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The program boasts a year-round continuous application process. While this is the first year of the ProMBA program, the program is expected to run

concurrently.

Students will meet each Thursday from 5:30 to 10 p.m. rotating weekly between two classes. The program will run for five consecutive 10-week semesters. During that time, the cohort-based program will allow students to build and maintain relationships as they progress through the course.

The cost of tuition is \$27,000 with no additional fees. The all-inclusive program includes each of the five semesters, books and materials, a meal on school nights, and individualized professional career coaching from Manpower Group.

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take part in a Mock ProMBA Class Experience on March 5 in Westfield. This is an opportunity for potential students to test drive the Professional MBA and see what an MBA class is like. [Click here](#) to register.

Though ISU's ProMBA program is highly competitive, it was developed to offer all students from varied educational and professional backgrounds the opportunity to better themselves personally and professionally.

While the optimal ProMBA candidates should have a minimum of three to five years of professional experience and an undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0 or above, Kyle Rice, Executive Director of

Graduate Programs for ISU encourages any mid-career student seeking a graduate degree in Business Administration to consider ISU's ProMBA program.

"We are not looking at one thing specifically," Rice said. "It's very much a holistic admissions process where we are looking at your resume, your personal statement, your transcript because one thing doesn't tell the story of a student. In our mission at Indiana State, we are all about opportunity and giving people those chances that maybe they would not get it elsewhere."

You can learn more about the program at indstate.edu/business/MBA/proMBA.

LIBRARY



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To extend the impact of PMG's contribution, the Westfield Library Foundation invites community members to participate in funding the installation of two additional Pluie changing stations. Those interested in contributing can donate at [this link](#).

WLF Executive Director Erin Downey expressed gratitude for the community support.

"We are thrilled to see these organizations come together to invest in the future of our library," Downey said. "These contributions will undoubtedly enhance the library's offerings and create an even more welcoming space for our community."

The much-anticipated new library building is slated to open in May 2024. The

new space will provide additional parking, an expanded teen area, a massive community room, a coffee shop, as well as outdoor activity space.

Other naming rights and sponsorship opportunities are available at the new library. Anyone interested in learning more should contact Downey at edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us or (317) 896-931, 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 the Westfield Library Foundation visit WestfieldLibraryFoundation.com.

FUTURE

Mundy said. "This is the next step in what the district is considering and preparing for the long-range success of the future. We have facilities that have been well maintained but they are very old and beyond repair. We need to

make sure we are providing the safest facilities possible for our students, families, and the entire community."

The district's plan is to finish the outside facilities at the high school and middle school and then move to the inside of the buildings to

make sure they are ready for future growth and also future programming.

"These are infrastructure issues that require attention," Board President Dan Fleming said of the board's action. "The upgrades allow us to provide great facilities for our entire community. Our campus is not only utilized by the school but other organizations throughout Sheridan. This is important because we must be mindful of how we spend taxpayer dollars. The funds used for these improvements have already been

allocated and there will be no increase in tax rate. Our goal as a board is to maintain great facilities that are safe while spending within our means, and we are accomplishing this with these new enhancements."

Mundy stressed that the funds for these projects are from previously allocated bond funds and not referendum funds.

"We are excited to be moving forward with these tremendous projects," he said. "I am grateful for our outstanding supportive community and vision-focused school board."

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Jackson named Carmel chief financial officer

The REPORTER

A seasoned state leader with more than two decades of experience in financial management will serve as chief financial officer and controller for the City of Carmel, Mayor Sue Finkam announced Monday.

Jackson will assume the role April 8, managing all aspects of financial and cash flow planning, analyzing the city's financial position, as well as setting and monitoring financial strategy.

"Zac is one of our state's top financial leaders, and I am thrilled to have him join our leadership team," Finkam said. "Shaping a transparent financial strategy and protecting and effectively directing our assets are critical in advancing our ambitious plans and con-

tinuing our strong financial position."

Currently budget director for the State of Indiana, Jackson has served in the State Budget Agency since 2005. He previously served both the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning and the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute.

"On behalf of the State of Indiana, I want to thank Zac for his years of service to Hoosier taxpayers," said Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb. "Personally, I am grateful for his



Jackson



Finkam

wise counsel and fiscal leadership. The City of Carmel and Mayor Finkam are lucky to have him."

A graduate of the University of Southern Indiana, Jackson earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Butler University and a Master of Public Affairs from IUPUI.

"Carmel is a dynamic city with a bright future, and I look forward to providing financial leadership toward advancing Mayor Finkam's plans," Jackson said.

HEART

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Not long after, Doctor Benjamin Maatman confirmed what Jake was fearing. It was in fact a heart attack. The one they call the "widowmaker." Jake is a person who eats right and takes care of his body, but there is a history of heart conditions in his family, so he has always been aware of the possibility of something going wrong. I asked if he had any warning signs leading up to the event.

"Nothing specifically that I recall; however, I do remember, like a week before I had [the heart attack], I was on the treadmill, and I remember my hand tingling. I've always been so hyper aware that my risk factors could lead to a heart attack, and I was like, man is that what that is? In hindsight, it wasn't. I think I had a pinched nerve. A part of the way I know that is because you always hear about getting a tingling in your arm [before a heart attack]. When I really did feel [the heart attack], I realize now that if you've ever wondered what it feels like to ride out a hurricane in Florida, you can't look back on a spring shower in April and go, oh, that's what I thought it was."

We continued our conversation, and I brought up the fact that it happened to him in 2020. With heavy sarcasm, I mentioned how wonderful of a year that was. Jake's response surprised me.

"I actually think 2020 was the best year of my life. The third day of the year, I interrupted an armed robbery at a gas station at two o'clock in the morning. The next morning, I got laid off. COVID happened three months later, and in October, I had a heart attack. But it was the first time of my life that I was ever forced to just step back and inventory my life and find out what was important and what wasn't."

I went on to ask him how his experience changed his life.

"What it changed for me was, my 'somedays' are tomorrow ... I used to be the kind of guy that's like, my bucket list is this. Someday I want to see that. Someday I want to do this. [Now] I'm like, I don't know if I'll ever get a chance to do those things, so if I've got the opportunity, I'm going for it."

Also, "one thing I was most aware of was you definitely have a survivor guilt. There's a lot of people that go into that room and never make it out ... so because of that, when I left that room, I



Photo provided by Jake Query
IndyCar announcer Jake Query (right) and his cardiologist Dr. Benjamin Maatman.

knew I had a responsibility. I can't decline the opportunity, if anybody asks me to talk about it, to share my story to make people aware."

As we sat and talked, I looked over at Jake's salad, then down at my chicken wings and beer. The irony did not escape me. So, I thought that might be a good time to ask him if he had any layperson heart advice for people of any age (especially a 40-something like me).

"Your heart doesn't want to stop. Your heart is your friend and is working for you. So you got to ask yourself, are you a good friend to it? [Your heart] is probably the most low-maintenance friend you have. It doesn't have a lot of requests. It doesn't like to be lazy and likes to be challenged. So, challenge it a couple times a week, even if it's just walking around the neighborhood. It doesn't like smoke, so try not to feed it any. Everything in moderation. If your heart is trying to tell you something, listen to it, don't be afraid. Get a heart scan to see whether or not you've got some blockage or buildup in your heart."

"The most important thing is, if you feel you have symptoms, don't try to be a hero. Don't be a tough guy. And if you think you're really having a heart attack, call an ambulance [and] don't try driving. Be transparent with what you're feeling."

During our dinner, Jake also put me in contact with his cardiologist from Community Heart and Vascular Hospital, Dr. Benjamin Maatman. I reached out to

him for any heart advice he might like to share, and he graciously returned my email.

"Prevention is the best medicine. Schedule an annual visit with a physician. Self-doctoring is dangerous. Family history is very significant but can be attenuated with healthy habits and modern medicine. Habits can be changed, just look at the Detroit Lions."

He followed that up with an abbreviated version of general tips his gives all his new patients:

1. Activity every day. At least 150 minutes of moderate cardiovascular exercise per week.
2. Have a formal exercise plan. Step trackers or personal trainers help with objective goals.
3. Eat healthy. I recommend a Mediterranean or DASH diet.
4. Drink mostly water. Avoid soda and juices. Water and flavored water (with lemon or cucumber, etc.) are the best way to hydrate.
5. If you smoke, stop smoking.
6. Check blood pressure routinely.

As I left that dinner, I had the sudden urge to run home instead of drive. Then I thought the 10-mile hike at 8:30 p.m. on a cold January night might be a little excessive. Maybe I'll just start with that heart scan.

The moral of the story is ... if someone loves your heart, so should you.

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Surveyor’s Office brings well over a century of experience to the table



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Hamilton County recently awarded service recognition for 2023 to seven members of the County Surveyor's staff. Those recognized for five years of service included Section Corner Technician Scott Dykes and Engineering Technician/CAD Reuben Arvin. Recognized for 10 years of service was Section Corner Party Chief Bob King. Those serving 30 years were GIS Specialist Suzanne Mills, GIS Administrator Val Swift, and Survey Party Chief Steve Fesmire. Serving 50 years was County Surveyor Kenton Ward. Collectively these seven represent 160 years of experience to the citizens of Hamilton County. (From left) Steve Fesmire, Scott Dykes, Bob King, Kenton Ward, Suzanne Mills, Reuben Arvin, and Val Swift.

Wayne-Fall Lions Club support HSE/Fishers FFA with delicious chicken & noodle dinner

The REPORTER

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club invites the community to a Chicken & Noodle Dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Lions' Clubhouse, located at 11940 E. 191 St. That's about three miles east on State Road 37 on the north side of 191st Street near Deshane Avenue and Victory Chapel Road. The meal will include chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, desserts, and drinks. Chili dogs will also be available. Cost is a free-will donation to the Hamilton Southeastern/Fishers FFA.



Come celebrate 20 years of Taste of Carmel on March 8

The REPORTER

Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) is preparing for the 20th annual Taste of Carmel on Friday, March 8 at 502 East Event Centre. This sell-out community event, with a "Starry Nights" theme this year, raises funds to support students, educators, and families in Carmel Clay Schools. Featuring more than 40 local eateries, distilleries, caterers, wineries, and breweries, everyone will have plenty to eat. Guests will have the opportunity to win a gorgeous moonstone and diamond necklace commemorating the upcoming solar eclipse designed exclusively for Taste of Carmel by Indy Facets, one of two Pedego Electric Bikes, or a full VIP package for 10 guests for the 2025 Taste of Carmel event. Raffle tickets are \$40 each or three for \$80. Complimenting the raffle is a silent auction that is considered "the best of the best," featuring a private planetarium package, a Costa Rica trip for eight, many local experiences and packages, and an array of unique items from area companies. Joining Jeff Worrell, longtime emcee of the event, Carmel City Council member, and foundation advocate, is Jack Russell, President of OneZone Chamber of Commerce. The two will share foundation highlights with guests, recognize restaurants and the incredible sponsors who make this event top-notch. A special thank you to premier sponsors, which include State Bank, CoasterStone, 185 Promotions, Fanning Howey, The City of Carmel, and Ed Martin Automotive.



Individual tickets are \$100. State Bank First Taste VIP Party tickets are \$200 which include early admission to the main event, entertainment, a unique attendee gift, exclusive small plates from Kahn's Catering, hand-crafted libations from Four Finger Distillery and Loren's AF Beverages, beer from Upland Brewing Company, and exclusive wine selections. Additionally, for those who want to keep the fun going, the 185 Last Taste party tickets are \$50 where you can dance the night away with DJ Fred Lockstar and continue enjoying snacks and beverages. Currently, there are only a few reserved tables for 10 guests available for \$1,500.

A full list, updated daily, of all participating restaurants, sponsors, and auction providers can be found at TasteOfCarmelIndiana.com. Tickets are purchased at this site as well. CEF is also seeking community volunteers to assist at the event; volunteers will work at half the event and enjoy the festivities for the other part of the evening. A volunteer link is on the site as well. "Taste of Carmel is a high energy, community centered event, with tremendous benefit," CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix. "The Foundation connects people in our community, and Taste of Carmel brings together Carmel Clay School parents, business, civic and non-profit leaders, culinary professionals ... all in the spirit of providing incredible opportunities for our 16,000 students. Proceeds fund grade level programs, often in conjunction with local businesses, initiatives aimed at lifelong learning, grants that bring innovation to classrooms, mental health support, and so much more. For the price of a dinner out in today's economy, Taste of Carmel provides more food and drink than is possible to imagine ... all for a great cause. We can't wait to see you on March 8!"

The State Bank First Taste VIP Party starts at 5 p.m., reserved table seating opens at 6:30 p.m., the main event is from 7 to 9:30 p.m., and the 185 Promotions Last Taste party is from 9 to 11 p.m. Guests are encouraged to share rides or use ride services.

About Carmel Education Foundation

One of the oldest foundations of its kind, the Carmel Education Foundation was created to help Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. Since 1966, the Foundation has awarded over \$2,100,000 in college scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and over \$1,000,000 in education grants to inspire lifelong learning for Carmel Clay students. CEF is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation's mission by funding grants, awarding more than 85 scholarships annually and expanding resources for Carmel Clay Schools. Learn more at ccs.k12.in.us/foundation.

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Taylor, Ransford & Rayl: high-performance leaders

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Recent graduates of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Professional Development Academy included three Hamilton County staff.

Director of the Planning Commission CJ Taylor, Kathy Ransford of the Juvenile Division of the Probation Department, and Brian Rayl, Survey Manager for the Surveyor's Office, graduated from the High Performance Leadership program.

The program, created in partnership with General Colin Powell, is a 12-week, four-course mentorship-based program with content provided by industry leading executives. This program provides best practices in leadership, organizational development and change management, negotiation and collaboration, effective business communication, and delivering value within high performance management.



(From left) CJ Taylor, Kathy Ransford, and Brian Rayl.

NACo serves nearly 40,000 elected county officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in

1935 for the betterment of county government, NACo serves its members through lobbying at the federal level, providing educational opportunities, publications, research assistance and offering cost saving programs.

14 local students graduated from IU Kokomo in December

The REPORTER

Indiana University Kokomo congratulates local students who earned degrees in December 2023. As a whole class, the 165 graduates represent 24 Indiana counties, six states, Saudi Arabia, and Vietnam.

Carmel

- Gabriel Ibrahima Agbo, Bachelor of Science in Informatics

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- Evan G. Hoy, Bachelor of Science in Education

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- Roman Harrison Baird, Bachelor of General Studies
- Jessica Cage, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
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- Jared Christopher Hickman, Bachelor of Science in Communication
- Jasmine C. Shelby, Bachelor of General Studies

Westfield

- Devin Michael Kuana, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Brooke Aline Lawrence, Bachelor of Science in Education

Carmel student makes dean's list at University of Wisconsin

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville has announced its dean's list honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the fall 2023 semester.

Will Rizzuto of Carmel is working toward a Bachelor of Science in Health & Human Performance.

The College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for dean's list honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.



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A lot of places will tell you tickets are selling fast or seats are limited or say “get them before they’re gone” when that is completely false but someone wants to fill some seats. Not so with our friends at Beef & Boards. *Beautiful* is clearly popular already and it only hit the stage last week. Several people told The Reporter it was the best show they had seen in years. Seating really was limited the night The Reporter was there. You really should go to BeefAndBoards.com to get your tickets before they really are all gone.

BJ’s Charitable Foundation donates \$14K to St. Vincent de Paul Noblesville Food Pantry

The REPORTER

With support from the BJ’s Charitable Foundation, a fund established by BJ’s Wholesale Club, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 1391 Greenfield Avenue, Noblesville, recently upgraded its refrigeration and freezer units, replacing appliances that no longer properly functioned.

The Food Pantry used the donation to purchase a new refrigerator equipped with glass doors to help clients make easier food choices and a new freezer which holds meat products to support the pantry’s Balance Nutrition Protein Program.

Since the opening of the BJ’s Wholesale Club Noblesville location in September 2022, the company has supported the community through its partnership with Gleaners Food Bank and local pantry partners. The Noblesville BJ’s club donates unsold produce, meat,



Photo provided

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry recently installed two appliances that are critical to the needs of those who depend on the organization, with the help of BJ’s Charitable Foundation.

dairy and more every week to support families in need.

BJ’s Wholesale Club offers unbeatable value to the families of Noblesville as well as its surrounding communities. The Noblesville location features a wide assortment of fresh foods and produce, a full-service deli, seasonal items, home décor, electronics, apparel, and other everyday essentials that members have come to know and love at BJ’s Wholesale Club.

To learn more, visit bjs.com/Noblesville.



Photo by Zach Rosing
Rebecca Piñero as Juliet and Kendrell Stiff as Romeo.

Montagues & Capulets get modern in Carmel

By CARRIE NEAL
A Seat on the Aisle

It’s almost impossible to think of a love story more widely revered than William Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*.

Studying the text as a high-schooler was a rite of passage long before my time, and my daughters and their peers are still reading it in 21st-century classrooms. The tale is part of our DNA, and there’s something about the idea of “star-cross’d lovers” that heightens the romance of the situation.

With a narrative most of us know so well, the inherent challenge is how to make the play feel fresh and new. Director Emily Rogge Tzucker’s answer to this question is to create an adaptation that clocks in at a taut 90 minutes with no intermission. The set design by Ryan Koharchik is spare but beautiful, and the costumes by Adrienne Conces are a distinctive mix of contemporary and what we’ve come to view as traditional Elizabethan wear. Current music is interspersed into the action as well; this is definitely not your parents’ *Romeo and Juliet*.

As *Romeo* and *Juliet*, Kendrell Stiff and Rebecca Piñero’s performances are worth the price of admission; both are utterly believable and heartrending. Stiff is an ardent and stirring *Romeo*, and his beautiful singing gets the production off to a strong start (though I would have preferred more accompaniment on the guitar). Piñero is simply breathtaking as *Juliet*, with a poise and soulfulness far beyond

her 18 years. She’ll break your heart in the final scene.

Other standouts in the cast include Kelsey VanVoorst as Chorus, which is really an amalgamation of many smaller characters. Her impressive facility in conveying the language of Shakespeare makes it look easy. As Friar Laurence, Steve Kruze is humorous and immensely likeable, and he acquits himself well with his expositional monologue towards the end of the piece. Angi Parks makes the most of her comedic material as The Nurse, but I would have liked to see more of her. The role sadly falls victim to the chopping block of a 90-minute run time.

A final star of the evening deserving of honorable mention is Ryan Koharchik’s stunning lighting design. The multicolored ombre backdrops were one of my favorite parts of the evening, and backlit the actors’ silhouettes as they were moving into place for the next scene in a striking, unusual manner. His exceptional design had just one drawback: when scenes took place on top of platforms, there were times when the guard rails and supporting beams partially obscured the actors’ faces.

This trimmed-down reworking of a classic is beautiful to look at and would be a great way to introduce someone to Shakespeare. *Romeo and Juliet* runs through Feb. 24 at the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre in Carmel, and tickets may be purchased online at civictheatre.org.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.



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Noblesville’s Federal Hill apartments will officially open Friday afternoon

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Old Town Companies, in partnership with the City of Noblesville, has announced the grand opening of Federal Hill, the latest mixed-use development that promises to redefine downtown Noblesville.

The grand opening event is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 at the heart of the new development within Federal Hill Commons.

Federal Hill Apartments brings a vibrant, walkable community to the west side of downtown Noblesville, featuring upscale multifamily apartments, retail spaces, office suites, and a convenient parking garage. This development not only enhances the urban-suburban blend of the city but also serves as a western extension of downtown Noblesville across the White River.

The ceremony will feature remarks from Noblesville Mayor Chris Jen-

sen and Old Town CEO Justin Moffett, who will share insights into the development's impact on the community and the collaborative effort that made this vision a reality. Attendees will get a first look at the transformative project and learn more about the unique amenities Federal Hill has to offer.

“We are proud to bring Federal Hill Apartments to life, a project that reflects our commitment to creating spaces that enhance quality of life through thoughtful design,” Moffett said. “This development is a testament to the strong partnership between Old Town, the City of Noblesville, and our financial partners, and we are excited to see it become a cornerstone of the Noblesville community.”

Jensen has also expressed enthusiasm for the project.

“Federal Hill Apartments represents a significant step forward in our



Reporter photo

The Federal Hill development will feature apartments, retail space, office suites, and a parking garage.

vision for a more connected, vibrant, and dynamic downtown,” Jensen said. “This development will not only provide much-needed residential and commercial spaces but also attract vis-

itors and residents alike to experience the best of Noblesville.”

The grand opening event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, guided tours of

the development, and opportunities to meet with the project teams. This event marks the beginning of a new chapter for Noblesville, as Federal Hill Apartments

sets a new standard for mixed-use developments in the area.

Federal Hill Apartments will be managed by **Willow Bridge Property Company**.

Lt. Gov. Crouch invites Indiana schools to apply for STEM Education Scholarship Program

The REPORTER

The **National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA)** has opened the application period for the third annual **Lt. Governors’ STEM Scholarship Program**, sponsored by ACT, to award up to \$1,000 to 12 schools nationally to support STEM-related activities for youth.

Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2024, with award recipients announced and funded in Spring 2024.

“As lieutenant governor, I understand and value the importance of STEM Education in our pre-K – 12 schools,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “This Scholarship Program supports STEM-related activities in schools that are critical to building long-term passion for STEM-related fields, building the workforce of tomorrow.”

NLGA will award 12 scholarships to 12 schools in 12 different states and territories, worth \$10,000 total. The scholarship program is administered by NLGA, the nonpartisan, nonprofit association for the nation’s seconds-in-com-

mand, and sponsored by ACT, the education and career readiness nonprofit.

“ACT is proud to once again sponsor this program,” ACT CEO Janet Godwin said. “ACT data shows that the current state of STEM readiness is cause for serious concern. ACT is uniquely poised to meet this moment, and working alongside NLGA, we are committed to ensuring that all students leave high school prepared to enter a world of evolving postsecondary and work opportunities, including through access to a high-quality STEM education.”

All public, private, and tribal schools in the 50 states and five U.S. territories are invited to apply at nlga.awardsplatform.com. Funding will be awarded to schools to support STEM-related activities, programming, curriculum, equipment, and other expenses.

“The need for increased educational opportunities in STEM is non-partisan and an area of consensus for the nation’s lieutenant gov-



Crouch

ernors,” NLGA Executive Director Julia Brossart said. “NLGA has adopted STEM Education as a pillar of work for the association on behalf of Members, who know the importance of educating students in STEM to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow.”

Applications will be reviewed in Spring 2024 with award winners announced at the NLGA Spring Meeting in late April 2024. Additional information on the STEM Scholarship Program, including instructions for applying, can be found at nlga.us/strategies/nlga-state-strategies-in-stem.



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Veteran Matt McNally secures Democratic nomination for Indiana House District 39 race

Submitted

Veteran Matt McNally is officially the Democratic nominee for State Representative in the 39th House District. A veteran of Afghanistan and a former Naval aviator, he retired from the military in 2022 after 22 years of service.

“I am honored to be the Democratic nominee for the 39th district,” McNally said. “I’m running for State Representative for the same reason that I joined the mil-

itary: a desire to serve my country and serve Hoosiers.”

McNally is an airline pilot, a board member of the Westfield Kiwanis Club, and the Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 10003 which serves veterans throughout Carmel, Fishers, and Westfield. This is his second time running for House District



McNally

39, losing to now retiring incumbent Jerry Torr in 2022.

“When I first ran for State Representative in 2022, my campaign engaged with more than 30,000 members of our community and I was able to hear firsthand the values they want represented in the statehouse,” McNally said. “Again and again, I’ve

heard that our legislature is not prioritizing the things that truly matter to Hoosier families. I look forward to continuing those conversations this year, connecting with even more residents of the district, and striving for a government that listens and works for all of us.”

McNally and his wife Brooke have two children and live in Westfield.

Learn more about the candidate at [McNallyForIndiana.com](#).

Senators Braun & Young disagree on \$95B foreign aid bill

The REPORTER

The United States Senate passed the national security supplemental funding bill early Tuesday morning with a 70-29 vote. The \$95 billion foreign aid package focuses on Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan.

Indiana’s two senators, Todd Young and Mike Braun, both Republicans, released statements explaining their votes.

Mike Braun

“In the middle of the night, the Senate voted to give away \$70 billion of borrowed money to foreign nations – not one dollar of it a loan, paid for, or offset with cuts. By paying the world’s bills and ignoring our own \$34 trillion debt, we are neglecting our duty to our kids and grandkids.”

Todd Young

“This legislation provides vital security assistance to Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan. We cannot abandon

these allies and partners as they face existential threats.

“This bill also will help rebuild our defense industrial base, which has significantly diminished in recent years. Restoring our military readiness – from artillery to semi-conductors – is critical not to promoting war but to deterring conflict.

“And the legislation takes steps to interrupt the illicit global drug trade and help disrupt the sale of fentanyl in our communities.

“In the aftermath of the last two decades, the American people

are understandably tired and reluctant to sacrifice. But we cannot ignore the cost of such divestment to our global leadership role. Abandoning our allies and partners will empower and embolden authoritarian powers such as China and Russia. Leadership comes with a price, but it also comes with rewards.”



Braun



Young

Former Democratic State Rep. Marc Carmichael running for U.S. Senate

Submitted

Marc Carmichael, a former state representative and lifelong Indiana resident, has officially filed to be on the ballot for the U.S. Senate race in Indiana.

With thousands of signatures submitted to the

Indiana Election Division, Carmichael says his campaign marks a significant milestone in the fight for democracy, integrity, and the rights of all Hoosiers.

Carmichael’s platform focuses on what he sees as critical issues fac-

ing the nation, including the restoration of *Roe v. Wade*, combating the sale of assault weapons, and prioritizing action against climate change before it reaches irreversible levels. Additionally, he stands for Medicare for all, fair and enforceable immigration reform to secure the border, and staunch opposition to what he says are threats posed by Donald Trump

and his allies, including Carmichael’s opponent Jim Banks.

“I am running because I want to be of dignified and dedicated service to Indiana and all Hoosiers in the mold of legislators like Richard Lugar and Lee Hamilton,” Carmichael said.

Learn more about the candidate at [MarcForIndiana.com](#).

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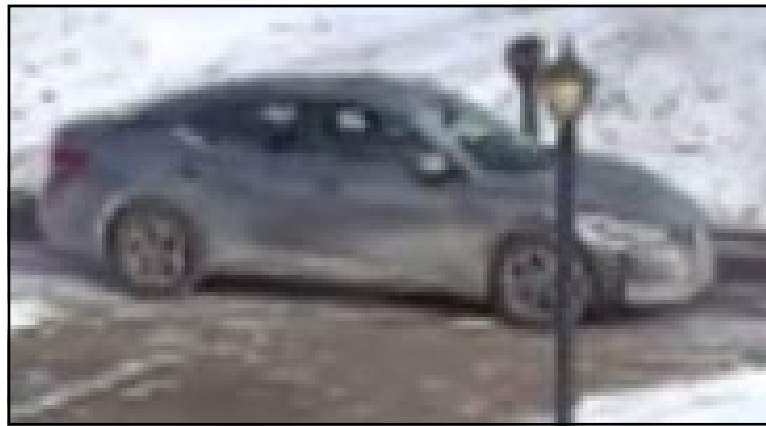
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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Downtown District Council Committee will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 9 a.m. in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

Feb. 23
March 22
April 26
May 31
June 28
July 26
Aug. 30
Sept. 27
Oct. 25
Nov. 22
Dec. 27

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, at Big Woods Hazel Dell, 14741 Hazel Dell Crossing, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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DINAH AND THE SHECHEMITES

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Because their sister Dinah had been defiled, Jacob's sons replied deceitfully as they spoke to Shechem and his father Hamor. They said to them, "We can't do such a thing; we can't give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. That would be a disgrace to us. We will enter into an agreement with you on one condition only: that you become like us by circumcising all your males. Then we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves. We'll settle among you and become one people with you. But if you will not agree to be circumcised, we'll take our sister and go."

Genesis 34:11-17 (NIV)

Delores J. Dickey

March 6, 1948 – February 7, 2024

Delores J. Dickey, 75, Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on March 6, 1948, to John and Ruby (Sanders) Syra in Indianapolis.



Dee retired from Dickey & Son where she worked as an office manager. She enjoyed playing cards, bowling, and riding horses. Dee also enjoyed reading, especially true crime stories. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Dee is survived by her husband, Jack W. Dickey Jr.; son, Jack W. (Kimberly) Dickey III; daughter, Michelle (Ryan) Bartlett; grandchildren, Jack W. Dickey IV, Nicole Dickey, and Gavin Dickey; and her brother, Jim Syra.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ronnie Syra.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will be held at a later date at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Flowers are welcome, and memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html).

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Jules (Bevo) Dorris
May 28, 1935 – February 9, 2024

Jules (Bevo) Dorris of Carmel passed away peacefully on February 9, 2024, in Carmel. Jules was born May 28, 1935, in Omaha, Neb., to Alvin W. Dorris and Mary Ellen (Joyce) Dorris.



He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 48 years, Judy (Connors) Dorris. Jules was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Jules and his family lived in Omaha and Madison, Wis., before settling in Valparaiso, Ind. As a young boy, Jules and his older brother, Al, spent the summers in Saint Louis, Mo., with his paternal grandparents. During this time, he was given the nickname "Bevo" because his "chore" was to bring his grandfather a bucket of Bevo beer from the neighborhood brewery.

Jules graduated from Valparaiso High School and attended Indiana University. In 1957, he was drafted into the Army where he initially served as a surgical assistant. Because of his outgoing personality and ability to speak German, he was given the responsibility of managing off-base housing for Army officers near his base in Germany. After returning to Valparaiso, he met his future wife, Judy Connors, and became engaged to be married. A few weeks before their wedding, he was recalled into the Army to help plan for the evacuation of officer families from Europe. Upon his discharge, he and Judy were married November 24, 1962.

Jules and Judy owned and operated Allens Bakery in Valparaiso and South Haven, Ind., until the bakeries were sold. Thereafter he held corporate positions in the food and beverage industry until he started a commodities brokerage company with offices in Chicago, Ill.

During his time in Valparaiso, he was active in social and philanthropic organizations and was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He was an enthusiastic supporter of his wife and her dedication to public service as a Valparaiso City Councilor and with various city boards and organizations. While he and Judy loved their friends and family in Valparaiso, in 2005 they moved to Carmel to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren. Jules was known for his outgoing personality, contagious laugh, and irreverent humor. He loved to play golf and was happiest when he was surrounded by the people he loved.

He is survived by his sister, Susie Gothard (Jim); daughters, Nancy Sweet (Jeff), Lindy Richman (Mike), and Sharon Knapp (Andy); and his beloved grandchildren, Andy and Katie Sweet, Will and Abbey Richman, and Sam and Jack Knapp; along with numerous nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved.

Visitation will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Monday, February 26 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, with a funeral mass beginning at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Helping Veterans and Families (HVAF) of Indiana (hvafofindiana.org/donate).

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Dixie Gaynelle Watts
October 11, 1940 – February 4, 2024

Dixie Gaynelle Watts was called home on February 4, 2024. She was born on October 11, 1940, in Kokomo, Ind.

Dixie's parents Earle and Doris and her two sisters Pat and Vicky preceded her in death. Dixie graduated from Kokomo High School in the class of 1958. During her senior year she began training as a dental assistant with Dr. Mapes DDS. After graduation she continued working as a dental assistant and would return to the field throughout her life.

During this time, she met her future husband and the love of her life, Verne Watts. They knew straight away that they would spend the rest of their lives together. The two were married in Kokomo on August 27, 1960. The newlyweds then moved to California to begin their young adventure. A couple of years later, they decided to return to Indiana where they bought their first home and started their family. They had two sons, Verne "Kip" Watts and Cary Watts. In 1972 they moved to Carmel, and it would be here that she would call home for the next 50+ years. In the early 1980s, Dixie began a career for a large insurance company, where she managed the brokerage department. Dixie worked in insurance until she retired in 1995.

Dixie and Verne were active members of the Carmel Friends Church. She stressed the importance of faith and family for her boys. Dixie was a woman of unwavering faith and integrity. These are values she exemplified.

She leaves behind her devoted husband Verne of 63 years and their two sons, Verne "Kip" (Jill) Watts and Cary (Amy) Watts. She was a loving grandmother to Lyndsay (Sam) Krauter, Madelynn (Joe) Freije, Corey Watts, and Landon Watts. Dixie was a proud great-grandmother to Max, Jude, Sadie, Mae, and Lyla. She also leaves behind her three brothers, Dr. Jerald (Mary) Johnson, James (Joyce) Johnson, and Randall (Sherry) Denison.

Dixie and Verne shared many passions, including their love of travel and antiques. Some of their memorable journeys were cruising the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the Mexican Rivera, and Europe. One of her fondest memories were her annual trips to Branson with her parents, Doris and Earle.

Dixie's family will always remember the trips to Brown County, Southwest Michigan, and their family cabin on Prince's Lake, Ind. She cherished holidays with her family. Thanksgivings and Christmases were especially meaningful to her.

Visitation for Dixie will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday February 17, 2024, at Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St., Carmel, where family and friends are invited to gather. Her funeral will follow at 1 p.m. Pastor Ben Snyder will be officiating Dixie's services. Burial will follow her service at Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the Quaker Haven Camp (paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1621110).

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence, or share a memory at fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to the Watts Family.



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Boys Basketball



Photo by Joshua Herd



Photo by Julie Brown

(LEFT) Keenan Garner scored 27 points for the Tigers, including a pair of dunks. (RIGHT) Fishers freshman Cooper Zachary made six 3-pointers during the Class 4A No. 1 Tigers' 90-79 win over 4A No. 4 Lawrence North on Tuesday.

Fishers takes on Lawrence North & wins in front of sold-out crowd

By RICHIE HALL
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FISHERS – A clash between two top five boys basketball teams turned into an almost Broadway-like performance for Fishers Tuesday night at Tiger Arena.

The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers hosted 4A No. 4 Lawrence North and the game was relatively close in the first quarter. But Fishers stole the show in the other three quarters, using a series of runs to beat the Wildcats 90-79 in front of a sold-out crowd.

Tigers coach Garrett Winegar said he hopes this

victory “tells our guys they can play with anybody in the state and they’re capable of beating anybody if they play with that kind of energy and that kind of intensity.”

The Tigers brought both energy and intensity early, leading 14-6 at the 4:31 mark of the first period. Taden Metzger and Cooper Zachary hit the first of several 3-pointers for each player, while JonAnthony Hall and Keenan Garner both contributed four points each.

Lawrence North used an 8-0 spurt to reel Fishers back in, but another Metzger 3 kept the Tigers in front as the quarter ended. Fishers

began the second period up 17-16, but the Wildcats took a 23-20 lead after a Davion Hampton layin.

After that, the Tigers dominated until the half-time intermission, using a 25-6 spurt to take a 45-29 halftime advantage. Zachary nailed back-to-back 3s to start the run, while Metzger finished it with eight points, including two 3s of his own.

“He has no fear,” Winegar said of Zachary. “That’s what you love about a guy like that, to be a freshman and have absolutely no fear in a game like that against two teams that were No. 1 and No. 2 most of the year,

to be willing to step up and hit shots, but not just hit shots. Handle against the ball against really good guards against pressure. Defend bigger guards. Box out. Even if he doesn’t get the rebounds, he’s boxing out every time. He does so many little things.”

Fishers grew its lead to 56-34 during the first three minutes of the third quarter. Garner added seven points, including a triple and a dunk. The Wildcats tried to get back into the game with a 9-0 run and were still within 58-45 late in the third.

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FISHERS 90, LAWRENCE NORTH 79				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Taden Metzger	5	0-0	14	1
Millen McCartney	1	0-0	2	1
Cooper Zachary	6	0-0	18	3
JonAnthony Hall	2	5-6	9	2
Keenan Garner	10	6-9	27	1
Jason Gardner Jr.	3	0-2	7	3
Justin Kirby	3	1-1	8	2
Parker Perdue	1	0-0	2	2
Nathan Baker	0	0-0	0	1
Bryson Seymour	1	0-0	3	2
Logan Sigler	0	0-0	0	1
Mason Schuh	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	32	12-18	90	19
Score by Quarters				
Lawrence North	16	13	19	31 – 79
Fishers	17	28	21	24 – 90
Fishers 3-pointers (14) Zachary 6, Metzger 4, Gardner Jr., Seymour, Kirby, Garner.				



Photos by Dwight Casler

(LEFT) Trey Page scored 11 points for the Blackhawks during their game with Delphi on Tuesday. (RIGHT) Coach Bill Bowen goes over a play with the ‘Hawks.

Sheridan fights hard in fall to Delphi

The REPORTER

Sheridan dropped a hard-fought Hoosier Heartland Conference game to Delphi 54-52 Tuesday at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Oracles led 16-10 after one quarter and 31-21 at halftime. The Blackhawks came back in the third quarter, scoring 20 points to cut Delphi’s lead

to 44-41. Trent DeCraene and Tyler Garner both scored six points. Sheridan kept it close in the fourth quarter, with Damon Winston making two 3-pointers, but the Oracles held on for the win.

Four Blackhawks players reached double figures. DeCraene and Garner both had 12 points; Garner put together a dou-

ble-double by collecting 12 rebounds. DeCraene had seen assists. Winston and Trey Page both scored 11 points, including three 3s for Page, who also had

six rebounds. Sheridan completed conference play at 4-4 and is 11-7 overall. The Blackhawks play Thursday at Cowan.

DELPHI 54, SHERIDAN 52				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trent DeCraene	4-7	4-6	12	2
Tyler Garner	6-8	0-1	12	1
Trey Page	4-14	0-0	11	0
Caleb Wright	3-10	0-0	6	3
Damon Winston	4-4	1-2	11	0
Owen Bell	0-1	0-2	0	0
Carson Wright	0-0	0-0	0	3
Devon Hamilton	0-1	0-0	0	1
Totals	21-45	5-11	52	10
Score by Quarters				
Delphi	16	15	13	10 – 54
Sheridan	10	11	20	11 – 52
Sheridan 3-point shooting (5-17) Page 3-11, Winston 2-2, Cal. Wright 0-2, DeCraene 0-1, Hamilton 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (23) Garner 12, Page 6, Hamilton 2, DeCraene 1, Bell 1, Car. Wright 1.				

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 15
BOYS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMS
Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
University at Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16
BOYS BASKETBALL
Avon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Carmel at Warren Central, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Central at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Twin Lakes (Hoosier Conference third-place game), 8 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING
State finals first round at Ford Center, Evansville – 3 p.m., weight classes 152-285
– 6:30 p.m., weight classes 106-144

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TIGERS

But the Tigers got going again, going a 22-9 lead that carried over into the fourth quarter. Garner began the period with an and-1. After absorbing a 6-0 spurt from LN, Fishers put up another 11 points, with Zachary draining back-to-back 3s for the second time in the game. After that, the Tigers held their biggest lead of the game at 80-54.

“Definitely didn’t expect to be up 26 in the fourth quarter,” said Winegar. “That’s a really good team. Sometimes in games against two really good teams, sometimes it just happens that way. We hit some big shots, made some plays on defense and it kind of spi-

raled. But I think that’s a heck of a team. Really well-coached, really talented. We could play them tomorrow and the score could be flipped. Did not expect that, but really proud of the way our guys played.”

The Wildcats made a furious push during the last five minutes of the contest, but Fishers had too big of a lead to overcome.

Garner scored 27 points for the Tigers. Zachary totaled six 3-pointers for 18 points, while Metzger drained four triples on his way to 14 points.

Fishers is 20-1 for the season and plays at Zionsville Friday to finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

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Gymnastics

Noblesville competes at Connersville Invite

The REPORTER
The Noblesville gymnastics team competed at the Connersville Invitational last Saturday.

The Millers scored 93.20 as a team. Valorey Bittles had the highest individual score for Noblesville, with an 8.45 on vault.

Complete scores follow.

All-around: Valorey Bittles 31.525, Emmerson Leckrone 30.875, Kylie Lotridge 29.375, Alina Skryabnev 28.725.

Vault: Bittles 8.45, K. Lotridge 8.40, Leckrone 8.325, Skryabnev 7.75, Lydia Blackwell 7.50.

Uneven bars: Leckrone 7.875, Bittles 7.725, K. Lotridge 6.90, Alayna Lotridge 6.60, Skryabnev 6.30.

Balance beam: Bittles 7.425, Skryabnev 7.40, Leckrone 6.875, A. Lotridge 6.825, K. Lotridge 5.975.

Floor exercise: K. Lotridge 8.10, Bittles 7.925, Leckrone 7.80, Blackwell 7.275, A. Lotridge 6.85.

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Feb. 11

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (19)	437	19-1
2	Noblesville	401	18-2
3	Westfield	382	16-2
4	Lawrence North (1)	369	19-2
5	Kokomo	348	19-3
6	Greenfield-Central (2)	320	20-0
7	Cathedral	283	14-4
8	Crispus Attucks	274	17-5
9	Ben Davis	267	15-4
10	Brownsburg Central	236	18-4
11	Evansville Harrison	177	16-3
12	Tipton	168	19-1
13	Richmond	135	19-3
T14	Brebeuf Jesuit	116	13-4
T14	South Bend Riley	116	17-4
16	New Palestine	98	17-4
17	Lake Central	96	15-3
18	Carmel	67	9-10
19	Center Grove	53	14-4
20	Franklin Community	46	15-3

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Anderson (17-4), Belmont (16-3), Brownsburg (12-10), Concord (15-3), Crown Point (14-4), Danville (17-1), East Chicago Central (16-4), Evansville Christian School (19-1), Fort Wayne Bishop Luers (15-3), Fort Wayne Wayne (17-3), **Hamilton Southeastern (15-6)**, Hebron (19-1), Heritage Hills (17-3), Jeffersonville (12-7), Lawrence Central (10-8), Manchester (17-2), New Albany (14-5), Northridge (15-4), Orleans (17-2), Providence (15-3), Scottsburg (15-4), Seymour (15-4), Terre Haute North Vigo (19-3), Valparaiso (16-5), Wapahani (17-2), Warren Central (12-9).

Boys Basketball

‘Rocks rush ahead early to take down ‘Blazers

The REPORTER
Westfield won an all-county game with University 85-52 Tuesday at CSI Gymnasium.

The Class 4A No. 3 Shamrocks led 26-17 after one quarter and 53-6 at halftime. The Trailblazers were within 17-14 in the first quarter before Westfield went on a 31-3 run, including 25 straight points. The Shamrocks’ lead was 71-42 after three quarters.

Four Westfield players reached double figures, starting with Trey Buchanan’s 28 points; he also made six 3-pointers. Nic Book added 14 points, with Charles Farrell scoring 11 and Will Harvey 10.

Montgomery Holland and Faisal Mohamud both had 10 points for University.

The Shamrocks are 17-2 and finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Friday by hosting Franklin Central. University is 10-10 and plays Saturday at Decatur Central.

WESTFIELD 85, UNIVERSITY 52				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Bryce Gray	2	0-0	5	4
Max McComb	1	0-0	3	1
Robert Russell	3	1-4	8	1
Montgomery Holland	4	0-0	10	1
Cooper Cammack	1	0-0	2	1
Blake Gray	3	0-0	8	1
Faisal Mohamud	3	2-3	10	2
Jackson Bledsoe	2	0-0	4	0
Zien Bland	1	0-0	2	2
David Walz	0	0-0	0	1
Joe Rozembajgier	0	0-0	0	0
Jalen Scott	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20	3-7	52	14
University 3-pointers (9) Holland 2, Bl. Gray 2, Mohamud 2, Br. Gray, McComb, Russell.				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Buchanan	11	0-0	28	0
Will Harvey	4	1-1	10	2
Charles Farrell	3	4-5	11	0
Durante Morton	2	2-2	6	2
Nic Book	6	2-3	14	0
Drew Haffner	2	0-0	5	0
Carsen Melvin	3	3-6	9	1
Rylan Rauch	1	0-0	2	0
Brock Detamore	0	0-0	0	0
Ryan Hunsucker	0	0-0	0	0
Luke Vandegriff	0	0-0	0	0
Logan Sumpter	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	32	12-17	85	5
Westfield 3-pointers (9) Buchanan 6, Harvey, Farrell, Haffner.				
Score by Quarters				
University	17	6	19	10 – 52
Westfield	26	27	18	14 – 85

‘Hounds beat Brebeuf Jesuit on the road

The REPORTER
A solid start for Carmel led the Greyhounds to a win over a highly-ranked team on Tuesday.

Carmel beat Brebeuf Jesuit 61-51 in a road game. The Braves are ranked No. 2 in the Class 3A Associated Press poll, while the ‘Hounds are receiving votes in the 4A poll. Carmel led early, jumping out to a 19-11 lead after one quarter.

The next three quarters were played evenly, but the Greyhounds maintained a comfortable lead, going up 32-25 at halftime.

Alex Couto had another outstanding performance from the field, draining six 3-pointers on his way to 23 points. Couto also dished out five assists. Evan Harrell scored 10 points. Mitchell Mulloy collected nine rebounds, with Harrell pulling seven and Ryan Clevenger getting five. Carmel outrebounded Brebeuf 33-20.

The Greyhounds are 10-10 and play Friday at Warren Central.

CARMEL 61, BREBEUF JESUIT 51				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alex Couto	6-8	5-7	23	0
Ryan Clevenger	4-9	1-3	9	2
Aiden Dickerson	2-3	0-2	5	4
Ben Bremer	2-2	2-2	7	5
Evan Harrell	4-9	1-2	10	3
Mitchell Mulloy	1-2	2-4	4	2
Quinn Murphy	1-2	0-0	3	0
Totals	20-35	11-20	61	16
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	19	13	13	16 – 61
Brebeuf Jesuit	11	14	13	13 – 51
Carmel 3-point shooting (10-17) Couto 6-8, Dickerson 1-2, Harrell 1-2, Murphy 1-1, Bremer 1-1, Clevenger 0-2, Mulloy 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (33) Mulloy 9, Harrell 7, Clevenger 5, Dickerson 4, Bremer 4, Couto 2, Murphy 2.				

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