

Senior Citizens Organization Inc. will see new leadership next year

Jim Gorby retires from role of president after many years of service

By MARK HALL
For The Reporter

Last week in my capacity as a County Councilor, I had the honor to swear in the 2024 Hamilton County Senior Center (Senior Citizens Organization, Inc.) officers. Outgoing President Jim Gorby is retiring after many years of service to Hamilton County Seniors.

The center is located at 18336 Cumberland Road in Noblesville. Their building is just north of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Office, just south of Northlake Village Apartments and just east of Noblesville High School. The phone number is (317) 773-6904. The Senior Center is a life enrichment and social organization open to anyone who would like to join. The Center is opens at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Objectives**
- To give members a safe place to meet for fun and fellowship.
 - To provide older persons with information, services, and referrals to local agencies and their services.
 - To study needs and problems of the elderly in Hamilton County and to seek solutions to same.



The 2024 officers of the Senior Citizens Organization, Inc. include (from left) Cheryl McClain, Sonda Price, Dee Miller, Jeff Gilchrist, Sharon Gilchrist, and Sue Huffman.

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- To encourage all organized elements of the community to be concerned with and to cooperate in programs related to the older citizen.
- To serve as a medium through which groups and organizations can exchange information, coordinate programs, and engage in joint endeavors to serve the elderly.

Learn more at SeniorCitizensOrg.org.



Outgoing SCOI President Jim Gorby (left) shares a laugh with Hamilton County Councilor Mark Hall.

New book, *Quietly Making Noise*, meant to make you laugh out loud

As alluded to in a previous column, I just published a new collection of humor columns, *Quietly Making Noise*, which is now available to purchase on Amazon. Here is a free look at my new book's innards. I hope the Introduction, titled "20 Bucks and a By-line," encourages you to give *Quietly Making Noise* a spot on your nightstand or atop your toilet tank.

Regarding the latter's proposed placement, I've often been told that my columns (in the neighborhood of 900 words) are the perfect length for readers' bathroom enjoyment, making me wonder if my books should be printed on actual two-ply paper. If my new book serves only as a reliable literary laxative, I'm fine with that – as long as you catch yourself laughing out loud in the process.

I almost titled this collection *Full Time Consideration of Another Endeavor Might Be in Order* in honor of one of Harry Chapin's best story-songs, "Mr. Tanner." The song is about Martin Tanner, "a cleaner from a town in the Midwest" who was also a popular singer who performed locally for years. It was his music that made him most happy. The locals praised his performances, pressing him to pursue singing as a profession. Mr. Tanner gave it a shot, even squandering his savings to secure a show in NYC.

Sadly, a fancy music critic covering the show dashed Mr. Tanner's dreams with a wickedly brief review: "Mr. Martin Tanner, baritone of Dayton, Ohio, made his town hall debut last night. He came well prepared, but unfortunately his presentation was not up to contemporary professional

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A box of hope – just in time for Christmas

Until the age of eight, when my brother was born, I was an "only child" and spent a great deal of time playing or reading by myself; though my other favorite pastime was hanging out with my father, following him around like a little shadow.

My dad was the person who taught me the importance of giving to others. Mom was more focused on running the house and keeping things organized. On Saturdays I would go with my dad on his "rounds" – we visited the bank, the hardware store, filled up the car with gas, etc. I always looked forward to those Saturday times just to "pal around" with Dad in Noblesville. (Some of you will remember American National, Western Auto, Phillips 66, etc.)

When I was around the age of five, near the holidays, Dad asked me if I wanted to accompany him on a very special errand. Daddy was a member of a lodge in our town, whose members decided that they wanted to help some local families in need during the holiday season. Names and addresses were distributed, and Dad and I stopped at the local grocery store to pick up some food items and at the "five and dime" store (similar to a tiny Walmart I suppose!) to purchase some small toys.

Though I thought it was a neat adventure, I did not, of course, have an understanding of what real human need was. My world was secure and cozy; that was all I knew. So, we purchased our items and off we went . . . to an area of town where I had never visited.

My dad parked the Buick (he always drove a Buick) on the street and lifted a large box out of the trunk and carried it to the front door. My first impression was that the door was very dirty. (An odd thing to remember, specifically after so many years, but there you go.) We were loaded down with packages and waited patiently for the door to be answered, and it was.

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Westfield Library Foundation announces \$10,000 matching grant

All tax-deductible year-end gifts to be doubled through end of the year

The REPORTER

In a bid to maximize year-end giving, the Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) has announced a remarkable opportunity: a \$10,000 matching grant generously provided by a local benefactor. Until the last day of the year, every donation made to the Foundation will be matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling the impact of each contribution.

"This matching grant is a golden opportunity for community members to make

their support go even further," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "Plus, it allows us to amplify the impact of every dollar contributed, ensuring our new library building will open in May with everything it needs to serve as a vital resource for education and enrichment."

Contributions to WLF are tax-deductible and directly



Downey

contribute to enhancing library programs, expanding resources, and nurturing a love for learning within the community. The Foundation plays a pivotal role in sustaining the library as a dynamic center for education and cultural engagement.

To participate in this matching grant opportunity, visit ow.ly/h2mo50QkPin or contact Erin Downey at

edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us or (317) 896-9397, ext. 119.

About Westfield Library Foundation

The Westfield Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting innovative programs and services for the Westfield Washington Public Library and its patrons through major gifts, bequests, corporate sponsorships, naming rights and private donations. For more information on WLF visit WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com.

Carmel shares Christmas spirit with its seven sister cities across the globe



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The second annual display of Carmel's Sister Cities' Christmas trees is now in the Gazebo on the lawn at City Hall. This year, there are seven trees decorated with ornaments representing the heritage and culture of Kawachinagano, Osaka, Japan; Xiangyang, Hubei, China; Jelgava, Zemgale, Latvia; Cortona, Arezzo, Italy; Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India; Rueil-Malmaison, Hauts-de-Seine, France; and Seiffen, Saxony, Germany. Everyone in the community is invited to view the festive Christmas trees and learn more about each sister city. [Click here](#) to learn more about Carmel's Sister Cities.

Four-day work week LOL

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This column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School dual-credit program students and Human Services teacher Abby Williams.

Iceland was the first country to start the four-day work week, making it 35 to 36 hours instead of 40. According to de Croo, around 2,500 people took place in the first test phase. More companies and schools should switch to a four-day work week.

According to CNBC, an environmental consultancy based in the UK went to a four-day work week as a test and has decided to keep it. Since they have transferred to a four-day work week, productivity has gone up 22 percent, the number of job applications have increased by 88 percent, and the amount of time people are absent went down by 66 percent. They have also noticed that their carbon footprint has gone down since people don't have to drive an extra day anymore.

According to Time Magazine, based on of a study done by Brendan Burchell, a social sciences professor at U.K.'s University of Cambridge, 40 percent of the participants experienced less work-related stress, 71 percent said they felt less burnt out, and more than 40 percent of the employees said that their mental health had improved. Furthermore, almost 40 percent said that



their physical health also improved. At the end of the study, 96 percent of the employees said that they preferred a four-day work week.

According to HR Dive, more and more companies are beginning trial periods for the four-day work week; even some U.S. states are. Massachusetts legislators are currently debating installing a two-year pilot period. Businesses that participate would receive tax credits. Employees would work 32 hours a week and not get a cut in their paycheck. Other states have already started implementing the four-day work week, such as: California, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Some school districts in Colorado and Missouri have also switched to a four-day work week.

According to peopleHum, a four-day work week can be unfavorable to some,

because it could mean more meetings and work to be done in one day. After more time doing the four-day work week, the benefits that appeared in the beginning dwindled. While most people in the study mentioned earlier reported feeling less stress and burnout, others said that they felt more stress and burnout. According to The Hill, Japan tried to reduce the work week before, from 1988 to 1996. They reported that the economic output fell by 20 percent. In fact, it costs more for the companies, because they have to hire more people to get the same amount of work done. While this is a valid argument, it can be solved by not expecting employees to do so much work in a little amount of time.

In spite of some of the downsides, more companies and schools should switch to a four-day work week. There have been multiple studies that prove that it assists with less stress and helps improve employees' mental health.

standards. His voice lacks the range of tonal color necessary to make it consistently interesting."

Then comes the critic's stinging summation, "Full-time consideration of another endeavor might be in order."

The line drops like a guillotine every time I hear it. That's because I have always felt a kinship with Mr. Tanner. We both pursue our artistic passions in our sparest of time.

I have been writing humor columns as a freelancer since college. For many of the columns in this collection, I was paid \$20. That's about \$1.60 per hour if you factor in the dozen or so hours that I put into the writing of each one. Maybe that's why it's called *freelancing*. A byline has always meant more to me than bucks. Hence, for 30-some years, I have held a primary job not tied to writing that puts food on the table, en-

ables me to buy a new Toyota Corolla now and then, and paves the way to fund a self-published column collection. My books, I guess, are the equivalent of the town hall that Mr. Tanner rented in the Big Apple.

I have often joked, "I'm a widely unread writer." I've never pursued column writing full-time, nor has anyone invited me to do so. I've been rejected by the best. I turn 59 in a few days. The older I get, the more the Harry Chapin critic's last line resonates. While I have often pondered reconsidering my current endeavor as a freelance column writer, I still can't seem to escape the laptop glow, let go of my writerly dreams. It's the Mr. Tanner in me.

Harry Chapin's song concludes this way: "Music was his life | It was not his livelihood | And it made him feel so happy | It made him feel so good | And he sang from his heart | And he sang

from his soul | And he did not know how well he sang | It just made him whole."

Mr. Tanner sings. I write. Each time I complete a column, I feel happy, I feel good, I feel whole. For the short-term, at least. I finish one, flush it from memory, and focus on the next. You're only as good as your next column.

Here I am again with another self-published collection of columns, my sixth. The title comes from a Jimmy Buffett song, "Quietly Making Noise," which became a permanent earworm in my head since first hearing it in 1994. I like to think, as a columnist, that I deliver the goods in a semi-respectable way without getting caught up in the need to ring the strength tester bell in this grand carnival we call life. Quietly, I write on, and if any noise results, I hope it's your laughter.

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Box of Hope

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My experience with people in general at that point in my life was pretty much limited to my immediate and extended families and Disney television programs. After so many years, I can still visualize the appearance of the mother who answered the door.

To me, as a child, she looked both frightened and frightening. Her eyes were red, her face drawn, hair unkempt, and I recall that she was very thin. Behind her were several small children, and nearby in the room were a couple of older kids — older than me at least. I could see that someone was lying on the threadbare sofa, but the mother and children were mostly blocking my view from the doorway. I don't recall exactly what my dad said to her, but I am sure he was indicating who we were, why we were there, etc.

I am also sure that my mouth dropped open completely because still today I recall how shocked I was. When my eyes left the dirt floor, I was able to see more clearly the form on the sofa in the tiny house. It was a man, who was obviously ill. Although of course I never learned what his illness was, only that he seemed quite incapacitated. He may have sat up, but I don't recall that he ever actually stood up; I believe he was unable to do so.

I now realize as an adult how utterly humiliated he must have been as well. The time frame was the mid-1950s and it was widely considered at that time that a man was the sole provider of his home and family.

The children — and I am guessing at this time,

of course, but I believe there were at least five of them — were barefoot (recall that this is just before Christmas — in Indiana!) and were wearing thin and dirty clothes. There was no Christmas tree and I think at that time to me that was just as shocking as anything else!

The large box we delivered was mostly fruit — oranges, apples, pears — and the children immediately began digging into the box, which included staples such as bread and milk, as well as some small toys for boys and girls. I consequently learned that Dad had a list of all the genders and ages provided by the coordinators at his Lodge. I then saw the children opening some packages, and the contents really surprised me as I did not know we even had these items with us — underwear and socks! (I suppose my mother was in charge of purchasing those.) I could not imagine at the time why anyone would get underwear and socks for Christmas!

The house was cold, there was newspaper taped up to the wall in several places. Now, of course, I know that was to help keep out the cold air. I am sure there was little if any heat in the house. It was so different from anything I had seen in my short life, though the images that day made such a lasting impression that I can still close my eyes and see it all again.

My dad was born in the 1920s, one of four children, and his father was a coal miner in Kentucky. Most of Dad's growing up years were rather poor, I am certain. The financial woes

of the Great Depression lingered for many years throughout this country. I believe, though he never said so, that the visit that day had some familiar overtones from his own youth. Members of what Tom Brokaw has often referred to as the "Greatest Generation" seldom talked about their Depression-era experiences — they just used them to make a better life for themselves and their families, and to reach out to others in need. Fortunately for our family, my dad secured a job as a young man with General Motors and we had ample income for our needs.

That cold December day in 1955 revealed to me in no uncertain terms the meaning of love — the purest form of love which is that for fellow suffering human beings — the love that causes people to step out of their own comfort zone with a heart and hand for others. As often happens, significant childhood memories stay somewhat buried through our teenage and young adult years, and then settle into our psyches as we become more mature adults.

Seeing for the first time my dad's compassion for these people (and other instances through the years) made a lasting impression upon me — and one that I will always cherish. I firmly believe that it is due to my dad's example that I do have a heart and a motivation to help those in need, both human beings and others — all God's creatures!

There were many similar examples throughout my childhood, but this one is truly memorable to me.

Love is about what we can do to reduce others' suf-



Photo provided by Sharon McMahon

fering, to give them a reason to hope and a reason to believe that their lives are significant, and that others care about them. From serving those in the greatest need around the world to those who may live around the corner in our own neighborhoods, love manifests itself in its greatest form by each of us, individually. I feel so completely blessed that growing up I knew that I was loved by my family, and as an adult I have found committed and romantic love with my spouse. I am both thankful and humbled by this.

And I am very grate-

ful that although Dad is no longer here, he left to me the greatest legacy a parent could provide — an example of how to love others and give of yourself because, to me, that is the meaning of love. I hope that I, too, have modeled that behavior to my own children and that they will continue that legacy to my grandchildren and beyond. Generations of love and compassion will give us the power to truly change our world for the better.

What are you doing? In the 1950s, there were few organized efforts to reach out to those in need of shelter, food, clothing and

yes — toys for Christmas. Thankfully, today there are many organizations, and the need is great. Most of us are blessed with some level of resources to make a difference in our communities and our world. Whether it is your financial resources, your volunteer time, the extra goodies you prepare for family, friends and neighbors ... and the time you take to smile and wish a stranger well, know that you have made a difference in this world and have shined a light which can radiate onward to others.

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Outlook Hamilton brings the magic of Santa Claus without pain of long lines



Photos provided

On Thursday, families, kids of all ages, and even pets had the chance to get their picture taken with Santa at Outlook Hamilton, a 55 and over adult community located at 12975 Harrell Pkwy. in Noblesville. That's just northwest of the Hamilton Town Center. The free event allowed people to skip the long lines and get right to telling Santa what they'd like this year for Christmas. Learn more about the community at OutlookHamilton.com.

Artist callout for Embracing Black Culture exhibit in Fishers

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) will display the work of Fall Creek Junior High visual art students alongside professional artists from Fishers and surrounding areas for the annual Embracing Black Culture Exhibit.

The exhibit highlights Black culture, activism, historical and famous figures, and celebrates local artists. All mediums that can be hung on the gallery system are welcome. Artwork will be displayed in the FAC Hub Gallery with the potential for an additional gallery at Kuaba Gallery in Carmel (not confirmed).

Hanging artwork must meet the requirements listed on the submission form.

This exhibit will be open to the public from Feb. 5 to March 1, 2024, Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays; or Fridays by appointment by contacting FAC directly.

There will be a free public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9.

The deadline for submission is 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024. Artists will be notified of their acceptance into the exhibit by Jan. 23.

Timeline

This timeline represents the event as it now appears.

- Deadline for Submissions: 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19
- Notification of Acceptance: on/by Tuesday, Jan. 23
- Artwork Drop off/Install Date: Saturday, Feb. 3



- Exhibit Date Range: Feb. 5 to March 1
- De-Install Date: Saturday, March 2

How to apply

Artists should go to fishersartscouncil.org/submit-your-work to submit for the exhibit. Select the exhibit you are submitting for, answer the questions, and upload your artwork images. Artists may submit more than four images by filling out the form a second time.

Questions? Contact Fishers Arts Council via email at info@FishersArtsCouncil.org or call or text (317) 537-1670.

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SERVE Noblesville wraps up 2023 & jumps into 2024

Submitted by Patrick Propst
For The Reporter

SERVE Noblesville, your friendly neighborhood do-gooders, are bidding farewell to 2023 with a twinkle in their eyes and a bag full of holiday cheer. The past year has been better than a one-horse open sleigh, and SERVE Noblesville is here to spread the love and laughter with a wrap-up that's as funny and whimsical as a snowman trying to do the cha-cha.

COME Together Week kicked things off, and we want to send a massive bear hug to the community for showing up in full force. This year, SERVE Noblesville introduced the "Longest Table," not to be confused with Uncle Dave's never-ending stories at family gatherings. No, this table brought local nonprofits together for networking and support, creating a gathering of minds sharper than Santa's naughty-or-nice list.

FUN Fest was, well, a blast! We celebrated the present and the growing diversity within our community. It was so much fun that even Frosty dropped his top hat in excitement. The joy was contagious, and we tip our Santa hats to everyone who made it a truly unforgettable celebration.

SERVE Week was the real MVP, with over 70 projects completed and a whop-

ping 750 volunteers turning out like Santa's elves on a mission. Together, we painted, fixed, and spread more goodwill than Santa spreads Christmas magic.

But wait, there's more!

Thanks to the incredible support from the community and our partners, including Temperature Services and Hamilton County Youth Assistance, we were able to install a new furnace and air conditioner for a family in Sheridan. This snowballed into additional home repair work by Christmas in Action for another family in Westfield and a furnace installation by Caribbean Air. It's like a holiday miracle that keeps on giving!

As we bid adieu to 2023, SERVE Noblesville is gearing up for a spectacular SERVE Celebration on Jan. 5, 2024. Picture confetti cannons, dancing elves, and a party so lively that even Rudolph would join in. Well, maybe not quite that big but they are excited to introduce and invite the community to come join them in their first-ever, family-friendly fundraiser, SERVE Celebration. SERVE Noblesville is excited to bring the community together for a night with great food, fun, and competitive games for all ages while celebrating the bonds that make Noblesville the extraordinary place it is.

They invite everyone to join them at Mojo Sports Complex at Finch Creek from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, where we'll



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feast, laugh, and create memories that will last longer than your Aunt Mildred's fruitcake. Tickets can be purchased in advance at servenoblesville.com. Sponsorships are also still available for businesses that want to offer some holiday cheer – contact SERVE Noblesville at info@servevillage.org.

SERVE Noblesville extends heartfelt

gratitude to over 60 businesses and organizations that offered support, and to the masses of neighbors who connected with others, making Noblesville and Hamilton County shine brighter than Rudolph's nose on Christmas Eve.

Here's to a whimsical end to 2023 and an even more magical 2024!



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— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

What will 2024 hold?

2023 certainly held surprises for us – some good, others devastating. Some made little difference to us, while others rocked the very foundation of our lives. It never crossed my mind that I would bury my wife of over 47 years in 2023. My world was shaken and will never be the same. Indeed, 2023 held some unpleasant and troubling events. But what will 2024 hold for each of us?

One thing for certain is that I will be closer to death than I have ever been. I must face the reality that I have a terminal, fatal, incurable, disease and so do you. It is called being human. I must face the reality that I am closer to death than I have ever been before. We are at best on borrowed time. As you and I prepare for our encroaching death, what do we need to know and take seriously?

Moses, in Psalm 90:12, warns each of us, “*So, teach us to number our days so that we may get a heart of wisdom.*”

This life is my school, my training ground, the scene of my education for eternity. What a fool I would be to waste and squander such a little season! The only season I have. Am I foolishly throwing away this opportunity which has been given to me in this school of life to prepare for

COLUMNIST



JOHN A. SMITH
Think on These Things

the real life which awaits us when this is over?

Isaiah wrote, “*My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent; like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night, you bring me to an end (Isaiah 38:12).*”

As suddenly as the tent of a shepherd is taken down, folded up, and transferred to another place. There is doubtless the idea here that he would continue to exist, but in another place, as the shepherd would pitch his tent or dwell in another place. He was to be cut off from the earth, but he expected to dwell among the dead. The whole passage conveys the idea that he expected to dwell in another state – as the shepherd dwells in another place when he strikes his tent and it is removed. “He cuts me off from the loom” – This is another image designed to express substantially the same idea. The sense is, as a weaver takes his web from the loom by cutting the warp, or the threads which bind it to the beam, and thus loosens it and takes it away, so his life was to be cut off.

How does the right numbering of our days lead to the applying of our hearts to know wisdom?

In this Psalm 90, it seems Moses is reflecting upon those dropping dead

daily in the wilderness. That path of wandering strewn with carcasses – how Israel must have been impressed with the certainty of death and the shortness of life. In verse 4 when Moses compared the longevity of God to that of man, the fleeting nature of man's was even more clearly seen: “*For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.*” The numbering of my days help bring wisdom because it makes me realize how transitory our life is.

Life's riches and glory are so meaningless, worthless, vain. In a very little time I will truly know the vanity of earthly treasure (see the Foolish Farmer, Luke 12:20). What is man profited by earthly treasure? Matthew 6:19-20 discussed the contrasts between earthly and heavenly treasures: “*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal.*” It is terrible to waste this short life in pursuit of things that will not last beyond this fleeting moment. And so, too, of this world's sorrows. Should I be so moved by them if I know how little time they lasted? Paul says, “*Our light afflictions which are but for a moment.*” (2 Cor. 4:17) Hence he who rightly num-

bers his days lives above the world, is independent of it, is free from its terrible down drag and tyranny.

What will tomorrow bring? I have my hopes and my plans, but I have no idea what will occur. Work left undone today may remain undone; the kind word not said today may remain silent; a sin unrepented of may remain on our account tomorrow and cost us our all; the soul unsaved today may remain unsaved and condemned to a devil's hell. So, what will 2024 hold? I don't know and I don't necessarily want to know. But, whatever it holds I pray God will give the strength to rise above it and keep my focus on heaven.

Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information or a personal study of this issue? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? We will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the “peace that passes understanding” (Philippians 4:7).

We hope you will accept our offer to visit and investigate. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!



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. Archer's Voice – Mia Sheridan
2. Christmas in Jubilee – Rachel Hanna
3. Flipping Boxcars – Cedric Kyles
4. Let Us Descend – Jesmyn Ward
5. New York New Year New You – Rachael Bloome
6. Nineteen Steps – Millie Bobby Brown
7. Starwood Magic – Molly Summers
8. Starwood Promises – Molly Summers
9. Starwood Sunrise – Molly Summers
10. Wish For Winter – Viola Shipman

Non-Fiction

1. Official Blue Book

Handbook of US Coins

2. What Really Happens in Vegas – James Patterson

Children's

1. Best Wishes – Sarah Mlynowski
2. Class Pet Surprise – Jeff Brown
3. Count to Sleep Dinosaurs – Adam Gamble
4. How the Grinch Lost Christmas – Dr. Seuss
5. I'm Glad for What I Have – Rachel Cruze
6. One Stormy Christmas – M. Christina Butler
7. Sharks – Dr. Seuss
8. Snowpea the Puppy Queen – Hannah Shaw
9. Spring is for Strawberries – Katherine Pryor
10. Uncle Fred is a Knucklehead – Dan Gutman

Inspirational Fiction

1. Complete Poppy Creek series – Rachael Bloome

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Winding Down and Gearing Up!



Welcome 2024

We are nearing the time when, Lord willing, we will close the chapter of 2023 and open the fresh as of yet unwritten chapter of 2024. What will 2024 hold should the Lord grant us life and allow time to march on? None of us know! However, I can make prudent preparation for whatever the year may hold through Jesus, God's only Son. It would be a privilege and honor to help you prepare for whatever 2024 holds. We would love to help you get to know Jesus better and through Him prepare for an unknown future. Jesus in the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father but through him (John 14:6).

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we love visitors. So, why not accept our invitation and visit at one of our services. We'd love to help you know Jesus or know Him better. Nothing would give us greater joy or profitable labor than helping you to know Jesus better and prepare for the year to come. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our building is behind the doctor's office and at the stop sign.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



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Indiana gasoline tax to hit lowest rate in more than two years

By **BRADY GIBSON**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The new year will bring Indiana's lowest gasoline use tax rate in more than two years.

The Department of Revenue confirms the use tax, which essentially serves as the state's sales tax on fuel, will fall to 16.7 cents per gallon of gasoline beginning Jan. 1.

That's a decrease of more than two cents from December, and nearly five cents cheaper than Hoosier drivers paid in October (21.5 cents), the highest rate of 2023.

The January tax rate is the lowest in Indiana since June 2021 (16.0 cents per gallon).

Indiana's gasoline use tax rate is based on the statewide average price of regular unleaded gasoline in the previous month.

GasBuddy, which tracks gasoline prices nationwide, reports Indiana's average price for regular unleaded has dropped 98 cents since hitting a peak for the year in mid-August (\$3.910/gallon).

The total combined state and federal taxes on a gallon on gasoline in Indiana will be 69.1 cents per gallon effective Jan. 1.

Riverview Health earns third INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition

Community-based maternity team celebrated for commitment to infant & maternal health

The REPORTER

For the third year in a row, Riverview Health has been named an INspire Hospital of Distinction by the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with Governor Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP, for its commitment to infant and maternal health.

This recognition is earned by Riverview Health's demonstration of excellence in seven key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage, mater-



Photo provided

Riverview Health leadership and maternity team members celebrate their third INspire Hospital of Distinction award for their commitment to infant and maternal health.

nal hypertension, and social determinants of health.

"Every day, our exceptional birthing and maternity team provides compassionate, comprehensive care to our mothers and infants," said Michelle Allen, administrative director of maternal, child and inpatient nursing services at Riverview Health. "It's because of their passion and dedication that we've been recognized as an INspire Hospital of Distinction three times in a row, and I'm honored to be able to support their outstanding work."

Riverview Health's maternity team has a legacy of delivering high-quality care designed to meet the specific needs of the communities it serves. The system has delivered more than 1,100 babies over the last two years and recently expanded its ability to care for newborns as young as 32 weeks gestation. Prior to receiving its first Hospital of Distinction recognition in 2021, Riverview Health was also recognized within IHA's Category of Excellence in 2020.

"Teams across the Riverview Health system provide a wide array of support and amenities to uplift our maternity and newborn

patients — from pregnancy planning to postpartum care and family medicine services that span generations," said Tammi Nash, chief nursing officer at Riverview Health. "It's through this holistic spectrum of care that we can make a positive impact by reducing maternal and infant mortality in our communities and giving our moms and babies the best start."

INspire, funded by the Indiana Department of Health's Safety PIN grant, was developed to implement the delivery of best practice care for Hoosier moms and babies and recognize hospitals for excellence in addressing key drivers of infant and maternal health.

"The daily work of our delivering hospitals makes a monumental impact on the lives of so many Hoosier moms and infants in every corner of our state," Governor Holcomb said. "These caregivers are much needed and appreciated, and we will continue to partner with them to support our shared goal of a healthy Hoosier tomorrow."

"Our birthing hospitals work tremendously hard to make sure all babies born in Indiana have the best

start at life, while caring for the mothers who delivered them," Dr. Weaver said. "Reducing infant and maternal mortality requires a continued multi-pronged approach over the course of many years to see impactful change. It is heartening to see the progress we've made, but we must continue to adopt best practices so that we can celebrate more first birthdays in Indiana."

For more information about Riverview Health's maternity services, visit riverview.org/services/maternity.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is an independent community-based health system comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as freestanding combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are 14 distinct primary, immediate, and specialty care facilities across Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence. Learn more at riverview.org.

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State lawmaker proposes ending credit card fees for state services

By **GARRETT BERGQUIST**
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A state lawmaker on Thursday said charging credit card fees for state services amounts to double taxation.

Sen. Fady Qaddoura, D-Indianapolis, said data provided to him by state budget analysts show the state collects convenience fees on services transacted with credit cards. The fees are the result of service charges from the credit card companies and are passed on directly to the customer. The state does not collect

them as revenue, but Qaddoura said the state should cover those costs out of its own budget rather than making customers pay them.

"If taxpayers fund government services in the first place, why do they have to be double-charged to fund the services that they funded in the first place using their tax dollars?" Qaddoura said.


Qaddoura said he will file legislation this session to change the practice. He said

the fees vary but, if his bill becomes law, customers at state agencies could save an average of \$5 to \$7 per transaction. The bill would only apply to the state government.




Qaddoura

Qaddoura said the fees are negotiated as part of contract discussions the state has with its vendors. The state just concluded a new set of contracts, so if his bill becomes law, it would not take effect until the current contracts expire around 2027.



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Reap multiple year-round benefits through purchase of 2024 Eagle Creek Park Foundation membership pass

The REPORTER

What’s the easiest way to support one of the nation’s largest municipal parks? By purchasing a 2024 Eagle Creek Park Foundation membership pass.

Foundation passes for the new year – including four pairs of custom solar eclipse glasses per pass – are available now at eaglecreekpark.org/product/2024-membership-single-pass. Individual passes are just \$85 each (\$35 of which counts as a tax-deductible donation) and provide year-round admission into Eagle Creek Park as well as numerous member perks and benefits.

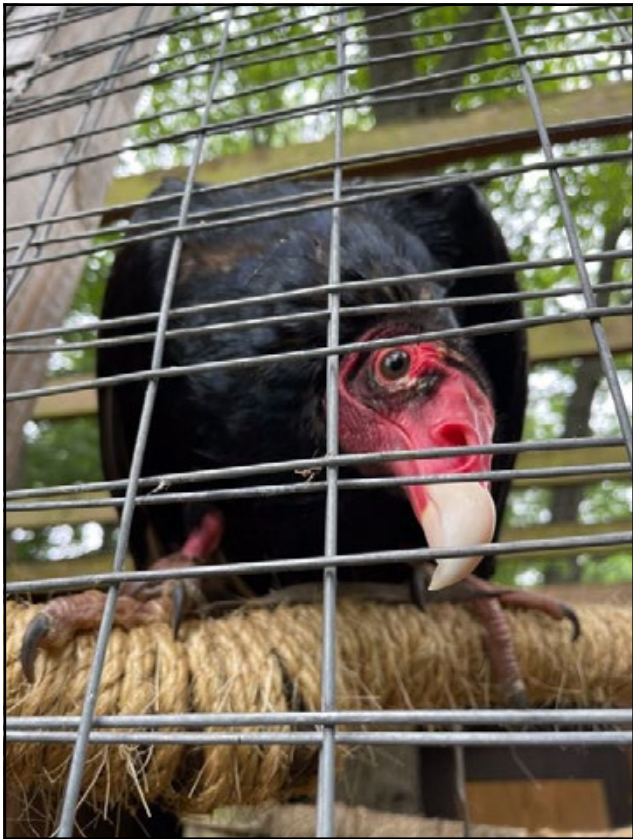
“The easiest way to give back to Eagle Creek Park is by purchasing your annual pass through the Eagle Creek Park Foundation,” explained Adam Hibshman, Marketing & Program Coordinator for the Foundation.

Established in 1978, the Eagle Creek Park Foundation supplies financial resources and grant management above and beyond what can be provided by limited city funding and enables essential park projects and programs that otherwise would not exist.

What’s the advantage of purchasing a Foundation membership pass versus an Indy Parks gate pass? Hibshman explained, “When a gate pass is purchased through Indy Parks, that money is divided among over 200 Indy Parks’ properties. When you purchase your annual pass through the Foundation, you’re making sure that more of your money goes exclusively to



Photos provided by Eagle Creek Park Foundation
(Above) Fans of Matilda watch her antics from in front of her new Carlsen Aviary home. (Right) Matilda the Turkey Vulture, one of seven Eagle Creek Park raptor ambassadors.



support programs and projects at Eagle Creek Park. It’s rewarding to see what a tremendous impact membership dollars can have on the park.”

Foundation membership ensures not only year-round park admission but a variety of perks and benefits including:

- Exclusive members-only newsletters
- Invitations to members-only events and programs
- For 2024 only – four pairs of Eagle Creek Park Foundation custom eclipse glasses for the April 8 Total Solar Eclipse
- Discounts on kayak, canoe & boat rentals at Eagle Creek Outfitters
- 15 percent off Go Ape! Treetop Adventures zipline

& high ropes course

- 15 percent off greens fees at Eagle Creek Golf Club

Concurrent with the launch of 2024 membership pass sales, the Foundation also has announced a new community outreach program, “Buy One Give One (BOGO),” to benefit three local organizations whose missions can be advanced with access to Eagle Creek Park.

“When you buy your own 2024 Foundation member pass, we’re inviting you to purchase a pass to give to one of three youth-oriented organizations: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, Brooke’s Place or Starfish Initiative,” Hibshman said. “You choose the group you want to support; the

pass goes to them for their use during the new year, and the pass purchase price goes to the Foundation to support the park. It’s a fantastic win-win-win!”

Eagle Creek Park is among the nation’s 10 largest municipal parks with over 3,900 acres of woods and meadows and more than 1,300 acres of water. The 51-year-old park hosts over one million visitors annually. It is considered a “birding hot spot” by *National Geographic*, with its Ornithology Center attracting more than 70,000 visitors each year.

Among programs and projects funded by the Eagle Creek Park Foundation are:

- Construction of the Carlsen Aviary, home to the park’s seven raptor ambas-

sadors

- Funding and ongoing support for the development of the West Side Trail
- Construction of the Earth Discovery Center & support for its Geothermal Pond
- Funding of Ornithology Center Raptor Training
- Funding for daily and emergency animal care at the Earth Discovery Center
- Transition of the Nature Center into the nationally renowned Ornithology Center
- Renovation of the Fitness Trail
- Replacement of the park’s directional signage
- Development & installation of a fully accessible playground
- Restoration of the wetlands at Eagle Creek

- Construction of wildlife observation & presentation decks.

“It would be impossible to do what we do in support of this magnificent park without our members’ support,” Hibshman said. “We’re looking forward to renewing our current Foundation members and to welcoming lots of brand-new members to the Eagle Creek Park Foundation!”

For additional information about Eagle Creek Park, the Eagle Creek Park Foundation, and how to obtain your 2024 membership, visit EagleCreekPark.org. Eagle Creek Park is located at 7840 W. 56th St. on Indianapolis’ northwest side. Contact the Eagle Creek Park Foundation directly at ecpf@eaglecreekpark.org.



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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

JACOB MARRIES LEAH AND RACHEL

Laban said, “It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.” So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.


Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.”

So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

Genesis 29:19-24 (NIV)

Ty James Partain

October 2, 1965 – December 20, 2023



Ty James Partain, 58, Windfall, passed away on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on October 2, 1965, in Noblesville.

Ty worked for Tri State Forest Products as an engineered lumber technician for over 20 years. He enjoyed traveling to Tennessee and Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Michelle Partain; mother, Bernice Partain; brothers, Curtis (Brinda) Partain, Randy Partain, and Nick Partain; daughter, Brandi Turner; stepdaughter, Ashley Mead; grandchildren, Dillion, Bradley, and Lila; and step-grandchildren, Rylee, Aubree, and Evelyn.

He was preceded in death by his father, James C. Partain; and daughter, Alisha Partain.

Memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Pastor Rick Huffman officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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LOCAL NEWS

Meeting Notice

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, in the in the Caucus Rooms on the second floor of the Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

Marian University launches new online career development certificate courses in healthcare, cybersecurity, digital marketing

Submitted

Marian University will expand its online higher education offerings with new career development certificate courses. The courses will provide specialized training to individuals seeking to advance their professional skills, expand specific areas of expertise, or explore new hobbies.

The non-credit courses broaden the university's impact beyond its two- and four-year undergraduate degree and graduate programs, providing versatile and accessible options for ongoing education.

Marian's career development certificates deliver specialized credentials tailored to meet the demands of today's dynamic workforce. The online format also allows learners to customize their educational experience to fit their unique needs and time commitments. Courses include, but are not limited to:

1. Medical Billing Specialist
2. Certified Medical Administrative Assistant
3. Certified Ethical Hacker
4. Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt and Green Belt
5. Digital Marketing Strategist

“Whether you're looking to enhance your professional skills, delve into a new area of interest, or simply pursue lifelong learning, our career development and personal enrichment courses offer a tailored solution,” said Lindsay Roberts, Marian University's Assistant Vice President of Online Programs. “These online career development courses will serve as a valuable resource for those seeking continuous growth opportunities.”

Marian University's Online Career Development Courses provide:

1. Diverse Course Offerings: Marian University's online catalog features a variety of courses designed to cater to different interests and skill levels.
2. Flexibility: The online format allows learners to access course materials at their own pace, fitting education seamlessly into their busy schedules.
3. Personalized Support: Each learner will have a dedicated advisor to guide them through their chosen personal enrichment courses or assist in navigating full career and professional certification programs.
4. Easy Registration Process: Course registration is a straightforward process through our online catalogs, enabling quick access to Marian's educational programming.

For more information, visit marian.edu/online-career-training.

AromaRoom will soon open at Carmel City Center

Submitted

The AromaRoom, a therapeutic Aromatherapy steam and Halotherapy (salt therapy) spa will open in January 2024 at Carmel City Center at 762 S. Range Line Road, Suite 64.

The AromaRoom is designed to transform you from the outside-in using essential oil infused steam and salt treatments. Guests can work with an Aroma-Therapist to help determine what oil, or combination of oils, will best address their needs from a large selection of essential oils of the highest quality.

The AromaRoom will offer guests a completely private and customized therapeutic experience with three steam rooms and three salt rooms. The salt rooms all come equipped with sauna, aromatherapy, infrared and red-light therapy add-ons aimed at helping you inhale health and exhale stress. Guided meditation is also available during the service to help you get the most out of your Halotherapy session. Robes and slippers are offered to guests as well as complimentary Tea's Me tea in the Lavender Lounge, which is fully equipped with an Oxygen Bar, while they wait for their service.

The AromaRoom can accommodate parties and still offer personalized experiences with their rooms. The therapy rooms are ADA accessible with the Aromatherapy steam rooms accommodating two people per room and the salt rooms are available in four, three and one person rooms.

Owner Shayla Webb is committed to health, wellness and accessibility and is excited to open The AromaRoom in Carmel.

“The mental and physical health benefits of Aromatherapy steam and Halotherapy are beneficial to everyone, and I am thrilled to bring a private and completely customizable experience to Carmel City Center and the Carmel community,” said Webb.

The AromaRoom will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.



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Golden Eagles soar with three huge plays

What tracks would you like to see added to the schedule?

This week we are talking about tracks that are not on the NASCAR or INDYCAR schedule. So, what are tracks that NASCAR and INDYCAR are missing? I will give you my top three tracks for each.

NASCAR
1. Rockingham

Rockingham is one of the early NASCAR tracks and is located in the heart of North Carolina. The track is a one-mile high-banked speedway that is configured in a D-shaped oval. From 1965 to 2004, Rockingham hosted the NASCAR Cup Series. Rockingham usually featured exciting racing, and in the last Cup Series event, Matt Kenseth held off Kasey Kahne by just 0.010 seconds.

NASCAR left Rockingham largely because of its poor attendance numbers and to expand its influence on the West Coast. Much like North Wilkesboro Speedway, Rockingham is unique and historic, and there has been some recent momentum on putting the track back on the Cup Series calendar. I would very much enjoy seeing the NextGen cars at Rockingham.

2. Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway

Another historic race-track, Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway, is the second-oldest continually operating track in the United States. NASCAR began going to Nashville in 1958. Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway is just over a half-mile in length and features wide, high-banked corners – a promising site for the Cup Series.

The speedway is currently owned by Speedway Motorsports and president, Marcus Smith, has been working on a plan to update the facilities in order to attract a Cup Series race. Though not without opposition, there is a great deal of debate in the community regarding the possibility of attracting the Cup Series, and some community members have been pushing back on Smith's plans.

3. Chicagoland

Chicagoland Speedway was cut from the NASCAR schedule after the 2020 season. A 1.5-mile tri-oval, it was criticized due to the lack of performance of the Gen 5 cars on 1.5-mile speedways.

The introduction of the Chicago Street Race further demoted the status of Chicagoland Speedway as the Chicago market had its race. Nevertheless, Chicagoland

remains a great racetrack and would do produce great racing with the NextGen car. Of the three tracks listed, however, Chicagoland is least likely to host another Cup race anytime soon.

INDYCAR

1. Texas Motor Speedway

The most notable change to the 2024 INDYCAR calendar was the exclusion of Texas Motor Speedway. Arguably the best race of the 2023 season Texas Motor Speedway a staple on the INDYCAR schedule for years. In a year in which INDYCAR only hosts one race on 1.5-mile or larger tracks, the Spring Texas race will certainly be missed.

There was some speculation that the INDYCAR race at Texas was scratched because NASCAR moved its Texas race to the spring. If that is the case, is it a possibility that NASCAR and INDYCAR could work out a Texas double-header?

2. Michigan

International Speedway

It's no secret that I love INDYCARs on big ovals, and Michigan is a fantastic racetrack. It also has history with the sport as INDYCAR's current owner, Roger Penske, owned the track from 1972 until 1999. The two-mile, D-shaped oval allows for high speeds and produces excellent on-track action with its wide corners. In recent years, INDYCAR has stirred away from large tracks due to the high speeds and safety concerns, so I don't anticipate a return to Michigan. Yet, with the racing we see at Indianapolis, a return to Michigan sure would be great.

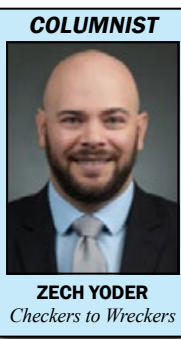
3. Watkins Glen

This is one that I am a bit confused by. Watkins Glen, located in the finger lakes of New York, is a track with significant historical importance. Further, it is located on the Mid-Atlantic region, a market that INDYCAR has not been in some time.

Watkins Glen is a premier racing facility. Formula 1 competed at Watkins Glen in the past, and NASCAR added the track to its 10-race playoff. In my opinion, the track is designed well for INDYCAR and features several passing zones that would make an INDYCAR race quite exciting. This is a track and market that INDYCAR must tap into.

What are your thoughts? What tracks am I missing?

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Boys Basketball

Heights falls to Lebanon at home, will face Christel House next Friday in Ryder Realty Holiday Classic

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped a home game to Lebanon 58-48 on Friday.

The game was tied at 15-15 after one quarter, but the Tigers began to slowly move ahead, leading 22-20 at halftime and 37-33 after three periods. Lebanon then put up 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Tillman Etchison scored 14 points for the Huskies, also handing out six assists and collecting five rebounds. Tyler Champion made four steals.

Heights is 3-5 and travels to the Ryder Realty Holiday Classic next Friday at Switzerland County. The Huskies play Christel House in their first game at 11 a.m.



Photo by Bob Cross
Hamilton Heights' Tillman Etchison scored 14 points for the Huskies during their Friday game with Lebanon.

LEBANON 58, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 48				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	1-9	2-2	4	2
Dreydin Serna	3-4	2-2	8	5
Tillman Etchison	6-14	1-1	14	1
John Irion	1-4	3-3	5	4
Sam Dawson	3-7	0-0	7	1
Phoenix Vondersaar	1-2	0-0	2	0
Carson Felger	0-1	0-0	0	3
Isaiah Grimsey	2-2	0-0	4	2
Rees Knapp	2-3	0-1	4	1
Totals	19-46	8-9	48	19
Score by Quarters				
Lebanon	15	7	15	21
Heights	15	5	13	15
Heights 3-point shooting (2-17) Dawson 1-5, Etchison 1-4, Champion 0-3, Vondersaar 0-1, Knapp 0-1, Felger 0-1, Serna 0-1, Irion 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (21) Serna 5, Etchison 5, Vondersaar 2, Champion 2, Grimsey 2, Irion 2, Dawson 2, Felger 1.				

‘Rocks remain perfect with Friday win over Huntington North

The REPORTER

Westfield's boys kept their season perfect on Friday with a 63-44 victory over Huntington North at CSI Gymnasium.

The Class 4A No. 2 Shamrocks led 13-12 after one quarter, then steadily increased their lead over the next three periods, outscoring the Vikings in each

quarter. Westfield led 33-27 at halftime and 50-38 after three quarters.

Nic Book scored 14 points, while Will Harvey made three 3-pointers on his way to 13 points. Caleb Wise also drained three 3s; he finished with 11 points.

The Shamrocks are 6-0 and are idle until Jan. 2 when they host Mount Vernon.

WESTFIELD 63, HUNTINGTON NORTH 44				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	2	2-3	7	3
Charles Farrell	2	4-4	8	1
Caleb Wise	3	2-2	11	1
Durante Morton	1	0-0	2	2
Nic Book	6	1-3	14	2
Will Harvey	5	0-0	13	0
Carsen Melvin	3	2-4	8	0
Drew Haffner	0	0-0	0	0
Rylan Rauch	0	0-0	0	1
Jalen Malone	0	0-0	0	0
Brock Detamore	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	11-16	63	10
Score by Quarters				
Huntington North	12	15	11	8
Westfield	13	20	17	13
Westfield 3-pointers (8) Wise 3, Harvey 3, Buchanan, Book.				

Greyhounds drop road matchup to Cathedral

The REPORTER

Carmel fell to Cathedral on the road Friday, 73-50.

The Irish led 19-7 after one quarter and 33-13 at halftime. Cathedral then added another 21 points in the third period for a 54-27 lead.

Alex Couto made five 3-pointers for the Greyhounds on his way to 17 points, while Jamichael

Fountain scored 11 points. Aiden Dickerson, Max Winders and Evan Harrell all pulled four rebounds, with Julian Vogt making four assists.

Carmel is 2-6 and plays in the Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational next week. The ‘Hounds take on Evansville Harrison at 5 p.m. Thursday in their first game.

CATHEDRAL 73, CARMEL 50				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	6-16	0-0	17	1
Ryan Clevenger	2-4	2-2	6	3
Evan Harrell	1-2	3-4	5	1
Mitchell Mulloy	0-2	0-0	0	0
Julian Vogt	0-1	0-0	0	2
Quinn Murphy	2-5	0-0	4	1
Jamichael Fountain	4-6	0-0	11	0
Max Winders	0-1	0-0	0	3
Aiden Dickerson	0-0	0-0	0	2
Zach Michaels	0-1	2-2	2	0
Ben Bremer	1-1	0-0	3	0
Jamie Whack	0-1	0-0	0	1
Jack Perry	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	17-41	7-8	50	14
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	7	6	14	23
Cathedral	19	14	21	19
Carmel 3-point shooting (9-23) Couto 5-12, Fountain 3-5, Bremer 1-1, Whack 0-1, Clevenger 0-1, Murphy 0-1, Mulloy 0-1, Vogt 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (18) Dickerson 4, Winders 4, Harrell 4, Murphy 3, Couto 1, Fountain 1, Bremer 1.				

The Reporter SOAR

Ryne Paris came off the bench to hit the game-tying 3 right before the break. He began the third quarter with

another triple, and a third 3 pushed the Golden Eagles ahead 28-25.

“He simply had a great

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week of practice,” said Allen. “He earned the opportunity to be out there tonight.”

Roncalli jumped ahead 31-28 midway through the third and stayed in front until Guerin made what would be the game-defining surge to clinch the victory.


“As a team, we struggled in the first half versus what they were running,” said Cardinal. The junior said Allen “did a great job drawing up some plays in the locker room and telling us what we needed to do. We came out, executed and I think that’s what really helped us get the win.”

Cardinal scored seven points in the fourth quarter, with Sorensen adding five. Murans scored the final four points of the game, finishing with yet another dunk.

Four GC players reached double figures for the game, led by Cardinal’s 16 points; he also paced the rebounds with five. Murans scored 14 points, Sorensen had 12, and Paris added 11 points.

The Golden Eagles are 2-0 in conference play and 7-2 overall. Guerin Catholic is back in action next Friday at the Ray Furney Holiday Classic at Lawrenceburg; the Golden Eagles play Bethesda Christian at 3 p.m. that day, then take on the host Tigers at 7 p.m.

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Girls Basketball

Millers battle before falling to No. 1 Lawrence Central, No. 6 BNL at Limestone Classic

The REPORTER

For the third straight season, the Noblesville girls basketball team headed down to Bedford to play in the Pete Pritchett Limestone Classic to begin their Christmas break from the classroom.

The day would end up being a tough one, playing two teams that are ranked in the top six in Class 4A.

The Millers were without the services of senior forward Ava Shoemaker and her 12.3 points per game, as she is out with an injury.

No. 1 Lawrence Central 55, Noblesville 45

Noblesville held its own against this week's top-ranked team in Lawrence Central. Trailing just 9-8 after one period,

The Bears proved to be quite the quick opponent. LC extended its lead to 24-18 at halftime, thanks to Jaylah Lampley's four shots made from downtown.

The Millers' deficit grew to 11 after three quarters, trailing 40-29.

Noblesville tightened up its defense in the fourth and was able to chip away at the LC lead, but would fall short 55-45.

LC's Lampley led all scorers with 23 points. Reagan Wilson had a team-high 14 for Noblesville, swishing 4-for-4 at the foul line. CC Quigley also got to double-figures with 11 on 5-of-

6 field goals. Meredith Tippner was held to seven, but grabbed 10 rebounds and had four assists.

Consolation game: No. 6 Bedford North Lawrence 58, Noblesville 42

In what was anticipated to be the championship game matchup when the four-team field was set, both teams found themselves in the consolation game, still getting the chance to go head-to-head. The two Miss Basketball candidates in Reagan Wilson and BNL's Chloe Spreen would be on display to try to lead their team to victory.

BNL grabbed an 11-8 edge through one frame. The Stars were able to hold the Millers back to keep a five-point lead at halftime, 26-21.

Noblesville trailed the host Stars 41-34 after three quarters, but they would fight back. Their trap and press on defense allowed them to cut into the BNL lead.

The Millers went on a 6-0 run to start the fourth and trimmed the margin to one at 41-40 with 5:58 left in the game.

But, Bedford North Lawrence would end the game on a 17-2 run on the way to a 58-42 win over the Millers.

All-state candidate Chloe Spreen led all with a

LAWRENCE CENTRAL 55, NOBLESVILLE 45

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Brookelyn Grayson	1	0-0	2	0
Reagan Wilson	4	4-4	14	2
Meredith Tippner	3	1-2	7	4
Kate Rollins	1	2-2	5	0
C.C. Quigley	5	1-2	11	1
Ally Hutchinson	2	0-0	4	3
Bri Gray	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	17	8-10	45	10
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	8	10	11	16
Lawrence Central	9	15	16	15
Noblesville 3-pointers (3) Wilson 2, Rollins.				

BEDFORD NORTH LAWRENCE 58, NOBLESVILLE 42

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Brookelyn Grayson	0	0-0	0	0
Reagan Wilson	4	0-0	9	2
Meredith Tippner	5	4-5	14	2
Kate Rollins	2	1-2	5	1
C.C. Quigley	5	2-4	12	1
Ally Hutchinson	1	0-0	0	2
Bri Gray	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	17	7-11	42	9
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	8	13	13	8
Bedford NL	11	15	15	17
Noblesville 3-pointers (1) Wilson.				

game-high 17. Tori Nikirk (15) and Miley Sherrill (12) joined in double digits for BNL.

Meredith Tippner led the Millers with a team-high 14 to go along with eight boards and four assists. CC Quigley had another solid game with 12 on 5-of-10 shooting and grabbed seven rebounds. Fellow all-state candidate Reagan Wilson had just nine in the nightcap.

Noblesville (7-7) gets a break before getting back to action on Thursday in the Noblesville Holiday Tournament at The Mill. The Millers will take on Valparaiso (10-2) at 10 a.m., followed by Class 3A No. 1 Norwell (11-2) taking on Class 4A No. 4 Fort Wayne Snider (13-1). The consolation game tips off at 6 p.m. and the championship starts at 7:45 p.m.

Fishers fires past Fort Wayne Carroll

The REPORTER

The Fishers girls basketball team cruised to victory in Fort Wayne on Friday, beating Carroll 55-30.

The Tigers outscored the Chargers in each quarter, leading 11-6 after the first period and 17-8 at half-time. Fishers poured in 21 points in the third quarter,

including eight from Nevaeh Dickman. Talia Harris took over in the fourth quarter with eight points of her own.

Dickman led the Tigers with 16 points, followed by Dickman with 15.

Fishers is 10-4 and is off until Jan. 2, when it plays a game at Pike.

FISHERS 55, FORT WAYNE CARROLL 30

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Talia Harris	8	0-0	16	0
Morgan Roberts	0	0-0	0	0
Kate Thomas	2	0-0	4	2
Nevaeh Dickman	6	2-3	15	3
Allison Scheu	3	1-2	7	3
Alanna Anthony	2	1-1	5	1
Olivia Brookshire	1	0-0	2	1
Natalie Thomas	3	0-0	6	4
Totals	25	4-6	55	14
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	11	6	21	19
FW Carroll	6	2	12	10
Fishers 3-pointers (1) Dickman.				

University falls to Carroll

The REPORTER

University dropped a 58-33 game to Class 2A No. 6 Carroll Friday in the first round of the Carroll Tournament.

Anyah Turley led the Trailblazers with 10 points. Mack Feeney had nine rebounds, with Charlotte Co-

nyers collecting five rebounds and making four steals. Feeney also had four assists and three blocked shots.

University is 5-5 and plays Western Boone at 11:30 a.m. today in a consolation game, with a placement game to be played later this afternoon.

CARROLL 58, UNIVERSITY 33

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Meg Rohloff	1-5	0-0	2	2
Keira Bright	3-7	0-0	6	5
Anyah Turley	4-12	2-2	10	5
Leah Norvell	2-7	0-0	5	1
Mack Feeney	1-3	0-0	2	3
Charlotte Conyers	3-11	1-2	8	3
Jayda Dawn	0-0	0-0	0	0
Naaïma Mahmood	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jiyoun Lee	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-45	3-4	33	19
Score by Quarters not available				

University 3-point shooting (2-11) Conyers 1-3, Norvell 1-2, Rohloff 0-2, Bright 0-2, Turley 0-2. University rebounds (23) Feeney 9, Conyers 5, Rohloff 3, Turley 3, Norvell 3.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 23

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Westfield vs. Fort Wayne Northrop,

11 a.m. at Trine University

Carroll Holiday Tournament - consolation games

Tippecanoe Valley vs. Riverton Parke, 10 a.m.

University vs. Western Boone, 11:30 a.m.

Seventh-place game, 4:30 p.m.

Fifth-place game, 6 p.m.

Walt Rains Classic at Franklin Community

Zionsville vs. Franklin Community, 10 a.m.

Carmel vs. Castle, noon

Consolation game, 4 p.m.

Championship game, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Alexandria, 1:30 p.m.

Homestead Tournament

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Mishawaka Marian, 10 a.m.

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Valparaiso, 6 p.m.

Noblesville Tournament

Crown Point vs. Castle, 10 a.m.

Noblesville vs. McCutcheon, 11:45 a.m.

Third-place game, 6 p.m.

Championship game, 7:45 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Carmel & Zionsville at Homestead (diving only), 10 a.m.

Fishers at Holiday Invitational, 11:30 a.m.

Homestead & Zionsville at Carmel (swimming only), noon

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Cook signs to UMO lacrosse team



Noblesville's Tori Cook has committed to play lacrosse at the University of Mount Olive. (From left) Tamara Cook (mother), Tori Cook, and Dayne Cook (father).

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