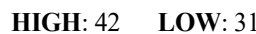


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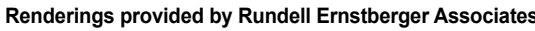


His 2023 arts highlights

• In the early 1990s, I personally met a musician I was unfamiliar with, Tori Amos, at a piano plant in West Baden, Ind. *Little Earthquakes* was just released. Amos visited to meet her newly delivered Bösendorfer piano, shipped from Austria. It was an ethereal experience seeing her in that big, dark, still piano plant (the workers were off for the weekend), straddling the bench in that bold way of hers and birthing sounds from the shiny, black Bösendorfer. Three of us were witnesses. The wood-scented factory air was thick with musical spirits that wafted and danced over us – around us! – through us! It was hypnotic. Thirty years later, in 2023, I saw her perform a full concert, my first, inside Indy's Murat Theatre. I'm happy to report that Tori Amos remains hypnotic after all these years.

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Carmel releases details & images of next phase of Monon Greenway widening

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mated completion by the end of 2025.

“Bop to the Top” raising money for Riley Hospital

Photo provided

Tuxedo Brothers' goal for 2024 is to raise at least \$15,000.

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If you are interested in participating in the climb and collecting donations for Riley Children's Foundation, you can set up a personal or corporate fundraising page. Collect donations from your friends, family, or co-workers by creating an online giving page.

Riley Children's Foundation receives 100 percent of funds raised by individuals and teams who set up fundraising pages, so please consider the difference you can make in a child's life. You can also bring your donations to the event site on Jan. 20.

Important: Creating or joining a Team Fundraising page through Team Riley does not register you for the event. You must still

complete the registration process. Volunteers are also needed for the event. Go to the registration page to volunteer, as well.

Overall and Age-Group awards will be provided for those who want to get competitive in Bop to the Top, but it is not required. Those who simply want to take their time and climb the stairs are also encouraged to come out.

Participants are encouraged to visit tuxbro.com for registration and updates on this and all Tuxedo Brothers' events, or email Jason Springer at jason@tuxbro.com. You can also check out future events, including several 5K's, half-marathons, full marathons, triathlons and more on their website.

- In NYC, I caught two memorable Broadway productions: David Byrne's pulsating musical *Here Lies Love*, and the stark, one-woman play *Prima Facie*, starring Tony winner and *Killing Eve* assassin Jodie Comer, arguably our finest living actress.
- Avant-garde, multi-media artist Laurie Anderson's *Four Talks* exhibit at the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C. was a glorious chalkboard explosion experience of white-lettered witticisms and profundities. Her imagery covered every inch of black room space, the walls, the floor, the ceiling. I could've spent an entire day deciphering her display.
- The Eiteljorg Museum's

We Remember exhibit, featuring Mexico-born artist turned Hoosier transplant Fernando Lozano, paid tribute to those killed by COVID. Social commentator Lozano's use of death toll figures for each U.S. state proved sobering – and necessary (lest we forget).

- Thanks to the always dependable Center for The Performing in Arts in Carmel, I checked off another bucket list performer, Bruce Cockburn. Also there, I enjoyed my favorite musical family, The Chapins, during a *Harry Chapin At 80* retrospective.
- *In You Can Never Go Back to the Turtle Back Inn*, the poet and Vietnam War veteran Jim McGarrah recalls a time "fogged with tear gas, dazed by the perfume of napalm and doused with Agent Orange." His poem, "Agent Orange," features lush prose harbored within in a poetic hellscape: "Toucans and banyans, bamboo and vipers, elephants and tigers, a few fig trees with rhesus monkeys resting on limbs, the dense beauty of the coffee farms steaming after a Monsoon rain, the scent of breakfast pho rising into a diamond white sky and oh my god the orchids the orchids – disappearing as the planes dusted the white mist like burning snow across the jungle where my squad walked patrols, where mama-sans pregnant with a generation



Photos provided by Scott Saalman
(Top) Fernando Lozano at his *We Remember* exhibit at the Eiteljorg Museum. (Above) Posing with NYC-based jazz guitarist Jamie Fox after the *Harry Chapin At 80* show.

of dying babies tended the poisoned rice paddies."

- Courtesy of Indy's Jazz Kitchen, I enjoyed pianist Monika Herzig and NYC vocalist Alexis Cole reimagine Joni Mitchell classics. Check out Herzig's *Both Sides of Joni* with vocalist Janiece Jaffe. Remaking "River" was a bold move that paid off. (Sadly, Jaffe died before the album's 2023 release.) Indulging in the best crab cakes in the area while watching Cuban legend Chuchito Valdés perform was also a highlight.
- PBS' *Once Upon A Time in Northern Ireland* provided enlightenment

through balanced reportage of the bloody conflict between Catholics and Protestants in the time of "The Troubles."

 - Hulu's *The Bear* delivered the best single episode of TV I've seen (ever!): Season 2, Episode 6, "The Fishes." Holiday season family dysfunction most high.
 - Alex Borstein's *Corsets & Clown Suits* (Prime Video) was pure burlesque comedy genius, and Leanne Morgan's *I'm Every Woman* (Netflix) and Nate Bargatze's *Hello World* (Prime Video) were real hoots!

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Brainard issues executive order supporting official definition of antisemitism

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard has signed a new executive order to formally adopt the elements that define antisemitism, which is a growing concern across cities and college campuses across the nation.

The definition comes from the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and it reads as follows:

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

“It is important to take a strong stand against antisemitism, hatred and discrimination of any kind in our city, and I want everyone to know that we stand for freedom in

Carmel and we embrace our Jewish residents and visitors,” Mayor Brainard said. “We will not tolerate and will certainly condemn any acts of antisemitism in our city.”

The executive order defines contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere that could include:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about



Brainard

a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government, or other societal institutions.

- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citi-

zens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor.
 - Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
 - Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism to characterize Israel or Israelis.
 - Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
 - Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.
- Mayor Brainard signed the executive order last week. [Click here](#) to read the entire document.

Today marks 100 days until total solar eclipse hits Indianapolis

By **HERNAN GUTIERREZ**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Indiana State Museum, Conner Prairie, and Newfields.

City leaders are counting down the days to the total **solar eclipse** this spring. Today marks 100 days to the rare event.

Indianapolis is in the middle of the “path of totality,” and as a result, it has quickly become a star among online travel websites.

Short-term rental giant Airbnb lists Indy as one of the **most searched cities** for 2024, largely due to the astronomical phenomenon.

Visit Indy expects thousands will visit for the cosmic weekend, filled with eclipse-themed **events**.

Communications Manager Clare Clark says businesses across the city are playing into the occasion by hosting parties, creating special cocktails, and in the case of **Sun King Brewery**, even brewing a craft beer.

“We are expecting 100,000 visitors right here to the Crossroads of America,” Clark said. “It’s a big deal.”

One notable event is at the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway**. NASA has partnered with the landmark for a unique viewing party. **Tickets** went on sale on Oct. 8.

Other locations holding ticketed events include the

Indiana State Museum Communications Director Carla Knapp said they excited to host interactive activities and demonstrations for general admission alongside a VIP event.

“[VIP is] perfect for anyone who wants a more intimate experience during the eclipse,” Knapp said. “We’re going to give them access to our private balcony where we’ve got food, drinks, a private dedicated bar ... They’re going to have a perfect view high up above the crowds to watch the eclipse and enjoy the beautiful view of downtown Indianapolis.”

Meanwhile, White River State Park will hold a free event, “**Lunacy**,” with live music, yoga classes, and food trucks.

Clark says it’s been great to work with different groups to activate spaces around the canal.

“It is the nation’s largest urban park,” Clark said. “We are excited to welcome visitors coming in from all around the nation here ... It will be decked out throughout the whole park.”

According to Visit Indy, Eclipse celebrations start Friday, April 5. The big day is the following Monday, April 8.

OneZone will welcome Dr. Kuhelika De to discuss economic outlook for 2024

The REPORTER

The OneZone Chamber of Commerce’s January Luncheon sponsored by Price Vision Group will welcome Dr. Kuhelika De of Butler University. She will discuss the Economic Outlook for 2024 and will provide insight from both a national and local perspective.

Dr. De holds a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Delhi (India); a Master of Economics from the University of Manchester (U.K.); and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University

of Georgia (U.S.). She is an applied macroeconomist, and her primary teaching and research interests include monetary economics, international finance, and time series econometrics.

Dr. De’s research contributions involve using large-scale macroeconomic data and structural time series econometric models to study contemporary and pressing macroeconomic



De

issues in the U.S., as well as other developed and developing countries and suggest policies that can help improve economic performance.

“As we start the year, we are excited to have Dr. De join us to discuss the 2024 economic outlook for businesses,” OneZone President & CEO Jack Russell said. “Join us as we unravel the secrets of tomorrow, empowering

businesses with the knowledge to navigate the evolving landscape and shape a resilient future.”

This event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at FORUM Events Center, 11313 USA Pkwy., Fishers. Registration is required by noon on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Members and non-members are invited to attend. The cost for members is \$45 and \$60 for non-members. Reservations can be made at [OneZoneChamber.com](#) or by calling (317) 436-4653.

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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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Noblesville Deputy Mayor awarded ‘Stake in the Ground’

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Common Council recognized Deputy Mayor Matt Light as the 2023 Stake in the Ground honoree at the Dec. 19 meeting.

The “Stake in the Ground” Award is designed to recognize city employees – typically at the director level – who go above and beyond their job by “putting a stake in the ground” to be the best city employee and have a significant impact in serving constituents. Each councilor makes a nomination and then all members vote on the award.

“In addition to his tasks and responsibilities, Matt undertook two major projects this past year,” said 2023 Common Council Vice President Darren Peterson, who presented the award on behalf of the council. “Matt was instrumental in the Noblesville Event Center breaking ground in November and working with Indiana Pacers Sports and Entertainment to secure the city as the new home to the team’s G League franchise.”

During 2023 Light also worked to finalize the city’s



Deputy Mayor Matt Light (left) was presented with the 2023 Stake in the Ground award by Common County Vice President Darren Peterson.

acquisition of Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations property between Division and Pleasant streets.

“With his due diligence, the city has acquired portions of the land, based on environmental analysis to be safe for redevelopment, that give us an opportunity to repurpose the site from its previous industrial use to serve

the current and future needs of our growing community,” Peterson said.

Light was selected by Mayor Chris Jensen to serve as his deputy mayor and has served in the Jensen administration since it began on Jan. 1, 2020.

“I’m fortunate to serve in a role where I have the opportunity to come to work

each day and team up with others to make a positive impact locally,” Light said. “The Mayor sets the tone with the way he approaches service to his hometown. There are a lot of dedicated professionals at the city who are deserving of recognition, and this award means a

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New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

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

- Fiction**
1. Coral Celebration – Jan Moran
 2. Coral Weddings – Jan Moran
 3. Holmes Marple and Poe – James Patterson (Jan. 8)
 4. Lone Oaks Crossing – Janet Dailey
 5. Night Island – Jayne Ann Krentz (Jan. 9)
 6. Paris Housekeeper – Renee Ryan
 7. Treasure Coast Christmas – Leigh Duncan
 8. Treasure Coast Homecoming – Leigh Duncan
 9. Treasure Coast Promise – Leigh Duncan
 10. Two Dead Wives – Adele Parks
 11. Upside Down – Danielle Steel
- Non-Fiction**
1. Killing the Witches – Bill O’Reilly
- Children’s**
1. Dinosaur Who Ran the Store – Russell Putner
 2. Dinosaur with the Noisy Snore – Russell Putner
 3. Helpfulness for Hip-

- pos – Zanna Davidson
 4. Lego Ideas Book – Hannah Dolan
 5. Politeness for Penguins – Zanna Davidson
 6. That’s Not My Deer – Fiona Watt
 7. That’s Not My Monster – Fiona Watt
 8. That’s Not My Rocket – Fiona Watt
- Inspirational Fiction**
1. Against the Wind – Amanda Cabot
 2. Brighter Dawn – Leslie Gould
 3. Cold Light of Day – Elizabeth Goddard
 4. Kidnapped in the Woods – Deena Alexander
 5. Lost and Found – Suzanne Wood Fisher
 6. Million Little Choices – Tamera Alexander
 7. Olympic Mountain Pursuit – Jodie Bailey
 8. Shadows at Dusk – Elizabeth Goddard
 9. Sisters by the Sea – Wanda E. Brunstetter
 10. Tapestry of Love – Linda Byler
 11. This Passing House – Leslie Gould
 12. Until Then – Cindy Woodsmall
 13. Weaving of Life – Linda Byler

Indiana lawmakers propose age verification for porn websites

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wish.tv.com

A state senator on Wednesday said free speech protections don’t extend to pornographic websites.

Sen. Mike Bohacek has filed legislation that would require any website on which at least one-third of the content is deemed harmful to minors, as defined in state law, to force all visitors to verify their ages.

He says, in practice, the verification most likely would take the form of scanning driver’s licenses.

The Republican from the northwest Indiana town of Michiana Shores says his bill would prohibit websites or their verification contrac-

tors from retaining identifying information.

House Republicans have filed similar legislation.

“Quite frankly, access to some of these websites is exacerbating an already tough problem for some of these kids,” Bohacek said. “The expectation of what an adult relationship, or what a mature relationship should look like, is getting a little bit perverted to the point where kids feel like they have to do something that is way more mature than a 13-, 14- or 15-year-old should be dealing with.”

Louisiana, Utah, Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi have passed laws similar to Bohacek’s proposal.

A federal judge in September struck down Texas’

law as unconstitutionally broad, though an appeals court has allowed the law to take effect while judges take a second look.

A federal judge in Utah rejected a lawsuit over that state’s law.

The question of how to regulate online pornography has bedeviled policymakers since the earliest days of the internet. The federal Communications Decency Act of 1996 prohibited knowingly transmitting obscene or indecent material to someone younger than 18. It provided exceptions for someone who had age-verification protocols. The United States Supreme Court struck it down the following year in a 7-2 ruling. The late Justice

John Paul Stevens wrote in the majority opinion:

“In order to deny minors access to potentially harmful speech, the CDA effectively suppresses a large amount of speech that adults have a constitutional right to receive and to address to one another. That burden on adult speech is unacceptable if less restrictive alternatives would be at least as effective in achieving the legitimate purpose that the statute was enacted to serve.”

Senior U.S. District Judge David A. Ezra echoed that ruling in his September judgment against Texas’ age verification law, writing blocking and filtering software programs “are more effective and less restrictive in terms of protecting minors

from adult content.”

Kate Ruane, the director of the Free Expression Project at the Center for Democracy and Technology, an organization which advocates against censorship, said bills like Bohacek’s violate the rights of adult visitors to such websites as well as the people who run those sites. She said it makes the content of such websites subject to the whims of governments’ interpretation of what constitutes harmful content. Ruane said a better option would be for online platforms to provide young users with tools, such as preplanned responses, to spot and disengage from unwanted content.

“Courts have time and again said that these types of

restrictions violate the constitutional rights of adults to access constitutionally-protected content,” she said.

Bohacek said he doesn’t buy the First Amendment argument. He said the Indiana Supreme Court rejected such reasoning in a lawsuit filed against a law he wrote concerning revenge porn.

“This is not a First Amendment issue. This is a matter of responsibility and decency and following the law,” Bohacek said. “You can’t let a 15-year-old into a strip bar in northwest Indiana. It’s illegal. So what they’re doing is illegal.”

The legislative session will begin on Jan. 8 and was scheduled to run until March 14 at the latest.

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February 10

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February 14

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Easter Express

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March 23, 24 and 30

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Balcony bards perform for Palladium patrons



The Sounds of Providence Madrigal Singers from Guerin Catholic High School performed in the Palladium's South Lobby overlook to entertain patrons before the Jon McLaughlin & Friends show on Dec. 8. Great job!

Recycle your old, broken, or unused Christmas lights

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel encourages residents to recycle their old, broken, or unused holiday lights instead of throwing them away. Residents can take them to White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center at 731 S. Range Line Road.

The recycling drive will continue until Jan. 19 and is sponsored by Carmel Clay Schools' Green Teams, Car-

mel Utilities, the City of Carmel, Technology Recyclers and White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center.

Since the start of the collaborative program in 2011, more than 13 tons of lights have been recycled. Recycling inoperable or inefficient lights keeps them out of landfills.

Carmel Utilities recommends using EnergyStar rated LED lights

(or light-emitting diodes), which can reduce energy usage by up to 75 percent compared to conventional lights. Not only will you save in energy costs and lower your carbon footprint, LED lights also have the following advantages:

- **Safer:** LEDs are much cooler than incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion or burnt fingers.

- **Sturdier:** LEDs are made with epoxy lenses and are much more resistant to breakage.
- **Longer Lasting:** The LED lights can last up to 25 times longer than conventional lights.

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

Human remains found at Indy Eleven construction site

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Human remains were discovered at the Indy Eleven construction site while crews were demolishing the former building and starting to prepare the site for the new development.

This plot of land between Kentucky Avenue and the White River was once Greenlawn Cemetery. Its history dates back to the 17th century.

Human remains were found in the northern portion of the land.

Leon Bates, an Indianapolis historian who is a doctoral candidate, said the area was where early Indiana settlers and U.S. Civil War Union soldiers were buried.

"This is not a surprise at all to any of us," Bates said. "It was a little bit of a surprise they found them so early. We thought it would be a little bit longer before they actually got in the ground and found any remains."

The story originally gained attention when advocates noted the oldest part of the cemetery could contain the remains of up to 2,000 African Americans who had never been moved over the years.

"The African Americans, the majority of them, we believe, were buried in the old 'bury grounds' next to the river," Bates said.

"There were hundreds, if not thousands of African Americans buried back there and there's no record we can find that they were moved. So, we do not know where they are but we highly suspect they were left behind."

Bates believes crews will find more remains as they work closer to the White River where he and others believe many African Americans are buried.

Bates said Greenlawn Cemetery was four separate cemeteries at one point, and the old 'bury grounds' section was the first public cemetery in the city. He said many African Americans were buried there because there was no cost.

A map from the U.S. Library of Congress shows the cemetery broken into three sections and does not differentiate between the north "bury ground" and the new "bury ground," which Bates said takes up the section that runs along Kentucky Avenue on the map.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources said its Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology oversees the work and reviews development plans that are within 100 feet of a cemetery. Indiana law requires developers to get an archeological plan approved if human remains are found.

In November, Keystone Group told News 8 it already had an archeological plan in place.

In an email to News 8, a DNR representative shared the requirements for an archeological plan:

Under IC (Indiana Code) 14-21-1-26.5, the DNR Division of Historic

Preservation and Archeology (DHPA) reviews plans for developments that are within 100 feet of a cemetery. If human remains are found during any ground disturbance in Indiana, the law (IC 14-21-1-29) requires that digging must pause and that an archeological plan be approved before digging can continue. These plans must include a recovery plan for how human remains will be treated if they are discovered during construction; detail how an archeologist will monitor areas with a high probability for burials; detail the field methods for recovery of remains, laboratory processing and analysis, and reporting; and detail commitments for reinterment of remains at another local cemetery.

For this project, DNR requested an archeological plan from the developer. Both the cemetery development plan and archaeological monitoring plan have been approved by the DNR. This plan is currently being followed with remains now being recovered and reinterred.

Bates said while the law does not require developers to do a preemptive search, he believes that would have been the best option.

"Building on top of a cemetery or building on top of a graveyard, there's just something wrong with that idea," Bates said. "And if you're going to build, if you're going to do it, move the people out. Their plan is not to move people. It's to only move those they find. If they don't find them, they're going to build on top of them."

Keystone Group shared a statement with News 8 regarding the discovery of human remains:

Keystone Group in coordination with Weintraut and Associates and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources/Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology (IDNR/DHPA) have identified isolated areas of interest at the former site of Diamond Chain. Weintraut and Associates along with the IDNR/DHPA are conducting a thorough and respectful analysis on the discovery of materials and determined the following:

Fragments of human remains have been identified at the north end of the site. The discoveries are all undergoing and adhering to strict identification protocols. The discoveries will be properly catalogued and subsequently reinterred at the discretion of the IDNR/DHPA and Keystone. As construction continues at the site, Keystone, Weintraut and Associates, and the IDNR/DHPA will continue to follow the lawful guidelines at both the state and local level with the utmost sensitivity.

Keystone views these discoveries as an opportunity to correct past mishandlings by previous ownership and to respectfully relocate and honor what may be found. Keystone continues to work with community organizations who look to honor the memory of those who may have been buried at Greenlawn. These discussions are ongoing as the project progresses and an appropriate memorial will be included in project completion.

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lot coming from our Council, who do a great job advocating for the interests of Noblesville."

Prior to Noblesville, Light served as chief of staff

at Indiana's State Board of Accounts. At the SBoA, Light led a staff of nearly 300 that audited all state agencies and local units of government. Light also has

previous experience in executive roles at the Indiana Attorney General's office and as an adjunct professor at the IU McKinney School of Law.

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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer grateful to see “old order” depart Carmel City Hall

Dear Editor:

Carmel’s progressive elite has had a hectic end-of-year rush.

As the old order departs, those left behind face a series of audits and accountings promised both by the new mayor and most of the newly elected city councilors.

In quick succession, the elites:

- Sought a corporate naming sponsor for the financially decrepit Center for the Performing Arts;
- Raised water and sewer rates 35 percent and 20 percent, respectively, to pay for expansion to cover the manic construction craze;
- Approved \$400,000 for a 75-foot metallic roundabout “sculpture;”
- Discovered three statuettes to expand a trio of musician statuettes at the Palladium from three to six;
- Added nearly \$1 million to the city’s \$1.5 billion debt, and
- Issued a **FY 2022 “annual report”** with no standard annual report numbers such as income, expenses, assets, and liabilities.

What a relief it will be to see the manic spenders either leave city hall or at least take their collective foot off the spending accelerator.

It was time for a change.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Letter to the Editor

Russell highlights year of many successes for OneZone Chamber

Dear OneZone Chamber Members,

As the year draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each member who has stood by us, both longtime supporters and those who joined us this year. Your dedication fuels our mission to advocate, educate, and connect our thriving community of over 1,200 members.

In a year marked by growth and collaboration, we proudly welcomed the Northern Hamilton County Chamber into our family through a successful merger. Together, we achieved over 60 ribbon cuttings and hosted over 70 events catering to early birds, midday warriors, and evening owls, fostering a dynamic network for our members.

Our digital footprint expanded significantly, with a 40 percent growth in social media and a reach exceeding 1.5 million.

We advocated for our members down at the Statehouse, the work we have been doing with our friends from Torchbearer Public Affairs for over five years! We actively advocated for transformative projects in Carmel and Fishers as well. Projects that continue to put our cities on the map for the best places to start a business, raise a family, and more. We were proud to endorse the Mayor of Fishers, Scott Fadness, and the next Mayor of Carmel, Sue Finkam.

We expanded our programming by introducing Eggs & Issues featuring esteemed speakers like Speaker Todd Huston, Brenda Myers, Karen Radcliff, Mitch Frazier, Dr. Rachel Kartz, Kelley Stacy, Elaine Bedel, and Vanessa Green Sinderson.

Behind these achievements stands our small yet mighty team, tirelessly working to serve you and your businesses. It's an honor to contribute to the success of our vibrant business community, and we are proud to continue this mission.

As we step into the new year, our optimism for the journey ahead is unwavering. We invite you to join us in 2024 for deeper conversations about supporting small businesses, strengthening our advocacy efforts, and a host of strategic programming. Anticipate more video content centered around our members and the introduction of a new program celebrating your successes.

In closing, we express our deepest thanks for making Hamilton County an extraordinary place to live, work, and thrive. Your contributions form the backbone of our shared success, and we eagerly look forward to serving you in 2024.

Warm regards,
Jack Russell
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Letter to the Editor

Reader says 2024 could “make or break” this country

Dear Editor:

2024 appears to have all the earmarks of a unique and historical year. In fact, 2024 may well prove to be the “make or break” year for America as we’ve known her.

On one hand, 2024 holds tremendous potential. It could be the year America bottoms out, sees it cannot remain on its present course, and drastically reconstitutes itself. For that to happen, America must see that the Marxist left has overplayed its hand and revealed itself on everything from the open border, to the transgender attack on children, to the weaponization of our justice system – and then cast it off.

On the other hand, 2024 may prove us too far gone to save. Perhaps we’ll find that too many have already surrendered their own potential for individual achievement and their devotion to anything Higher than themselves.

Perhaps we’ll confirm too many are irreversibly tethered to a benevolent government; one faithfully promising to provide a “livable” quality of life by sharing what scraps it sees fit.

Maybe we’ll find we are just too soft and too filled with the self-hatred we’ve been fed by our corrupt education system.

Or perhaps we’ll find it’s even simpler than that: enough of us have been conditioned to hate the “orange man” so badly, we burn it all down – just to burn him with it.

Either way, we hold our fate in our own hands. Decide what you want in 2024 because you may not get another chance.

Michael Pflum
Martinsville, Ind.

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Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. Then Leah said, “How happy I am! The women will call me happy.” So she named him Asher.
Genesis 30:7-13 (NIV)



Roundabout at 106th Street & Hoosier Road

The new single-lane roundabout at 106th Street and Hoosier Road in Fishers is open to traffic. Some items will still need to be addressed as weather allows. Please check [Drive Fishers](#) for continued updates.

Meeting Notice

The Adams Township Board will meet to elect 2024 officers at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2023, at the Adams Township Trustee’s Office, 201 S. Main St., Sheridan.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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Carmel releases 2024 road construction schedule

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has unveiled the anticipated schedule for the 2024 construction season. Projects include new roundabouts, road improvements, storm water collection, and a continued effort to increase bicycle and pedestrian connectivity throughout the city.

Below is a summary of three highlighted projects that will continue their construction phase as 2023 concludes.

3rd Avenue SW reconstruction

There will be continued work on this project as water main and storm water collection systems are being installed below grade and utility coordination continues throughout the construction limits.

Main Street: Guilford Road to Old Meridian Street

Starting on or after Jan. 15, underground infrastructure work will begin on west Main Street between Guilford Road and Old Meridian.

This project will involve improving the water main down the center of the roadway to increase water capacity and service in the area and adding storm water collection infrastructure to the right-of-way.

There will be a full closure of this section of the road for duration of the project, which is estimated at six to eight weeks.

North College Avenue reconstruction

The construction phase of the North College Avenue reconstruction project is set to begin in spring 2024 with a projected completion anticipated in the summer of 2025.

This project brings major improvements to the North College Avenue stretch of road from 96th Street to 106th Street, including storm water collection infrastructure, pedestrian connectivity, landscaped medians, and safer streets for the motoring public.

It is anticipated that one-way, limited closures will be applied to maintain traffic for the public as construction continues. Specific plans for these partial closures are being finalized and will be made available once complete.

If you have any questions or additional support, please contact Engineering Administrator Joshua Kirsh in the City of Carmel’s Engineering Department at jkirsh@carmel.in.gov.
[Click here](#) to see a full list of the 2024 projects.

Last call for New Year’s Eve tickets at West Fork Whisky

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Boys Basketball



Photo by Joshua Herd

The Fishers boys basketball team won its inaugural Holiday Tournament this week. The Tigers defeated Chesterton 74-42 in Friday's championship game to claim the title.

Tigers win their first ever Holiday Tourney, remain unbeaten for season

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – The Fishers boys basketball team hosted its first ever Holiday Tournament this week, and the Tigers will get to keep the trophy in their own gym.

Fishers, the No. 1 team in Class 4A, played superb basketball in all three of its games, culminating with a 74-42 win over Chesterton in Friday's night championship. The Tigers recovered from an opening jolt by the Trojans, then sped away in the third quarter thanks to their solid depth. All 11 Fishers players that took to the floor scored at least one point.

"We just got a really deep roster, so after a while they just start to wear down," said Tigers senior Keenan Garner. "We got so many people that can come in and play for us, so after a while they start to get tired and we still have bodies we can rotate in."

Chesterton had Fishers down 10-4 early in the first quarter, but the Tigers skipped off on a 15-0 run and never trailed again. Taden Metzger made the first of many 3-pointers to begin the spurt, and another one of his triples finished the run and gave Fishers a 19-10 lead. In between, Garner scored five points, JonAnthony Hall made a pair of free throws and Justin Kirby was good on a layin.

The Trojans battled

back in the second quarter, at one point scoring seven unanswered points. That's when Jason Gardner Jr. asserted himself, scoring eight points in the period to keep his team ahead. Hall helped out with an early and-1. As a result, Fishers led 30-25 at halftime.

The Tigers blasted through the third quarter, scoring 27 points. Metzger got red hot during the period, throwing in four more triples. One of those 3s came with 4.8 seconds left in the half, and while he was being fouled; Metzger made the free throw to complete the rare four-point play.

"We all play well off each other and my teammates know when to give me the ball when I'm open, and I know when to make them," said Metzger.

Fishers continued to roll through the fourth quarter, with a quick 6-0 run getting the Tigers ahead 63-33. Hall made a dunk, Millen McCartney scored with a layin and Cooper Zachary added two free throws.

"Having depth is really hard because everybody wants to play the whole game," said Fishers coach Garrett Winegar. "You have to not only have depth but have great kids that are bought into what we're doing, and that's what we have. No matter the minutes they got, they're coming in and they're making the most of those minutes."

Metzger's six 3s and free

throw gave him 19 points, while Garner finished with 14. McCartney finished with 10 points, including a pair of second-half triples.

In their semifinal game, Fishers beat Portage 62-45. The Indians led the Tigers 13-9 after one quarter before Fishers came back to lead 26-22 at halftime. Metzger nailed two 3s in the second period, totaling nine points in the quarter. After a tight third quarter, Fishers ran away in the fourth, outscoring Portage 21-6.

Garner led with 18 points, while Metzger threw in 3s on his way to 12 points. The two seniors were named Co-MVPs at the end of the tournament.

Fishers is now 11-0 for the season and hosts Pike next Friday.



Photos by Joshua Herd

Fishers' Keenan Garner (left) and Taden Metzger (right) were named the tournament Co-MVPs.

FISHERS 62, PORTAGE 45				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	4	1-1	12	1
Millen McCartney	3	0-0	7	1
Cooper Zachary	0	2-2	2	3
JonAnthony Hall	3	3-4	9	2
Keenan Garner	7	4-9	18	1
Jason Gardner Jr.	4	0-0	9	2
Justin Kirby	1	1-1	3	3
Parker Perdue	1	0-1	2	1
Nathan Baker	0	0-0	0	0
Bryson Seymour	0	0-0	0	0
Logan Sigler	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23	11-18	62	14
Score by Quarters				
Portage	13	9	17	6 – 45
Fishers	9	17	15	21 – 62
Fishers 3-pointers (6) Metzger 3, McCartney, Gardner Jr., Kirby.				

FISHERS 74, CHESTERTON 42				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	6	1-1	19	0
Millen McCartney	4	0-0	10	1
Cooper Zachary	0	2-2	2	2
JonAnthony Hall	3	3-3	9	2
Keenan Garner	3	7-7	14	1
Jason Gardner Jr.	4	0-0	8	1
Justin Kirby	1	2-2	4	4
Parker Perdue	1	0-0	2	2
Nathan Baker	0	2-2	2	1
Bryson Seymour	1	0-0	3	2
Logan Sigler	0	1-2	1	1
Totals	23	18-19	74	17
Score by Quarters				
Chesterton	13	12	6	11 – 42
Fishers	19	11	27	17 – 74
Fishers 3-pointers (10) Metzger 6, McCartney 2, Seymour, Garner.				

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Boys Basketball

Trailblazers have split success at Lebanon Holiday Classic

The REPORTER

University's boys split a pair of games Saturday to place seventh in the 2023 Lebanon Holiday Classic.

The Trailblazers dropped a 57-49 contest to Indianapolis Metropolitan in the morning session before storming back to beat Faith Christian 91-80 in the afternoon.

University used a 33-point second quarter to break open a close game against Faith Christian. Blake Gray led the way with 27 points for the Blazers while coming up with a team high seven steals and handing out six assists. Montgomery Holland had 20 points and five rebounds while Blake Gray had 19 points, including 15 in the decisive second quarter. Robert Russell gave the Blazers four in double figures with a 12-point game.

The Trailblazers jumped out to an early 6-2 lead against the Eagles behind three pointers from Russell

and Bryce Gray. The Eagles scored to next nine points to take an 11-6 lead before Holland tied the game on a rebound basket and a three-point play. University turned up the pressure and Bryce Gray put the Blazers on top 13-11 scoring after Holland came up with a steal. Bryce Gray then had a steal of his own and converted it into another three-point play. Max McCabe had a steal and fed Russell for a bucket to complete University's 12-0 run in 100 seconds and an 18-11 lead. The Blazers led 20-15 after the first.

University led 25-23 two minutes into the second quarter before Blake Gray ignited a 14-2 spurt with a three pointer from the left corner. Faisal Moahmud had a steal that led to Blake Gray's three-point play. Blake Gray added another three-pointer from the left corner before coming up with a steal and converting yet another three-point play. Jackson Bledsoe finished

the run with a bucket following a McCabe steal. Russell scored the last seven points of the first half including a buzzer-beating three-pointer to send University to the locker room with a 53-30 advantage.

University's lead reached 65-37 midway through the third quarter and the Blazers led 69-48 at the end of the third. McComb and Bryce Gray each had six points in the period.

University led 78-53 with 5:15 left in the game before Faith Christian mounted a furious rally cutting the lead to 81-72 with 2:09 left but the Eagles were not able to get closer than seven points the rest of the way as University made enough free throws to secure the win.

The morning session saw the Blazers struggle to convert shots, making just 1 of 15 three-point shots. The teams were tied at 15 after

the opening period, but University scored just two points in the second quarter to fall behind 24-17 at halftime.

The Pumas extended their lead to 44-32 early in the fourth quarter. University began to chip away pulling with 44-40 on a pair of Bryce Gray free throws with 4:54 left. Metropolitan got the lead back to either before University came back again, cutting the lead to 49-46 with 2:11 left on a McComb steal and basket. That was as close as the Blazers would get as the Pumas went 9 for 12 at the foul line in the fourth quarter.

McComb and Bryce Gray led University in scoring with 11 points each. Holland had 10 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

University stands 4-6 on the season. The Blazers will host Indianapolis Scecina Thursday night at The U Center.

GC wins both pool games to start Furney Holiday Classic

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic began play in the Ray Furney Holiday Classic at Lawrenceburg on Friday by winning both of its games in Pool "A."

The Class 3A No. 3 Golden Eagles first beat Bethesda Christian 70-58. A strong first quarter propelled Guerin Catholic to a 26-17 lead, which the Golden Eagles extended to a 44-28 halftime advantage. Guerin Catholic kept its lead around that margin in the second half.

Four GC players reached double digits. Robert Sorensen scored 20 points, hitting four 3-pointers along the way. Bryson Cardinal scored 13 points, in addition to getting six rebounds

and handing out five assists. Dylan Murans and Malcolm Houze both scored 12 points, with Murans collecting five rebounds.

Guerin Catholic beat host Lawrenceburg 53-33 in its second pool game. The Golden Eagles led from the start, going up 17-6 after one quarter. Guerin Catholic extended its lead to 35-17 by halftime.

Andy Caron scored 14 points, followed by Sorensen with 13. Cardinal had six rebounds with Sorensen grabbing five. Houze dished out four assists.

The Golden Eagles are 9-2 and play Newport (Ky.) at 11:30 a.m. in the semifinals. A placement game follows later that night.

METROPOLITAN 57, UNIVERSITY 49				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bryce Gray	2-9	6-6	11	2
Blake Gray	3-9	0-0	6	0
Max McComb	4-12	3-6	11	5
Robert Russell	3-8	0-0	6	1
Cooper Cammack	1-1	0-0	2	4
Jackson Bledsoe	1-4	1-2	3	1
Zien Bland	0-1	0-0	0	0
Montgomery Holland	5-11	0-1	10	4
Totals	19-55	10-15	49	17
Score by Quarters				
Metropolitan	15	9	18	15 - 57
University	15	2	15	17 - 49
University 3-point shooting (1-15) Br. Gray 1-6, Bl. Gray 0-4, McComb 0-4, Holland 0-1.				
University rebounds (27) Holland 11, Cammack 5, McComb 4, Br. Gray 3, Bledsoe 2, B. Gray 1, Russell 1.				

UNIVERSITY 91, FAITH CHRISTIAN 80				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bryce Gray	10-17	4-5	27	2
Max McComb	2-8	2-4	7	3
Robert Russell	5-11	0-3	12	1
Montgomery Holland	8-9	3-7	20	4
Cooper Cammack	0-3	0-0	0	3
Jackson Bledsoe	1-4	0-0	2	2
Blake Gray	7-12	3-4	19	2
Zien Bland	1-3	0-0	2	0
Faisal Moahmud	1-3	0-0	2	0
Jalen Scott	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	35-71	12-23	91	17
Score by Quarters				
Faith Christian	17	13	18	32 - 80
University	20	33	16	22 - 91
University 3-point shooting (9-22) Br. Gray 3-8, Bl. Gray 2-5, Russell 2-3, McComb 1-3, Holland 1-1, Bland 0-1, Mohamud 0-1.				
University rebounds (26) Cammack 7, Holland 5, Br. Gray 3, McComb 3, Russell 3, Mohamud 2, Scott 2, Bl. Gray 1.				

GUERIN CATHOLIC 70, BETHESDA CHRISTIAN 58				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Robert Sorensen	8-12	0-0	20	0
Andy Caron	1-2	0-0	2	2
Hayden Rogers	2-3	0-0	6	2
Dylan Murans	3-6	5-6	12	2
Bryson Cardinal	5-7	3-5	13	2
Ryne Paris	0-0	0-0	0	2
Malcolm Houze	5-8	0-1	12	1
Julian Melendez	2-2	1-2	5	0
Jack Toles	0-0	0-0	0	0
Nik Balmuri	0-0	0-0	0	1
Asher Areknau	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	26-40	9-14	70	12
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	26	18	15	11 - 70
Bethesda Christian	17	11	15	15 - 58
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (9-14) Sorensen 4-7, Houze 2-3, Rodgers 2-3, Murans 1-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (21) Cardinal 6, Murans 5, Sorensen 2, Caron 1, Houze 1, Rodgers 1, Paris 1, team 4.				

GUERIN CATHOLIC 53, LAWRENCEBURG 33				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Robert Sorensen	5-10	0-0	13	0
Andy Caron	5-6	1-2	14	1
Hayden Rodgers	1-1	0-0	3	2
Dylan Murans	3-7	0-0	6	3
Bryson Cardinal	1-3	2-3	4	3
Malcolm Houze	2-3	1-1	5	1
Ryne Paris	2-2	0-0	4	3
Jack Toles	0-1	0-0	0	0
Nik Balmuri	0-1	0-0	0	0
Julian Melendez	2-3	0-0	4	1
Asher Arkenau	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-37	4-6	53	14
Score by Quarters				
Lawrenceburg	6	11	10	6 - 33
Guerin Catholic	17	18	12	6 - 53
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (7-12) Sorensen 3-5, Caron 3-3, Rodgers 1-1, Murans 0-2, Houze 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (20) Cardinal 6, Sorensen 5, Caron 4, Melendez 1, Paris 1, Murans 1, Arkenau 1, team 1.				

Wrestling

Fishers places fourth at Connersville Spartan Classic

The REPORTER

The Fishers wrestling team placed fourth out of 31 teams at the Connersville Spartan Classic, which took place Thursday and Friday.

The Tigers scored 193.5 team points. Other teams in

the top four were champion Greenfield-Central (266), runner-up New Palestine (222) and third-place East Noble (221).

Fishers had one individual champion: Xavier Smith at 165 pounds. Smith won

his first two matches by fall, then beat Bishop Chatard's Kade Rickard by a 9-4 decision in the quarterfinals. Smith accelerated to the finish line, beating Greenfield's Mason Thompson in the semifinals with a 14-5 major decision, then cruised to victory in the championship bout with an 18-2 technical fall over East Noble's

Dallas Plattner.

Other Tigers place winners were Chayce Yant (third at 126), Diego Carabano (fourth at 175), Owen Ingalls (fifth at 120), Teyon Leonard (fifth at 138), Will Hruskoci (sixth at 113), Stephen Breck (sixth at 150), Seth Lamb (eighth at 106) and Julian Burgett (eighth at 190).

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Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

Carmel sees mixed results in Loggan Memorial Invite

The REPORTER

Carmel split a pair of games this week in the Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational at North Central.

In their first game, the Greyhounds beat Evansville Harrison 60-46 on Thursday. The Warriors, who received votes in the latest Class 4A poll, led

21-19 after one quarter, but Carmel used a strong second quarter to go up 36-28 at halftime. The 'Hounds outscored Harrison 16-10 in the fourth quarter to finish the game.

Carmel had a tremendous game from 3-point range, making 11 of 19 attempts. Alex Couto nailed

four triples on his way to a team-leading 15 points, while Ben Bremer made three 3s while scoring 12 points. Ryan Clevenger added 10 points and handed out four assists. Max Winders led the rebounds with six and Couto collected five.

The Greyhounds played another game Friday, falling

to Louisville Trinity 48-34. Carmel led 11-10 after one quarter, but Trinity outscored the 'Hounds in the other three periods, leading 18-16 at halftime and 26-18 after three quarters.

Harrell led Carmel with 11 points and nine rebounds. The Greyhounds are 3-7 and play at Marion next Friday.

CARMEL 60, EVANSVILLE HARRISON 46

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	5-9	1-2	15	1
Ryan Clevenger	4-6	2-3	10	0
Evan Harrell	2-3	0-0	4	4
Mitchell Mulloy	0-1	0-0	0	0
Julian Vogt	1-3	0-0	3	0
Aiden Dickerson	1-2	2-2	5	0
Ben Bremer	3-6	3-4	12	1
Max Winders	1-2	2-4	4	2
Jamichael Fountain	2-2	0-0	6	0
Quinn Murphy	0-0	1-2	1	0
Jack Perry	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19-34	11-17	60	8
Score by Quarters				
Evansville Harrison	21	7	8	10 - 46
Carmel	19	17	8	16 - 60
Carmel 3-point shooting (11-19) Couto 4-6, Bremer 3-6, Fountain 2-2, Vogt 1-2, Dickerson 1-1, Clevenger 0-1, Mulloy 0-1. Carmel rebounds (17) Winders 6, Couto 5, Clevenger 2, Bremer 1, Harrell 1, Mulloy 1, Vogt 1.				

LOUISVILLE TRINITY 48, CARMEL 34

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	3-15	0-0	8	1
Ryan Clevenger	0-5	0-0	0	3
Evan Harrell	3-4	4-4	11	0
Mitchell Mulloy	0-0	0-0	0	2
Julian Vogt	1-2	0-0	2	0
Jamichael Fountain	1-8	1-2	4	4
Aiden Dickerson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ben Bremer	3-5	0-0	9	1
Max Winders	0-0	0-0	0	1
Quinn Murphy	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	11-39	5-6	34	12
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	11	5	2	16 - 34
Trinity	10	8	8	22 - 48
Carmel 3-point shooting (7-26) Bremer 3-4, Couto 2-13, Fountain 1-6, Harrell 1-1, Clevenger 0-1, Vogt 0-1. Carmel rebounds (24) Harrell 9, Dickerson 3, Winders 3, Clevenger 2, Fountain 2, Bremer 2, Couto 1, Mulloy 1, Vogt 1.				

Huskies fall to Christel House Academy, rebound over Trinity Lutheran, set to play Rising Sun

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights split a pair of games on the first day of the Ryder Realty Holiday Classic at Switzerland County Thursday.

The Huskies dropped their first-round game to Christel House Academy 62-53. Heights led 17-15 after one quarter, but the Eagles came back to lead 33-24 at halftime. The Huskies

made their own comeback in the third quarter to get within 43-40, but Christel House scored 19 points in the fourth to clinch the win.

Sam Dawson made four 3-pointers on his way to 14 points. John Irion scored 12 points and pulled seven rebounds, while Tillman Etchison had 10 points and nine assists.

consolation game, beating Trinity Lutheran 79-58. The Huskies led 44-30 at halftime and poured in another 25 points in the third quarter.

Etchison scored 22 points, followed by Dawson, who made another four 3s while scoring 18 points. Tyler Champion contributed

13 points. Dreydin Serna had seven rebounds, followed by five each for Carson Felger and Etchison. Phoenix Vondersaar dished out four assists.

Heights is 4-6 and plays Rising Sun at 2 p.m. this afternoon in the fifth-place game.

CHRISTEL HOUSE ACADEMY 62, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 53

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	3-6	1-2	8	3
Dreydin Serna	3-8	0-0	6	4
Tillman Etchison	3-10	3-4	10	2
John Irion	3-9	4-7	12	2
Sam Dawson	5-9	0-0	14	1
Isaiah Grimsey	0-0	0-0	0	2
Carson Felger	1-1	0-0	3	2
Phoenix Vondersaar	0-1	0-0	0	0
Rees Knapp	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-44	8-13	53	16
Score by Quarters				
Heights	17	7	16	13 - 53
Christel House	15	18	10	19 - 62
Heights 3-point shooting (9-21) Dawson 4-6, Irion 2-5, Champion 1-4, Etchison 1-2, Felger 1-1, Serna 0-2, Vondersaar 0-1. Heights rebounds (17) Irion 7, Serna 4, Etchison 3, Champion 2, Grimsey 1.				

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 79, TRINITY LUTHERAN 58

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	4-9	1-2	13	1
Dreydin Serna	4-7	0-0	8	2
Tillman Etchison	9-14	1-1	22	0
John Irion	2-5	1-2	5	2
Sam Dawson	7-14	0-0	18	2
Carson Felger	3-3	0-0	6	1
Rees Knapp	1-4	0-0	2	1
Phoenix Vondersaar	1-2	0-0	3	1
Aidan Unger	1-1	0-0	2	4
Chris Nobbe	0-1	0-0	0	1
Isaiah Grimsey	0-1	0-0	0	2
Hayden Spicer	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	32-62	3-5	79	17
Score by Quarters				
Trinity Lutheran	18	12	13	15 - 58
Heights	22	22	25	10 - 79
Heights 3-point shooting (12-23) Champion 4-7, Dawson 4-7, Etchison 3-5, Vondersaar 1-1, Knapp 0-1, Felger 0-1, Nobbe 0-1. Heights rebounds (33) Serna 7, Felger 5, Etchison 5, Vondersaar 4, Irion 4, Champion 3, Knapp 3, Unger 1, Dawson 1.				

Southeastern has no trouble winning both games at Loggan Memorial Invitational

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's girls won both of their games in the Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational this week.

The Class 4A No. 2 Royals opened play Thursday with a 59-41 win over Decatur Central. Southeastern led 18-9 after one quarter and 31-17 at halftime, then poured in another 17 points in the third period.

Maya Makalusky had a dominant game with 28 points (including three 3-pointers), six rebounds and four blocked shots. Kennedy Holman added 16 points and also collected six rebounds, dished out six assists and made four steals. Kayla Stidham handed out six assists and got three blocks, while Zoe Lawless

had five rebounds.

The Royals returned to North Central on Friday and beat the Panthers 69-61. It was a back-and-forth game in the first half: Southeastern led 23-9 after one quarter, but North Central outscored the Royals 20-8 in the second period, cutting HSE's lead to 31-29 at halftime. The Royals put together another huge third quarter, scoring 27 points for a 58-42 lead and held on from there.

Makalusky earned a double-double of 27 points (including four 3s) and 11 rebounds. Holman had an outstanding game with 26 points, five assists and five steals. Van Hoesen pulled six rebounds.

Southeastern is 14-1 and hosts Warren Central on Thursday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 59, DECATUR CENTRAL 41

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	10-15	5-7	28	2
Kennedy Holman	7-10	2-3	16	2
Zoe Lawless	0-0	1-4	1	2
Kayla Stidham	2-12	1-2	6	2
Addison Van Hoesen	1-1	0-0	2	2
Kayla Brinley	2-4	0-0	4	4
Antonette Green	0-2	0-0	0	1
Abigale Brown	1-1	0-0	2	0
Hannah Wade	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kenley Johnson	0-2	0-0	0	2
Totals	23-47	9-16	59	17
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	18	13	17	11 - 59
Decatur Central	9	8	12	12 - 41
Southeastern 3-point shooting (4-14) Makalusky 3-4, Stidham 1-7, Green 0-2, Brinley 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (27) Makalusky 6, Holman 6, Lawless 5, Van Hoesen 4, Brinley 2, Stidham 2, Johnson 2.				

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 69, NORTH CENTRAL 61

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	8-17	7-9	27	3
Kennedy Holman	11-18	2-4	26	3
Kayla Stidham	0-1	1-2	1	5
Zoe Lawless	3-5	0-0	7	5
Addison Van Hoesen	1-3	2-2	4	1
Kayla Brinley	1-6	2-2	4	1
Antonette Green	0-3	0-0	0	2
Kenley Johnson	0-1	0-0	0	3
Totals	24-54	14-19	69	23
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	23	8	27	12 - 69
North Central	9	20	13	19 - 61
Southeastern 3-point shooting (7-21) Makalusky 4-8, Holman 2-4, Lawless 1-1, Brinley 0-4, Green 0-3, Van Hoesen 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (32) Makalusky 11, Van Hoesen 6, Lawless 4, Holman 3, Brinley 3, Stidham 3, Green 1, Johnson 1.				

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Can Shane van Gisbergen continue winning in NASCAR?

One of the biggest moments of the 2023 NASCAR season was Shane van Gisbergen's (SVG) shocking NASCAR Cup Series wins at the Chicago Street Race.

Prior to the Chicago Street Race, SVG had never been in a Cup car, and though it was generally acknowledged that SVG might be capable of running at the front in Chicago, very few believed he could actually win. His win at Chicago shook the Cup Series garage, and some drivers expressed embarrassment over the shellacking SVG put on the Cup Series regulars.

After the race, SVG, a three-time V-8 Supercar Champion, indicated that he was interested in racing in America. Shortly thereafter, rumors began spreading and by the end of the 2023 season, it was confirmed that SVG had signed with a development contract with Trackhouse Racing and would be running full-time in NASCAR for the 2024 season. In 2024, SVG will run the entire Xfinity Series schedule for Kaulig Racing



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as well as seven Cup Series racing with Trackhouse Racing: both Talladega races, Circuit of the Americas, the Spring Charlotte race, the Chicago Street Race, Watkins Glen, and the Fall race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Trackhouse Racing is all in on SVG. As a brand, he is the biggest prospect in NASCAR since Chase Elliott entered the Truck Series in 2013. Sponsorship should not be an issue and we may see Red Bull re-enter NASCAR as SVG is a Red Bull athlete. The real question: what does success in America look like for SVG? Will he succeed in NASCAR?

At the outset, I believe it is important to contextualize his win in Chicago.

SVG had a massive tactical advantage. NASCAR had never competed on a street course; Chicago was the first. The Cup regulars had very little data or virtually no experience with racing on a street course.

Further, the weather played a significant factor. The race was delayed with heavy rains and the conditions of the track changed

from wet to dry throughout the duration of the race, circumstances that Cup drivers typically do not experience. These two factors played heavily into SVG's hand as he had experience with both street courses and wet to dry track conditions.

Finally, the NextGen car is similar to the V-8 Supercars SVG raced in Australia. I take nothing away from SVG, but he was put in the perfect position to achieve victory in Chicago, and he took full advantage, passing Justin Haley on a late restart.

To have success in NASCAR, SVG will need to master oval racing. In the past, few road racers found success in NASCAR. The last V-8 Supercar Champion to compete in NASCAR was Marcus Ambrose, who won two races (both at Watkins Glen) over seven years. To be fair to Ambrose, he was not in the best equipment, yet his performance on ovals with mediocre at best.

In the Xfinity Series, I do not anticipate that SVG will have immediate success. Though he does have some oval experience on dirt and has run sprint cars in Australia, he will be competing against drivers that

have competed on many more pavement ovals. This experience cannot be underestimated.

If Trackhouse takes its time with SVG and does not rush him into the Cup Series, I believe SVG will adapt and enjoy success in the Xfinity Series.

On the Cup side, SVG is in a strong position for the seven races he will run in 2024. Don't expect much from him at Charlotte or Las Vegas as these races are intended as learning experiences. However, I expect him to be fast at the road/street courses and Talladega. Again, he is in good equipment and has proven that he can beat the best on tracks he is used to running. I would not be shocked to see him win in the Cup Series this year.

So, what is the measure of success for SVG? I think a Cup Series Championship is a bit far-fetched but, given the inclusion of road races in the playoffs, a top-eight appearance is well within the realm of possibilities.

Only time will tell. He is in a great position to succeed.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

2003 Indy 500 winner de Ferran dies at 56

Submitted by Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Gil de Ferran, who won the 2003 Indianapolis 500 and two INDYCAR SERIES championships, died suddenly after a brief illness Dec. 29 near his home in Florida. He was 56.

De Ferran edged Team Penske teammate and fellow Brazilian Helio Castroneves in a scintillating finish in the 2003 edition of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing," earning his victory by .2990 of a second after passing Castroneves for good on Lap 170. De Ferran earned his sole "500" victory in the last of his four career starts in the race, as he retired as a driver after the 2003 INDYCAR SERIES season.

While de Ferran denied close friend Castroneves a record-setting third consecutive "500" win in 2003, de Ferran's drive to victory circle was the third straight Indy win for Team Penske. He also finished runner-up behind Castroneves in 2001.

The Indianapolis 500 victory was the zenith of a remarkable career that also included INDYCAR SERIES championships under CART sanction in 2000 and 2001 while driving for Team Penske. In both seasons, de Ferran used a combination of speed, consistency and racecraft to win the championship despite not being the driver with the most victories. That encapsulated the meticulous, analytical approach to his craft that de Ferran showed during his entire career.

De Ferran ended his INDYCAR SERIES driving career with 12 victories and 21 poles, with his final win coming in his last career start, on Oct. 12, 2003, at Texas Motor Speedway. His first victory came as a rookie in 1995 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca while driving for Hall/VDS Racing. He earned CART Rookie of the Year honors in 1995.

The Brazilian moved from Hall/VDS to Walker



Photo courtesy IMS

Racing in 1997 after Hall/VDS owner Jim Hall retired from the sport. De Ferran finished second in the CART standings in 1997 despite going winless that season. But he still gained notoriety that year by finishing second to Mark Blundell at Portland International Raceway by .027 of a second, the closest result ever in a CART-sanctioned event.

De Ferran's career blossomed when he joined Team Penske for the 2000 season, pairing with Castroneves for the next four seasons. He won the first of his two-straight championships and made racing history during qualifying at California Speedway when he set the closed-course land speed record with a lap of 241.428 mph, a mark that stands today. De Ferran also earned Team Penske its 100th INDYCAR SERIES career victory in 2000 at Nazareth Speedway.

After his INDYCAR SERIES career, de Ferran mixed driving in sports cars and his budding career in team management with his usual blend of courtesy and class.

He joined the BAR-Honda Formula One team as sporting director in 2005, remaining in that role until 2007. Then de Ferran returned to the cockpit in 2008 in a factory-backed Acura LMP2 prototype in the American Le Mans Series as the owner-driver of his team, de Ferran Motorsports, sharing the wheel with future INDYCAR SE-

RIES champion and Indianapolis 500 winner Simon Pagnaud.

The team climbed to the premier LMP1 prototype class as an Acura factory team in 2009, with five victories and seven poles en route to a runner-up finish in the standings.

De Ferran retired as a driver after the 2009 season and co-owned de Ferran Dragon Racing in the INDYCAR SERIES through 2011. During this time, de Ferran also served as a team owners' representative on the ICONIC committee that evaluated designs for the next generation of INDYCAR SERIES chassis, with his immense technical and managerial acumen adding greatly to the process.

In July 2018, de Ferran was named sporting director for McLaren Racing in Formula One, a role he held until early 2021. In May 2023, he also was rehired by McLaren as a consultant and advisor.

De Ferran started racing in karting in Brazil, where he moved as a toddler with his family after being born in Paris. He advanced through junior open-wheel formulas in Brazil before moving to Great Britain to race.

He finished third in the 1991 British Formula 3 championship, behind only future F1 race winners Rubens Barrichello and David Coulthard. In 1992, de Ferran won the British F3 title for Paul Stewart Racing with seven victories. He raced in Formula 3000 (now

Formula 2, one step below F1) in 1993 and 1994 for Paul Stewart Racing, finishing tied for fourth in 1993 and third in 1994 before moving to America to race in 1995.

De Ferran is survived by his wife, Angela, whom he met when she worked for Paul Stewart Racing; daughter, Anna; and son, Luke.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 30
BOYS BASKETBALL
Ray Furney Holiday Classic semifinals, Lawrenceburg
Guerin Catholic vs. Newport (Ky.), 11:30 a.m.
Whiteland vs. Blackhawk Christian, 1 p.m.
Third place game, 6:30 p.m.
Championship game, 8 p.m.
Ryder Realty Holiday Classic, Switzerland County
Fifth-place game: Hamilton Heights vs. Rising Sun, 2 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Holiday Classic, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at North Montgomery Duals, 9 a.m.
Sheridan at Eastern Classic, 9 a.m.
Westfield at Mishawaka Invitational, 9 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Lawrence North Wildcat Invitational
Westfield vs. Lawrence North, 10 a.m.
Elkhart vs. Eastern Hancock, 11:45 a.m.
Consolation game, 5 p.m.
Championship game, 6:45 p.m.
Huntington North Classic
Hamilton Heights vs. Plymouth, 11:45 a.m.
Hamilton Heights vs. Wawasee, 6 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING REGIONALS
Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan at Crawfordsville, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 9 a.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING
Hamilton Heights and West Lafayette at Harrison (diving only), TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 2
BOYS BASKETBALL
Mount Vernon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Pike at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Fishers at Pike, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Crawfordsville, 7:30 p.m.
University at Western, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING
Carmel at Fishers, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3
BOYS WRESTLING
Zionsville at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

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

SWIMMING/DIVING
Oak Hill at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4
BOYS BASKETBALL
Seccina at University, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Fishers at Chicago Mother McAuley, 12:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Tri-Central, 7 p.m.
Carmel at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m.
Warren Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING
Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 6 p.m. at IU Natatorium

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