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Noblesville Police Department adds four, promotes three

The REPORTER

On July 18, the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) held a ceremony to officially swear in four of their newest police officers. The ceremony took place in the council chambers located at City Hall. In attendance for the event were family members, friends, members of the community, government officials and officers of the police department. Chief Kevin Jowitt officiated the ceremony.

The newly sworn officers are Stephen Forner, Matthew Lohrey, Brent Cunningham and Eric Ditzler. They were officially hired on Feb. 13, 2017.

Stephen Forner

Stephen was born in Aurora, Ill., in 1987. He graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 2006. He attended and graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Planning

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Photo provided
(FROM LEFT) Chief Kevin Jowitt, Stephen Forner, Matthew Lohrey, Brent Cunningham, Eric Ditzler.

Caucus to fill Kenley's spot should be public

It is beginning to look like a crowded field of candidates later this summer when precinct committeemen choose a new state senator to fill out retiring State Sen. Luke Kenley's term. But, if tradition is maintained the public and the press won't be witness to it. Kenley announced earlier this month he will resign Sept. 30 from the Senate where he has been an influential member for 25 years. Up to a half-dozen local Republicans have either announced they want the District 20 seat or are considering running for it.

The new state senator will be selected by a caucus of the precinct committeemen and women of the district. And, due to the lack of state law guaranteeing a public and open caucus, the selection process will likely be closed to the public.

It is even possible that a person could

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Columnist

FRED SWIFT
The County Line

4-H event stars Llama Trekkers



The Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Kids of all ages, and adults too, make the Llama Barn one of the most popular places to go during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. On Friday afternoon, the Llama Barn hosted several activities, including a Walk-A-Llama event where the public was invited to guide a llama through a simple obstacle course. **(FROM LEFT)** Isabella Whitaker, 10, a first-year Llama Trekker, helped 2-year-old Matthew Gettelfinger and his father, Alex Gettelfinger guide her llama, Misty Molly, around the obstacle course. Whitaker will be a fourth-grader at Hinkle Creek Elementary, while the Gettelfingers are from Fishers. See more photos on Page 4 and online at ReadTheReporter.com.

Cicero invites you to Dine on the Causeway

The REPORTER

Experience an elegant lakeside evening with your friends on beautiful Morse Lake at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at this year's Dine on the Causeway.

Dine features tables stretched along the causeway crossing the lake and features

gourmet food, open bars with top shelf cocktails including the Cicero Sunset, live music and an unforgettable setting. The event is sponsored by Our Town Cicero – a Main Street organization – and is the Signature fundraiser for OTC.

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and are available on Eventbrite.com. If you wish to reserve a table for eight, please contact Sue by emailing sueotc@gmail.com.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this year's event. See you on the causeway!

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Westfield appoints new CFO and principal

The REPORTER

Brian Tomamichel has been named Chief Financial Officer for Westfield Washington Schools. Tomamichel most recently served as CFO of the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation, and had previous roles with Beech Grove City Schools. The CFO role was created with the upcoming retirement of Nick Verhoff, WWS's long-time director of business and operations.

Tomamichel recently received the 2017 Pinnacle of Achievement Award from the Association of School Business Officials International. He begins his new role Aug. 14.

Mary Beth Riley, a Westfield resident, has been named principal of Maple Glen Elementary. Riley most recently served as assistant principal of Noble Crossing Elementary in Noblesville. Riley, who begins her new assignment immediately, replaces Dr. Joe Montalone, who has been named Director of Operations for the school district.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the addition of Brian and Mary Beth to the team, and are thrilled at the quality of applicants for both roles," said Westfield Washington School Superintendent Dr. Sherry Grate. "We have our key pieces in places as we ready for another successful school year."

The first day of classes for Westfield Washington Schools students is Wednesday, Aug. 9.

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file for the vacant seat, win in the caucus and be sworn into office before the public knows who that person is. There is no public call for interested persons to file, no requirement that names of candidates be public, and no requirement that the caucus vote be public.

State law allows political parties to hold private meetings to discuss political strategy, elect officers, and apparently by omission, hold closed sessions to fill vacancies in public office. It is a glaring example of the lack of transparency that most politicians claim to oppose.

In the current case, five candidates have come forward to announce their intentions. Megan Wiles, Victoria Spartz, Sue Finkam, Brad Beaver and Joe Morris have made their plans known. Others may do so, but are not required to tell anyone except the party leadership which will notify committee members and hold the caucus at a yet to be determined date. In the past, Hamilton County Republican Chair Laura Campbell must be credited with revealing the date and location of a caucus, names of those running, and the winner, none of which she would be required to make public.

Mrs. Campbell has said, however, that doors will be closed because she believes such action could prevent undue influence being exerted on committeemen.

This writer believes an office as important as state senator, and any public office for that matter, should not be filled in secret. The law that seems to allow it should be amended to open the doors when choosing a public official who will be representing all the people of his or her jurisdiction. It is the right thing to do.

Saying Goodbye to Clem

By STEVE MARTIN
Sheridan Rotary Club

When you were 15 years old, would your parents have let you move to France for a year to live with a bunch of strangers and go to school there? If you are like most of us, probably not. But the reverse is what happened to us here in Sheridan this past year. Let me fill you in on the details.

For the past 45 years, Sheridan Rotary has been involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Every other year the club sponsors a foreign exchange student and we have had young people come to Sheridan from such faraway places as Taiwan, Australia, Norway, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Brazil, Argentina and several other countries. This past year we have been pleased to have a young lady from France be our exchange student.

Clemence Lekouma arrived in Sheridan on a very hot and very humid Tuesday last August, and wouldn't you know it but Tuesday is our regular Rotary meeting night. On this particular Tuesday, our club was removing juniper bushes from around the Community Center and we were all surprised when our Youth Exchange Officer Connie Pearson showed up with a beautiful young lady in tow — our new exchange student. Connie had picked her up at the airport earlier and they had just about enough time to get to Sheridan, change into work clothes and show up for juniper duty at the park. Needless to say, this was Clem's introduction to the club — a bunch of people sweating profusely, and grunting and groaning from all the heavy



Photo provided

Clem Lekouma (left) shares a hug from Sheridan Rotary Youth Exchange Officer Connie Pearson. Clem will be returning to her home in France later this week after spending a year here in Sheridan.

lifting and hauling.

It turned out that Clem was only 15 years old, soon to be 16, though, and a very willing participant in community and school activities. At school she quickly became a major player on the soccer team because they play a lot of that in France and she is very good at it. Later in the fall, believe it or not, she was her class's princess candidate for Homecoming which usually means you are rather popular and well liked. And then basketball season came around and, while she had never played basketball before, she became a pretty good junior varsity team member. And this past spring she ran track for Sheridan. In the meantime, she kept her grades up and made the honor roll each semester and was inducted into the school honor society. So here we have a very accomplished young lady, both athletically and

scholastically, who at a very young age came all the way from France and made quite an impression of all of us Sheridan folks.

We are now saying goodbye to Clem as she prepares to return to her family in France. As she departs, I have to ask if we made a lasting impression on her, or did she make the impression on us? I suspect it went both ways. No matter, the Sheridan Rotarians and our Sheridan community are very pleased she came to be with us and share her life with us. She will return to France the richer for her experience with us, and we will remember this fine young French woman who certainly impressed us with her maturity, her beauty, her bubbly personality and her heartfelt friendship. And not to mention her athletic ability. Merci beaucoup, and bon voyage, mademoiselle!



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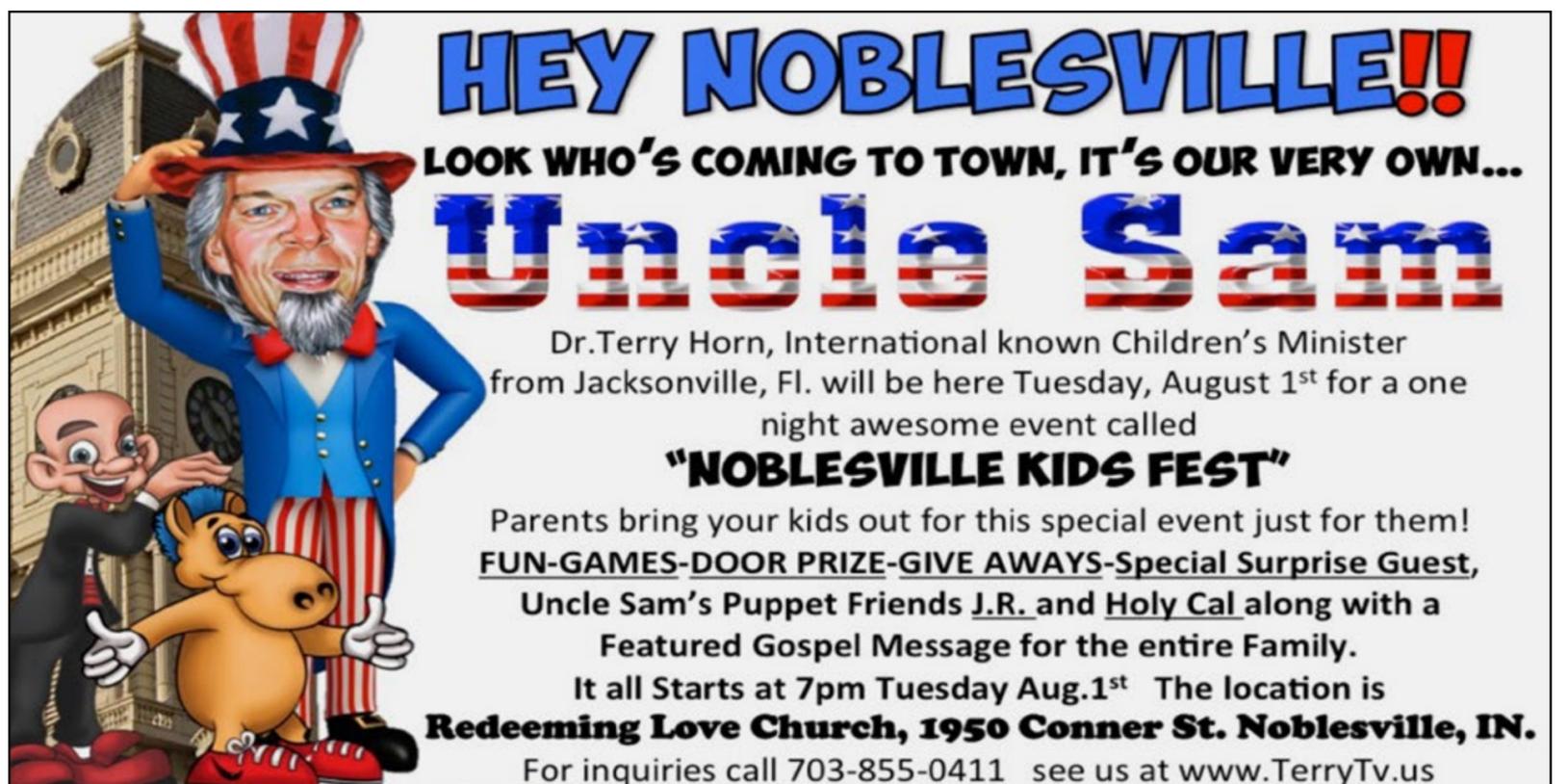
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Matthew 13:37

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Unger honored for having heart of a Lion



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The W.P. Woods Award was established in 1995 to honor the first president of Lions International. Woods was an Indiana Lion from Evansville. The award is a way that Indiana Lions honor their dedicated Lions with a Hoosier Lion Award. This award was recently presented by President Joe Connerley to club member Dale Unger.

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& Counseling in 2010. Stephen enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard in 2011 and currently holds the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His hobbies include playing and watching golf, baseball, football and basketball.

Matthew Lohrey

Matthew was born in Anderson in 1994. He graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in McCordsville in 2012. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in 2012 and was on active until 2016 at which time he was honorably discharged. While in the military, Matthew attained the rank of Corporal and served as a combat engineer. His hobbies include baseball and woodworking.

Brent Cunningham

Brent was born in Kokomo in 1984. He graduated from Northwestern High School in Kokomo in 2003. Brent attended and graduated from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 2009. Brent's hobbies include disc golf, exercise, and target shooting.

Eric Ditzler

Eric was born in Marion in 1987. He graduated from Huntington North High School in Huntington in 2006. Eric attended and graduated from Ivy Tech Community College in Ft. Wayne and Community College of the Air Force with Associate of Applied Science degrees in General Studies and Criminal Justice. Eric enlisted in the Air Force National Guard in 2008 and was honorably discharged in 2015 at the rank of Staff Sergeant. Eric's hobbies include running and weightlifting.

Shortly after being hired, the officers departed for the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield where they spent 15 weeks receiving training in a variety of areas to include criminal and traffic law, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, human behavior, physical tactics and EMS awareness to name just a few. The officers successfully graduated from the law enforcement academy on June 16, 2017.

Since graduating from the law enforcement academy, the officers have received in-service training and will start the 16-week Field Training and Evaluation Program this week. During this next phase of training, the officers will be assigned to several different Field Training Officers who will evaluate the performance of the new officers as they learn to apply their training from the academy to the day-to-day functions of being a police officer. After successful completion of the Field Training and Evaluation Program, the officers will then be certified to work by

themselves in a solo-capacity role and will be assigned to a shift within the Patrol Division.

When all is said and done, the officers will have accumulated more than 39 weeks or 1,560 hours of training prior to being released to work as a police officer for the City of Noblesville.

NPD promotes three officers to rank of Sergeant

On July 18, NPD held a ceremony to promote three officers. The ceremony took place in the council chambers located at City Hall. In attendance for the event were family members, friends, members of the community, government officials and officers of the police department. Chief Kevin Jowitt officiated the ceremony.

Chief Jowitt promoted Detective Mike Sadler, Patrolmen Jordan Granger and Greg Kehl to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Sadler's promotion was effective on March 13, 2017 while Sgt. Granger and Kehl's became effective on July 17, 2017.

Mike Sadler

Sgt. Sadler was hired by NPD on Aug. 11, 1997. Prior to his promotion, Sgt. Sadler served in the Criminal Investigation Division as a detective. Sgt. Sadler will continue to serve in the Criminal Investigation Division as a supervisor of detectives.

Jordan Granger

Sgt. Granger was hired by NPD on Aug. 26, 2010. Prior to his promotion, Sgt. Granger served in the Patrol Division as a patrol officer. Sgt. Granger will continue to serve in the Patrol Division as a field supervisor.

Greg Kehl

Sgt. Kehl was hired by NPD on Sept. 10, 2007. Prior to his promotion, Sgt. Kehl served in the Patrol Division as a patrol officer. Sgt. Kehl will remain in the Patrol Division as a field supervisor.



Sgt. Sadler



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Hope for Happiness in Fishers

By LARRY LANNAN
www.LarryInFishers.com



On Friday, Aug. 11, the Amp After Dark concert at the Amphitheater will feature Dogs of Society with a musical tribute to pop legend Elton John, but there will be an event beforehand you may want to mark on your

calendar. The Hope for Happiness celebration will be from 6 to 9 p.m., just before the concert, in front of Fishers City Hall. There will be a Happy Hour with local favorites Dave & Rae. It's all about promoting good mental health. There will be games, food trucks and a number of other activities in this family-friendly event. For more information, contact the Fishers Parks & Recreation Department at (317) 595-3150.

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Holy leaping llamas, Batman, these 4-H'ers know their stuff!



(LEFT) Cooper Sims, 15, guided his llama, Valario, to a win in the Leaping Llama exhibition, which took place Friday. Sims, a sophomore at Carmel High School, said this is the third or fourth time Valario has competed in the Leaping Llama event, but the first time he's won. Valario cleared around four feet to get the victory. (RIGHT) Ellie Jaensson, 17, is shown here with her llama Saxton. Jaensson, a junior at Noblesville High School, is in her eighth year with the Llama Trekkers, on her way to being a 10-year member. While she enjoys showing llamas, especially the obstacle course, she does take time to enjoy fair food as well, such as milkshakes and corn on the cob.

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Nickel Plate Awards to honor impact in the arts

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Arts is seeking nominations for the annual Nickel Plate Arts Awards. The honors recognize individuals or organizations that show outstanding leadership and vision in the support, promotion and provision of creativity.

The organization is accepting nominations through Aug. 5 in the Artist of the Year, Arts Patron of the Year, Emerging Arts Champion of the Year and Emerging Artist of the Year categories. Nominees and winners will be honored at the Nickel Plate Arts Awards ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Nickel Plate Arts campus in Noblesville.

"The Nickel Plate Arts Awards are our opportunity to recognize great leadership in our local arts community," says Nickel Plate Arts Director Aili McGill. "In 2018, we hope to get nominations from all corners of our region for a diverse group of artists and patrons. We know there are wonderful arts leadership stories in our community, we just need your help to highlight them!"

Nominations are due to amcgill@nickelplatearts.org by 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5. Nominees will be notified by Saturday, Aug. 19. You can find the nomination form at the [Nickel Plate Arts website](http://www.nickelplatearts.org).

"Last year was the first year for the awards and we were able to recognize two artists who continue to grow the reputation of the Noblesville arts scene, as well as patron who have helped ensure that the arts have a strong and dedicated home in the Nickel Plate Arts Region," says McGill.

The 2016 winners included Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Art Director Kat Ho as Emerging Artist of the Year, Noblesville Economic Development Assistant Director Alaina Shonkwiler as Emerging Patron of the Year, Lesley Ha-

flich as Artist of the Year and the Noblesville Parks Foundation as Arts Patron of the Year.

The Nickel Plate Arts Awards are being presented in conjunction with the organization's fifth anniversary celebration.

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella non-profit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project

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With wins at U.S. Amateur qualifier, Northern Open...

Timmy Hildebrand has sensational week



Photo courtesy Purdue Athletics

Westfield and Purdue star Timmy Hildebrand won two big tournaments this week at Sand Creek in Chesterton. He earned a spot in the U.S. Amateur by winning a qualifier event on Tuesday, then won the prestigious Northern Amateur on Friday.

It's been quite the week for Timmy Hildebrand, a star golfer at Westfield and Purdue.

Next up: The entire country and possibly the world?

Hildebrand, who is soon to start his junior year as a Boilermaker, first garnered medalist honors in qualifying at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton early this week to advance to the 116th U.S. Amateur Championship.

Later this week, Hildebrand stamped his name on an elite list of golfers - including more than a few professionals - by winning the Northern Amateur, which also took place at Sand Creek in Chesterton.

At the U.S. Amateur qualifying, Hildebrand earned medalist honors after shooting identical rounds of 69 for a 36-hole total of 6-under par 138. He defeated Charles Waddell by one shot to advance to his first U.S. Amateur Championship, played Aug. 14 to 20 at Riviera Country Club and Bel-Air Country Club (stroke play co-host) in Los Angeles.

Hildebrand recorded nine birdies, 24 pars and three bogeys during the day and was tied for second after 18 holes. His final round 69 was one of just two rounds in the 60s during the afternoon session. Hildebrand won medalist honors out of 80 players competing for three spots.

Hildebrand will be among 312 players competing at Riviera and Bel-Air. The top 64 through 36 holes of stroke play advance to match play, beginning Aug. 16.

But Hildebrand wasn't done yet. He won the prestigious Northern Amateur, a 54-hole tournament that finished on Friday, with a dominant 11-under par 205. Hildebrand's score was four shots ahead of second place.

Hildebrand started slowly, with a two-under 70 effort for his first round. That included four birdies and put him in the lead pack. In the second round, Hildebrand shot a three-under 69, moving him up to third place, making five birdies along the way.

Hildebrand saved the best for the last round, a six-under 66 that sent him to the trophy. He improved his birdie count to six for the day, and also made an eagle on the par 5 hole No. 15. Hildebrand's 11 under par is a new record when expressed as score to par.

Hildebrand had a strong sophomore season at Purdue, earning PING All-Region honors after averaging 73.03 strokes per round. He led the squad with seven top 20 finishes, tying for 10th at the Big Ten

Championships and tying for 17th at the NCAA Regional Championships.

The champions list at the Northern Amateur includes several players that have gone on to PGA careers, including another Indiana native, Bo Van Pelt. The Richmond graduate won the 1995 edition, and went on to a successful pro career, getting as high as No. 20 in the Official World Golf Rankings.

Speaking of rankings, Hildebrand is making an impact on the World Amateur Golf Rankings. He currently holds a rank of No. 162. The rankings rate over 10,000 players in 4,000 tournaments across the globe. A complicated point system is used to rank the golfers; Hildebrand currently holds a point average of 890.2044, the top ranked man is Joaquin Niemann of Chile, with an average of 1293.0334.

Last year's Northern Amateur counted in the rankings as a category "F" tournament. Events are listed in schedule strength beginning with Elite, then by a letter ranking from "A" to "G." The NCAA Division I and the U.S. Amateur are considered Elite events.

Only players who finish in the top two in "F" events earn points, so Hildebrand could see a jump in his ranking when the new list comes out Wednesday morning.

The rankings are maintained by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews in Scotland - known as the "Home of Golf." The R&A publishes new rankings every Wednesday at noon British time, which is 7 a.m. Eastern time.

Meanwhile, Hildebrand wasn't the only player at the Northern Amateur. Johnny Watts, a Hamilton Southeastern graduate and incoming Ball State senior tied for 10th at Sand Creek, finishing with a one-under par 215. Watts totaled nine birdies and also made a hole in one - Watts aced the Par 3 hole No. 13 in the first round.

Watts' former HSE teammate, Graham McAree, tied for 23rd with a 219. The senior-to-be at the University of Indianapolis had 10 birdies over his round, and also joined the eagle club. McAree eagled the Par 5 hole No. 1 in his second round.

Recent Carmel graduate Kevin Stone tied for 49th with a 227. The soon-to-be Ohio State freshman and Mental Attitude Award winner had seven birdies for the week.

Thomas Lewis, a Westfield graduate and incoming junior at Purdue, tied for 69th with a 234. Lewis had five birdies in his tournament.

Former MLB players working with kids...

Grand Park hosts MLBPAA

Legends for Youth clinic Monday

Local youth will have an opportunity to play with their big league heroes at the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association (MLBPAA) Legends for Youth baseball clinic series from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, July 24 at Grand Park.

The free clinic features former Major League Baseball players who will teach baseball skills, drills and life lessons for approximately 200 local youth. Players scheduled to attend include 10-year veteran Carlos May, as well as Jason Anderson, Bill Earley, Sean Green, Chris Nichting, Pat Underwood, Jon Warden and Mickey Weston. These eight players combine for 34 seasons and 1,720 games in Major League Baseball.

The clinic will take place at Grand Park's Quad 7 - Diamond 3. Alumni players will train at stations including pitching, catching, base running and life skills. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the morning will conclude with an autograph session and baseball giveaways for children in attendance.

To register for this clinic, please visit www.baseballalumni.com. Registration is required.

About Legends for Youth Clinics

MLBPAA's Legends for Youth clinics impact more than 16,000 children each year, allowing them the unique opportunity to interact with and learn from players who have left a lasting impact on the game of baseball. The MLBPAA has reached children across America and internationally in Australia, Canada, China, Curaçao, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Nicaragua, the United Kingdom and Venezuela, through the Legends for Youth clinic series. To donate to this program, visit baseballalumni.com/donate. The official hashtag of the Legends for Youth clinic series is #LFYClinic.



2018 10U Nationals Tryouts

Spring and Summer 10u Baseball

Sunday, July 23rd, 5-7pm

Please plan on arriving at 4:30 for registration and information

Where: Biddle Memorial Park, D1

The Nationals are an upstart travel baseball team based out of Hamilton County, Indiana. We are looking for talented and hard working kids to join our family. We will be holding tryouts July 23rd and are looking for 10U Baseball Players (age 10 or younger before May 1st, 2018) ready for an educational and competitive travel season.

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Allgaier leads opening day of practice for Lilly Diabetes 250

Justin Allgaier came to grips with the new equipment package for the Lilly Diabetes 250 faster than any other driver, turning the top overall lap of two practice sessions for the NASCAR XFINITY Series on Friday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Allgaier led the second practice at 166.485 mph in the No. 7 Breyers Chevrolet. Elliott Sadler was second overall at 166.420 with his session-leading lap in the first practice in the No. 1 OneMain Financial Chevrolet.

NASCAR XFINITY Series cars are using an engine restrictor plate and an aero duct for the first time at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway at this event, in an effort to create closer racing and more passing on the 2.5-mile oval.

"There are still a lot of unknowns, but I wasn't as on board with it before we got here," Allgaier said of the new technical package. "I have a fast race car, so I'm not disappointed in the package. For us, we need to put on a good race for the fans. This racetrack, this area of the country, Indianapolis is a racing town. We talking about Racing USA in Mooresville (North Carolina), but Indianapolis is built on that racing foundation.

"I feel like, if nothing else, for the fans that come and the fans that watch on TV, this race is going to be exciting, and we're trying to put on a great race."

Matt Tifft was third at 166.291 in the No. 19 Surface/Fanatics Toyota. Kyle Busch, who has won this race the last two years, was fourth at 166.162 in the No. 18 NOS Energy Drink Rowdy Toyota.

William Byron rounded out the top five at 165.874 in the No. 9 Liberty University Chevrolet.

Qualifying for the Lilly Diabetes 250 takes place at 12:45 p.m. Saturday. The 100-lap race starts at 3:30 p.m.

Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series action gets underway Saturday with practice sessions at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Qualifying for the Brantley Gilbert Big Machine Brickyard 400 starts at 6:15 p.m.

The Brantley Gilbert Big Machine Brickyard 400 starts at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Visit IMS.com to purchase tickets for all 2017 IMS events, including the Brantley Gilbert Big Machine Brickyard 400 and Lilly Diabetes 250 on July 21-23, and for more information on all events.

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Today at the track

Information about Brantley Gilbert Big Machine Brickyard 400 and Lilly Diabetes 250 activities Saturday, July 22, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

SCHEDULE (All times local)

- 8 a.m.-7 p.m.: NASCAR Public Gates Open
- 8 a.m.-3:49 p.m.: IMS Midway Open
- 9 a.m.: NASCAR XFINITY Series Autograph Session Wristband Distribution - Pagoda Plaza (while supplies last)
- 9-9:55 a.m.: Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Practice #1
- 10 a.m.: IMS Kids Club Members Only: NASCAR Cup Series YOUTH ONLY (15 and under) Autograph Session Wristband Distribution - NERF Kids Zone (while supplies last)
- 10:30 a.m.: NASCAR Cup Series YOUTH ONLY (15 and under) Autograph Session Wristband Distribution Begins - Kids Zone (while supplies last)
- 11-11:45 a.m.: NASCAR XFINITY Series Autograph Session - Pavilion 3 (Wristband Required)
- 11-11:55 a.m.: Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Final Practice
- 12:45 p.m.: NASCAR XFINITY Series Qualifying
- 1 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series YOUTH ONLY Autograph Session featuring Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Matt DiBenedetto - Pavilion 3 (Wristband Required)
- 2 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series YOUTH ONLY Autograph Session featuring Danica Patrick and Corey LaJoie - Pavilion 3 (Wristband Required)
- 2:30-3 p.m.: NASCAR XFINITY Series "Brick Walk"
- 3 p.m.: NASCAR XFINITY Series Driver Introductions
- 3:30 p.m.: Presentation of Colors
- 3:30 p.m.: Invocation
- 3:31 p.m.: National Anthem
- 3:37 p.m.: "Drivers, Start Your Engines"
- 3:49 p.m.: Lilly Diabetes 250 Race (100 Laps)
- 5-10 p.m.: 400 Fest Concert Gates Open
- 6:15 p.m.: Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Qualifying
- 7 p.m.: 400 Fest Concert

TICKETS: Saturday General Admission (\$30). Reserved seats are available up to \$77. Kids 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult in General Admission areas.

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Friday's scores	
St. Louis 11, Chicago Cubs 4	Detroit 6, Minnesota 3
Philadelphia 6, Milwaukee 1	Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 6, 10 innings
Houston 8, Baltimore 7	Pittsburgh 13, Colorado 5
Miami 3, Cincinnati 1	Arizona 6, Washington 5
N.Y. Mets 7, Oakland 5	Boston 6, L.A. Angels 2
Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3, 10 innings	Atlanta 12, L.A. Dodgers 3
Cleveland 13, Toronto 3	N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 1
	San Diego 12, San Francisco 9, 11 innings

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	55	43	.561	-
N.Y. Yankees	50	45	.526	3.5
Tampa Bay	51	46	.526	3.5
Baltimore	46	50	.479	8.0
Toronto	44	52	.458	10.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	49	45	.521	-
Kansas City	48	47	.505	1.5
Minnesota	48	47	.505	1.5
Detroit	44	51	.463	5.5
Chi. White Sox	38	55	.409	10.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	64	32	.667	-
Seattle	48	50	.490	17.0
L.A. Angels	47	51	.480	18.0
Texas	46	50	.479	18.0
Oakland	43	53	.448	21.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	57	38	.600	-
Atlanta	47	48	.495	10.0
N.Y. Mets	44	50	.468	12.5
Miami	43	51	.457	13.5
Philadelphia	33	61	.351	23.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	52	47	.525	-
Chi. Cubs	49	46	.516	1.0
Pittsburgh	49	48	.505	2.0
St. Louis	47	49	.490	3.5
Cincinnati	40	56	.417	10.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	66	31	.680	-
Arizona	56	40	.583	9.5
Colorado	56	42	.571	10.5
San Diego	42	54	.438	23.5
San Francisco	37	61	.378	29.5

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Admission for the 400 Fest concert is separate. Visit www.400Fest.com for concert ticket information.

PUBLIC GATES OPEN (8 a.m.-7 p.m.): Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 6, Gate 7 South, Gate 9, Gate 10A, Gate 11A, Gate 12. Vehicle gates include Gate 2, Gate 7 Vehicle, and Gate 10.

400 Fest Gates (3-10 p.m.): Gate 6, Gate 7 Vehicle, Gate 7S, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A

NASCAR PARKING (Opens 7 a.m.): Public paid parking for NASCAR practice is available in Lot 2 (\$10), Lot 3G (\$10) and Main Gate (\$10).

400 Fest Parking (Opens 5 p.m.): Available in North 40 (\$40) and Lot 1B (\$20). Turn 3 pre-paid concert parking opens at 3 p.m.

STANDS OPEN: General Admission: B Stand - Sections 1-4, E Stand, H Stand - Sections 22-24, J Stand - Sections 1-5, Northwest Vista - Sections 1-5, Paddock - Sections 9-14, Paddock Wheelchair, Southeast Vista - Sections 23-25, South Terrace / Wheelchair, Southwest Vista - Sections 16-20, Tower Terrace - Sections 37-40, Tower Terrace Wheelchair, Turn 4 Mounds, Turn 2 Mounds, Turn 3 Mounds, Backstretch Mounds / Family Mounds

Stands Reserved: A Penthouse, B Penthouse, E Penthouse, Northwest Vista Deck, Paddock Penthouse, South Vista Deck, Southeast Vista Deck, Southwest Vista Deck, Paddock 1-8 & 15-33

MUSEUM HOURS (9 a.m.-5 p.m.): Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for fans 6-15 years old, with children under 5 free. Entrance into the grounds is free of charge on non-event days. During events, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway charges an admission fee or requires a ticket to get onto the grounds. This general admission fee or ticket price does not include admission to the Museum.

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