helms 4:56.49, 3. Kramer 5:07.73, 4. Huff 5:14.90.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Wolfred, Janson, Stephan, Crum) 1:32.29, 3. Noblesville "B" (Koszyk, Helms, Justin DuBois, Andy Buna) 1:38.08.

100 backstroke: 3. Beeson 59.17, 7. Buna 1:02.60, 8. Wesley Mathis 1:03.21.

100 breaststroke: 2. Stephan 1:03.94, 3. Bleisch 1:04.72, 5. Griffin 1:07.35.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Wolfred, Kramer, Janson, Diamente) 3:22.19, 2. Noblesville "B" (Helms, Huff, Griffin, Beeson) 3:29.44.



Photos by Bret Richardson

ABOVE: The Noblesville swim team's senior girls display the first-place trophy after winning the Noblesville Invitational on Saturday. Pictured: Sarah Hayes, Brianna McBride, Rachel Tat, Brooke Haflich, Sophie Carmosino. BELOW: Noblesville's senior swim boys show the first-place trophy. Pictured: Sam Bleisch, Jakob Janson, Aaron Helms.

