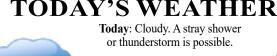
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

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Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy after midnight. A stray shower is possible.





Therapy dog Luna set to be July 4th parade grand marshal

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen has selected Noblesville Police Department Therapy Dog Luna as the grand marshal of this year's Fourth of July Parade sponsored by Gaylor Electric.

earlier this year. Luna's job is to comfort and love people. She helps police officers, firefighters, first responders and community members dealing with stress or trauma.

"The Fourth of July is about celebrating our freedom and independence and Luna helps members of the community regain their going through a pretty own freedom from mental health issues," Jensen said. "Luna's presence helps to calm and de-escalate stress and emotions in people who are having a bad day

and need help. Therapy dogs help break down barriers to communication. By combining emotional support and therapeutic interventions, such as nuzzling and laying on the Stars & Stripes Forever lap of someone in crisis, Luna helps reduce anxiety and stress, in addition to help victims in need The one-year-old black to biological stressors like from substance abuse to lab joined the police force heart rate, blood pressure and breathing.'

> Officer Ben Lugar is Luna's primary handler. They both went through training together and Lugar and will join her in the parade. Luna's first day on the job was in February and on that same day, she was deployed to her first call.

"The child was just stressful environment and home life," Lugar said. "The child was in crisis mode and just hearing that Luna was out there helped instantly calm that

child down so we could get the family connected to resources. Luna helped the child know that we are here to support you."

Luna is part of Noblesville's NobleAct created in 2020 by Mayor Jensen. The initiative is meant homelessness and even those dealing with mental health issues. Adding therapy dogs into public safety is a newer concept and Luna is the first in Hamilton County. She is on-call 24/7 and has made an immediate impact within the community and become a great resource for first responders.

"Luna is an invaluable asset for the Noblesville Police Department and Noblesville community," Lugar said. "Her presence



Photo provided

Officer Ben Lugar is Luna's primary handler. Luna's job within the department to help comfort people See Luna... Page 2 dealing with stress and trauma.

Hamilton North Chamber takes a dive in to infrastructure info

The REPORTER

County Chamber of Commerce has started with temporary wid-(NHCCC) met at the Hamilton ening of U.S. 31 and utility relo-North Public Library, 209 W. cation to begin soon. Brinton St., Cicero, on Thurs-U.S. 31.

Representatives of Congresswoman Victoria Spartz and U.S. Senator Todd Young attended with the near-capacity crowd.

Speakers included Jennifer Beck, senior project manager for the Greenville District for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). Beck spoke about various upcoming projects along U.S. 31. Information on all of them, including a map detailing projects for the Street will be closed soon. The next five years, can be found online at in.gov/indsot.

Some of Beck's points of Equipment will be off U.S. 31. discussion included:

day to offer attendees an oppor- a cul-de-sac while 266th Street tunity to learn about the various will become an overpass. There infrastructure improvements will be a new access road on the both planned and underway for east side of U.S. 31 between

• The 236th Street overpass

• A house tied to the Underground Railroad and listed on the National Register of Historic Places will be relocated, possi-

• 276th Street should be

• West of U.S. 31, 276th east portion will be closed in new roundabout at the intersec-

• The 276th Street project The Northern Hamilton has been bid and construction • 216th Street will become

226th and 236th streets.

• 246th and 256th streets will become cul-de-sacs.

is in the process of construction.

bly to Conner Prairie.

completed in 2023.

Sheridan should have a of town.



Reporter photo

Dagny Zupin (left) and Jackie Hernandez, both of Duke Energy. The electrical utility is investing a great deal of money into infrastructure and safety improvements in northern Hamilton County.

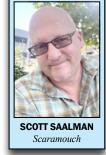
2023. Access to Reynolds Farm tion of Highway 47 and State Sheridan area has also been Road 38 on the southeast side

• The Monon Trail in the

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Breaking bald: Funny, he writes like he has hair

I was alone, eating a fish sandwich at Arby's, when I heard a reverend delivering some sort of moment of reflection via local radio. His subject matter: phobias. He listed a litany of fears: heights, enclosed spaces, flying, snakes. Things I've heard a hundred times



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before. But then I heard him add a new one to the list, "The fear of bald people," causing me to nearly choke on my fish fillet.

The fear of — What?!!

Did I hear correctly?

Did he say "bad" people? Or bald people?

Is it possible there are people who fear me by virtue of my baldness? Is this why I am eating lunch alone? Because I scare

I did a Google search. Sure enough, there appeared entries for peladophobia or "the fear of bald people." Symptoms include shortness of breath, sweating, heart palpitations, shaking. And here I thought my former girlfriends really liked me when they demonstrated these symptoms. I had no idea they were having panic attacks. It all makes sense now. Their fear of my baldness caused them to resort to the good old head-under-hatchet-breakup-line, the most overused relationship-killing cliché in history: "It's not you. It's me." Translation: "You are bald."

Thanks to Google, I also learned ways to cure peladophobia and, perhaps, save a relationship. For example: behavior therapy, anti-anxiety medicine, psychotherapy and cognitive-behavioral therapy, all of which, as a single guy, I used to formulate into pickup lines. "Hi, my name is Scott. Yes, I'm bald. And yes, you are trembling at the mere sight of me, and sweating so much that right now I am no longer even attracted to you, but I just want you to know that after you go through several dozen sessions of cognitive-behavioral therapy (my treat) you might be able to one day, dare I say it, peek through the cracks of the fingers of the hand covering your eyes and see my horrific hairless scalp without experiencing the heebie-jeebies."

Is it not enough of a problem that I am bald? Suddenly, I found myself on the same phobia list with spiders, snakes, cockroaches, toads, bacteria, hell, mothers-in-law, plane crashes, clowns, folk art, and radio

My mother had wigs when I was a kid. She had plenty of hair of her own, but it was the '70s. For the husbands, it was sort of like wife swapping, only without a moral dilemma. My brother and I had fun trying on her wigs. We didn't get all Anthony

See Bald Is Beautiful . . . Page 2





Photos provided by Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation

Both Inlow Park and Meadowlark Park now boast fun ways for kids and families alike to get outdoors.

Carmel opens 'reimagined' **Inlow Park & Meadowlark Park**

The REPORTER

6310 E. Main St., and Meadowlark Park, 450 Meadow Lane, are now open for the public to enjoy.

As part of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's Reimagining Parks initiative and the Clay Township Impact Program, these parks order to meet the needs of the growing local community.

Ribbon-cutting Carme's **Inlow Park**, monies with local officials and dignitaries will be held at a later date. Updates to Meadowlark Park and Inlow Park were made possible by the Clay Township Impact Program.

Inlow Park

Inlow Park features an received a complete refresh in all-new splash pad, year- park sports two outdoor round restrooms, pickleball pickleball courts that are courts, an expanded park- open from sunrise to sunset.

shelters.

• Splash pad: The new splash pad is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Labor Day. Splash pad features can be activated using the hand or foot activation panels. Click here for splash pad safety and FAQs.

• Pickleball courts: The

cere- ing lot, and two new picnic Play is first come, first serve, and there is no charge to use

• **Shelters:** The two new shelters will be available for rent beginning in 2023.

Meadowlark Park

Located west of the Monon Greenway and Arts & Design District just off Main Street, Meadowlark Park is a hidden gem that is

See Parks . . . Page 2

Noblesville Lions President promotes Pork Chop Dinner



Photo courtesy Bill Lynch

These lions at the home of Noblesville Lions Club President Bill Lynch were decorated to promote the Pork Chop Dinner held on Friday, June 3 during Noblesville Race Weekend. The event was a success for the Lions Club.



Saturday, June 18

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BALD IS BEAUTIFUL

Perkins weird as we got older, in case you're wondering. Well, I can only speak for myself. I now wonder if all that sliding on and off those itchy wigs jump-started my follicle erosion. Talk about cruel irony.

Upon learning about peladophobia, I decided that there must be a phobia for everything. I Googled "fear of hair." Entries for chaetophobia appeared. It made me giddy knowing there are people who fear people WITH HAIR!

If not for the photo that the Reporter runs with my column, you might not have even known I was bald. In the past, papers didn't include my photo. They didn't want to risk experiencing a dip in circulation dollars. toshopped. He's just being Eventually, though, my photo began to appear, causing me to imagine a typical kitchen table conversation going something like this:

Husband (throwing paper to floor): My God, Scott Saalman is bald!

Wife: What?

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Husband: Bald as a ba- selves hair! I refuse to read Scott's column anymore.

Wife: Shut the front Wife: Poor dear. It's so hard watching you struggle Husband: Look at his with your peladophobia.

> OK. I'm depressed now. I wish I still had access to that wig of Mom's from the 1970s. So what if I look like Carol Brady when I put it on. Knowing the role mom's wigs likely played in beginning my baldness, though, I'm sort of scared of them. See maliaphobia.

Contact: scottsaalman@gmail.com

CHAMBER

funded for expansion. Its inbe marked with people-activated yellow flashing lights.

- State Road 37 will be resurfaced north of Strawtown and State Road 13. Strawtown Avenue will have a roundabout in place
- INDOT is willing to work with businesses on signage for road closures.

• The on-ramp to U.S. 31 tersection with the road will from State Road 38 should a plan to reduce the risk be open next week.

Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Liaison Dagny Zupin spoke about various upgrades coming to the area, including the installation of automatic sensors which will speed up the detection of defects and pinpoint outages much faster.

"In 2016, we proposed of power outages on our system through measures such as replacing aging infrastructure," Zupin said. "We upgraded or replaced hundreds of utility poles and overhead and underground power lines. We've improved hundreds of substations which convert voltage for use by customers.

boon's butt.

Wife: Oh, it's just Pho-

funny. He's not really bald.

I mean, he writes like he has

shortness of breath, sweating,

heart palpitations, shaking):

People don't use Photoshop

to make themselves look

bald! They do it to give them-

Husband (experiencing

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Overall, this is about creating a more reliable, smarter system that helps prevent problems that may cause an outage and gets the lights back on sooner when problems do occur."

Duke encourages you to add your cell number at duke-energy.com/outages/ alerts in order to receive timely information when outages occur.

LUNA

at the department with officers and staff always makes coming to work a joy for me and she has given me a renewed passion for policing. When we are out in the public, community members always come up to see her and thank her. She really is the goal of Noble Act, to build those strong community connections so we all have the common goal of being healthy, happy and safe."

This year's free festivi-

day, July 4 with the theme of 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free trolbegins at 4:30 p.m. with the downtown parade presented by Gaylor Electric.

The expanded free fireworks festival sponsored from 6 to 10 p.m. at Forest Park with activities for kids, teens and adults, food vendors and more.

ties will take place on Mon-Services Main Stage from fireworks.

"Stars and Stripes Forever ley rides will be available in Noblesville." The parade from Noblesville High School's parking lot to Forest Park thanks to BJ's Wholesale Club throughout and after the festival.

At 10 p.m., the annual by IDI Composites follows fireworks display will begin from the Forest Park Golf Course. A fireworks viewing area with nearby parking will be available at Hairbanger's Ball will Federal Hill Commons for perform on the Republic those wanting to just see the ber Mink at amink@no-

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Those interested in participating in the 2022 Noblesville July 4th Parade have until Wednesday, June 29 to submit entry forms, which are available online at noblesvillefireworksfestival.com. Registration is \$25. The City of Noblesville is waiving the entry fee to all nonprofits organizations that want to participate.

For more information about the parade, email Amblesville.in.us.

PARKS

now open for the public to enjoy, including all-new playground equipment, parking lot.

• Reimagined play ex**perience:** The new "tree-tas-

destined to become a poptic" playground equipment charge to use the courts. ular destination in the core accommodates play for ages of the park remain under natural surroundings, the construction, some of the custom-designed play strucmost exciting features are tures were crafted to look like artistic renderings of trees and shrubs.

first serve and there is no other creatures.

· Boardwalk & reof the city. While portions 2 to 12. With cues from the **stored wetlands:** The accessible boardwalk threads throughout the wetland area and allows park guests to get an up-close look at the animals and • Pickleball courts: plants living here. Over soon. Please respect all clocessible boardwalk, year- open as well. The park the wetlands will come the city finishes this project. round restrooms, picnic sports four outdoor pick- to life. Once established, shelters, and an expanded leball courts that will be the wetland will create a open from sunrise to sun- robust habitat for a variety set. Play is first come, of reptiles, fish, birds, and

from Page 1

Coming soon . . . · A wheelchair-accessi-

- ble fishing pier and trails on the west side of the park are currently under construction. A portion of the trails on the east side of the park near the boardwalk will be installed pickleball courts, an ac- Pickleball courts are now the next two to five years, sure signage and fencing as
 - · Shelters will be available for rent beginning in 2023.
 - Full-court basketball



I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County (nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children). Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Individually packaged snacks
- Lysol
- Hand sanitizer Disinfecting wipes

Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.







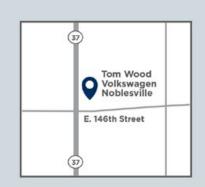
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All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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4 News





Westfield announces details for Rocks the 4th

The REPORTER

Westfield Rocks the 4th, presented by Citizens Energy Group, will be celebrated on Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4 at Grand Park Sports Campus from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. both days.

Westfield Rocks the 4th features food, music and fun for the entire family. Attendees can enjoy food and drinks from food trucks, free concerts and a fireworks display. Jennie DeVoe and Toy Factory will kick off the festivities on Sunday, July 3 and Barometer Soup takes the Main Stage on Monday, July 4. While the event is free to attendees, the Kids Zone area requires wristbands, which can be purchased online or at the event; wristbands are \$10 each day or \$15 for both days.

"Citizens Energy Group is committed to helping make the communities we serve better places to live, work and play," Citizens CEO Jeffery Harrison said. "As such, Citizens is proud to be presenting sponsor of this year's Westfield Rocks the 4th."

New to the event this year is a kids' stage that will feature Mik the Mudemonstrations. Westfield Welcome has also partnered with Indiana Army Nation

Westfield Rocks the 4th Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 3

Main stage entertainment • Jennie DeVoe | 5 to 7 p.m. • DJ | 7 to 8 p.m. • Toy Factory | 8 to 10 p.m.

Kids stage entertainment • Mik the Music Man | 5 to 6:30 p.m. Master Yoo's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

• Mik the Music Man | 7 to 8:15 p.m.

• Magic Show | 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. • Mik the Music Man | 8:45 to 10 p.m.

Monday, July 4

Main stage entertainment • Barometer Soup | 5 to 7 p.m. Hot Dog Eating Contest | 7 to 7:30 p.m. • Remarks & Honor Guard | 7:30 to 8 p.m. • Barometer Soup | 8 to 10 p.m.

Kids stage entertainment • Mik the Music Man | 5 to 6:30 p.m. Master Yoo's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration | 6:30 to 7 p.m.

• Magic Show | 8:15 to 8:45 p.m.

• Mik the Music Man | 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Mik the Music Man | 8:45 to 10 p.m.

Fireworks display | Approximately 10 p.m.

Energy Group President and inflatables and activities for visitors to connect and celeolder kids in the Kids Zone. Bullpen Tournaments will also be hosting their College Frank Hot Dog Eating All-Star Baseball Game on Dimond one beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 4.

"We are thrilled Westfield Rocks the 4th continsic Man, magic shows and ues to grow each year since we kicked it off in 2010," Mayor Andy Cook said. "This is a wonderful oppor-Guard to have additional tunity for our residents and com/westfield-4th.

brate the holiday."

Sign-ups for the Frank's Contest are available online now. Limited preferred parking can also be purchased in advance for Monday, July 4 for \$20, or onsite if still available.

For more information about Westfield Rocks the 4th visit westfieldwelcome.

Give blood in honor of **World Blood Donor Day**

The REPORTER

joins blood collection organizations around the world to celebrate World Blood Donor Day, which recognizes the importance of a safe and stable blood supply and the donors who make it pos-

Nearly 2.5 million people volunteer to give lifeor platelets this month.

Each year on June 14, in late spring and early sumthe American Red Cross mer – especially during holiday weeks, like Memorial Day and Independence Day - but the need for blood and platelet transfusions doesn't take a summer break. Generous blood donors are critically important in ensuring lifesaving care is available the moment patients need it.

saving blood and platelets ing, in honor of the new Baz rcblood.org/elvismovie. every year with the Red Luhrmann film, Elvis, all Cross. Eligible donors are who come to give blood in ment to donate, download encouraged to be part of the month of June will be the Red Cross Blood Donor something big by making an automatically entered for a App, visit RedCrossBlood. appointment to give blood chance to win a VIP trip to org or call 1-800-RED Graceland for two, includ- CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Blood donations decline ing round-trip airfare to Memphis, plus a three-night stay at The Guest House and Elvis Entourage VIP tour, courtesy of Graceland, a custom-wrapped Gibson Epiphone guitar and more.

Additionally, those who come to donate now through June 30 will also receive a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. For more infor-As a thank-you for help- mation about this raffle visit

Thanks for reading, Hamilton County!



What Can an Allergist Do for You?

We know good health can mean enjoying your summer.

Presented by Neha Yakhmi, MD

Thursday, June 23 6-7 p.m.

Location: Riverview Health 395 Westfield Rd., Noblesville Krieg DeVault conference room (entrance 3)

> To register, visit riverview.org/classes or call 317.776.7999



Join Neha Yakhmi, MD, as she discusses her specialty of allergy and immunology. Dr. Yakhmi will present on the scope of conditions an allergist manages—including asthma, rhinitis, immune deficiency and more.

The program is free, but registration is required. Attendees must wear masks.

Fishers firefighter Chad Hiner makes Lieutenant

The REPORTER

The Fishers Fire Department announced Thursday the promotion of firefighter/ paramedic Chad Hiner to the merit rank of Lieutenant. He was presented his Lieutenant shield and helmet at the start of his shift on June 7 by Department Chief Steven Orusa.

Hiner is a 19-year veteran with the department. He has been an acting officer for fill-ins since 2012, and he is a paramedic, special rescue team member, hazmat tech and is part of the community paramedicine team on his days off shift.

He is also the director of the "Firefighters Fathead Challenge," a trivia night sponsored by the Hamilton County Firefighters Local #4416 union that raises money for firefighter families with special medical needs – which has an anticipated return of March 2023.

Hiner initial assignment is Engine 391 located at Station 91 in the Nickel Plate Amphitheater.



Eight local students earn spots on Franklin College honor lists

The REPORTER

Franklin College has senior, of Carmel announced the president's and dean's list for the spring 2022 semester.

Students named to the president's list have achieved academic distinction by earning a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours during a regular semester. The following Hamilton County student has been named to the president's list:

 Brooke Haflich, a senior, of Noblesville

Students named to the dean's list have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during a regular semester, earning a grade-point average of at least 3.5 but less than 4.0. The following Hamilton County students have been named to the dean's list:

- Kathryn Brown, a sophomore, of Noblesville
- Justin Case, a junior, of Westfield
- Timothy Leonard, a freshman, of Westfield

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- · Ashlynn Meadows, a
- · Makenna Mundy, a sophomore, of Noblesville
- · Jada Tooley, a sophomore, of Noblesville
- · Mara Wilson, a senior,

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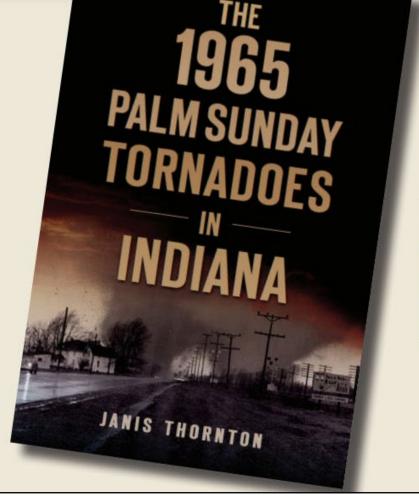
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The Sheridan Historical Society invites the community to a discussion of the

965 PALM

with Janis Thornton, author of the new book



7:00 p.m. Monday, June 13 at the

SHERIDAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

308 S. MAIN STREET, SHERIDAN

Following the program about the devastating tornadoes that tore through northern and central Indiana (including the north side of Sheridan where they claimed the lives of 12 area residents), attendees will be invited to share their stories and memories of that Palm Sunday night.

> Books will be available for purchase, and light refreshments will be served.

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The making of A Meadow's Tale at Cyntheanne Park

By ALICIA DECKARD City of Fishers, Contributed

The story A Meadow's Tale began in the summer of 2021 with my curiosity of the wildflower varieties in the fields at **Cyntheanne** Park, where I frequently visit as a nearby resident.

As a teacher at the IPS/ Butler Lab School 60, I thought it would be perfect for my pre-kindergarten students and their families to engage in a year-long study of the meadows there. Our class then composed a story encompassing the work they had completed, called A Meadow's Tale.

by my students, A Meadow's Tale follows a meadow mouse named Fern in search of spring with the help of Terry the painted turtle, Lemon the rabbit, and Eloise the monarch. From the perspective of young children, the story was greatly inspired by the

When teaching, it is most encouraging know that your excitement learn something new is shared by the students, too. Piece by piece, students studied and built a repli-

coneflower.

ca of the meadows at Cyn- met at Cyntheanne Park in classroom. We began with perennial flowers that are seen in the school neighborhood, as well as including the Black-eyed Susan, com-

Following the changing Written and illustrated landscape, students then which included the browning milkweed leaves and monarchs stopping to feast before traveling south for the winter. An understanding of the meadow's bed as a warm bungalow for mead-



remembered, too. With grand anticipation of his return, the painted turtle, Terry, lay buried in the pond muck throughout our long winter studies.

Students and their families

theanne Park within their mid-February to complete necessary field work. The study of the meadow in its dormant state was incredibly impactful for the students. This experience heightened mon milkweed, and purple the students' anticipation for a meadow no longer resting - a spring meadow!

As spring approached, studied the late-fall meadow, we studied the awakening meadow, and the composition of A Meadow's Tale began. After a weekend in early spring, I reported back to them that Terry was seen swimming across the pond, which brought immense deow mice was a cherished light and confirmation that winter lesson. Much to all their studies and arrange-



Students in Alicia Deckard's class at Butler Lab School 60 spent a year studying the ecosystem of Cyntheanne Park, which culminated in a book.

With our studies of the is essential to human de- IPS/Butler Lab School 60 was, and still is, hope that this study inspires and motivates the installation of meadows across more cities in Indiana.

a nice addition, but rather Park until mid-July. Follow for her family farmhouse.

meadows at Cyntheanne velopment and flourishing. on Facebook and Insta-Park, we found greater un- It is our hope that this stoderstanding of the ecological ry delights the audiences at benefits of the area. There Cyntheanne Park, and if you a pre-kindergarten teachsee Terry the painted turtle, er and frequently visits the please gently guide him Fishers Farmers Market, loback to the pond for us.

You can see the student's There is belief that in- original work on display at recent growth and developcorporating the outdoors Schoolhouse 7 Café across into teaching is not simply the street from Cyntheanne

gram to learn more.

Alicia Deckard works as cal parks, and Schoolhouse 7 Café. She admires the ment of Fishers and spends time away from work caring



Nonprofit to hold first 'Softball Slamfest' at Morse Park & Beach

The REPORTER

not-for-profit, Morse Park Lane, Nobles-

partnered with the Hamil-

Universal Cares, a the four organizations.

"Over the past year, will hold its first Universal Universal Cares has collab-Cares Softball Slamfest on orated with the Hamilton Saturday, June 18 at Morse County Sheriff's Commu-Park & Beach, 19777 nity Foundation, Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, and Friends of Hamil-Universal Cares has ton County Parks in various capacities," Katie Cubbermunity Foundation, Ham- and Community Engage-Recreation, and Friends of brainstorming sessions for through

split funds equally between logistics of planning a softball tournament involved contacting each of the other organizations. At that point it only seemed fitting for everyone to come together for the Universal Cares Softball Slamfest to benefit all our organizations."

Universal Cares' mission is to actively support ton County Sheriff's Com- ley, Director of Marketing Indiana communities as engaged citizens by connectilton County Parks and ment, said. "In the initial ing friends and neighbors compassionate





June 21 • 11a.m. - 1p.m.



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ISO's Kroger Symphony on the Prairie series returning this month

phony Orchestra (ISO) welcomes the return of the Kroger Symphony on the Prairie series at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre in 2022 starting June 24. This year offers a diverse line-up that offers a musical summer experience for all ages.

Here's what's coming up in June and July:

Opening weekend! Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25 – Classical Favorites with the ISO. The may be purchased via the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and Resident Conductor Jacob Joyce take you on a whirlwind trip around the globe with selections from Ravel's *Bolero*, Bizet's Carmen, Tchaikovsky's

Nutcracker, Brahms's Hun- ing online, patrons may The Indianapolis Sym- garian Dances, and many

> • Friday through Monday, July 1 to 4 – Star-Spangled Symphony with the ISO. Your favorite patriotic celebration complete with fireworks. Featuring ISO, Conductor Alfred Savia, and vocalist Doug LaBrecque.

> Know before you go • Gates open at 6 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m.

each night. Date-specific tickets website. Attendees must have tickets (mobile or hard copy) to enter each performance. Children two

need a ticket. • In addition to purchas- available.

years old and under do not

scan a QR code at Central Indiana Kroger stores to receive a discount when they purchase tickets on the ISO's website. Tickets are also sold at the ISO Box Office located on Monument Circle.

· Tickets can be downloaded to phones as mobile tickets for all ISO concerts at Conner Prairie. Likewise, patrons can print their tickets at home and bring them.

• Table rentals, reserved seating, and tickets to the Huntington Bank Sunset Lounge are available in limited quantities. Visit IndianapolisSymphony.org/ **SOTP** for the list of shows that have reserved seating

• Patrons may carry in their own food and beverages and purchase refreshments on-site including beer, wine, and spirits.

• Three large LED screens installed in 2019 enhance the stage view from every location on the lawn.

• Reserved parking is \$40 for each show and provides easy-access parking. Reserved parking is available for individual concerts.

• Groups of 30 or more may purchase discounted tickets to Kroger Symphony on the Prairie at a 10 percent discount. For group sales, call the ISO Box Office at (317) 639-4300.

For more information about the event, visit indianapolissymphony.org.

The Farmers Bank once again named a Top 200 Community Bank

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The Famers Bank anonce again been named to ing our Board of Directors,

American Bankmagazine's Top 200 Publicly Traded Community Banks and Thrifts.

In its May 2022 issue, Amer-Banker ranked The Farmers Bank No. 81 on its Top 200

Banks and Thrifts based on three-year average return on equity as of Dec. 31, 2021. The Farmers Bank ranked fifth among the 12 Indiana Banks included.

"We are honored to have made American Banker's Top 200 list for the ninth consecutive year," President and CEO of The Farmers Bank Karen F. Gregerson said. "Being listed in the Top 200 is a validation of our success in focusing on strong relationships with

clients, communities and shareholders. Our talented nounced Monday that it has team of bankers, includ-

> management team and our entire staff, has made it their commitment to develop relationships that will allow our customers, communities and shareholders to be successful. We have a vibrant heritage and are

Publicly Traded Community honored and humbled to continue this legacy.'

About The Farmers Bank

The Farmers Bank is an \$800 million asset organization chartered in 1876 with headquarters in Frankfort, Ind. The Farmers Bank is locally owned and operated with 10 banking offices located in central Indiana providing retail, business. investment & trust services, mortgage and electronic banking services. Additional information can be found at thefarmersbank.com.



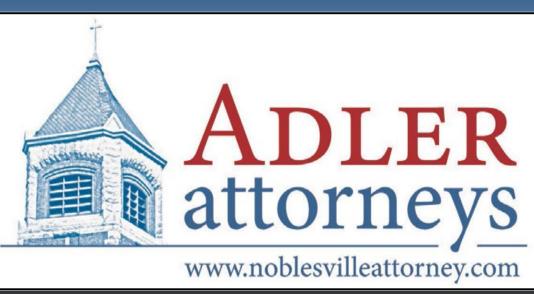
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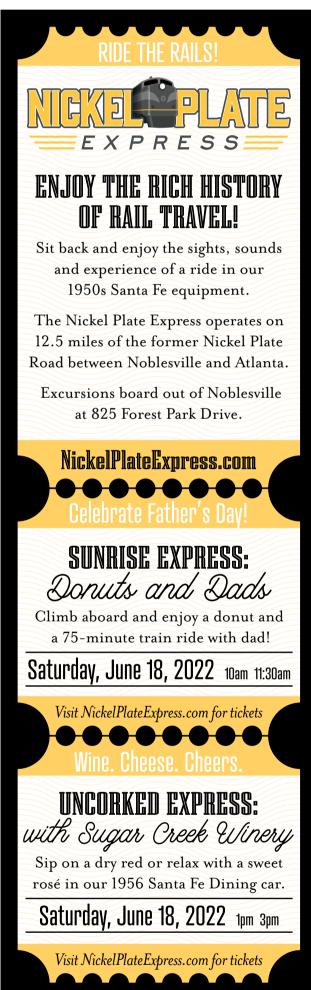
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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, in the Conference Room at the HHSC Administrative Office, 410 W. Main St., Arcadia, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(iv), For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including a transfer.

A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5).

A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

Good Samaritan Network presents 16th annual Charity Golf Outing

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work (GSN) has announced its 16th annual Charity Golf event, Topgolf Charity Outing, to be held at Topgolf in Fishers. This community fundraising event is presented and coordinated by Good Samaritan Network, along with its current sponsors.

Come support this great cause from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 26. Check-in is at 2:30 p.m. and the buffet opens at 3:30 p.m.

The Topgolf Charity Outing benefits county residents served by the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Inc. Proceeds from this event will be used for client assistance benefiting underserved county families with shelter, holiday, and food assistance.

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bays, an All American luncheon/buffet in the Signature Room and the opportunity to participate in an on-site "Chance to Win!" Individual (adult and youth) are availfor players aged 17 years and under.

A family event

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one of the predetermined and family to addictive point-scoring golf games that anyone from the hopeful pro golfer to your neighbor's seven-year-old kid can play year-round. Just registrations picture a 240-yard outfield with dartboard-like targets able, including discounts in the ground. The closer to the center or "bulls-eye" you get and the farther out you hit your microchipped balls, the more points you receive. It's not golf – it's Topgolf. Give it a shot!

Register now and remember to invite your friends to play. Individuals, groups, and organizations looking for more information or to register for this year's 16th Charity Golf Outing can visit gsnlive. org/golfouting.

Sponsorships available

Three levels of sponsorships are available for this year's Topgolf Charity Outing. Not only is this a great opportunity to assist the underserved in Hamilton County, but it is an opportunity to provide name recognition within the community showing sponsors' concerns and support.

Sponsorship levels include "Event Sponsor," "Bay Sponsor," and "Friend Sponsor." Sponsorships include three hours of play, All-American Buffet, lim-

hours of play at Topgolf at can challenge your friends ited player registrations. name recognition, promotion materials display, Chance to Win Tickets, etc. Current Bay Sponsors include Biddle Memorial Foundation. Visit: gsnlive. org/golfouting for sponsorship details and to register as a sponsor.

About Good Samaritan Network

Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County, Inc., is a 501(c)(3)non-profit focused on assisting the at-risk population in Hamilton County. Client referrals are received from a variety of social service agencies, churches, township trustees, food pantries, local hospitals, and government emergency agencies. GSN also works with Hamilton County schools, the Sheriff's Department, police, and fire departments. Direct services include serving at-risk and underserved individuals and families within Hamilton County. Typical service streams are emergency or crisis educational intervention, resources, and support. Indirect services include the GSN Network, which was established to ensure efficiency and communication among the different agencies and social services that support and assist the at-risk and underserved residents of Hamilton County.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

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Beth Linda Yeary

June 6, 1953 – June 4, 2022

Beth Linda Yeary, 68, Eustis, Fla., formerly of Noblesville, passed away on June 4, 2022, at Waterman Hospital in Travers, Fla.

She was born June 6, 1953, in Noblesville to George and Sara (Crowthers) Trout. She was educated in Jackson Township Schools in northern Hamilton County.

She married Clarence C. Yeary on January 31, 1970, and began her new role as wife and homemaker. She also

enjoyed working at the Noblesville Walmart Store where she became manager of claims and returns. Leisure time would find her shopping, the game of bin-

go, eating out with her family and friends, traveling and camping. Most of all she loved being with her family, especially enjoying her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving her is her husband, Clarence C. Yeary; son, Clarence Robert (Susan) Yeary of Cassopolis, Mich.; daughter, Tamara Renea Franklin of Ocala, Fla.; brother, Joe Allen Trout of Eustis, Fla.; sisters, Cherita Ann Kittinger of Noblesville and Dorcas Louise Crider of Tipton; grandchildren, Sarah, Alex, Evan, Christofer, Allison, and Kylie; plus eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Jean Fletcher; and a great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial to follow at Arcadia Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from noon until time of

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250. You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.





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Tennis state doubles tournament

Royals' Bukkasagaram and Orme win tough quarter-final match

By RICHIE HALL

INDIANAPOLIS - The IHSAA's individual state tournament began Friday at Park Tudor, and Hamilton Southeastern's No. 1 doubles team provided some of the excitement in the afternoon's quarter-final round.

The Royals team of seniors Misha Bukkasagaram and Emily Orme won its quarter-final, holding off a tough challenge from Plymouth juniors Taylor Delp and Ellie Jones, 6-2, 7-6 (5). Bukkasagaram and Orme thus advanced to the semi-finals, which will be played this morning at 10 a.m. at Park Tudor.

Southeastern got off to a quick start in the first set, and held off a challenge from Delp and Jones, who began playing better as the set went on. Bukkasagaram continued to hit strong volley winners throughout the set. Orme was also doing her part, and in fact made the winning shot on set point with a low slice winner.

"We practice a lot on volleys," said Orme. "Before these matches, we have what we call the peg drill, which is basically volley battles between us and our best players on the team."

The second set was back and forth all the way through. The Pilgrims won a long first game on their serve, then the Royals held serve at 15 for 1-all. Southeastern then broke serve for a 2-1 lead, but Plymouth broke back.

That led to a sequence of five consecutive service breaks, the fifth of which gave the Royals a 4-3 lead. Orme hit a return winner on game point to get HSE ahead once again. Orme would later hit a service winner on a second serve during the next game, which saw Southeastern hold to go up 5-3.

An Orme volley gave the Royals match point at 30-40, but the Pilgrims got three straight points to hold at 5-4, then broke for 5-all. Plymouth then held for 6-5 and had two set points in the next game, but the Royals saved them both and held for 6-all.

That sent the set into a tiebreak. South-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Southeastern's Emily Orme (left) and Misha Bukkasagaram touch rackets before a point during their state doubles quarter-final match Friday at Park Tudor. The Royals team won a tough straight-set match to advance to this morning's semi-finals.

eastern never trailed in the tiebreak, with Bukkasagaram hitting a winner for the first point, then Orme delivering a winner at the net for a 2-0 lead. The Pilgrims came back to tie at 2-2, then an ace by Orme started a run to get the Royals back up 4-2.

Plymouth came back again, tying the score at 4-4. The teams traded points for 5-5,

but Southeastern got the next two points to fident and just do a better job." close out the match.

While the Royals were winning their match, the other quarter-final match was going on right next to them. That one was even closer, with Covington seniors Karsyn En-Mater Dei seniors Kelly Blair and Chrissy Marx 4-6, 6-1, 7-5. Throughout both matches there was a lot of cheering and shouting going on, and everyone could hear the noise from the four singles matches that were taking place around the Park Tudor complex.

"I think we ignored the crowd and just held our confidence up," said Orme. "I think

that's what got us through." feel like it's a practice," said Bukkasagaram. "Our coach tells us that all the time, and so

Bukkasagaram noted that sometimes the crowd noise can be used to a player's ad-

"I also think sometimes it honestly helps, because it makes you feel more like gle and Emma Taylor edging out Evansville that game mode," said Bukkasagaram. "I think that's really something that helps me build up my anticipation for the next point and all of that."

The Royals will take on the South Bend St. Joseph team of sophomore Ashi Amalnathan and freshman Anni Amalnathan in this morning's semi-finals. The St. Joseph team received a bye into the semi-finals. Engle and Taylor will play the Floyd Cen-"And I think we just got back to letting it tral squad of junior Amelia Meunier and sophomore Elizabeth Banet.

The semi-final winners will play for the when we do that, I feel like we're more constate championship at 2 p.m.

FREE 2022 Friday Nights Outdoor Movie In Your Car at Hamilton County Fairgrounds June 17th Uncle Buck (pg -1989) FREE Movies for the public, starts approx 9:15 pm. Bring your blankets, chairs and refreshments, sit in front of the screen or Watch movies in Your Car and listen on the FM radio Visit Wafford Theater Facebook page for info and weather alerts

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Five county players to compete in IHSBCA North/ **South All-Star Series**

have been selected to play in the 2022 Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association North/South All-Star Series.

The annual series takes place this year June 24 to 26 at Indiana Wesleyan University. The two sides will play a doubleheader on June 25, then a wood-bat contest on June

Two county pitchers will compete on

Five Hamilton County baseball players the North team: Hamilton Heights' Drew VanOeveren and Westfield's Gage Stanifer. The Shamrocks' Keaton Mahan will also be on the North team as an outfielder. The Huskies' head coach Ryan VanOeveren is one of the assistants.

> Two more county pitchers will participate on the South team: University's Grayson Knight and Fishers' Tate Warner.

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Sports Sports

Noblesville college athletic signings



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Brayden Doll has committed to play soccer at the University of Evansville.

Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Amanda Doll (Mother), Brayden Doll, Ian Doll (Father). Back Row (Left to Right): Ken Dollaske (Noblesville Boys' Soccer Head Coach), Jake Hart (Noblesville Soccer Goalkeepers' Coach).



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noah Bushong has committed to play tennis at DePauw University.

Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Tara Bushong (Mother), Noah Bushong, Thane Bushong (Father). Back Row (Left to Right): Scout Bushong (Brother), Tate Bushong (Brother), Rory Bushong (Brother). Not pictured: Tim Samons (Noblesville Tennis Head Coach).



Chili suppers? Town meetings? Church gatherings? School sporting events?

List your group's events on The Reporter's Events Calendar!

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Major League Baseball standings

Philadelphia 7, Arizona 5
N.Y. Yankees 2, Chicago Cubs 1, 13 inning
Washington 11, Milwaukee 5
Cleveland 3, Oakland 2
Toronto 10, Detroit 1
Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 2
Kansas City 8, Baltimore 1

Friday's games

Minnesota 9, Tampa Bay 4 Chicago White Sox 8, Texas 3 Miami 7, Houston 4 St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 0 N.Y. Mets 7, L.A. Angels 3 San Diego 9, Colorado 0 Boston 4, Seattle 3 San Francisco 7, L.A. Dodgers 2

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East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	42	16	.724	-
Toronto	34	23	.596	7.5
Tampa Bay	34	24	.586	8.0
Boston	31	28	.525	11.5
Baltimore	24	35	.407	18.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	34	26	.567	-
Cleveland	28	26	.519	3.0
Chicago White So	x 27	29	.482	5.0
Detroit	23	34	.404	9.5
Kansas City	20	37	.351	12.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	36	22	.621	-
L.A. Angels	28	32	.467	9.0
Texas	26	31	.456	9.5
Seattle	26	32	.448	10.0
Oakland	20	40	.333	17.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	39	21	.650	-
Atlanta	32	27	.542	6.5
Philadelphia	29	29	.500	9.0
Miami	26	30	.464	11.0
Washington	22	38	.367	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	33	26	.559	-
Milwaukee	33	27	.550	0.5
Pittsburgh	24	32	.429	7.5
Chicago Cubs	23	34	.404	9.0
Cincinnati	20	38	.345	12.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	37	21	.638	-
San Diego	36	22	.621	1.0
San Francisco	31	26	.544	5.5
Arizona	28	32	.467	10.0
Colorado	25	33	.431	12.0

WNBA update

Friday games	Seattle 89, Dallas 88
Chicago 83, Connecticut 79	Washington 76, Minnesota 59
New York 97, Indiana 83	Phoenix 90, Atlanta 88

Overall standings				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Las Vegas	10	2	.833	-
Connecticut	10	4	.714	1.0
Chicago	8	4	.667	2.0
Washington	9	5	.643	2.0
Seattle	7	5	.583	3.0
Atlanta	7	6	.538	3.5
Dallas	6	6	.500	4.0
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	5.0
New York	5	8	.385	5.5
Phoenix	4	8	.333	6.0
Minnesota	3	10	.231	7.5
Indiana	3	12	.200	8.5

Fever fall to Liberty

Fever guard Kelsey Mitchell scored 23 Liberty to 2 of 11 from beyond the arc in the points Friday night to keep her atop the WNBA leaderboard recording nine games with at least 20 points in a 97-83 loss to the New York LIberty. Mitchell started out with 15 points in the first quarter, and finished with eight points on 4 of 7 shooting in the second half. With her 137th consecutive game played on Friday, she is now one game away from tying the franchise record held by Tamika Catchings at 138.

Fever forward NaLyssa Smith finished with 15 points and nine rebounds, her ninth game with at least 10 points. Victoria Vivians also had her ninth game scoring in double figures, ending with 11 points, four assists, and three steals.

In the final game of the regular-season series, Indiana committed a season-low five turnovers and outscored New York, 19-4, on second-chance points.

The first quarter started off competitive, with the Fever forcing six turnovers and leading 22-18 after the opening quarter. Vivians and Tiffany Mitchell briefly left the game with injuries in the first before returning in the second quarter. Indiana held the diana, Kentucky and Ohio.

first half and owned a 43-38 halftime lead.

Coming out of the break, New York began the third on an 11-3 run to take a three-point lead at the 7:17 mark. New York would continue to grow the lead on the way to a 34-point quarter, the highest-scoring quarter from the Liberty this season.

In the fourth quarter, New York would put the game out of reach with seven three-pointers, including three from Marine Johannes in her season debut. New York finished 11 of 17 from beyond the arc in the second half alone.

For New York, Natasha Howard led the game with 25 points on 12 of 16 shooting to go along with 10 rebounds and five assists. Han Xu scored a career-high 16 points off the bench. Sabrina Ionescu ended with 13 points, six assists, and seven rebounds. Johannes finished with 11 points.

The Fever will face its first western conference opponent on the road this season at the Minnesota Lynx on Sunday at 7 p.m.

Sunday's game will be streamed on the official Indiana Fever Facebook page in In-

Rossi stays red hot, tops first Road America practice session

past two NTT INDYCAR SERIES races, since 2019. At this same track, the Califor- joy to drive around here. Alexander Rossi seems to be back in chamnian led 54 of the 55 laps, winning by more pionship form with Andretti Autosport.

The driver of the No. 27 NAPA AUTO win. PARTS/AutoNation Honda solidified that notion Friday in the weekend's first practice at Road America, turning the fastest lap of the 75-minute session in preparation for Sunday's Sonsio Grand Prix at Road America presented by AMR, the eighth of 17 races this season.

Rossi arrived at the picturesque 14-turn, 4.048-mile permanent road course on the charge, up to seventh in the driver standings after top-five finishes in the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge at Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear at the Raceway at Belle Isle Park in Detroit. Rossi trails series leader Will Power by 74 points. He has finished in the top 11 in five consec-

Friday, Rossi led Friday's field of 27 car-and-driver combinations with a lap of 1 minute, 45.6027 seconds, the first step to-

"Yeah, it was good," Rossi said of the first-day Road America practice. "It's a bit weird to have (the use of) the Firestone (Firehawk) alternate tires on Day 1, so it will be interesting to see how that translates to practice and qualifying (Saturday). The track evolution will continue to get better every session of the weekend.

"Obviously, the car rolled off really strong, which is positive on these weekends where it's so close you've got to start from a good point."

Rossi's lap edged the best time set by teammate Colton Herta, who posted a 1:45.7361 in the No. 26 Gainbridge Honda of Andretti Autosport w/Curb-Agajanian. Rossi couldn't be happier if he could end his 44-race series victory drought this weekend at this track.

"I love this place," he said. "I think it's one of the top five road courses in the world

After finishes of fifth and second in the ward what could be his first series victory in my book. It's got everything. It's just a car) braked much better than anything I've

than 28 seconds for his seventh career series people are great, the fan turnout is awe-back in INDYCAR, especially (at Road some, the weather usually is pretty good, so America). It's quite special. all A-pluses in my book.

> Marcus Ericsson, the winner of last month's "500," was third Friday in the No. 8 Huski Chocolate Chip Ganassi Racing Honda at 1:45.8050. Will Power was fourth in the No. 12 Verizon Team Penske Chevrolet at 1:45.8592 with last year's Road America winner, Alex Palou, fifth in the No. 10 The American Legion Honda of Chip Ganassi Racing at 1:45.9140.

> The 27 cars turned 160 more laps than were turned in last year's first practice, an

> average of more than five laps per car. This race features the series return of Simona De Silvestro, the 2010 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year who has finished as high as second in her 69 career starts. She is driving the No. 16 Paretta Autosport Chevrolet in a partnership with Ed Carpenter

"It was definitely much faster and (the

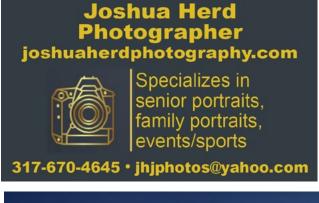
driven the last five years," De Silvestro said. "It's a beautiful part of the world, the "It was really good. I'm really happy to be

> "I think Road America is one of the coolest tracks we get to and one of the fastest ones. Definitely feels really fast at the moment."

> The presence of De Silvestro and Tatiana Calderon (No. 11 ROKiT/AJ Foyt Racing Chevrolet) gives the NTT INDYCAR SERIES two women drivers in the same race since the 2015 Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. That race featured de Silvestro and Pippa Mann.

> Series resumes action at 10:45 a.m. with the first of the day's two practices. The second, at 5:20 p.m., follows NTT P1 Award qualifying at 1:45 p.m.

> All of the action can be viewed on Peacock Premium, NBC's live streaming platform. The INDYCAR Radio Network also will have coverage on the INDYCAR Mobile App and racecontrol.indycar.com.





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