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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Clouds, breezy, and mild. Drizzle possible.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, breezy, and mild. Drizzle in the evening. Showers after midnight.

HIGH: 55 LOW: 46



Merry Christmas from Sheridan Rotary Club!



Photo provided by Sheridan Rotary Club

Merry Christmas and a healthy, successful, and Happy New Year from Sheridan Rotary. (From left) Connie Pearson, VJ Stover, Missy Fisher, Mary Roberson, Glenn Hunsucker, special guest Bruce Watson (Westfield Rotary), Lis Pickett, Scott McCullough, Jon Raines, Dan Pickett, Dale McCullough, Steve Martin, and Fred Sturdevant.

Do the holidays your way

This column's topic is definitely late, since it will be published on Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve.) But perhaps it could help you in thinking ahead to the next holiday season. Some of you may even recognize the topic from my former column in another newspaper. But I feel so strongly about it that it's worth repeating.

For many of us who celebrate it, Christmas and the weeks leading up to it – Advent – are a time of excitement and joy. For some, it's also a time of incredible stress, which makes me sad. I think the stress comes in most cases from the pressure society puts on us to make everything perfect. And if you're in the sandwich generation, the season may make you feel like you want to sit in the corner and cry.

As I said years ago, we need to resist this pressure and enjoy the holidays in our own way. I promise you, there is no such thing as the Holiday Police.

Some of my friends go all out and spend days, if not weeks, putting up gorgeous Christmas decorations in every room of their home. Others spend hours and hours baking dozens of delectable cookies and treats. Some start their holiday shopping the day after Christmas, enjoying the crowds and excitement.

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Sandwiched

Carmel's season of ice begins Sunday

Special end-of-year hours kick off two more months of skating

The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt ends today, but the winter season of fun will continue with two more months of ice skating at the Ice at Carter Green, sponsored by Allied Solutions, and featuring special events and new ways to escape the elements while enjoying the ice.

"We know the next few months are the coldest days of the year, but we also know the benefits of getting out of the house and enjoying time with family and friends while burning some energy on the ice rink," said Nancy Heck, Director of Community Relations and Economic Development for the City of Carmel. "We are also excited to have additional furnished and heated igloos available for socializing or escaping the cold and our new winter pavilion will be open and available for additional seating."

Beginning on Sunday, Dec. 26, ice-skating will take place from noon to 9 p.m. daily for the week leading up to New Year's Day. These special extended hours are convenient for families whose school-aged kids are on their holiday break or home from college. This week will also feature special food and beverage trucks, including Rose & Lois Coffee and Bier Brewery.

From Jan. 1 through Feb. 27, ice skating hours will be from 4 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The rink will be closed but available for private rentals on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays – except for special occasions such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and President's Day when it will be open for public skating from noon to 7 p.m.

Skate sessions last 90 minutes unless noted on the skate session calendar. The cost per session on all days is \$10 for youth and adults age 11 and over, and \$8 for children 10 and under. You can bring your own skates or you can rent skates for \$4 per person.

The fourth season of ice skating in Carmel will also feature two big events, including the **2022 Festival of Ice**, Jan. 8 and 9, featuring professional ice-carving demonstrations, a Big Block carving competition, fast-paced carve-offs on stage, a Carmel Fire Department chili cook-off and skating to a live DJ.

On the weekend of Feb. 11 and 12, the **Carmel Winter Games** takes center stage on the ice with non-skating competitions featuring "human hungry hippo," human curling and ice trike relays. On Friday night, come and cheer on the "Hometown Heroes" competition between Carmel's Police and Fire departments. On Saturday, teams consisting of family, friends or co-workers will square off for a day of slippery fun.

There will also be two special **Sensory Skate Days** on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and on Tuesday, Feb. 22, with each taking place from 5 to 7 p.m. These sensory-friendly events are especially designed for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder or any type of special need. Free admission and no need to sign up.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the 2022 Ice at Carter Green season.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

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Spying Santa

"Don't look out the window."

She repeated this sentence over and over as twilight leaked its ink across southern Indiana.

"Don't look out the window."

It sounded like a good title for a drive-in horror movie, but actually this was our mother's five-word Christmas Eve mantra, which always began at 5:30 p.m.

"Don't look out the window."

We still butt-scotched our way toward the living room window, of course, inch by cautious inch, me and my younger brother, Patrick, but Mom's voice always caused us to abort our mission before the living room curtain could be parted for a look-see.

Even from a different room, out of sight, she knew what we were doing. "Don't look out the window," she'd warn, hollering over Buck Owens and the Buckaroos' "Santa Looked a Lot Like Daddy" playing on the stereo console. Dad always got a kick out of that song.

It played 100 times that day, confounding me with its lyrics: "Santa looked a lot like daddy/Or daddy looked a lot like him/It's not the way I had him pictured/Santa was much too thin/Well he didn't come down the chimney/So Mama must have let him in/Santa looked a lot like daddy/Or daddy looked a lot like him."

There was a hidden message in that song. The sly wink-wink between adults when it played told me so.

COLUMNIST



SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

Tots & Paws 2021 blesses both human, fur kids

By DENISE MOE
[ReadTheReporter.com](#)

Tots and Paws Chairperson Teree Bosso did a fantastic job as usual in organizing and leading her team in this month-plus-long, multi-venue events and endeavor that is "Tots and Paws."

A total of 3,211 toys were collected for Toys for Tots, and over \$30,000 was raised for the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) and the donations keep coming in.

This is Bosso's seventh year running the events and this was the biggest year ever with the most money raised and the most toys collected.

"I truly want each and every one of you to take a bow," Bosso said. "You all played a role in Tots and Paws, and I appreciate each and every one of you. When you wake up Christmas morning, think how many kiddos will be believing in Santa Claus and many animals we are helping out. It's truly not what's under the tree, it's about what we can do to help others."

HSHC is one of very few open-admission, truly no-kill shelters in the country. HSHC believes every animal deserves a chance to live, love and be loved regardless of age, breed, special medical needs, or disabilities.

HSHC's mission is to save lives, educate communities, and complete families. Because of the remarkable team and supporters like Teree Bosso, HSHC is building a brighter future for both Hamilton County and Hoosier animals.

[Click here](#) to donate to the Humane Society for Hamilton County.



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

Tots and Paws Chair Teree Bosso (left) along with Jennifer Dant of the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

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Merry Christmas from The Reporter!

In order for the staff at The Reporter to enjoy both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their families, neither a Saturday nor a Sunday edition will be published this week. The Reporter will resume publishing on Monday.



**From our family to yours,
We wish you a
Merry Christmas!**





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I love to see and appreciate my friends' Winter Wonderlands (their beautifully decorated homes). I am grateful to receive delicious treats that most people only bake once a year. And I salute the brave ones who willingly go out on Black Friday. But none of that works for me, at least not anymore.

I began to simplify my holidays when I had my sons years ago. I pared down my decorations so there are only a couple of treasured Christmas items in each room of our first floor. I now make homemade hot chocolate and peppermint candy to give as gifts to extended family and friends. And there's no way you'll see this highly sensitive woman anywhere near a store the day after Thanksgiving.

For me, keeping things

**Thanks for reading
The Reporter**

simple helps me love the holiday season versus dread it. I'm especially glad to do this now that I'm taking care of my mother as well as my family.

If you're reading this feeling more exhausted than joyful during this season, I want to encourage you to rethink your holidays. If you genuinely love making your home look like one from a Hallmark movie, that's awesome! But if the thought fills you with dread every year, maybe it's time to scale down.

Maybe you can bake a couple of kinds of cookies vs. five (or six... or eight...) and truly enjoy the experience. Perhaps you can revel in sleeping in the day after Thanksgiving vs. rising before dawn.

My point is, next year, do the holidays *your way*. The Holiday Police won't come and get you. And you'll be a more joyful person who can truly appreciate the meaning of Christmas.

"Don't look out the window."

"Why can't we?"

"He won't come if you do. He'll fly right over our house and take your toys to other girls and boys who don't look out the window."

It was torture being blocked from looking out the front window. Santa's visit couldn't happen before the arrival of Grandma and Grandpa Goffinet, plus uncles and aunts. We prayed mom's side of the family wouldn't run out of beer before reaching our house, or else they'd have to detour to T&R Liquors, thus pre-empting our Christmas. I doubt the Three Wise Men posed such a problem. Oddly, Uncle Bill and Aunt Bonnie were always missing from this gathering. It concerned me that Bill and Bonnie apparently didn't care for Christmas.

Our house was one of the few I knew of where Santa didn't mind being seen in person. We actually



Photo provided by Scott Saalman

sat on his lap, and he personally handed us our presents pulled from his huge cloth sack (the toys always being what we wished for).

One year, though, Santa pulled a real zinger. He brought in a sack of twigs – the dreaded switches we were always warned about by our parents, usually beginning around Dec. 1. My heart dropped seeing those switches. That Christmas song was right after all. He does know if you've been naughty or nice. I had a summer flashback of me coaxing my brother to poop in his ball cap, much to the amusement of our visiting cousins. Patrick saw the switches and burst into tears. The aunts and uncles, even our grandparents, laughed, nearly spilling their beers. Their laughing, fiendish faces reflected off the Christmas tree's shiny glass ball ornaments – the worst holiday moment ever. This wasn't Norman Rockwell; this was Norman Rockhell.

The bag of switches was just a big fat joke – though it made a lasting point. Ha. Ha. Ho. Ho. Ho. The real sack of toys, pulled from outside, cheered us up.

Santa never stayed long. There were many houses to visit. When the heels of his black boots exited through the doorway and all that jingling ended, mom would warn us once more, "Don't look out the window," depriving us from seeing the great sled's liftoff with Rudolph leading the way.

On my 11th Christmas, though, after Santa stepped outside and mom issued her final window warning, I did look out the front window. I saw Santa climb into the passenger side of my Uncle Bill's big brown Buick. Aunt Bonnie was behind the wheel. Santa pulled off his cottony beard. (It was explained to me that Santa does exist; however, it's a great big world to cover in 24 hours and sometimes he needs officially-sanctioned stand-ins to blah, blah, blah . . .)

Even now, I wish I had listened to my mom.

Never look out the window.

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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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Westfield H.S. Best Buddies hold end-of-year meeting



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield High School's Best Buddies Club held its final meeting before winter break. The group of friends discussed upcoming holiday plans, passed out club T-shirts, and there was some football trash talk. Toward the end of the meeting, one student addressed the entire group about how hurtful the "R" word can be. Best Buddies fosters one-to-one friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The high school years are a time of heightened social and emotional development and can be difficult even for students without IDD. Best Buddies helps break through social barriers at an important time in a young person's life. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

County Plan Commission can provide guidance on flood zones

Submitted by Hamilton County Plan Commission

In 1913, 1958, 1964, 1999, 2003 and 2005, heavy rains caused the White River; creeks such as Big and Little Cicero Creek, Mud Creek, Stony Creek; and streams to overflow their banks. Some of the most notable floods were the result of heavy rains over several hours, ice and log jams. The largest flood of record in Hamilton County occurred in 1913.

Hamilton County is divided into nine different building and zoning jurisdictions. The Hamilton County Plan Commission covers parts of Adams, Noblesville, and Wayne townships, and all of White River Township.

The County Plan Commission offers assistance

to current, new, and future property owners, insurance companies, banks, mortgage companies, etc., concerning a property's flood zone classification and whether it is in a floodway. Other information that can be given are flood depths, areas of historical flooding, how to go about getting flood insurance, contour information, and wetland natural functions (when available) for our jurisdictional areas of Hamilton County only. Elevation Certificates that are provided to our office for our specific jurisdictional area are available upon request.

Our office maintains a comprehensive library of manuals and materials dealing with flood hazard matters, including reducing loss in high-risk flood hazard areas, flood proofing for both residential

and non-residential structures, elevating residential structures, installing manufactured homes in flood hazard areas, as well as design guidelines for flood damage reduction, flood area maps, flood elevations, repairing your flooded home, etc.

We have also provided the Noblesville Library and the Sheridan Library with copies of the above listed information. The Noblesville Library is located at 1 Library Plaza on Cumberland Road, Noblesville (just west of Conner Street) and the Sheridan Library is located at 103 W. First St., Sheridan.

You may reach our office by coming to the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 306, Noblesville, or by calling (317) 776-8490.

Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map here.

State Road 37 & 131st Street

131st Street at SR 37 is currently closed as work progresses on the interchange. SR 37 will remain open both northbound and southbound. Click here to view the detour map.

The anticipated completion of the 131st Street work that will allow right in/right out movements for southbound SR 37 and 131st Street is scheduled for December.

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

116th Street & Maple Street

The westbound outside lane of 116th Street between Maple Street and Municipal Drive will be restricted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning Monday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 31 for masonry work. Arrow

boards will be in place.

Technology Drive (Northeast Commerce Park)

The inside lane of the Technology Drive is currently closed to traffic to allow for construction of new pavement in the inside lane. One-way traffic will be in place in the outside lane as shown here. Access to all businesses will be maintained during the construction.

96th Street

Beginning on or after Monday, Dec. 27, eastbound 96th Street at the Walmart/Meijer entrance will be restricted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for aerial utility work. Arrow boards will be in place.

Carmel offers ways to make Christmas 'greener' this year

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel invites you to responsibly recycle your tree with Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation. From noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2, visit the Westermeier Commons in Central Park, 920 Central Park Drive West, to drop off your decoration-free holiday tree to be mulched and receive some treats as a thank you.

Alternatively, the city's Republic Services trash program includes pick up of one Christmas tree per home. The tree will be collected on the customer's regular service day during the first two weeks of January. Please remember:

- Trees must be cut in sections four feet long or less. If the tree section is longer than four feet, it will not fit into the cage at the top of the truck.
- Cut all trees that are

taller than four feet, in half.

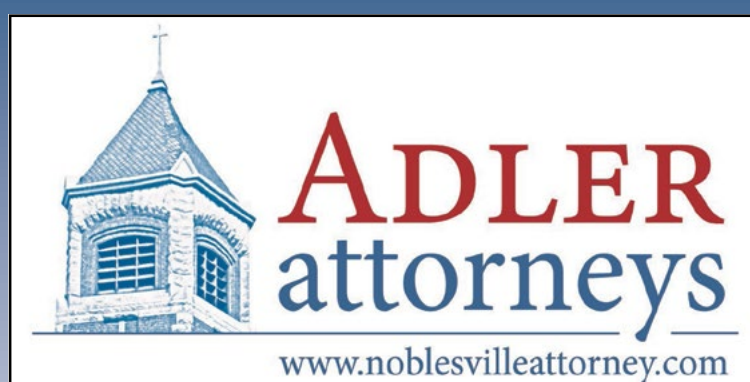
- Remove all tree bags, ornaments, tinsel, stands and lights.

Recycling lights

Carmel Clay Schools Green Teams, City of Carmel Utilities, Tech Recyclers and White's Ace Hardware are working together to make it a green holiday season by offering a Holiday Light Recycling Drive.

Now through Jan. 20, residents can recycle used and unwanted holiday lights at White's Ace Hardware at 731 S. Range Line Road. The Carmel Clay Schools Green Teams will offer recycling at the individual schools now through Jan. 6.

For more information about the Holiday Lights Recycling Drive, please contact Kelli Prader at the City of Carmel Utilities department by calling (317) 571-2673.



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Fishers woman to open Fit Body Boot Camp

The REPORTER

Fit Body Boot Camp, the world’s fastest-growing boot camp fitness franchise, is opening in Fishers and motivating people to live a more active lifestyle. Located at 9653 Olio Road, Fit Body Boot Camp brings a non-competitive, fat-burning group workout to the Fishers area. With each training session lasting just 30 minutes, calories continue to burn up to 31 hours after the workout is done due to the blended training exercises.

The new Fit Body Boot

Camp is owned and operated by local entrepreneur Betsy Kwiatkowski. Kwiatkowski is a former college athlete with a dental background and a family of five. The local mom always had a passion for fitness but wanted to take it a step further and help her community be healthy.

“When the COVID-19 pandemic hit I really wanted to find a way to change lives and make the world better,” Kwiatkowski said. “I believe the best way to accomplish that goal is to help others get healthy and

become the best version of themselves. Fishers Fit Body Boot Camp is more than just a workout facility, it’s a place community members can call home.”

Fishers Fit Body Boot Camp is holding a founding members promotion for those who sign up prior to Jan. 8. For more information, email fishersfbbc@gmail.com.

Fit Body Boot Camp’s specialized Afterburn workouts use a combination of High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) and Active Rest Training to help

the body burn up to twice the fat and calories that traditional workouts burn in only half the time – and keep it burning for up to 31 hours after each workout. Fit Body Boot Camp workouts are designed for both women and men and aim to support the client’s success with one-on-one accountability with personal trainers, nutrition coaching, smart goal setting and workout adjustments.

Fishers Fit Body Boot Camp will have classes scheduled in the mornings and evenings to accommo-

date all schedules. The trainers use low-risk exercises and minimal equipment to emphasize the power and capabilities of the human body. Fit Body Boot Camp not only aims to minimize fat, but the overarching goal is to increase confidence and perception of self-worth for people working out at the gym. A focus of every location is to create a community of hard workers who are dedicated to wellness and supportive of each other and themselves.

As the pioneer of indoor group training concepts,

Fit Body Boot Camp was founded in 2009 by personal trainer and fitness industry icon/social influencer/author/podcaster **Bedros Keuilian**. His vision was to provide mainstream access to best-in-class professional guidance from trainers, at a fraction of the cost of expensive one-on-one personal training. With convenience in high demand in a fast-paced world, the brand’s 30-minute, high intensity workout also appeals to those looking to get a good burn in a short period of time.

Avoid scams by doing careful research before donating to charities

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is advising Hoosiers to do careful research before donating to charities to avoid being scammed or having their contributions used in ways they might disapprove.

As the calendar changes from 2021 to 2022, many charities are soliciting donations in efforts to finish the year on strong financial footing and build a solid founda-

tion for the months ahead. Scam artists are aware of this, and they often pose as charities to trick prospective donors into misdirecting their gifts.

“There is something distinctly repulsive about fraudsters who scheme to take advantage of Hoosiers’ good-hearted generosity,” Rokita said. “Everyone should endeavor to help less fortunate neighbors and give to worthy causes. As we

do that, though, we should take steps to ensure we’re not padding swindlers’ pockets rather than truly helping the needy.”

The Indiana Attorney General’s Office works to track down, investigate and bring to justice the criminals who perpetrate illegal scams, and the office works



Rokita

just as hard to help Hoosiers avoid becoming victims in the first place.

To that end, Rokita offers the following tips:

- **Research any charity to which you are considering donating.** The FTC suggests searching online using the charity name plus words like “complaint,” “review,” or “scam.” Don’t be fooled by names that sound like well-known charities. Be sure to ask how much of your donation will go directly to the program you want to help – and do your own research to confirm. Beware of charities that pop up after recent disasters.

- **Make sure you are dealing with the real charitable organization.** Be leery of year-end appeals from unknown or unfamiliar organizations you receive by phone, mail, email, and/or social media. If reached by phone, do not agree to donate

money without further research into the organization. Don’t assume solicitations on social media or crowdfunding sites are legitimate – or that hyperlinks are accurate – even in posts shared or liked by your friends. Contact your friends offline and request information about links they share. It is generally safer to donate as part of a longstanding familiar relationship with a charitable cause than to respond to out-of-the-blue solicitations. When donating online, use a browser to navigate to a reputable charity’s verified website – and donate there rather than through a third party or “middleman” collectors, who often skim off a sizeable portion of donations even if they are legitimate. Legitimate, secure donation websites should begin with “https” (or feature a lock icon) rather than just “http.”

- **Take your time and don’t overshare.** Do not share personal information or financial information in response to unsolicited

emails, texts or phone calls. Never feel rushed to donate. Be skeptical of solicitors who try to play on your emotions through heart-rending stories or images. Remember that legitimate charities do not use pressure tactics.

- **Always donate by credit card rather than cash or other methods,** to ensure you can access the protections available through your credit card company. Make sure you haven’t signed up for a recurring donation if you didn’t want one.

Look up a charity’s report and ratings on these websites:

- [CharityNavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org)
- [CharityWatch.org](https://www.charitywatch.org)
- [Give.org](https://www.give.org)
- [Guidestar.org](https://www.guidestar.org)

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Prevail’s 35th anniversary Winter Appeal underway

Submitted by
Natasha Robinson
Prevail, Inc.

Prevail, Inc. has announced that the 35th anniversary Winter Appeal is out. We are honored by the amount of community support this appeal receives each year and are extremely grateful to each and every one of YOU.

We are all living through trauma, each year more than ever before, and that is something Prevail works to change every day, either through our Victim Service programs

(individual appointments, support groups, crisis response, education through the schools) or through Primary Prevention (safe dates programs, Prevail’s 100 Men, Developmental Assets, Community Reads, etc.). We are here to build a stronger, healthier, safer community with YOUR help.

This year, although challenging, was still a massive year to make a difference in the lives all around us. Prevail will continue to support our community with FREE services that are meant to strengthen, empower, and provide hope to your loved ones, friends, and neighbors for the next 35 years and beyond. Please visit Prevail-Inc.org and support Prevail and continue to make all this possible.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity

in making great things continue to happen for victims in your community.

Thank you for sharing this information and helping Prevail continue to meet the needs that are growing and evolving all around us.

Thank you for the time you are giving others by reading and sharing our highlights.

About Prevail, Inc.

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Meeting Notice

The Jackson Township Advisory Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at the Trustee’s Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia. This will be the annual organizational meeting, including discussion of general township business.

RJ LOGAN
COMMERCIAL & AGRICULTURAL LENDER

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New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

1. Brides of Maracoor – Gregory Maguire
2. Bright Burning Things – Lisa Harding
3. Christmas House – Elizabeth Bromke
4. Devils Sea – Dirk Cussler
5. Family Across the Street – Nicole Troupe
6. Imperfect Women – Araminta Hall
7. Jingle Bell Jam – Pamela Kelley
8. Nameless One – John Connolly
9. Plymouth Undercover

– Pamela Kelley

Non-Fiction

1. All About Me: My Remarkable Life – Mel Brooks
2. Brothers & Wives – Christopher Andersen
3. Getting Good at Being You – Lauren Alaina
4. Jesus I Know – Kathie Lee Gifford
5. Life From Scratch – Vanessa Lachey

Children's

1. Bedtime Book – Todd Parr
2. Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives – Dav Pilkey
3. Cookies for Breakfast – David Ezra Stein
4. Dad Bakes – Katie Yamasaki
5. Dancing With Daddy – Antria Schulte

6. Fluffy McWhiskers Cuteness Explosion – Stephen Martin
7. Longer the Wait, The Bigger the Hug – Eoin McLaughlin
8. Only Ants for Andy – Jashar Awan
9. Spring Stinks – Ryan T. Higgins
10. Stuntboy in the Meantime – Jason Reynolds
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3. Venom: Let There Be

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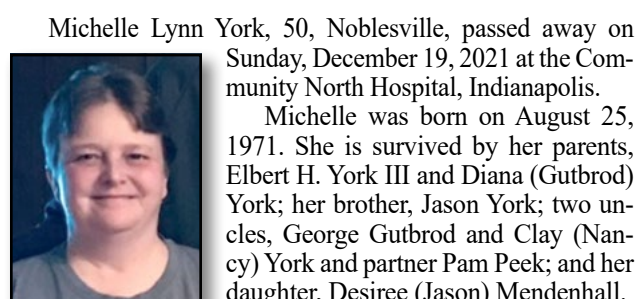
TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)

Michelle Lynn York

August 25, 1971 – December 19, 2021



Michelle Lynn York, 50, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at the Community North Hospital, Indianapolis.

Michelle was born on August 25, 1971. She is survived by her parents, Elbert H. York III and Diana (Gutbrod) York; her brother, Jason York; two uncles, George Gutbrod and Clay (Nancy) York and partner Pam Peek; and her daughter, Desiree (Jason) Mendenhall.

Michelle worked as an inspector for Owens-Brockway Glass Company, Lapel. Michelle grew up loving country music. Her favorite artist was Dolly Parton. She was a huge animal lover and never met a stray cat or dog she didn't love. Having no children of her own she showered her love on her nephews Mikel, Trenton, and Mason York and niece Emma York. She loved to play video games, watching movies, making snow cones and late night trips to the store with grandkids Brayden, Ciara and Emma Mendenhall.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home 105 W. Third St., Peru, Ind. Funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will take place at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Logansport.

Memorials may be sent to the Scratching Post, 600 Chili Ave., Peru, IN 46970.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [FlowersLeedy.com](https://www.flowersleedy.com).

New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Dec. 20:

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6. Sailor proof, by Annabeth Albert
7. Civilizations, by Laurent Binet
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9. Assembly, by Natasha Brown
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and emptiness, by Ruth Ozeki

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2. Don't give the enemy a seat at your table: it's time to win the battle of your mind, by Louie Giglio
3. American happiness and discontents: the unruly torrent, 2008-2020, by George F. Will
4. Power and liberty: constitutionalism in the American revolution, by Gordon S. Wood
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6. The master: the long run and beautiful game of

Roger Federer, by Christopher, Clarey

7. Over it: how to face life's hurdles with grit, hustle, and grace, by Lolo Jones
8. Aftershocks: pandemic politics and the end of the old international order, by Colin Kahl
9. The raging 2020s: companies, countries, people – and the fight for our future, by Alec Ross
10. The secret history of food: strange but true stories about the origins of everything we eat, by Matt Siegel

New DVDs

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2. DC's legends of tomorrow. The complete sixth season
3. Caveat
4. The night house
5. Zola
6. Kung fu. The com-

plete first season

7. The east
8. The ride
9. The eyes of Tammy Faye
10. Four good days

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6. Into the mystery by Needtobreathe
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Boys basketball

Golden Eagles win at Lebanon

Guerin Catholic has been from one tough basketball gym to another this week, but the result both times was a win for the Golden Eagles.

Less than 48 hours after a big Tuesday win at Lapel, Guerin traveled west to Lebanon for a Thursday game at the Tigers' Rosenstihl Gymnasium. The Golden Eagles fought their way to a 61-52 victory, giving them back-to-back wins this week.

"I think that our guys are slowly coming together as a group, playing the way we want them to play, making better decisions, especially down the stretch when we have a lead and we're commanding the ball," said GC coach Bobby Allen.

Guerin Catholic outscored Lebanon in each of the four quarters. The Golden Eagles led 13-10 after one quarter, with Lucas Parker scoring five of those points. The second period was slightly more up-tempo, and Guerin Catholic was in front 29-25 at halftime. Will Grissom had nine points during that quarter, including two 3-pointers.

"I think Will Grissom is playing high-level basketball right now," said Allen. "He was 9 of 12 from the field tonight. He was 7 of 10 the other night, playing very, very efficiently for us."

Kamea Chandler also helped during the second period, with five points. Allen noted that balance is a key, especially with Grissom getting so much attention.

"When the other teams are focusing on him, we got other guys making shots right now," said Allen. "Lucas Parker hit three 3s tonight. Robert Sorensen's knocking down shots. Josh Holba made his second start of the season tonight inside for us. The great thing about it is, we won a couple games here and we still have a lot of room for improvement, which we're excited about going into Christmas Break."

Parker made one 3-pointer each in the first, third and fourth periods. Meanwhile, Grissom added another four points in the third quarter.

The Golden Eagles led 40-34 going into what would be a high-scoring fourth quarter, as GC put in 21 points to Lebanon's 18. Grissom added another nine



Guerin Catholic's Will Grissom scored 26 points for the Golden Eagles Thursday during their 61-52 win at Lebanon. Grissom's total included a big three-point play in the fourth quarter.

points, including a 5-of-6 effort from the free-throw line. He also made a big three-point play late in the quarter. Parker also added another five points during the period.

"Very physical game. We knew that coming in here," said Allen. The Golden Eagles will return to Lebanon in March, as the Tigers will host Class 3A Sectional 27.

"It's a tough place to play," said Allen. "Their coach does a great job getting them set up. But our guys were focused today. I'm pretty happy about our effort, especially with an afternoon game today."

And while the two teams could see each other again in the sectional, Allen said his team approached Thursday's contest as a normal game.

"We're still trying to figure ourselves out a little bit as a group," said Allen.

"We have a lot of good pieces right now. We don't even have the pieces in the right spot yet, but we're getting closer and closer, which is exciting for us."

Grissom finished with 26 points, while Parker scored 13, making all three of his 3-point attempts. Holba had six rebounds and four assists, while Jack Cherry dished out four assists as well.

Guerin Catholic is 5-3 for the season. The Golden Eagles will be off for a few days, then play in the Phil Cox Memorial Tournament next week at Kokomo. Guerin plays in the Wednesday opener, a 10 a.m. tip-off against Warren Central.

Other first-round games at the tournament are South Bend Adams vs. Brownsburg at noon, Valparaiso vs. South Bend Riley at 6 p.m. and University vs. Kokomo at 8 p.m. The teams return to Kokomo on Thursday, Dec. 30 to determine the champion.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 61, LEBANON 52

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	2-6	0-2	4	2
Robert Sorensen	3-5	3-5	9	0
Will Grissom	9-12	6-7	26	3
Josh Holba	1-4	0-0	2	2
Lucas Parker	5-7	0-0	13	3
Matthew Etchison	0-2	2-2	2	1
Kamea Chandler	2-2	0-0	5	2
Patrick Baird	0-1	0-0	0	1
Ty Sanders	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ryan Zimmerman	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	22-39	11-16	61	15

Score by Quarters

Guerin Catholic	13	16	11	21	61
Lebanon	10	15	9	18	52

Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (6-11)

Parker 3-3, Grissom 2-3, Chandler 1-1, Cherry 0-1, Sorensen 0-1, Baird 0-1, Etchison 0-1.

Guerin Catholic rebounds (19) Holba 6, Grissom 4, Parker 4, Etchison 2, Cherry 1, Baird 1, team 1.

Girls basketball

Huskies sail past Blackford, win streak now eight

After a winning day in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, Hamilton Heights made a slightly shorter trip Thursday to Hartford City to play Blackford.

The result of the trip was the same: Another Huskies win. Class 3A No. 6 Heights overwhelmed the Bruins 58-31 to grab its eighth consecutive victory.

"Coming in we knew Blackford was going to compete and play hard," said Huskies coach Keegan Cherry. The coach noted that the Bruins had only lost two games coming into Thursday night. Blackford is now 7-3 for the season.

"They have two really nice players in (Olivia) Leas and (Liv) Walters," said Cherry. "They can be really hard to guard when they get going."

But the Huskies' defense took care

of business, never allowing Blackford to score more than nine points during the quarter. Heights led 12-7 after the first quarter and 24-15 at halftime. Mia Shields had an exceptional first half, scoring 13 points, including three 3-pointers.

"In the first half, Mia Shields made some timely baskets they answered and stopped any run Blackford tried to make," said Cherry.

In the second half, the Huskies' offense got going even more. Heights poured in 19 points during the third quarter to take a 43-22 lead. Camryn Runner as outstanding with 12 points, throwing in a pair of 3s. Runner then took care of business from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter, making

all six of her foul shots.

"We challenged Camryn at halftime and she responded," said Cherry. "She was really good and set the tone early in the third quarter."

Runner finished with 27 points, while Shields scored 20 and totaled four 3s. Kaylee Rhoton made a pair of triples for six points, and MyKayla Moran added five points.

"Our team is really unselfish," said Cherry. "It's all about winning." The coach mentioned what could be a mission statement for each player: Be great in their roles and be ready when they have an opportunity.

"That's us. And we did that tonight," said Cherry.

The Huskies are 12-3 and are off

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 58, BLACKFORD 31

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	0	0-1	0	3
Mia Shields	7	2-2	20	1
Camryn Runner	9	7-10	27	2
Kaylee Rhoton	2	0-0	6	2
MyKayla Moran	2	1-1	5	0
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	4
Kennedy Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Morgan Ottinger	0	0-0	0	0
Katie Brown	0	0-1	0	0
Totals	20	10-15	58	12

Score by Quarters

Heights	12	12	19	15	58
Blackford	7	8	7	9	31

Heights 3-point shooting (8) Shields 4, Runner 2, Rhoton 2.

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Hamilton County Reporter Girls Soccer Player of the Year

Emily Roper, Carmel

The Hamilton County Reporter has named Carmel senior Emily Roper as its Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

Roper led the Greyhounds in both goals scored (19) and assists (nine) during their 18-3-2 season, helping Carmel make a run to the Class 3A state championship game. Roper will play soccer for Ball State University next fall.



Hamilton County Reporter All-County Girls Soccer Team 2021

Name	School	Year			
Hailey Abel	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Caroline Kelley	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Lauren Adam	Noblesville	Junior	Katie Koger	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Emma Alexander	Sheridan	Sophomore	Jayla Logan	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Lucia Bair	Carmel	Senior	Alli MacBeth	Fishers	Senior
Sami Bird	Fishers	Senior	Kate Malin	Westfield	Freshman
Audrey Blocksom	University	Senior	Makenna Maloy	Noblesville	Senior
Lindsey Blocksom	University	Sophomore	Marit McLaughlin	Noblesville	Freshman
Saliyah Brady	Carmel	Senior	Makenna Nickens	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Ava Bramblett	Noblesville	Junior	Anna Pettit	Fishers	Junior
Bailey Capella	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Lauren Rainbolt	Carmel	Senior
Brooke Cimini	Westfield	Senior	Nona Reason	Noblesville	Senior
Tatum Coleman	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior	Aubrey Robertson	Fishers	Senior
Jaclyn Copeland	University	Junior	Emily Roper	Carmel	Senior
Bethany Ducat	Carmel	Junior	Sophie Shepherd	Carmel	Junior
Lauren Ellinger	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Kiana Siefert	Noblesville	Senior
Aubree Empie	Carmel	Junior	Chaney Smith	Sheridan	Junior
Sydney Epstein	University	Senior	Olivia Smith	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Cassidy Felger	Hamilton Heights	Junior	Tamara Smith	Carmel	Senior
Alyssa Ferry	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Amiah Sprunger	Westfield	Senior
Kyndall Ferguson	Hamilton Heights	Senior	Josie Taylor	Noblesville	Senior
Isabella Griffey	Noblesville	Senior	Cecilia Timme	Sheridan	Freshman
Emma Hall	Hamilton Heights	Senior	Keri Townsend	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Ella Hickok	Hamilton Heights	Sophomore	Talia Whitesel	Westfield	Sophomore
Emersen Jennings	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Berkley Williams	Sheridan	Senior
			Ella Wolf	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior

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New Orleans 110, Orlando 104			Charlotte 115, Denver 107	Brooklyn at Portland, postponed
Atlanta 98, Philadelphia 96			Phoenix 113, Oklahoma City 101	
Miami 115, Detroit 112			Utah 128, Minnesota 116	

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	21	9	.700	-
Philadelphia	16	16	.500	6.0
Boston	16	16	.500	6.0
Toronto	14	15	.483	6.5
New York	14	18	.438	8.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	19	10	.655	-
Milwaukee	21	13	.618	0.5
Cleveland	19	13	.594	1.5
Indiana	14	19	.424	7.0
Detroit	5	26	.161	15.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	20	13	.606	-
Washington	17	15	.531	2.5
Charlotte	17	17	.500	3.5
Atlanta	15	16	.484	4.0
Orlando	7	26	.212	13.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	22	9	.710	-
Denver	15	16	.484	7.0
Minnesota	15	17	.469	7.5
Portland	13	19	.406	9.5
Oklahoma City	11	20	.355	11.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	26	5	.839	-
Golden State	26	6	.813	0.5
L.A. Clippers	17	15	.531	9.5
L.A. Lakers	16	17	.485	11.0
Sacramento	13	20	.394	14.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	19	14	.576	-
Dallas	15	16	.484	3.0
San Antonio	13	18	.419	5.0
New Orleans	12	21	.364	7.0
Houston	10	23	.303	9.0

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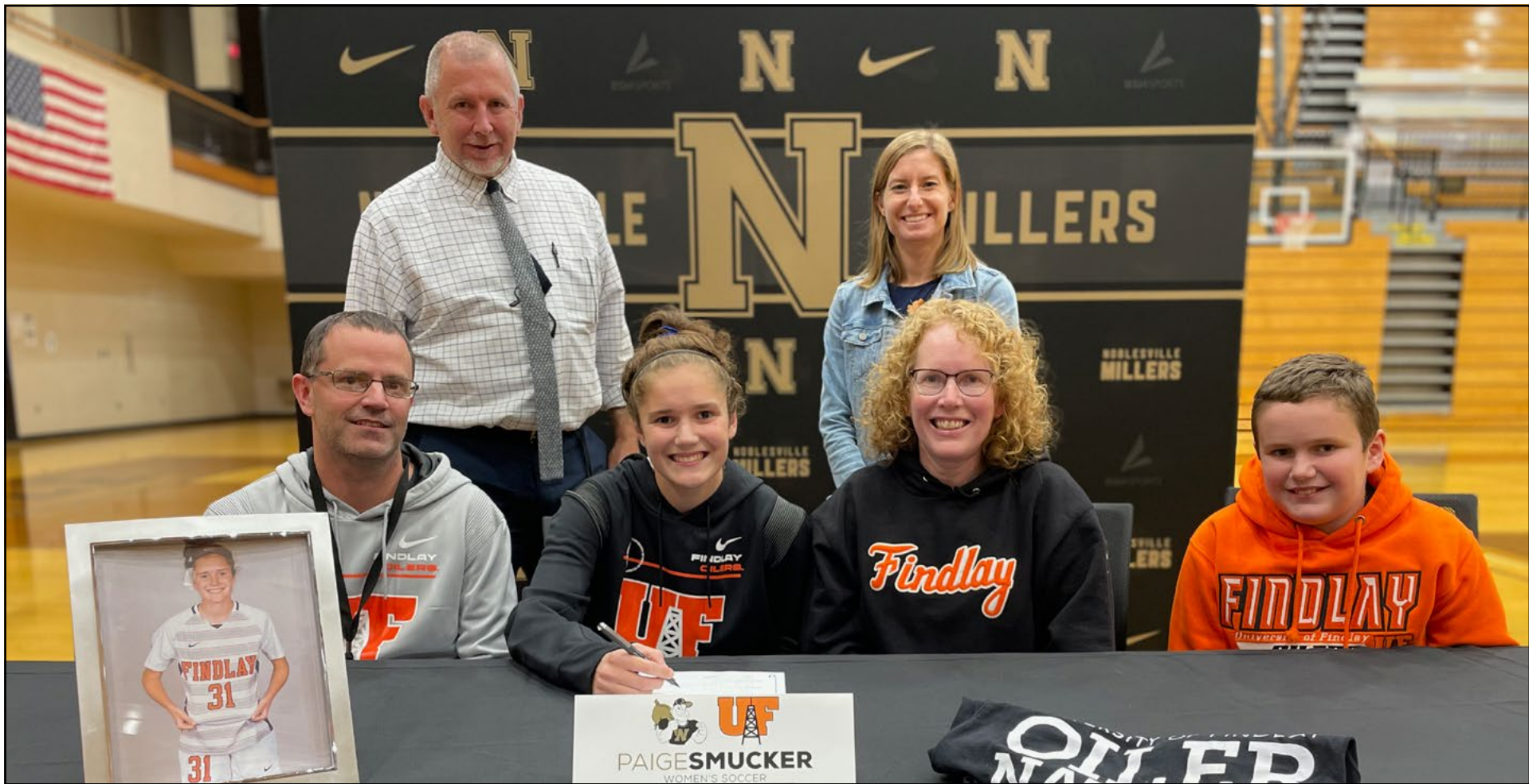


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Paige Smucker has committed to play soccer at the University of Findlay. Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Jeffrey Smucker (Father), Paige Smucker, Laurie Smucker (Mother), Andrew Smucker (Brother). Back Row (Left to Right): Noblesville Girls Soccer Head Coach Mike Brady, Noblesville Girls Soccer Assistant Coach Kristin Hetzel.

Short-handed Pacers beat Houston

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Playing without their two leading scorers, the Pacers needed other players to step into larger roles on Thursday night. Myles Turner and Caris LeVert did just that, helping lift Indiana (14-19) to a 118-106 win over the Houston Rockets (10-23) at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

In his pregame press conference, Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle announced that Indiana would be without All-Star big man Domantas Sabonis (sore right calf) and starting point guard Malcolm Brogdon (sore right Achilles). That meant increased importance for Turner, who became the Pacers' lone big man, and LeVert, who slid over from shooting guard to point guard.

Both players embraced the opportunity. Turner dominated on the block, scoring 32 points on 14-of-18 shooting while also pulling down 10 rebounds and blocking two shots.

"I knew I was going to get my opportunities down there," Turner said. "I just wanted to exploit those mismatches. My team did a good job of feeding me down there and trusting me to go to work."

LeVert, meanwhile, was superb running the offense, tallying 24 points, eight

rebounds, 11 assists, and three steals in the victory.

"He's a stone-cold attacker, man," Carlisle said. "He knows how to win and if you put the ball in his hands the way we did tonight, he makes really, really good plays. I congratulated him tonight after the game."

The Pacers jumped out to an early 8-2 lead and maintained some advantage for most of the opening quarter. LeVert acquitted himself well as a playmaker early, dishing out six assists over the first six-plus minutes, including three connections with Turner for easy buckets in the post.

Three straight threes from Torrey Craig, Turner, and Craig again gave the hosts a 25-18 lead with four minutes remaining in the first quarter. Indiana took a 36-28 lead into the second quarter.

The Blue & Gold led by as many as 11 points in the ensuing frame, but the Rockets rallied, trimming the deficit to 51-47 following rookie guard Jalen Green's fourth 3-pointer of the night with 4:17 remaining in the first half. Two free throws by Christian Wood at 1:57 made it a one-possession game, but LeVert hit two 3-pointers in the final 75 seconds to help push the lead back to 63-58 entering halftime.

After a 17-point first half, Turner con-

tinued to carry the offense in the third quarter, scoring nine of Indiana's first 14 points in the frame. But LeVert headed to the bench after picking up his fourth foul just three minutes into the second half and the Rockets mounted a charge.

Green and Eric Gordon combined for 15 of Houston's first 20 points and Gordon's bucket with 6:32 left in the quarter gave the visitors a 78-77 lead, the Rockets' first lead since the first quarter. There were seven lead changes over the remainder of the quarter.

Armoni Brooks' 3-pointer with 1:49 put Houston in front 90-89, the start of a 7-0 Rockets run. LeVert's layup with 23 seconds left trimmed the Pacers' deficit to 94-91 entering the fourth quarter.

Pacers assistant coach Lloyd Pierce made the call to move into a zone defense in the final frame and the Blue & Gold executed the plan well, putting together an impressive run to surge back in front.

Indiana moved back in front early in the fourth quarter on LeVert's runner with 9:47 remaining. That was the second basket in what proved to be eight straight Pacers points.

A short while later, LeVert found Jeremy Lamb for a three that pushed the Pacers' lead to 104-97. A pair of emphatic blocks by Turner helped preserve the lead,

then the big fellow converted a stepback jumper in the lane at 6:42 to reach the 30-point mark. Turner then converted a layup on the next possession to push the lead to 11 and cap a 15-1 Indiana run.

"I think it caught them by surprise," LeVert said of the switch to zone. "We haven't played zone in a couple weeks so I don't know if they even scouted against it."

The Pacers managed to hold Houston at bay the rest of the way, picking up a much-needed win heading into the holiday break.

Chris Duarte finished with 18 points and four assists in the win for Indiana, while Lamb chipped in 16 points, five boards, and five assists off the bench.

Wood had a team-high 22 points for Houston, going 3-for-6 from 3-point range and 9-for-11 from the free throw line. Green added 20 points on 6-of-9 3-point shooting, while Gordon finished with 15 points and five assists for Houston.

The Pacers will have the next two days off before returning to action on Sunday night in Chicago. They then return to Indianapolis to close out 2021 with a two-game homestand against the Hornets and Bulls.

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