

FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 2021

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy.
Wind gusting to 20 mph.
Tonight: Spotty evening
showers. Rainy after midnight.

HIGH: 57 LOW: 43



New Year, new owners

Jellison passes the Hometown Newspaper torch

The REPORTER

On Dec. 31, 2016, Stu Clampitt and Isaac Taylor met with Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison to discuss an opportunity to work with Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper. They started the next day.

Exactly five years after that first meeting over Big Macs in Westfield, Clampitt and Taylor, along with attorney Ray Adler and broadcast legend Paul Poteet have purchased The Reporter, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

When the time came to sell The Reporter so he could focus on his calling – public service – Jellison only made one phone call because he wanted to be certain the newspaper he and his father Don had built would continue to live up to the standards they had established.

"We plan to continue growing what Don and Jeff Jellison built in this news organization: A newspaper made by people who care about everyone who appears in its pages," Taylor said. "Their mission to cover as much of Hamilton County as possible will live on in the coming years."



Reporter photo by Seth R. Wilson, Adler Attorneys
(From left) The Reporter's new owners include page designer Isaac Taylor, Publisher Stu Clampitt, Hoosier Weather Daddy Paul Poteet and Noblesville attorney Ray Adler.

That is a standard all the new owners have vowed to maintain and exceed.

"Stu and I have had the pleasure of working with The Reporter for exactly five years," Taylor said. "Now, I'm thrilled to own a piece of it. I, along with the other owners of The Reporter, believe in the value of local newspapers. You should, too."

"Right now, national media has a bad rep, and to a large extent they have earned that,"

Clampitt said. "Local news is the last bastion of what newspapers were meant to be: The fourth estate."

Poteet says he will help ensure The Reporter stays hyper-local, giving readers what no one else offers.

"We don't have to answer to a big national media conglomerate," Poteet said. "We make our own decisions for what's best for covering Hamilton County news. Everyone who invested in

this newspaper has a very big interest in what actually appears in the newspaper and doesn't want outside control."

When finalizing the details of this deal, Clampitt said, "Local news is the one thing you don't have to consume in moderation."

"Exactly!" Poteet said. "The more local the better. On television, every station looks alike

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Try baby steps to succeed with your resolution

Do you want to truly succeed with your New Year's resolution to get healthy? Instead of setting unrealistic expectations for 2022, try gradually moving towards this goal by taking one baby step each month. Here's what has worked for me:

January: Ditch the soda. This one thing alone will help you lose weight quickly for a great start.

February: Reduce your sugar. I don't just mean with desserts and candy. I also mean reducing the sneaky sugar that's hidden in so much of our food. Check those labels!

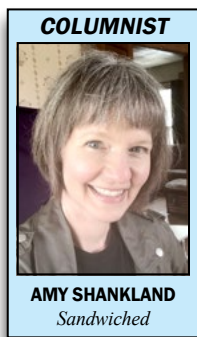
March: Get moving. This doesn't require that you go to the gym at 5 a.m. every day. Start walking over your lunch hour. Park further away from stores and your workplace. Take frequent standing breaks from your desk. Make sure you're moving for a total of at least two hours each day.

April: Reduce your processed foods. Stop visiting the drive-thru, pack your lunch, and shop more along the perimeter of the grocery store.

May: Reduce your portion sizes. Our portions have gotten way out of hand in recent decades. Start using salad plates more often and you'll be amazed at how much less you eat. Take your time and don't eat until you're stuffed, just fairly full.

June: Increase your fruits and veggies. You've heard this one enough I'm sure! And it's easy to do with farmers markets offering delicious choices in the summer time.

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Readers pick top stories of 2021

Top 10 stories as chosen by the people who matter ... you!

The REPORTER

Observing the tradition of hometown newspapers across the country and across the decades, the Reporter looks back at the top stories from 2021 as we close out the year. This time, we let our readers decide which stories mattered the most. The following list was compiled from our website, ReadTheReporter.com.

In the spirit of Hoosier native David Letterman, we are counting down our Top 10 list from No. 10 to No. 1.

- 10 -

The 10th most-read item in our pages this year comes from Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams. Every week during the school year we publish a column written by one of her students, and Keaton Lambert's column, "There is no such thing as an assault rifle," gained enough readership to make the list.

Lambert's column begins, "There is no such thing as an assault rifle. Even though it is a commonly used term, it is incorrect both literally and grammatically."

You can read the entire piece online at [this link](#).

- 9 -

Coming in at No. 9 is another opinion piece, this time in the form of a letter to the editor from Mike Pflum in Waverly, Ind. His letter explores his disappointment in our current U.S. president in no uncertain terms and is available at [this link](#).

You can submit your own letter to the editor by filling out the "Contact The Reporter" form at ReadTheReporter.com or by

emailing us directly at News@ReadTheReporter.com. Be sure to include your city of residence and your phone number. We will never publish your contact information, but it is our policy to confirm the authorship of anything submitted electronically.

- 8 -

At No. 8, we have an article about three accidental Hamilton County deaths in one weekend. While we do not follow the national news media principle of "if it bleeds, it leads," we do take seriously our responsibility to bring you accurate news, even when it's bad. You can read this unfortunate article at [this link](#).

- 7 -

To balance out the bad news, at No. 7 we have some good news with "balance" right in the headline. "Aspiring Fishers MasterChef balances it all" was our first feature about Kelsey Murphy's appearance on 11th season of *MasterChef Legends* on FOX. Her appearance on the show was a source of great pride for Hamilton County, and Murphy went on to make national news by winning the top spot at the end of the season.

You can read our first article on Kelsey at [this link](#) and you can read her thoughts after winning the grand prize at [this one](#).

- 6 -

At No. 6, we have the announcement about the courthouse square being removed from the new Noblesville city logo. This little article gained a great deal of traction, especially on social media. To read all about it and to see the new logo side-by-side with the old one, click [this link](#).

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Photo courtesy Fox Broadcasting Company
Kelsey Murphy of Fishers was named the winner of this season of MasterChef Legends.



Looking back at 2021

Each year I have written for The Reporter, I have listed what I believe were the top news stories of the past year. Hamilton County was fortunate in many ways during 2021: no tornadoes, no floods or blizzards; serious crime was at a minimum; and prosperity continued for the local population.

1.

The top news story was, however, the continuing battle with the coronavirus. Early in the year life-saving vaccines became available. By year's end the vast majority of eligible citizens had received their shots. But, then a new variant appeared on the scene. Fortunately, most vaccinated folks will be safe from the latest outbreak, experts say. Nevertheless, the COVID pandemic has remained on the minds of most throughout the year.

2.

The year 2021 was not an election year, but politics and government still made big news. The county's new congresswoman, Victoria Spartz took office in January. The state legislature created a new Superior Court for Hamilton County, and two candidates quickly expressed interest in running for its judge. County political parties reorganized and, for the first time, both major parties elected female leadership. And Steve Nation and Sue Maki took seats on the county council, creating a more progressive majority.

3.

Hamilton County, including its eight cities and towns, received \$120 million in COVID relief funds from the federal government. This huge financial windfall resulted in some officials saying privately they were not sure what to do with all the money, and



even questioned whether it was necessary in a prosperous county that has not suffered nearly the financial losses experienced elsewhere. But the funds will be pumped into the local economy over the next two years, mostly in local government projects, small business grants and assistance to community non-profit charities.

4.

The official 2020 U.S. Census was released in mid-year 2021 showing Hamilton County with a population of 347,600. The county is now the fourth largest in Indiana after Marion, Lake and Allen. The 72 percent increase in 10 years also showed the county to be the fastest growing by far in the state and one of the most rapidly growing in the nation.

5.

Growth and development continued unabated during 2021 not only in new residential subdivisions, but in business development in downtown Noblesville, Carmel and Fishers. All the new construction resulted in a soaring tax base which will help hold down property taxes in most areas.

6.

County high schools' sports teams continued to be among the most impressive in the state. Carmel won its fifth state championship in basketball and 35th consecutive title in girls swimming. Noblesville won a state championship in girls' soccer. And, Westfield went to the state championship game in football for the second year in a row.

7.

For the first time in history, a drug dealer was sentenced to prison for providing drugs to a person who died of

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Old Rolling Stones T-shirt still gives him satisfaction

True, I'm a concert T-shirt fraud.

The shirt I'm referring to advertises the following: The Rolling Stones | 1972 | US Tour.

The British rock and roll band's famous red tongue and lips logo appears on the front.

The faded T-shirt is likely 25 years old. I wear it a lot. I like the world knowing I like The Rolling Stones.

If there is anything bad-assed about me at all, it's that I'm a fan of rock's original radicals, long-known for their long hair, subversive historicisms, anarchistic antics and drum beat devilry, even though I'm the polar opposite of Mick and the boys – for starters, I was bald at 24 (the root cause for all my subsequent anger issues).

The most rebellious thing I've done lately is use the complementary address labels mailed to me by a charity despite not making a monetary donation in return, never mind Marlo Thomas pleading, in part, "We hope you think of our precious girls and boys when you use them. God bless your good heart."

A few years ago, a stranger, impressed by my T-shirt, approached me, and said, "Oh, wow. I saw that tour. Were you there, man?"

"My god, woman," I thought, "how old do you think I am?"

Her face wrinkles attested to the credibility of her claim. She was clearly old enough to have seen the Stones in 1972. She was the real Rolling Stones deal.

I wear T-shirts with my favorite band names to lure like-minded people my way to create an impromptu bit of rock and roll camaraderie. Still, how dare she mistake me for someone old enough to have seen the Stones in 1972.

I was 8 in '72. Actually, 7. The Stones tour was in the summer. My 8th birthday wasn't until November. To put this in perspective, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards were at the doorstep of 30, and Charlie Watts, at 31, was poised to greet them at the door.

I doubt many 7-year-olds attended a Stones concert back then, especially so close after the infamous, hellish Altamont festival, during which a Hells Angel stabbed someone to death under Mick Jagger's nose

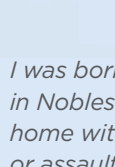


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RESOLUTIONS

from Page 1

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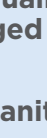

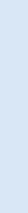
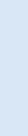
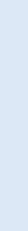
I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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By **REBECCA STEVENS**
Humane Society
for Hamilton County
President & CEO

Thanks to the generosity of a very special donor, your final donation of 2021 to the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) **will be matched dollar for dollar** up to \$10,000 through the rest of today.

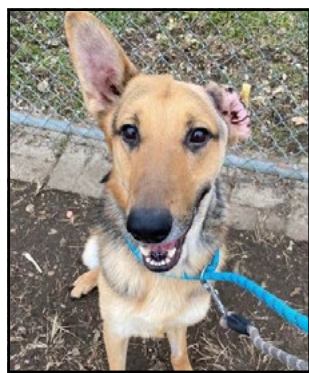
Donate before 11:59 p.m. tonight to DOUBLE your life-saving impact on Hamilton County and Hoosier animals. Yesterday, four animals were transferred to HSHC from Indianapolis Animal Control Services (IACS). Yesterday, Jester was scheduled for euthanasia due to his medical condition and the lack of space at IACS, but donations to HSHC's Survivor Program this year made it possible to give him a second chance.

In fact, HSHC set a record this year saving over 1,000 animals at risk for euthanasia in other Indiana shelters. That's right – over 1,000 Hoosier animals from outside Hamilton County in addition to 3,100 Hamilton County animals.

HSHC relies 100 percent on donations to its **Survivor Program** to fund all live-saving medical care and the cost of saving animals from outside Hamilton County like Henry, Jasper, Sharona, and Towser.

Henry

Henry's ear had to be removed due to unknown trauma. He's currently experiencing bilateral ear infec-



Henry



Jester



Sharona



Towser

tions and may require additional surgery.

Jester

At just one year old, Jester has been diagnosed with heart disease and a significant heart murmur requiring life-long medication. He was scheduled for euthanasia this week if not rescued by another organization.

Sharona

Sharona is very depressed after being surrendered by her owner. She's considered "rescue only" due to an ulcer on her upper lip that needs to be surgically removed.

Towser

Extremely frightened, Towser is a senior Beagle mix found with significant

lacerations on his face. He may have vision impairment.

* * *

HSHC's **Survivor Program** fund is tapped out, so time is of the essence. With dozens of daily pleas for help awaiting a response, every dollar counts. And until tonight at midnight, it counts twice.

That's why I hope you'll consider **helping HSHC replenish its Survivor Program** fund with a tax-deductible donation today.

On behalf of the HSHC team and the animals served, I sincerely thank you for supporting us. May the New Year fill your cup with good health, peace, and the unconditional love of a pet.

NEW

and many of them don't offer much useful stuff about where our readers live."

Adler sees his involvement in The Reporter as a one more way to serve his community.

"I would like to express my appreciation for another opportunity to serve my fellow residents of Hamilton County," Adler said. "I have been a resident of Hamilton County since 1976 and have had the distinct honor of witnessing our county's incredible growth and prosperity through the last 45 years. Hamilton County's success is attributable to the countless friends and neighbors who call it their home. As a new member of the Hamilton County Reporter family, I aspire to ensure that our community continues to be served with an accurate and relevant source of local news."

Taylor, who started working in print media when he was in college and never looked back, is proud to finally call The Reporter his own.

"This newspaper offers not only widespread news reporting and fantastic high school sports coverage from Sports Editor and Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Richie Hall, but we are blessed with some of the best columnists in the business," Taylor said. "All you need to do is open the paper and read it for yourself."

Poteet, who lived in Carmel for almost 30 years, will

always have deep ties to the community.

"I raised my family in Hamilton County," Poteet said. "The county is important to me. Hamilton County is such a fast-growing area that it deserves its own first-class newspaper that's not only locally owned, but also expanding as fast as the county."

The Reporter is the fastest-growing news source in the state's fastest-growing county. Thanks for reading!

About the owners

ATTORNEY RAYMOND M. ADLER has been practicing law for over 40 years. He is a veteran of the armed services and has also served as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana. Currently, he is the President and Senior Attorney of Adler Attorneys. He is also President and Founder of seven private corporations, six not-for-profit corporations, and a member of the Board of Directors of 15 corporations. In his free time, he enjoys his work as President of the Hamilton County Election Board, his involvement with Life Church Noblesville, and most importantly spending time with his wife and their children and grandchildren. He has lived in Hamilton County since 1976 and now writes a column, "Ask Adler." You can find him online at NoblesvilleAttorney.com and on Facebook.com/AdlerAttorneys.

STU CLAMPITT start-

ed his media career in small-market radio in 1989. He has worked in print media since, as he puts it, he wandered into a newspaper office in 2006 where he accidentally became an award-winning graphic designer, an occasional writer, a managing editor, a business owner, and now a newspaper publisher. You can find his work online at ReadTheReporter.com and Facebook.com/HamiltonCountyReporter.

HOOSIER WEATHER DADDY PAUL POTEET started his media career in radio in 1979. He has also been on television since 1985. He was a very early adopter of online media. His anchor TV station is now WKRC in Cincinnati, the station that inspired the classic 1970s series *WKRP in Cincinnati*. You can find him online at PaulPoteet.com and at Facebook.com/PaulPoteetDotCom.

ISAAC TAYLOR is a proud native of Fountain County. A Wabash College 'non-graduate' who studied political science and philosophy, he began working in newspapers in 2015. He has covered a few events, taken a few photos, and edited tens of thousands of news stories and columns, but his true love is designing the news pages. By his count, he's put together more than 2,000 individual newspapers. Don't bother looking for him online – you won't find him anywhere other than in the pages of The Reporter.

Letter to the Editor

Columnist Sharon McMahon has well-wishes for Jeff Jellison

Dear Editor:

I recall several years ago in my post-retirement assessment of interests/hobbies/activities, that I contacted the publisher of the new hometown newspaper, the Hamilton County Reporter. Having known the Jellison family over the years, I was both curious and hopeful of this new venture of Jeff's.

Fast forwarding several years, I can say it has been such a pleasure, due to Jeff's encouragement and flexibility, to bring to the Reporter's readers my "Be Well" column focusing on health and fitness, which was a long-time interest of mine and one in which I obtained several certifications to best serve my clients and readers. Because of Jeff's commitment to our Hamilton County communities, he has been able to draw local talent and expertise to share their important experiences and comments with the Reporter's many readers.

According to Wikipedia, from 2005 to 2021 about 2,200 American local print newspapers closed. From 2008 to 2020, the number of American newspaper journalists fell by more than half. I personally

believe that a well-run, professional local newspaper which focuses on local community, business, school, and government issues is the lifeblood of any community.

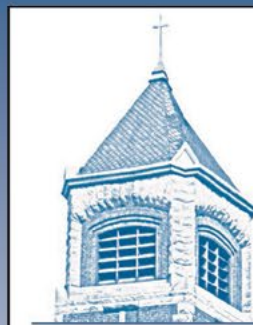
Jeff indicated in his Dec. 27 column that the newspaper venture was a "walk of faith" and I believe that Jeff has demonstrated that faith and commitment to his communities here in Hamilton County in a way that has benefited our county in a very positive and informative manner.

Jeff – so glad that you kept the faith, expanded your Sheridan news into other parts of Hamilton County, and that your kitchen floor prayer with your dog Annie and that box of Ritz crackers turned into an entrepreneurship success which has made such a positive difference to your readers.

Best of luck, Jeff, and many blessings in your commitment to another form of public service and your upcoming campaign. As I am not only a columnist but a loyal reader of the Hamilton County Reporter, I look forward to many years of continued local news coverage under new ownership.

Sharon McMahon
Noblesville

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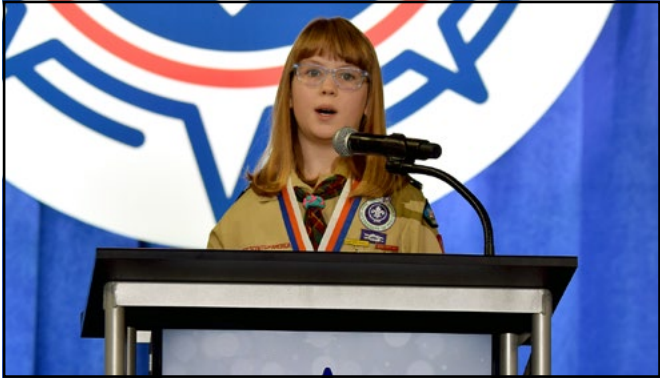
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Governor’s lunch raises \$1.2 million for Scouting



Photos provided by Robert Herrington

Gov. Eric Holcomb hosted the 26th annual Governor’s Luncheon for Scouting on Dec. 16. Themed “A Training Camp for Life,” the luncheon was held on the field of Lucas Oil Stadium. More than 1,500 businesses and civic leaders attended the luncheon, which raised \$1,201,076 to help support Crossroads of America Council and its Scouting programs in Central Indiana. (Top, from left) Emcee Anthony Calhoun of WISH-TV, Crossroads of America Council Board Chairman John Thompson, Crossroads of America Council President & CEO Joseph E. Wilttrout, Gov. Eric Holcomb, Pack 103 Cub Scouts Caroline and Ainsley Herrington, Life Scout and featured speaker Xavier Nitamere, and luncheon co-chairs Deana Haworth of Hiron, and Steve Campbell of the Indianapolis Colts. (Above left) At the luncheon, Gov. Holcomb announced the Crossroads of America Council will produce an air show headlined by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels in October 2023. For more information, please visit crossroadsairshow.com. (Above right) Noblesville fifth-grade student Caroline Herrington, a Webelos Scout with Pack 103 (Cicero), provides the invocation at the 26th annual Governor’s Luncheon for Scouting.

Fishers Parks & Rec offering opportunities for getting together, learning new things

The REPORTER

With the new year starting tomorrow, Fishers Park & Recreation has many programs ready for people to get together and learn new things.

Needle & Thread Society dates set

The **Needle & Thread Society** is returning in the New Year, and dates are set. Mark your calendars now for this free club’s meeting dates at the **Maker Playground**: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8.

The Needle & Thread Society is for any person who practices or is interested in getting started with fiber art. Fiber art is anything that involves a stitch, thread, yarn, or a needle, like embroidery, knitting, crochet, cross-stitch, weaving, needle punch, and beyond. The goal of the Needle & Thread Society is to connect those of all backgrounds and skill levels who enjoy fiber art. Bring your current project along to socialize or share your wealth of knowledge with other makers.

This group is free to join for ages 13 and older. All sessions run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Fishers Maker Playground, 8100 E. 106th St., inside the Hub & Spoke building. Above-listed dates are subject to change at the discre-

tion of the **Fishers Parks** staff.

Be sure to follow the Maker Playground on **Facebook** and **Instagram** for the latest updates on programs, classes, and **membership** at the 15,000 square-foot public makerspace.

Storywalk moving to Heritage Park

The monthly Storywalk will be installed at Heritage Park on Jan. 5. Swing by all month long to follow the book *A Sled for Gabo* by Emma Otheguy page by page along the pathways through the park.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Free yoga returning in 2022

Free Yoga Wednesdays will return in the New Year. Join Fishers Parks and Roots & Wings Yoga Wellness weekly at Billericay Park from 9 to 10 a.m. for a free yoga class. All are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis. No pre-registration is required, but participants must bring their own mat.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Volunteer with Fishers Parks

Get involved and make a difference in your city. Throughout the year, the City of Fishers offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, many of which are with Fishers Parks. **Current opportunities** include Maker Playground and Fishers AgriPark.

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Hamilton County well represented among IU Kokomo nursing graduates

The REPORTER

The Indiana University Kokomo School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions (SNAHP) celebrated the accomplishments of nearly 70 health care professionals during its annual December recognition ceremony.

Faculty and staff honored seven Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) graduates and 61 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students. Locally a total of 13 students from Hamilton County earned their degrees.

The ceremony including celebrating the inaugural cohort in the second degree, accelerated BSN program, which allowed those with a previous undergraduate degree to become a nurse in four semesters.

Dean Susan Hendricks congratulated the class, noting they take their place in the long tradition of people like Florence Nightingale, Clara Barton, and Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, who have provided exceptional nursing care and leadership throughout the profession’s history. She encouraged them to consider what their own legacy will be as they continue their own professional journeys.

“Remember, you are an IU nurse,” Hendricks said. “IU nurses are distinctive.

We lead from where we stand, and we leave behind us a legacy worthy of Hoosier pride recognized around the globe. That is who we are. The competent practice, goodwill, and care you generate as an IU nurse will echo into the future in ways that you cannot predict but will always matter.”

On behalf of the graduates, BSN graduate Zane Smith thanked faculty, staff, family members, and other role models who supported them.

“You listened to our concerns, watched us evolve into nurses, and, most importantly, stood by us as we made sacrifices during this journey to complete our dream,” Smith said. “This did not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for the roles you played in our success.”

MSN students

• **Westfield:** Julie Anne Avellana

BSN graduates each received the IU School of Nursing pin. Carolyn Townsend, associate dean of the pre-licensure track, said each nursing school’s pin is unique, filled with symbolism that reflect professional and university values. IU’s pin has the university seal at the center, with an open book representing knowledge, the phrase ‘Lux et Ver-

itas,’ or ‘light and truth,’ and roman numerals for 1820, the year of IU’s founding. The outer circle is an open ribbon, with the date nursing was first offered at IU.

Second degree accelerated BSN students

• **Noblesville:** Cassidy Ray Reasoner

RN to BSN graduates

• **Noblesville:** Joselyn Liujia van de Venter

Pre-licensure BSN graduates

• **Arcadia:** Brianne Ashley Brindley, Claire Renae Schildmeier

• **Atlanta:** Abigail Paige Tanton

• **Carmel:** Allisen Joycelyn Bishop, Dori Hannah Rees

• **Noblesville:** Olivia G. Schwab, Emily Grace Sims

• **Sheridan:** Brooke Michelle Bishop, Kaylee Virginia Blackledge, Alisa Marie Bowman

Additional speakers included Chancellor Susan Sciame-Giesecke, Mary Bourke, associate dean of graduate programs; Christina Downey, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and student success; Stephanie Pratt, director of the RN to BSN track; and graduate Allison Armstrong.

Noblesville Lions collect, distribute puzzles to seniors



Photo provided
The Noblesville Lions collected jigsaw puzzles and delivered them to several local assisted living centers, nursing homes, and the Senior Citizens Organization for the holidays. Club Treasurer Jeff Kozicki organized the activity for the club. (Above) Kozicki with packages for six locations.

Indiana Arts Commission accepting applications for annual grant programs

The REPORTER

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) and its Regional Arts Partners announced today the opening of applications for two grant programs: Fiscal Year 2023 Arts Project Support and Arts Organization Support.

"Indiana's arts organizations, arts projects, and artists are critical to the vibrancy, connectedness, and economic development of our communities," said Miah Michaelson, IAC Executive Director. "These grant programs make it possible for Hoosiers all over the state to have access to arts opportunities, and our Regional Arts Partners work alongside us to promote and expand participation in the arts in Indiana through their direct services."

Applicants for both programs apply through their respective **Regional Arts Partner**.

About the Arts Project Support Program

Arts Project Support grants provide nonprofit organizations with funding to support a specific arts activity, such as a one-time event, a single production, an exhibition, an educational workshop, or a series of related arts activities such as art classes or training sessions.

The objectives of the Arts Project Support Grant Program are to provide the general public access to quality arts activities, with particular attention to underserved communities, and to support Indiana artists who are a vital part of Indiana's economy and community life.

Projects must occur between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, to be eligible for FY23 Arts Project Support.

Applications for Arts Project Support are due at 4:30 p.m.

on March 9, 2022, through the IAC's **online grant system**. Learn more and access the guidelines at **this link**.

About the Arts Organization Support Program

Arts Organization Support grants provide annual operating support for nonprofit arts organizations' ongoing artistic and administrative functions.

The objectives of the Arts Organization Support Grant Program are to align with the IAC's Public Funding Imperatives and to provide quality arts and cultural activities to the public, with particular attention to underserved communities. IAC defines "underserved" as people lacking access to arts programs, services, or resources due to isolated geographic location, low income, age, race/ethnicity, cultural differences, disability, or other circumstances.

Applications for Arts Organization Support are due at 4:30 p.m. on March 9, 2022, through the IAC's **online grant system**. Learn more and access the guidelines at **this link**.

Organizations new to Arts Organization Support must complete an Eligibility Questionnaire by 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 18, 2022.



Photo provided
You can find some of Tina Mangos' porcelain vases at High Frequency Arts, located at the Hub & Spoke Design Center in Fishers.

Get creative in the New Year

By TINA MANGOS

Transition into the new year by doing something challenging and good for both your brain and your body. Go outside your comfort zone to develop a skill. Reach beyond your safe circle to make new connections. You might find pleasant surprises.

Swing & Slow Dance

Don't just sway back and forth! Exercise your brain and body with fun partner dancing. It will take place at 6:30 p.m. from Jan. 19 to Feb. 16 at the Westfield Washington Township building on Greyhound Pass. Here's the **link** for details.

Youth Art Classes

For ages 8 and up, youth art classes will start on various dates beginning Jan. 4 at two locations. Building skills, confidence and creativity. Here's the **link** for details on all classes.

Art at Hub & Spoke

Shop for wide variety of art at the **High Frequency Arts** gallery at Hub & Spoke Design Center, located at 8100 E. 106th St., Fishers. (I have some porcelain vases there; see examples above.)

Create for a Cause

Help benefit the Youth Assistance Program from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16. Join me for a pen and ink and watercolor art session, plus wine and beer. Art skills aren't needed – just a desire to have fun and create. Each adult class pays for one youth art class.

Tina's Healthy Eating Tip

Satisfy your sugar craving with a bowl of Greek yogurt, topped with honey and walnuts. It's a standard snack in Greece.

For more great information on art from Tina Mangos, visit her website at **TinaMangosArts.com** or email her at **TinaTango@aol.com**.

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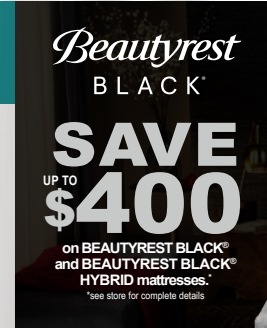
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Fishers Health Department sees record turnout for COVID-19 tests, vaccines at expanded clinic

By DEMIE JOHNSON
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

During **Wednesday's COVID-19 briefing**, state health officials pleaded with the Biden administration to send more rapid COVID-19 test kits to Indiana.

This comes a little more than a week after President Joe Biden announced the purchase of 500 million tests Americans could sign up to get sent directly to their homes. The website to get the tests won't be launched until sometime next month, but Gov. Eric Holcomb said Hoosiers need help now.

"I think I can speak for other governors," Holcomb said. "This is not a partisan

statement whatsoever. We need it now. There is a state shortage and a record demand."

Although the supply shortage is weighing heavily on many state agencies, the Fishers Health Department is finding ways to step up. One way is through the health department's **vaccination and testing clinic**.

"We're maxing out all our resources to accommodate our residents and any Hoosiers, frankly, in search of testing and vaccines and to be part of the solution," Fishers Health Department Director Monica Heltz said.



Heltz

Heltz says the clinic, which expanded its hours to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, has seen much success. In one day, more than 940 people were vaccinated with first and second doses as well as booster shots and more than 500 tests were administered.

"Being open and available for walk-ins is really important because I can't tell you, like, with these extra hours, we've seen about 600 people walk in," Heltz said. "Only 300 people that we've seen in the last day and two have had appoint-

ments. The other 600 people are walking in."

Heltz says not only has the Fishers site helped administer hundreds of booster shots, but people are also showing up for their first and second doses of the vaccine, something she hasn't seen in several months.

She says the ultimate goal is to help decrease the number of hospitalized Hoosiers.

"We only have 7 percent ICU bed availability in District 5, which is Marion County and all the surrounding counties," Heltz. "That's not even enough to juggle patients around."

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Indiana Hospitals unite in plea for Hoosiers to get vaccinated amid surge

By CAMILA FERNANDEZ
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Indiana is reporting just under 3,000 Hoosiers hospitalized with COVID-19. Doctors call the surge a dire situation. It's leading three top health systems to issue an urgent plea.

IU Health, Community Health Network and Eskenazi Hospital are unified under one message: "We can't do this alone."

"We just want to get the word out is that it's a dire, dire situation and we need everyone's help," Dr. Ram Yeleti, chief physician executive at Community Health

Network, said.

"People are still on ventilators. People are still dying of COVID," said Dr. Michele Saysana, chief quality and safety officer at IU Health.

The rise in cases has caused hospitals to run out of beds, so they've created an advertisement signed by medical executives urging Hoosiers to protect themselves.

"There's nothing we wouldn't do for the health and well-being of our fellow Hoosiers. But sadly, COVID-19 has tested the limits of what health systems can accomplish on

their own. And now, almost two years into the pandemic – desire, expertise and modern medicine are simply not enough."

"If you can stay healthy and stay out of the hospital, that will help us take care of the sickest of the sick," Yeleti said.

Doctors are urging Hoosiers to protect themselves through vaccination, masking and testing.

"All the major systems in Indianapolis – we're all in lock step on this message to get vaccinated because we know it works and it is sad and disappointing that there's a lot of hesitancy

and distrust in medicine, in pharma and in the government," Dr. Graham Carlos, intensive care physician at Eskenazi Health, said. "That leads to a lot of people not trusting their healthcare providers, but maybe looking at things that friends, family, opinions, social media, etc. and making decisions that we worry are compromising their health."

Hospital officials also urge people with mild cases of COVID-19 to avoid the emergency department and instead seek care at a MedCheck or Urgent Care facility.

Yeleti says this is the worst point of the pandemic, and doctors are bracing for omicron.

"Unfortunately, I don't see any light at the end of the tunnel at the moment for next four weeks because omicron is just coming, so I kind of see this tsunami coming and I'm really anxious on what do we do," Yeleti said. "We have a few barricades up for the tsunami, but they're going to crash right down, so we're really trying to figure out, scratching our heads on what we could do."

"It's really important for the community to understand, especially at this time of the year around the holidays, how busy our hospitals really are, how full they are and how hard everybody is working," Saysana said. "I don't think we thought we'd still be in this position at this time last year. We had the hope of the vaccine last year and we really given the current vaccination rates really are encouraging people to get vaccinated because we're still seeing such an increase in cases in the hospital."

Community Health Network, IU Health and Eskenazi Hospital say the majority of their COVID-19 patients are unvaccinated.

"We are looking at what to do if and when we see a dramatic increase in COVID patients, and what to do if a significant percent of our staff has to quarantine for getting a mild case of COVID," Yeleti said.

Carlos shared a message for other healthcare workers: "You need to put your own life vest on first, you need to sharpen your ax and take care of your family and your loved ones or else you can't take care of anybody else."

Gov. Holcomb pushes back on AG Todd Rokita's COVID skepticism

WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Gov. Eric Holcomb has condemned recent comments made by the state's attorney general, who alleged that Indiana's COVID-19 data is inflated and "inaccurate."

The Republican governor said Wednesday he was "stunned and somewhat blindsided" by Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's claims that non-COVID illnesses or deaths in the state have been "inappropriately categorized as COVID."

The reprimand came amid continued concerns from the state's top health officials over recent increases in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, coupled with sluggish vaccination rates among Hoosiers.

Holcomb also announced Wednesday that he extended the statewide COVID-19 public health emergency following a failed attempt by legislators to approve steps that would expire the declaration.



Holcomb



Rokita

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. Churchill's Secret Messenger – Alan Hlad
2. Coral Café – Jan Moran
3. Criminal Mischief – Stuart Woods
4. Curse of Salem – Kay Hooper
5. Death on the Boardwalk – Caleb Wygal
6. Five Oh – Margaret Lashley
7. Lies You Told – Harriet Tyce
8. New Year's Party – Cinder Gunderson
9. Sisters of War – Lana Kortchik
10. Sorority Murder – Allison Brennan
11. What Four – Margaret Lashley

Non-Fiction

1. Best Wishes Warmest Regards – Daniel Levy
2. Do It Afraid – Joyce Meyer
3. Fix-It With Food – Michael Symon
4. God Bless This Mess – Hannah Brown
5. Paris Detective – James Patterson
6. Rotten Tomatoes: The Ultimate Binge Guide

Children's

1. Ada & The Galaxies – Alan Lightman
2. Big Race Home – Sherri Rinker
3. Cat Dog – Mem Fox
4. Cat Problems – Jory John
5. Construction Site Road Crew Coming – Sherri Rinker
6. Doing Business – Shawn Harris
7. Good Night Diggers – Adam Gamble
8. Negative Cat – Sophie Blackall
9. Nurses & What They Do – Liesbet Slegers
10. You Are Home – Mackenzie Porter

DVDs

1. Cobra Kai: Seasons 1 & 2
 2. Dinosaur Train: Adventure Island
 3. Molly and the Great One
 4. Playtime with Pinkalicious
 5. Rogue Hostage
- ### Inspirational Fiction
1. High Stakes Escape – Vanetta Chapman
 2. Life Flight – Lynette Eason
 3. Snowstorm Sabotage – Kerry Johnson
 4. Unknown Threat – Lynn Blackburn
 5. Yukon Justice – Dana Mentink

New at Hamilton East Public Library

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Here are the new library items lists for the week of Dec. 27:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. What the cat dragged in, by Kate McMurray
2. Sea Hawke, by Ted Bell
3. Dark tarot, by Christine Feehan
4. Fear no evil, by James Patterson
5. Flying angels, by Danielle Steel
6. Isolate, by L.E. Modesitt
7. The midnight hour: a Brighton mystery, by Elly Griffiths
8. Protector: a novel of ancient Greece, by Conn Iggulden
9. Sharpe's assassin:

Richard Sharpe and the occupation of Paris, 1815, by Bernard Cornwell

10. Autopsy: a Scarpetta novel, by Patricia Cornwell

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Chicken soup for the soul: read, laugh, repeat: 101 laugh-out loud stories, by Amy Newmark
2. Heart of a Hoosier: a year of inspiration from IU men's basketball, by Del Duduit
3. Help, I'm drowning: weathering the storms of life with grace and hope, by Sally Clarkson
4. Innovation: the history of England. Volume VI, by Peter Ackroyd

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Philippians 4:1-3 (NIV)

Timothy Patrick O'Hara

April 26, 1972 – December 14, 2021

Timothy Patrick O'Hara, Carmel, passed away suddenly on December 14, 2021 at the age of 49. He was born in New York City to Robert O'Hara, who preceded him in death, and Mary Ann (nee Giallombardo) O'Hara.

He was married for 22 years to his wonderful wife, Karen Jean (née Dempsey). He was a devoted father to his children, Katelyn Elizabeth, Michael Patrick, Kelly Ann, Christina Grace, and John Patrick. He also leaves behind his sister, Tracy Finck; brother-in-law, Nathan Finck, son-in-law to Jean and John Patrick Dempsey.

Tim graduated from Ridgefield High School in Ridgefield, Conn., where he was a standout athlete, student, and football captain.

He graduated from Yale University with a degree in political science, and Warrington College of Business at University of Florida, with a master's in business administration. At Yale, Tim was a proud member of the Yale Football team and Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

Tim was an energy industry executive and leader who held various positions in the energy industry throughout his career, which led him to positions in New York City, Florida, Ohio, and Indiana. He was the Managing Director of Energy Systems Network in Indiana. He started his career at Goldman Sachs in New York City. Tim was well-respected by his colleagues and a good friend to all those who knew him.

Services are private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to provide educational funding for his young children. Donations can be sent to Michael McMorrow Esq. at (773) 616-6453 or mike@mjmcmorrow.com.

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Going 'beyond the stage' at Carmel's Center for the Performing Arts

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The Center for the Performing Arts' **FrontRow program** brings high school and college music students to the Center's venues not only to enjoy performances, but to talk directly with touring artists about life as a professional performer. The young musicians often get an earful about the importance of focus and hard work, regardless of what career path they may follow in the future.

Before Christmas, genre-scrambling violinist Damien Escobar dropped some wisdom to a group of students from the Carmel School of Rock and WHAM, a new nonprofit group formed by Carmel High School families to promote performance opportunities for student musicians. His tips included:



Photo provided

The Carmel High School Select Sound a *cappella* ensemble serenaded patrons in the Palladium's South Lobby prior to a recent concert.

• "I find that if I'm not a little nervous when I get onstage, then I don't care anymore."

Prior to Escobar's talk, CHS' Select Sound a *cappella* ensemble (pictured above) had a similar opportunity with the King's

Singers, the acclaimed London-based group that celebrates Britain's long tradition of vocal music. After the pep talk and before the evening concert, the students entertained patrons in the Palladium's South Lobby.

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5. The Speckled Beauty: a dog and his people, by Rick Bragg

6. Vanderbilt: the rise and fall of an American dynasty, by Anderson Cooper

7. King of the blues: the rise and reign of B.B. King, by Daniel De Vise

8. Invisible child: poverty, survival & hope in an American city, by Andrea Elliott

9. Rule of the robots: how artificial intelligence will transform everything, by Martin Ford

10. Fuzz: when nature breaks the law, by Mary Roach

New DVDs

1. Equal standard

2. Castlevania. Seasons one & two

3. Bull: Season five

4. Snowpiercer. The

complete second season

5. My Salinger year

6. The eight hundred

7. Shang-chi and the legend of the ten rings

8. Emily in Paris. Season 1

9. Nine days

10. Guilt. Season one

New Music CDs

1. As the love continues, by Mogwai

2. Fearless: Taylor's version, by Taylor Swift

3. Country again: side A, by Thomas Rhett

4. Jordi, by Maroon 5

5. Love for sale, by Tony Bennett

6. Mercury, act 1, by Imagine Dragons

7. Spaceman, by Nick Jonas

8. We are, by Jon Batiste

9. Shore, by Fleet Foxes

10. A little bit longer, by Jonas Brothers

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

• 2201-VS-01: 220 Zenith Drive; Keith Lash requests a Variance of Development Standard to encroach ten (10) feet into the thirty (30) foot Minimum Rear Yard Setback to accommodate a swimming pool and deck on 0.35 acres +/- in the SF2: Single Family Low-Density District (Article 4.5);

• 2201-VS-02: 512 N Union Street; John Schaff requests a Variance of Development Standard to encroach five (5) feet into the ten (10) foot Minimum Side Yard Setback on 0.61 acres +/- in the SF3: Single Family Medium-Density District (Article 4.6(E)(2));

• 2201-VS-03: 15030 Little Eagle Creek Avenue; Kylan Stuck requests a Variance of Development Standard to encroach seventeen (17) feet into the thirty (30) foot Minimum Side Yard Setback on 0.70 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 4.2(E)(2)); and

• 2201-VU-01 & 2201-VS-04: 1827 W 151st Street; Kent Kirby by Church, Church, Hittle + Antrim requests a Variance of Use to permit an outside storage use and a Variance of Development Standard to permit outside storage of Recreational Vehicles in a Residential District on 5 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 13 & Article 6.2(B)). Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Economic and Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

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Boys basketball

The Westfield boys basketball team won the Raymond James Hall of Fame Classic Thursday at New Castle. The Shamrocks beat two tough teams to win the event, getting victories over Class 3A No. 1 Connersville in the semi-finals and 4A No. 10 Cathedral in the championship.

Shamrocks ride balance, hot shooting to Hall of Fame Classic trophy

By RICHIE HALL
NEW CASTLE - Of the four boys basketball teams that participated in the Raymond James Hall of Fame Classic Thursday at New Castle, Westfield was the only one not ranked in an Associated Press top 10 class poll.

The Shamrocks turned that underdog role around, however. Westfield put on a show at the annual tournament, and was the team holding the trophy at curtain call.

The ‘Rocks triumphed at the Hall of Fame Classic with two resounding wins. In the semi-finals, Westfield took down Connersville, the No. 1-ranked team in Class 3A, 51-43, then defeated 4A No. 10 Cathedral 74-63 in the championship contest. The Irish beat 4A No. 9 Homestead 62-50 in the semi-finals to advance to the final.

“We just go out there and play together, keep our composure and then play hard-nosed defense,” said Shamrocks senior Cam Haffner, who put together an incredible shooting performance in the championship game. Every one of the Westfield players contributed something to the win.

BIG SHOTS

The first quarter of the championship game was full of remarkable shot-making by both teams. Cathedral got the first basket, a 3-pointer by 6-11 Xavier Booker. Westfield then ran off the next seven points, with a Haffner 3 sandwiched between two baskets from Alex Romack.

“I think we just made good cuts, played good offense, good passes,” said Romack. “A lot of credit to Braden (Smith). Trey Dorton got me open a lot. Really appreciate both those guys.”

Both teams totaled seven triples in the first quarter. The Irish had four, including three from Booker. But Haffner would get the last word from downtown, as his 3-pointer finished the period and gave the Shamrocks a 17-14 lead.

Haffner’s 3 began a 10-0 run for West-

field. Smith made a layin and free throw, Kai Butterworth came in for a layin and Nic Depasquale made a pair of free throw. That put the ‘Rocks up 24-14, and they stayed around that margin until halftime. Tayshawn Comer nailed a buzzer-beating 3 to end the half, but Westfield still led 30-23.

Comer scored the first basket of the second half, getting the Irish within 30-25. The Shamrocks took over after that, outscoring Cathedral 25-5 in lightning-quick fashion. Haffner got hot from outside, hitting three more 3-pointers.

“When you have a guy on fire like that, give him the ball and get out of the way,” said Smith.

Depasquale also hit a 3 during that tremendous run. Smith scored seven points, including a three-point play, and Romack scored six points inside. When the dust settled, Westfield led 55-30.

“It felt really good, but you just knew there was a lot of basketball to play,” said ‘Rocks coach Shane Sumpter. “Our guys were so hyped up and I just tried to tell them that there’s a lot of basketball to be played.”

Sure enough, the Irish made an equally quick comeback that started in the final two minutes of the third quarter. Cathedral went on a 14-4 run during those last two minutes to cut the Shamrocks’ lead to 59-44 going into the fourth quarter. Comer then scored seven consecutive points to get the Irish within 59-51. Depasquale drained a 3 to interrupt the run, but Cathedral kept rolling, getting within 62-56 with four minutes left.

PLAYING THROUGH IT

“We just had to try to figure out how to survive that,” said Sumpter. But despite Cathedral’s run, Westfield didn’t change its style of play, and Sumpter resisted the urge to call a timeout when the Irish got hot.

“I wanted our guys to try to play through it a little bit,” said Sumpter.

As it turned out, six points would be as close as Cathedral would come to the lead.

Romack made a free throw, then Haffner took over, scoring Westfield’s last 11 points. He started with a 3-pointer, which Comer answered with a layin. But Haffner stepped up again, nailing a second triple to put the Shamrocks ahead 69-58.

“How big were those two 3s by Cam Haffner,” said Sumpter. “Man. I thought it was more difficult for us to hold on to the basketball, totally different from this morning. I didn’t think we could do that against their pressure. So Cam Haffner, a wide-open 3? I’ll take that.”

Seconds later, Haffner made two free throws to give Westfield a 71-58 lead with 1:26 left, and the ‘Rocks were out of danger. The trophy would be theirs soon after.

“I felt like we kept our composure, we kept our attitude up and we pulled it out,” said Smith.

Haffner finished the game with 30 points, including seven 3-pointers, and seven rebounds. Depasquale and Romack both scored 15 points, with Romack also collecting five rebounds and Depasquale making all three of his 3-point attempts.

“When you got two of the best players in the state, they make my job look so much easier,” said Depasquale. “I just facilitate, I try to do my best, pass to these guys coming off screens and stuff, and then we all just play together on defense.”

Smith reached triple-double status with 12 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, and also had nine steals. Dorton dished out five assists.

Smith was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player at the conclusion of the game, with Haffner and Depasquale both also getting selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Comer led Cathedral with 28 points.

MORNING GAME

Westfield battled it out with Connersville in the first quarter of the first semi-final game, with the Spartans leading 10-9 at

the end of the period. But the Shamrocks took over in the second quarter, pouring in 22 points for a 31-19 halftime lead. Haffner scored six points; both he and Romack scored eight points in the first half.

Connersville slightly chipped in to Westfield’s lead during the second half, but the Shamrocks were able to hang on. Balance was the keyword for Westfield, as four players reached double figures. Haffner led the way with 11 points, followed by Depasquale, Romack and Trey Buchanan with 10 points each. Buchanan and Haffner each hit two 3-pointers.

Smith totaled nine rebounds, nine assists, eight points and five steals. Romack collected seven rebounds.

Westfield is 6-2 for the season and is back home Tuesday to play Mount Vernon.

WESTFIELD 51, CONNERSVILLE 43				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	3-11	2-2	8	2
Cam Haffner	4-7	1-2	11	1
Trey Dorton	0-1	0-0	0	1
Nic Depasquale	4-10	2-3	10	1
Alex Romack	5-6	0-2	10	0
Trey Buchanan	4-7	0-0	10	3
Kai Butterworth	1-1	0-0	2	2
Jonah Spinner	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-43	5-9	51	10
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	9	22	10	10
Connersville	10	9	13	11
Westfield 3-point shooting (4-14) Buchanan 2-5, Haffner 2-4, Smith 0-3, Depasquale 0-2. Westfield rebounds (22) Smith 9, Romack 7, Haffner 3, Depasquale 2, Dorton 1.				

WESTFIELD 74, CATHEDRAL 63				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	5-11	2-3	12	2
Cam Haffner	9-17	5-7	30	2
Trey Dorton	0-1	0-0	0	2
Nic Depasquale	4-8	4-6	15	1
Alex Romack	7-8	1-2	15	4
Trey Buchanan	0-1	0-0	0	1
Kai Butterworth	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	26-47	12-18	74	12
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	17	13	29	15
Cathedral	14	9	21	19
Westfield 3-point shooting (10-19) Haffner 7-13, Depasquale 3-3, Smith 0-2, Dorton 0-1. Westfield rebounds (28) Smith 10, Haffner 7, Romack 5, Dorton 2, Depasquale 2, Buchanan 2.				

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Tigers win Huntington North Tournament

Fishers completed a successful week with a victory in the championship game of the Huntington North Tournament on Thursday.

The Class 4A No. 3 Tigers beat Fort Wayne Snider 77-65 to win the final. The two teams played to a 21-21 tie after the first quarter, with Jeffrey Simmons scoring nine points and Jalen Haralson adding six. Fishers pulled ahead to a 35-31 halftime lead, then went up 49-40 after three quarters. The Tigers then poured in 28 points during a high-scoring fourth period. Simmons had nine points, Charlie Smith scored eight (including 6-of-6 from the free-throw line), and Haralson added six more.

Simmons finished the game with 27 points, followed by Haralson with 18 and Smith with 14.

Fishers is 11-1 and hosts Lafayette Jefferson Tuesday.



The Fishers boys basketball team won the Huntington North Tournament on Thursday by beating Fort Wayne Snider 77-65 in the championship game. the Tigers improved to 11-1 for the season.

FISHERS 77, FORT WAYNE SNIDER 65				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Myles Stringer	0	1-2	1	3
Jalen Haralson	6	6-10	18	4
Bryce Williams	1	1-2	3	1
Charlie Smith	4	6-6	14	2
Jeffrey Simmons	9	8-11	27	0
Sean Millsaps	3	0-0	7	1

Josh Forbes	0	0-0	0	0	Totals	25	24-33	77	12
Aidan Zimmer	0	0-0	0	1	Score by Quarters				
Payton Weemer	2	2-2	7	0	Fishers	21	14	14	28 - 77

Snider	21	10	9	25 - 65
Fishers 3-pointers (3)	Millsaps 1,	Simmons 1,	Weemer 1.	

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Phil Cox Memorial Tournament Golden Eagles, ‘Blazers battle South Bend teams

Guerin Catholic finished in sixth place at the Phil Cox Memorial Holiday Tournament after finishing play at Kokomo’s annual event on Thursday.

The Golden Eagles beat South Bend Adams 56-40 in their first game to advance to the fifth-place game. Guerin Catholic out-scored Adams in each quarter, leading 13-10 after the first period and 29-19 at half-time.

Lucas Parker had an outstanding shooting performance, making five 3-pointers on his way to 21 points. Will Grissom added 13 points, and also had six rebounds and six assists. Robert Sorensen collected five rebounds and Kamea Chandler handed out four assists.

The Golden Eagles fell to South Bend Riley 64-58 in the fifth-place contest. Sorensen scored 18 points, including three 3s, followed by Parker with 17 and Grissom with 10.

Guerin Catholic is 6-5 and plays next Friday, Jan. 7 at Bishop Chatard in Circle City Conference action.

TRAILBLAZERS FALL TWICE

The University boys lost two games at Kokomo’s Phil Cox Memorial Holiday Tournament Thursday afternoon. The Trailblazers lost the seventh-place game to South Bend Adams 62-51 after falling to South Bend Riley 61-44 in the noon game.

The shorthanded Blazers had just seven

healthy players and the lack of depth caught up to them against the deeper South Bend teams. University never led in either contest.

University trailed 54-32 after three quarters against Riley. The Blazers held the Wildcats scoreless for more than five minutes to open the fourth quarter, pulling to within 54-41 on a Kahmi Bracey basket before Riley stretched the lead back out.

Larry Pierce had 16 points to pace the Trailblazers against Riley. Nate Jeffrey had nine points and Robert Russell seven.

The Trailblazers made a late run against Adams to cut the lead to 11. Russell scored before Bryce Gray and Seth Hogg hit 3-pointers, but it was too little, too late.

The same trio led University in scoring against Adams. Russell had a team-high 12 points including a pair of 3-point shots. Pierce had 11 points and Jeffrey 10 as three Trailblazers hit double figure.

University is 6-5 on the season after three losses in 20 hours in Kokomo. They are next in action Thursday night at Class 2A No. 13 Covenant Christian. The Warriors are the two time defending Sectional 42 champions.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 56, SOUTH BEND ADAMS 40				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	0-1	0-0	0	1

Robert Sorensen	2-5	0-0	4	2
Will Grissom	5-10	3-6	13	1
Josh Holba	3-5	0-1	6	2
Lucas Parker	8-13	0-0	21	0
Matthew Etchison	0-0	2-2	2	0
Kamea Chandler	1-3	0-0	2	1
Aden Cannon	0-2	4-4	4	2
Patrick Baird	1-1	0-0	2	1
Ryan Zimmerman	0-0	0-0	0	1
Andy Caron	1-1	0-0	2	1
Anthony Ferrucci	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-41	9-13	56	13
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	13	16	12	15 - 56
Adams	10	9	10	11 - 40
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (5-10)	Parker 5-8,	Sorensen 0-1,	Grissom 0-1.	
Guerin Catholic rebounds (22)	Grissom 6,	Sorensen 5,	Cherry 2,	Parker 2,
Caron 1,	Etchison 1,	Holba 1,	Cannon 1,	Zimmerman 1,
Chandler 1,	team 1.			

SOUTH BEND RILEY 64, GUERIN CATHOLIC 58				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Cherry	1	2-2	4	2
Robert Sorensen	6	3-3	18	3
Will Grissom	4	2-2	10	2
Josh Holba	1	0-0	2	1
Lucas Parker	5	5-5	17	0
Matthew Etchison	1	0-0	2	2
Patrick Baird	1	0-0	2	1
Aden Cannon	0	1-2	1	1
Kamea Chandler	1	0-0	2	2
Ty Sanders	0	0-0	0	0
Andy Caron	0	0-0	0	0
Anthony Ferrucci	0	0-0	0	0

Totals	20	13-14	58	14
Score by Quarters	not available			
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (5)	Sorensen 3,	Parker 2.		

SOUTH BEND RILEY 61, UNIVERSITY 44				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nate Jeffrey	4	1-1	9	4
Kahmi Bracey	2	0-1	5	3
Robert Russell	2	2-2	7	1
Larry Pierce	4	8-11	16	2
Seth Hogg	1	0-0	2	2
Bryce Gray	1	0-0	2	1
Steven Scott	1	1-1	3	0
Totals	15	12-16	44	13
Score by Quarters				
University	11	9	12	12 - 44
Riley	18	15	21	7 - 61
University 3-pointers (2)	Bracey 1,	Russell 1.		

SOUTH BEND ADAMS 62, UNIVERSITY 51				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nate Jeffrey	5	0-0	10	0
Kahmi Bracey	1	0-0	2	1
Robert Russell	4	2-2	12	1
Larry Pierce	3	5-6	11	3
Seth Hogg	1	0-0	3	1
Bryce Gray	3	0-0	8	1
Steven Scott	0	5-6	5	2
Totals	17	12-14	51	9
Score by Quarters				
University	10	12	12	17 - 51
Adams	16	19	18	9 - 62
University 3-pointers (5)	Gray 2,	Russell 2,	Hogg 1.	

Includes five 3-pointers . . . Dual’s 21 points helps Carmel cruise past Anderson

Carmel cruised past Anderson 70-45 in a Wednesday away game.

The Indians led the Class 4A No. 2 Greyhounds 12-11 after the first quarter, but Carmel took control in the second period, pouring in 27 points for a 38-22 halftime lead. Garwey Dual caught fire during that quarter, scoring 13 points, including three 3-pointers. The ‘Hounds added another 20 points in the third period, with Jared Bonds scoring nine points. Bonds was 5-of-5 from the free-throw line in the third.

Dual finished the game with five 3-pointers and 21 points. Sam Orme threw in three 3s, including two during an eight-point second quarter, and totaled 18 points. Bonds scored 14 points.

Carmel is 8-2 and hosts Center Grove next Friday, Jan. 7.

CARMEL 70, ANDERSON 45				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josh Whack	2	3-4	7	4
Sam Orme	6	3-4	18	2
Burke Weldy	0	0-0	0	0
Charlie Williams	2	4-6	8	4
Jared Bonds	4	6-7	14	2
Garwey Dual	8	0-1	21	1
Josh Rauh	0	0-0	0	0
Spencer White	0	2-2	2	0
Jake Griffin	0	0-0	0	0
Andrew Clevenger	0	0-0	0	0
Logan Reinhart	0	0-0	0	0
Clay Richards	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	18-24	70	13
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	11	27	20	12 - 70
Anderson	12	10	15	8 - 45
Carmel 3-pointers (8)	Dual 5,	Orme 3.		

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Chicago	22	10	.688	-
Milwaukee	24	13	.649	0.5
Cleveland	20	15	.571	3.5
Indiana	14	21	.400	9.5
Detroit	5	28	.152	17.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	22	13	.629	-
Charlotte	19	17	.528	3.5
Washington	18	17	.514	4.0
Atlanta	15	19	.441	6.5
Orlando	7	29	.194	15.5

Thursday's games				
Philadelphia	110	Brooklyn	102	
Milwaukee	136	Orlando	118	
Washington	110	Cleveland	93	
Golden State at Denver, postponed				

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	25	9	.735	-
Denver	17	16	.515	7.5
Minnesota	16	18	.471	9.0
Portland	13	21	.382	12.0
Oklahoma City	12	22	.353	13.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	27	7	.794	-
Phoenix	27	7	.794	-
L.A. Clippers	18	17	.514	9.5
L.A. Lakers	17	19	.472	11.0
Sacramento	15	21	.417	13.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	22	14	.611	-
Dallas	16	18	.471	5.0
San Antonio	14	19	.424	6.5
New Orleans	13	22	.371	8.5
Houston	10	25	.286	11.5

Girls basketball

Balanced scoring leads Greyhounds past Penn

The Carmel girls basketball team won its third consecutive game Thursday, beating Penn 59-46 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds got off to a fast start, leading 21-8 after the first quarter. Carmel then led 33-20 at halftime, and held that margin throughout the second half.

Three players reached double figures, led by Hannah Lach with 15 points. Lach made three 3-pointers. Laura Valiente and Emily Roper both scored 10 points and were the rebounding co-leaders with six each. Valiente also made six steals.

The Greyhounds are 8-6 and play next Friday, Jan. 7 at Center Grove.

Laura Valiente	4-12	0-0	10	1
Hannah Lach	5-10	2-4	15	3
Mackenzie Thomas	4-12	0-0	8	2
Emily Roper	2-3	6-7	10	2
Kate Clarke	2-3	0-0	5	0
Sophie Shepherd	1-2	0-0	3	2
Jamie Elliott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Maya Berglund	0-1	0-0	0	0
Taryn Fisher	0-0	0-0	0	1
Maddy Geary	0-0	0-0	0	0
Mallory Bourquein	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bethany Ducat	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ava Carter	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-46	9-16	59	13
Score by Quarters				
Penn	8	12	17	9 - 46
Carmel	21	12	16	10 - 59
Carmel 3-point shooting (8-17) Lach 3-8, Valiente 2-4, Shepherd 1-2, Clarke 1-2, Woods 1-1.				
Carmel rebounds (24) Valiente 6, Roper 6, Lach 4, Thomas 3, Woods 2, Clarke 2, Elliott 1.				

CARMEL 61, PENN 46				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Mackenzie Woods	3-3	1-5	8	2

Wrestling

Westfield takes 8th at Al Smith Classic, Platonov wins 285-pound division

The Westfield wrestling team finished eighth at the Al Smith Classic Wrestling Invite, which took place Wednesday and Thursday at Mishawaka.

The Shamrocks scored 116.5 team points. Mike Platonov won the 285-pound

division, clinching the match with a 4-2 overtime win in the final. Westfield had three other place-winners: Braxton Vest placed sixth at 120 pounds, Thadeus O'Neill took seventh at 132 and Mikeah Webster finished eighth at 195.

Millers cruise past Lake Station

Noblesville cruised to a 73-20 win over Lake Station Edison Thursday at The Mill.

The Class 4A No. 3 Millers shut out the Fighting Eagles in the first quarter, finishing the period ahead 20-0. Ashlynn Shade scored 10 points in the quarter. Noblesville then led 44-6 at halftime, with Reagan Wilson adding 10 second-quarter points. The Millers were up 64-10 after three periods.

Four players reached double figures, led by Shade's 14 points. Wilson scored 13 points, Kaitlyn Shoemaker had 12, and Meredith Tippner earned a triple-double with 11 steals, 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Shade also had eight rebounds, five assists and four steals. Wilson collected five rebounds, four assists and four steals. Shoemaker handed out five assists. Aubrey Novinger had four rebounds and Brooklyn Smitherman blocked three shots.

Noblesville is 14-3 and will be off until Tuesday, Jan. 11 when it hosts Mount Vernon.

NOBLESVILLE 73, LAKE STATION EDISON 20				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	4-9	3-6	12	0
Ashlynn Shade	7-15	0-0	14	1
Reagan Wilson	5-9	1-1	13	0
Meredith Tippner	3-10	3-4	10	2
Brooklyn Smitherman	2-3	0-0	4	0
Brooklyn Ely	2-6	0-0	5	0
Dani Mendez	0-0	2-2	2	1
Ava Shoemaker	4-9	0-0	9	0
Marit McLaughlin	0-1	0-0	0	0
Aubrey Novinger	1-3	0-0	2	0
Kate Rollins	0-0	0-0	0	0
Carly Motz	0-2	0-0	0	0
Bri Gray	1-2	0-0	2	0
Totals	29-69	9-13	73	4
Score by Quarters				
Lake Station	0	6	4	10 - 20
Noblesville	20	24	20	9 - 73
Noblesville 3-point shooting (6-24) Wilson 2-3, K. Shoemaker 1-6, Ely 1-5, Tippner 1-4, A. Shoemaker 1-3, Shade 0-2, Novinger 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (42) Tippner 10, Shade 8, Wilson 5, Novinger 4, K. Shoemaker 3, A. Shoemaker 2, Rollins 2, Smitherman 2, Motz 1, Mendez 1, team 4.				

Tigers win at Frankton

Fishers traveled to Class 2A No. 9 Frankton Thursday and came home with a 61-47 victory.

The 4A No. 6 Tigers outscored the Eagles in each period, leading 16-13 after the first quarter and 30-24 at halftime. Balance was the key for Fishers, as eight different players scored in the first half. Morgan Roberts had two 3-pointers in the second quarter. The Tigers led 47-39 after three periods and pulled away with 14 points in the fourth.

Karina Scott made three 3s on her way to 11 points, with Joirdyn Smith and Ava Carter each contributing 10 points.

The Tigers are 12-3 and host New Palestine on Wednesday.

FISHERS 61, FRANKTON 47				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Karina Scott	4	0-0	11	1
Joirdyn Smith	4	0-0	10	2
Talia Harris	2	0-0	4	1
Hailey Smith	3	0-1	6	2
Olivia Smith	2	1-1	5	3
Ava Carter	3	3-3	10	1
Morgan Roberts	2	1-2	7	0
Alycia Triplett	4	0-1	8	2
Grace Fisher	0	0-0	0	1
Allison Scheu	0	0-0	0	0
Julia Munkholm	0	0-0	0	0
Nevaeh Dickman	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24	5-8	61	13
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	16	14	17	14 - 61
Frankton	13	11	15	8 - 47
Fishers 3-pointers (8) Scott 3, J. Smith 2, Roberts 2, Carter 1.				

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