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Cicero poker run honors Bud Green



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Saturday morning the Cicero Fire Department, 1359 Stringtown Pike, was the start of the golf cart poker run in memory of Bud Green. Green, 1936-2016, had served in the U.S. Air Force, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. The poker run was one of the first events in the Lights Over Morse Lake festival and helped raise funds for the fireworks show. The festival runs daily through Tuesday night, July 4. A schedule of events is available online at www.lightsovermorselake.com. More photos from the poker run can be found on our website www.ReadTheReporter.com.

Ending Sheridan's food desert

By **STU CLAMPITT**
The Reporter

After Sheridan's IGA closed more than a year ago, residents have had to travel out of town to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. This month, thanks to the work of Purdue Extension's Community Wellness Coordinator, Gloria Del Greco, Sheridan will again be able to buy fresh produce.

"We started this process over a year ago when Sheridan lost their IGA grocery store and became a 'Food Desert,'" Del Greco told The Reporter. "My job was to meet with the community and learn how we could address their needs, to make the healthy choice the easy choice."

See *Food Desert* . . . Page 5

Fishers July 4 celebration to be a 'Blast'

The REPORTER

Blast on the Bridge in partnership with the Geist Lake Coalition is the place to be for this year's Fourth of July celebration. The event will occur on Tuesday, July 4 on the Fall Creek Road Bridge beginning at 6 p.m. for what organizers call "an unforgettable night with family and friends." The bridge closes to traffic at 3:30 p.m. and opens to the public at 6 p.m.

Food, beverages and spirits will be available for purchase while children enjoy games and activities (no outside alcohol allowed on the bridge). A live DJ will spin some of summer's top hits emceed by Tom Britt, publisher of TownePost Network,

See *Blast* . . . Page 3

Westfield Chamber looking for Lantern Award nominations

The REPORTER

Every year the Westfield Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual awards night called the Lantern Awards. The Chamber celebrates the community of Westfield. The use of lantern components represents Westfield's rich history and its ties to the Underground Railroad. Our goal is to connect people in our community and learn a bit more about what makes Westfield unique.

See *Lantern* . . . Page 5

Denim and Lace raises \$9K for Sheridan youth

The REPORTER

Thanks to the generous sponsors and community support, the inaugural Sheridan Denim and Lace was a success for the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP), which raised \$9,000 in donations in the sold-out event on June 16 at the Blackhawk Winery. The funds will go directly to SYAP, an organization that provides support services for Sheridan's at-risk youth and their families. Over 200 attendees raised the \$9,000 through sponsorships, a silent auction, games and donations.

Indiana State Police Superintendent, Doug Carter, served as the special guest for the event. Special thanks to John Perrine, Indiana State Police and Sheridan native, who served as the emcee for the event. Live entertainment featured The Hunter Smith Band.

This event would not have been possible without these generous sponsorships: Godby Home Furnishings, Smith's Jewelers, Biddle Memorial Foundation, The Legacy Fund, First Farmers Bank and Trust, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Krieg DeVault, Norman and Miller Eyecare, Gaylor Electric, Waitt Grain Company, R & T Auto, JBS United, Patton Automotive, Riverview Health, Riverview Health Physicians-Sheridan, Hercules Tires, Mr. & Mrs. Jason Ells, Dr. Kent Erb, Mr. Todd Erb, Keever's Sheridan Hardware, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Sorgius.



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Pictured with Hunter Smith are (from left) Gayla McMurtry, SYAP Vice President; Lisa Samuels, Early Intervention Advocate; Sandy Moore, committee member; Tina Kitchel, SYAP Board Member; Patty Nicholas, committee member.

SYAP is affiliated with the larger Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program. Its goal is to reach at-risk children through family assistance, tutoring, and mentoring programs, providing services to family and youth to enrich their lives. To find out how you can serve the youth of Sheridan, visit www.youthassistance.org/sheridan.

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Sisters from other mothers

Friends are born from the heart. Some of the best ones become a part of your story when you are a kid and then they show up in chapter after chapter throughout your life. I have two to write about today. I've always considered them . . . sisters from other mothers.

So my story begins with once upon a time there were three little girls . . .

I was in the third grade when I first became friends with Kathy. She and I were "only" kids. Our mothers were our Girl Scout leaders. She lived just a block from me. She still lives just a few blocks from me.

Throughout the chapters of our lives we were main characters. To know one of us was to know the other. If one of us was upset with someone, so was the other. We always had each other's back even when we were not close by. We even have burial plots just a ways down from each other.

Kathy performed the wedding ceremony for my daughter Emily and her husband Drew. Actually it was the day before their church wedding. Emily wanted to have the same wedding date as my parents (March 6) so they were married on a Friday with just family attending. It was in one of the old courtrooms in the Hamilton County Courthouse.

Most people know Kathy as a State Representative but my kids have always called her Aunt Kathy. Funny thing is that five years ago she married my daughter-in-law's Uncle Perry and so she really is Aunt Kathy.

I've always said that in an emergency



I would dial 911 and then Kathy.

It was in the seventh grade when Patrice sat in the desk in front of me in Mr. Fleming's homeroom class. I think our friendship began that first day of seventh grade. For a while, life separated us in miles but never in spirit. Her words made everything better when the chapters of my life were not written the way I had planned.

Patrice is also considered an aunt to my kids. Patrice and I were in each other's weddings and even our daughters were in each other's weddings.

Recently, Patrice's two year old granddaughter, Marissa, saw a picture of Patrice and I and she pointed at me . . . Aunt Janet!

When Patrice and I turned 50, she and I took a Thelma and Louise road trip to Hilton Head . . . but no one died. Our husbands say that we finish each other's sentences. Well of course we do! Our hearts can read each other's minds.

Lately, if my kids might not know where I am, they could call Chuck and then Patrice.

When Chuck and I got married Kathy and Patrice sat in my "family" pew. Of course they did!

Friendship is one of life's greatest blessings. A lifelong friend is a rare jewel. Kathy and Patrice and I may not share the same blood but we share the same hearts.

The chapters of my life would never be the same without them. And yes, we have more chapters to be written.

Keep your pets safe this July 4

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Animal Control Division, would like to remind you that more pets are lost during the 4th of July than any other time of the year and many don't make it back home. Please consider these three tips in preparation for the holiday festivities to keep your pets safe.

1. Keep your pet indoors at all times.

Even if your pet is used to being outside, the panic caused by fireworks may cause them to break their restraint or jump a fence in a terrified attempt to find safety.

2. Going to a fireworks display? Leave your pet at home.

The safest place for your pet is at home, not in a crowded, unfamiliar and noisy place. Keeping them in the car is

also not an option as your pet may suffer heat stroke from the warm temperatures. Leaving a TV on or other ambient noise to help drown out the festivities nearby will help keep your pets calm.

3. Have your pet properly identified.

When your pet becomes lost and does not have proper identification it will be that much harder to get them back. Consider micro-chipping your pet, ID tags with your name and phone number, or both. It is also a good idea to have a recent picture of your pets if they do become lost so you can file a lost report with the local humane society or Indy Lost Pets.

Following these basic steps will help prevent your family pets from being a casualty of the holiday and if they do get loose will assist in getting them back home safely.



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Hot fundraiser for Cicero Kiwanis



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Saturday was the annual Cicero Kiwanis breakfast and silent auction. It is their big fundraiser for the scholarships they award each year. The event was held from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Cicero Fire Department, 1359 Stringtown Pike. (ABOVE) Jackson Township Fire Department Chief Jeff Muszar along with Jerry and Nancy Cook were among the many in attendance. See more photos online at www.ReadTheReporter.com.

BLAST

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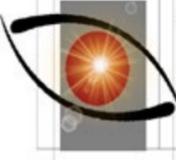
Inc., and our Face of Fishers Team. The event ends with a beautiful fireworks show over the water at 10:15 p.m.

Please be advised that several road closures will occur in conjunction with this event:

- The Fall Creek Road Bridge will close at 3:30 p.m. on July 4 between Brooks School Road and Carroll Road.
- There will be a soft closure (Fishers police will be checking parking passes that have been given out by Fishers Parks

& Recreation) at Brooks School Road and Fall Creek Road, with a hard closure (no vehicle traffic past this point) just east of Bridgewater Road on the west side of the bridge.

- On the east side of the bridge, 96th Street and Fall Creek Road will have a hard closure at Carroll Road, however Fishers police will allow traffic in and out of the Yacht Club. The bridge will stay closed from 3:30 p.m. until approximately 12 a.m.



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Cara Culp (center) is welcomed to Sheridan Rotary by Roy Overdorf (left) and Dale McCullough. Culp spoke to the Rotarians about urban agriculture and her work to provide local food pantries with fresh produce.

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Consider the consequences before using fireworks

The REPORTER

Independence Day celebrations are kicking off this week around the state and with that comes an increase in the use of fireworks. Hoosiers are reminded that Indiana has several laws governing fireworks and many towns and cities have additional ordinances that Hoosiers must follow. The Indiana Department of Insurance is warning Hoosier homeowners and renters that accidental damage caused by fireworks that are banned in their counties may not be covered by their homeowners or renters insurance policies. Many insurance policies contain provisions disclaiming coverage for illegal acts committed by the insured. However, consumers who experience injury or property damage due to another person's use of fireworks may be able to claim benefits under their homeowners or renters policy.

"It's important for Hoosiers to consider the consequences before using fireworks," said IDOI Commissioner Stephen W. Robertson. "If someone using fireworks accidentally starts a fire, to their own property or that of their neighbors, they may not be able to turn to their insurance company for coverage."

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 16,900 outside and other fires. These fires caused an average of three deaths, 40 civilian injuries, and an average of \$43 million in direct property damage.

The Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) protects Indiana's insurance consumers by monitoring and regulating the financial strengths and market conduct activities of insurance companies and agents. The IDOI monitors insurance companies and agents for compliance with state laws to protect consumers and to offer them the best array of insurance products available. The IDOI also assists Hoosiers with insurance questions and provides guidance in understanding how insurance policies work.

Sheriff's Office rides in Cops Cycling for Survivors

The REPORTER

Bikers from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will once again be riding in the Cops Cycling for Survivors event. Starting on July 10 in downtown Indianapolis, the 13-day, nearly 1,000-mile trek around Indiana raises support and awareness of public safety heroes who offered the ultimate sacrifice and lets their survivors know they are never forgotten. Proceeds from the ride are utilized to support scholarships, camps and events held in memory of officers killed in the line of duty as well as other survivor causes.

Cops Cycling for Survivors heads through Hamilton County on July 10 on the way to Kokomo in memory of fallen Howard County Sheriff Deputy Carl Koontz. Stops are made along the way to honor fallen officers and to meet with survivors. The Officer Down Memorial Page lists 426 Indiana officers killed in the line of duty since becoming a state.

Tax deductible donations may be made through the Cops Cycling for Survivors website at http://www.copscycling4survivors.com/fundraising_campaign.php?id=28. Cheers and support along the way are also appreciated during a long bike ride.

Urban agriculture in Sheridan

The REPORTER

Sheridan Rotarians ran into an example of an oxymoron recently when recent guest speaker Cara Culp of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) gave a presentation. Cara is an Urban Agriculture Outreach Specialist. Urban agriculture? Now there is an oxymoron. Sheridan is deep into farm country and out here agriculture refers to BIG farms with BIG tractors and BIG combines. Urban refers to cities, right? It does not seem like the two terms are related, right?

For Cara and her colleagues the definition of agriculture in an urban setting is growing and cultivating food in or around a city or town. The focus of the SWCD Urban Agriculture program is on community gardens and backyard gardens. The Hamilton County SWCD recognizes and supports the importance of backyard and community gardens in Hamilton County and through education, these urban agricultural specialists raise awareness of the benefits of agriculture in city and suburban environments. And through technical assistance, they help residents start new gardens and improve their existing gardens.

With Cara's help, the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is also trying to get local gardeners to donate excess produce from their gardens to local food pantries for distribution to folks who do not have access to fresh veggies. Working with local agencies such as the Rotary Club here in Sheridan, Cara is facilitating access to fresh food to local community outlets like the Sheridan Schools Food



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Brenda Garrod, director of MAMA's Cupboard Food Pantry in Sheridan, with part of her produce delivery from the Sheridan Rotary Club.

Pantry and MAMA's Cupboard Food Pantry.

Sheridan Rotary is involved in a variety of local community projects. Members have raked leaves, trimmed shrubs, planted flowers, installed shelving, helped repair roofs and served free community meals and other similar projects. And now the club has added one more project to its growing list: coordinating the dispersal of local excess garden produce to community food banks.

Sheridan Rotary meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:15 p.m. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month it has formal gatherings with a meal and a guest speaker. On the other Tuesdays, it performs its community projects. It is definitely a busy bunch of gals and guys dedicated to serving humanity in a variety of ways. If you would like to become more involved in the Sheridan community, you can attend one of its formal meetings or volunteer for a project. If interested, please contact any Sheridan Rotary member or contact Steve Martin at the public library.

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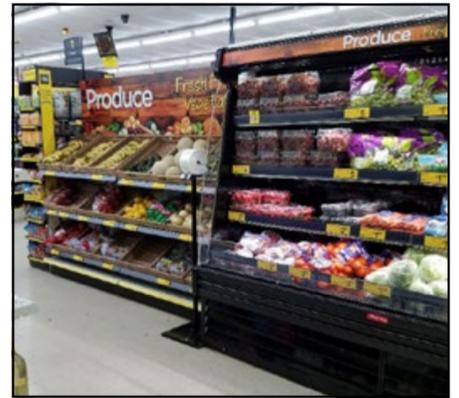
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Cicero Clerk Treasurer Jan Unger shows a poster to three discussion participants.



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(ABOVE) Bringing fresh produce to Sheridan's Dollar General is under way. When complete, the Sheridan location should look very similar to the Dollar General in Argos, Ind. (BELOW)



Cicero gets public input on Trail and Intersection

By JACK RUSSELL
For The Reporter

On June 28, the Town of Cicero had a public input session on two areas downtown Cicero. It was a great size crowd at the Community Building at Red Bridge Park.

The first was Main and Jackson streets intersection. The discussion talked about traffic concerns and how to improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians. We also discussed ways to improve this area for walkability and connectivity.

The second topic was the trail feasibility study. The discussion was about a potential trail connecting Cicero Community Park and downtown. Two of the potential streets to create this connectivity were Main Street and Pearl Street. We talked about pluses and minuses on each and really had some enjoyable conversation around it.

In both discussions, we had the opportunity to look at some different amenities

that could be added along with some distinctive styles that could be implemented on the trail or the intersection.

The best part of the night was the atmosphere and discussion. It was great to see people moving, laughing and meeting. You got to sit next to a neighbor and listen to each other's opinions. Thank you to MKSK for leading and navigating the discussion that night and thank you to the town of Cicero.

It was great to see members of the town council, business community, residents and Cicero staff engaged in the process. As Cicero grows we need to be smart about how we develop our community. This public input session really showed that the town wants to hear from people and wants to get the opinions of its citizens.

I am excited for next steps on these two projects and look forward for what is to come for the town of Cicero.

See maps of the proposed intersection changes and trail studies online at www.ReadTheReporter.com.

The first thing Del Greco did was reach out to the community by writing letters asking people to attend meetings and form a coalition to address the lack of access to fresh produce.

"As the Community Wellness Coordinator, I had to do assessments of the community and help them determine what areas we could address," Del Greco said. "The lack of easy access to fresh produce was one of the first issues we looked at. We also addressed the need of bringing the Farmers market closer to the downtown so it would be more walker friendly."

Del Greco learned that there are a few pilot locations for Dollar General stores offering fresh food, but the pilot program was only being tested at three Indiana locations, and the company was not planning any more in the state at that time. Then she learned one of the pilot locations was in Argos, Ind., in a store with the same size and design of the Sheridan location.

"I stopped by Argos and took pictures of their produce section," Del Greco said. "I posted that picture on Facebook along with my contact person [at Dollar General] and suggested community members should reach out to him and request the same for Sheridan."

Del Greco looked into the distance from Sheridan to the nearby Kroger and Walmart stores, as well as the distance from the towns

north of Sheridan, who also are missing grocery store access. Armed with that information, she wrote to the CEO/Chairman of Dollar General and indicated how beneficial it would be for dollar General to put produce into Sheridan.

"A few weeks later I received a phone call from the Senior Director of store planning letting me know they would put produce into Sheridan within the next 60-90 days," Del Greco told The Reporter. "A week and a half later, he called again and informed me they were starting the installation of the set up this past weekend and that there would be produce by July 7."

A ribbon cutting at Dollar General, 3888 State Road 47, Sheridan, is scheduled for 11 a.m. on July 12.

LANTERN

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The Chamber is proud to have Centier Bank as our Presenting Sponsor again this year. Some of the awards given out include:

- Lantern Award** – Business of the Year
- Beacon Award** – Citizen of the Year
- Globe Award** – Outstanding Service Organization of the Year
- Wick Award** – Volunteer of the Year
- Spark Award** – New Business of the Year

A new award this year is the **Emerging Leaders Award**. This award will highlight a young professional in our community.

The City of Westfield and Westfield Washington Schools partner with the chamber to give out awards that evening

as well. "Our goal is to find people doing remarkable things in our community," Jack Russell, President of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, stated. "We make sure to let everyone know, this is not just a chamber event. You can nominate anyone! If there is a neighbor or business that is doing wonderful things in the community we want to hear about it."

If you are interested in nominating a person or business in Westfield you can go to www.lantern-awards.org and click on the nomination button. The event will be held September 29 at the Palomino Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. You can get your tickets online as well at www.lantern-awards.org by clicking on the Make Reservations tab.

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The REPORTER

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1894 — Elwood Haynes demonstrated his newly-invented horseless carriage by taking a six-mile drive on Pumpkinvine Pike in Kokomo. The car reached a speed of six or seven miles per hour. The Haynes Automobile Company produced a variety of popular cars until 1924.

1911 — President William Howard Taft visited Marion, Ind. The city was decorated in red, white and blue bunting from the railroad station at Fourth Street all the way to the Veterans' Hospital. Thousands greeted him all along the route.

1914 — Famed actor Otis Skinner concluded a one-week stay in Indianapolis at the home of his friends, Dr. and Mrs. La-



fayette Page. During the visit, he met with poet James Whitcomb Riley, author Meredith Nicholson and publisher W. C. Bobbs.

1921 — The first all-female jury in Indiana sat for a trial in the Jennings County Courthouse in Vernon. The women were selected to hear the case against a man charged with "surety of the peace."

1937 — The last radio contact was made by Amelia Earhart, who was attempting a circumnavigational flight of the globe. She and navigator Fred Noonan were flying a twin-engine Lockheed Electra owned by Purdue University. Earhart was a Purdue career counselor and adviser to the school's Department of Aeronautics.

Lela M. Robinson

September 24, 1925 – June 30, 2017

Lela M. Robinson, 91, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, June 30, 2017 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on September 24, 1925 to Charles and Fannie (York) McGill in Albany, Ky.



Lela was retired from Firestone Industrial Products, where she had worked for many years; and attended Pleasant View Baptist Church in Noblesville.

She is survived by her son, Dr. William (Jill) Barnes; three grandchildren, Bradon (Melissa) Barnes, Missy Barnes and Jeri (Jason) Hall; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul A. Robinson who passed away in 2011; her sister, Marda; and brothers, Deane, Buster, Mike and 'Little Jackie'.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville with visitation beginning at 12 p.m. prior to the service. Pastor David Rogers will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

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Arrangements

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Service: 1 p.m. July 6

Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center

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Patrolman Matt Johnston receives 2017 School Resource Officer of the Year Award

The REPORTER

On June 28, the Indiana School Resource Officers Association (INSROA) presented Patrolman Matt Johnston with the 2017 Indiana School Resource Officer of the Year award. The award was presented at INSROA's annual conference held in Bloomington, Ind.

The INSROA presents the award each year in order to recognize a SRO who has gone above and beyond the normal duties of a SRO to enhance their school and community through the SRO philosophy of counselor, teacher and law enforcement officer.

Ptln. Johnston was nominated by his direct supervisor, Sgt. Andrew Reiss, for his many years of devotion and commitment to the youths of Noblesville.

Ptln. Johnston has been with the Noblesville Police Department since 2002. He was assigned to SRO duties in 2004. In addition to being a SRO, Ptln. Johnston has developed and supervised the NPD Police Explorer program since 2006. As coordinator of the police explorer program, Ptln. Johnston established a summer academy for local explorers in 2006. The week-long academy provides students both classroom and hands-on training in all aspects of law enforcement including criminal & traffic law, communications, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, and physical tactics to name a few. In 2015, Ptln. Johnston successfully took this program statewide to include agencies and explorers from all over the state. The statewide academy is administered biennially and the most recent academy took place during the period of June 18-23 at Noblesville West Middle School under the supervision of Ptln. Johnston. Addi-



Photo provided Sgt. Andrew Reiss (left) with 2017 Indiana School Resource Officer of the Year Ptln. Matt Johnston.

tionally, Ptln. Johnston is also a DARE instructor; in his off-duty time he enjoys volunteering for various youth sporting activities.

Police Chief Kevin Jowitt stated, "Matt embodies the commitment and dedication that our great community has come to expect of its law enforcement officers, both on and off-duty. Matt has truly embraced his role as a school resource officer and has undeniably made a positive impact on thousands of students throughout his career. On behalf of NPD, I would like to commend Matt on this award and for all of his accomplishments."

The Noblesville Police Department is proud to partner with Noblesville Schools through the SRO program. There are currently four officers assigned to SRO duties throughout Noblesville Schools. The SRO program looks to achieve a number of agreed upon goals and objectives to include fostering educational programs and activities to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and students, providing security and threat prevention, and investigating crimes that occur on campus to name a few.

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Inaugural event for USA Basketball...

Grand Park hosting 14U National Tournament

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

History keeps being made at Grand Park.

The Jonathan Byrd's Fieldhouse was the site of the USA Basketball 14U National Tournament, which began on Friday and will run through championship games on Monday afternoon. Thirty-eight teams from 15 different states are competing at the event.

This is the first time that USA Basketball has ever run a tournament, and so far it's been doing well.

"Prior to us founding a youth division in 2013, USA Basketball existed primarily to field teams for international competition," said Jay Demings, the Youth Division Director of USA Basketball. "And so although we are the national governing body, we delegated our authority in the youth basketball space to groups like the Amateur Athletic Union, the National Federation of High Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs and groups of that nature."

The tournament features 24 boys teams, which are broken down into four pools of six teams each. There are 14 girls teams, with two pools featuring five teams and a third pool with four teams. The top two teams in each boys and girls pool move on to the Division I bracket. The boys teams that finish third and fourth advance to the Division II bracket, as do each of the girls teams.

"Most teams will have a chance to advance to some sort of bracket play," said Demings.

Chris Keller, the Program Coordinator at USA Basketball, said that there are teams from all different levels, from the recreation level to elite club players.

"It's good, it's helping us spread our mission to grow, promote and elevate the game," said Keller.

"The top teams are really, really high level, really competitive," said Demings. As for some of the other teams, he said that those squads are here for the experience. So the tournament provides some auxiliary events in addition to the games.

"We had a player development clinic," said Demings. "We had a skills challenge for the kids. We had a player cookout and we also had a coaches social, like a small dinner for the coaches, and that all happened last night here. While not everybody is going to be undefeated, we think a lot of those elements are special for those kids."

One thing that Demings also thinks makes the tournament special is that it's using international basketball rules. Demings believes that this is the first time a youth tournament in the United States has played under the international, or FIBA rules.

"We modified those a little because of

the age group, but we're using a shot clock, we have different time-out and substitution procedures," said Demings. "It's been a great atmosphere for the kids and for the fans to experience."

USA Basketball came to visit Grand Park in February after hearing from other event operators that it would be a good place to host the event.

"We came and took a visit, and within five minutes we knew this was the place we wanted to hold our first event," said Demings. "The staff here has been great."

The location helped as well. "It's fairly central to the country," said Demings. "It's accessible. People can get here, and that's important for us, to stay inclusive to the country we're trying to serve."

There are two local boys teams playing in the event: Grand Park 2022 Premier Red and Grand Park 2022 Premier Black, both of which have been doing well in the tournament. Three other Indiana teams are in the boys event: Team Teague, Never Walk Alone and Players 1st Basketball. Coach Jay's First Lady's are the lone girls team from Indiana in the event.

Teams had to meet eligibility requirements to play in the event, but Demings said they were minimal. Players could not turn 15 prior to September 1, and all coaches had to be certified by USA Basketball.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

ABOVE: Grand Park is hosting the inaugural USA Basketball 14U National Tournament this week. Teams from across the country are playing, including the St. Louis Eagles (blue) against the Pennsylvania based Bakerhoops All-Stars.

BELOW: Coach Jay's First Lady's (in black) are the lone Indiana girls teams in the tournament. They are playing against ABC Lightning from North Carolina.



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Merchent falls in Boys State Juniors semi-finals

Noblesville's Clay Merchent fell in a marathon semi-final at the Indiana Golf Foundation's Boys State Junior Championship Saturday at Purgatory Golf Club.

Merchent, the third seed, lost to second seed Ethan Shepherd of Greenwood in 21 holes. Shepherd fell in the championship match to Valparaiso's Mitchell Davis 1 Up. Davis was the medalist at last year's event.

Still, it was a good tournament for Merchent, who improved upon his showing at last year's event, where he finished in the Round of 16.

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Phillips 66 National Championship

Burchill, Bilquist finish with big time drops



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Carmel's Emma Nordin finished 33rd in the 1500 freestyle Saturday at the Phillips 66 National Championship.

The Phillips 66 Swimming National Championships wrapped up on Saturday, and Carmel swimmers had a few more times to drop.

Sammie Burchill, a 2017 Carmel graduate, dropped the most. She finished sixth in the 200 medley's evening "C" final (22nd overall) with a time of 2:17.35, cutting 0.62 seconds from her preliminary time.

Amy Bilquist also dropped a nice amount of time while swimming in the women's 50 freestyle. Bilquist raced in the "B" final, placing third (11th overall) in 25.22, or 0.40 seconds faster than her prelim race.

Drew Kibler made the "C" final of the men's 50 free, placing sixth in that heat and 22nd overall.

Emma Nordin raced in the 1500 freestyle, placing 33rd.

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

WOMEN'S 200 MEDLEY

28. Kelly Pash (Carmel Swim Club) 2:17.53, 32. Sammie Burchill (CSC) 2:17.97, 64. Lauren Edelman (CSC) 2:20.59, 68. Trude Rothrock (CSC) 2:20.99.

WOMEN'S 50 FREESTYLE

15. Amy Bilquist (Carmel/University of California) 25.62, 33. Veronica Burchill (Carmel/University of Georgia) 26.01, 64. Trude Rothrock (CSC) 26.42, T79. Claire Adams (CSC) 26.70

MEN'S 50 FREESTYLE

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Big Machine to sponsor Brickyard 400 Starring Brantley Gilbert

Music industry leader Big Machine Label Group is the new entitlement sponsor of the Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, one of the crown jewels of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series.

This year's race, scheduled for Sunday, July 23 at IMS, will be called the Brantley Gilbert Big Machine Brickyard 400. The chart-topping country star, signed to BMLG's Valory Music Co. imprint, will attend the event and perform for fans during pre-race celebrations.

More details about the multi-year agreement, including plans for the 2018 Big Machine Brickyard 400, will be announced at this year's race.

"I'm very excited today to officially announce that Big Machine and Brantley Gilbert are joining the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the 2017 Brickyard 400 NASCAR race!" said Big Machine Label Group President/CEO Scott Borchetta. "Racing has always been part of Big Machine's DNA, and we're thrilled to partner with the world's most iconic racing brands."

Said Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles: "We have enjoyed a long-standing relationship with Big Machine, and we're thrilled to see that expand through this very unique entitlement sponsorship. This partnership will bring a big-name artist our fans know and love to IMS, enhancing what already is one of NASCAR's marquee event weekends."

Founded in 2005, Big Machine Label Group is an independent record label headquartered in Nashville. In addition to Gilbert, the artist roster includes superstars such as Taylor Swift, Reba McEntire, Florida Georgia Line, Thomas Rhett, Rascal Flatts, Danielle Bradbery, The Cadillac Three, Justin Moore, Ronnie Dunn, Jennifer Nettles, Eli Young Band, Drake White, Brett Young, Tucker Beathard and A Thousand Horses.

Gilbert's fourth studio album, "The Devil Don't Sleep," climbed to No. 1 on the Billboard U.S. Country chart after its release in January 2017, marking his second straight No. 1 record.

The 24th annual Brantley Gilbert Big Machine Brickyard 400 race weekend features more attractions and entertainment than ever July 21-23.

400 Fest, a new, two-night concert at IMS, is scheduled for Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22. The event features six global music superstars over two nights, with Major Lazer headlining July 21 and The Chainsmokers headlining July 22. Visit www.400fest.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Another off-track attraction is the return of the annual IMS Hauler Parade, featuring a special "NASCAR Fan Fest" that will bring the stars of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series to Speedway's Main Street for an afternoon and evening of fun and engaging activities Friday, July 21.

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Baltimore	39	41	.488	6.5
Toronto	37	43	.463	8.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	43	37	.538	-
Minnesota	41	39	.513	2.0
Kansas City	40	40	.500	3.0
Detroit	36	44	.450	7.0
Chi. White Sox	35	45	.438	8.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	55	27	.671	-
L.A. Angels	43	42	.506	13.5
Texas	40	41	.494	14.5
Seattle	40	42	.488	15.0
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National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
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N.Y. Mets	37	42	.468	9.5
Miami	35	43	.449	11.0
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Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
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St. Louis	38	41	.481	3.5
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Cincinnati	34	45	.430	7.5
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Connecticut starts fast, holds off Fever 91-85

The Indiana Fever couldn't overcome a fast first-quarter start from the Connecticut Sun Saturday, falling 91-85.

Jonquel Jones fueled a 15-3 Connecticut run that sandwiched the first and second quarters. Jones scored 10 points during the stretch, including the final eight, pushing the Sun's lead to 36-21, their largest margin of the game.

"Any time you give any team in this league - and especially the hottest team in

the league - a significant amount of comfort to begin a game, you dig yourself a 10-foot hole from the start," said Fever head coach Pokey Chatman. "It negates anything you do that's positive."

"Until we get stops, I'm going to continue being disappointed here at the podium. Defend, or we're not going to win - put that in bold, make it a headline. We scored 85 points, that ought to be enough to win. I can't even talk about our offense

because, if we don't defend, we don't win. It's that simple."

Connecticut led nearly wire-to-wire, but Indiana scored six of the last eight points of the first half to trim its deficit to 7. After Shenise Johnson scored the opening bucket of the third quarter, the largest lead for either team the rest of the way was just 6.

Both clubs alternated baskets throughout the entire third period. Indiana pulled within two, 62-60, after a Shenise Johnson 3-

pointer and a layin by Erlana Larkins, with 3:40 to play in the third.

In the fourth, Indiana utilized a 10-1 run to command its first lead since 2-0. Shenise Johnson's driving layup with 3:04 left in the game brought Indiana with 80-79, and a pair of free throws by Erlana Larkins gave Indiana its only lead of the second half, 81-80 with 2:48 to play. Shekinna Stricklen's 3-pointer on the ensuing possession regained the lead for the Sun who withstood two tie scores in the final minute before a Jasmine Thomas 3-pointer with 47 seconds remaining put Connecticut in the lead for good.

Shenise Johnson had 10 points during a furious third quarter for both teams, and 14 in the second. She finished with 22 points, two shy of her career scoring high.

Candice Dupree posted 14 points and 11 rebounds to register her second double-double of the season. Dupree has scored in double figures in each of the past nine games, and in 13 of the team's 15 games total.

Fever guard Erica Wheeler had 16 points. She has scored in double figures in seven of the past eight games.

The Sun evened the season series with Indiana after losing May 20 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

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