

Tom and Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club Kids show their appreciation for Walmart Supercenter #923 in Noblesville, which is helping provide local youth like them with nutritious meals and snacks. Walmart's generous \$2,000 grant for the Club's Meals 2 Members and Snack Pack programs will be used to combat food insecurity by helping the Club serve youth warm meals twice a week as well as provide youth with healthy snacks for the weekends. Having served over 23,500 meals and snacks to youth in 2022, the Boys & Girls Club is committed to ensuring young people receive the fuel they need to thrive and achieve great futures. The Club is grateful for Walmart's partnership and shared passion for the healthy development of our community's youth.

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DETECT

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may help slow the use of vapes and provide a learning opportunity for the students using them.”

The vape detectors are placed in school restrooms and work much like smoke detectors. The detectors can differentiate between vaping, THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the chemical responsible for most of marijuana's psychological effects, and aerosols, like deodorant or cologne, students use to mask the smell of marijuana and scented vapes. When a detector picks up on a vapor it sends a text to school administrators identifying which bathroom its located in.

If a student is caught vaping or with a vaping device, each school system has a policy as to how they will address it. Most schools offer intervention classes on site. If a student is assessed and the results indicate treatment is needed, the staff will make a referral to a treatment agency. If the vaping device included THC or another illegal substance, the police are alerted, and the school follows its policies on possession of illegal substances.

This year, HCCOAOB,

the Hamilton County Health Department, and Breathe Easy Hamilton County have developed a vape-free task force that meets with school leaders quarterly to strategize and share ideas. Treatment providers are also included in these meetings to help develop protocols and intervention ideas.

“It’s a bigger problem than anyone thinks,” said one high school administrator. “Our detectors go off anywhere from five to 15 times a day. Middle school students are coming to us already addicted to vaping – kids in band, theater, sports – you name it. Every time we think we’re catching up with it, it takes off again.”

The increase in vaping among youth is rising at such an alarming rate that the U.S. Surgeon General now calls it an epidemic.

“Scientists are still learning about the long-term health effects of e-cigarettes,” Greer added. “In the meantime, we’re happy to support Hamilton County schools in their efforts to limit the use of e-cigarettes in an effort to prevent a life-long addiction to tobacco and other drugs.”

PERTINENT

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Grandpa opined that heroic ancestors bequeathed into a priceless heritage – freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. These great privileges delegate undeniable responsibilities, necessary to preserve the American way of life. Grandpa said that it behooves every patriotic, liberty-loving, law-abiding citizen to exercise the right of franchise in the forthcoming election. When the choice has been declared, let us wholeheartedly reaffirm, “I pledge allegiance to the

flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” (“Under God” was not added to the pledge until June 14, 1950.)

(James Atwell Mount was governor of Indiana from Jan. 11, 1897, to Jan. 14, 1901. He was the son of a Montgomery County farmer. In 1892, he served as president of an important vigilante organization, the State Horse-Thief Detective Association. Later he was called upon to mobilize Indiana troops to serve in the Spanish-American War.)

Thanks for reading!

FAIRGROUNDS

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will also create a new and vibrant Bicentennial Pavilion to mark Hamilton County’s 200th anniversary. The Hamilton County Council has promised \$15 million toward the project. The Hamilton County Extension Board will launch a Capital Campaign to assist with funding. Information on the campaign will be available at the groundbreaking ceremony and throughout the fair.

“We’re calling it the ‘Fairgrounds for the Future,’” said Hamilton County Extension Board President Jane Sipe. “This plan not only enhances our ability to provide more programs, but will also serve as an economic driver, enabling us to host a wider variety of programming throughout the year.”



Sipe



Myers

The Bicentennial Pavilion, scheduled to open late next year, will replace the O.V. Winks and Annex Buildings that will be lost to the expansion of Pleasant Street. The second and third phases of the project are contingent on funding and would include the construction of two silos at



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the main entrance. They would also include the demolition of seven outdoor buildings to be replaced by eight air-conditioned buildings that could be used year-round.

“If completed, this plan could more than double the fairgrounds’ year-round rental space and drive additional visitors to our area,” said Hamilton County Tourism CEO Brenda Myers. “The new space will help attract small-and medium-sized events like weddings, consumer shows, and conferences that may not fit at larger venues like the Indi-



ana State Fairgrounds.” One is scheduled to start Construction on Phase this fall.

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Preserving my family’s farm near Sheridan

I recently found a photo of my great-great-grandfather in a book about Noblesville. The book was on a table at the BBQ restaurant in Sheridan, where I was waiting for a pulled pork sandwich. As the oldest man in the county at the time, Clark Millikan helped cut the cake at Hamilton County’s centennial celebration in 1923. In the photo, he leans on a stout cane and wears a heavy coat.

In this bicentennial year, I’m in Hamilton County inheriting great-great-grandfather’s farm near Sheridan. Clark Millikan and my great-great grandmother are still here. So are my great-grandparents and my grandmother. They’ll all in the cemetery across



CINDY SALO

the road from the farm, watching to see what I do with the land.

I fell in love with my grandmother’s farm when we visited from Minneapolis for six weeks in 1962. That memorable summer set me on my path to ag school, working on dairy farms, graduate school, and a career in agricultural research.

To ensure that “Millikan Farm” stays a farm forever, I’m working with a land trust to put an agricultural conservation easement on the land. The easement will add a restriction to the deed that prevents the land from being developed for residential or commercial use. This will reduce the value of the land and make it easier for farmers to buy,

as they won’t be competing with developers.

There are various ways for landowners to recoup the reduced value of land with an ag easement. Donating an easement is considered a charitable deduction under U.S. tax law, which can offset taxes due.

Agricultural conservation easements can also be sold – if a buyer can be found. In the West, where I live, buyers include some government agencies, nonprofits, and local governments. These entities pay for easements for various reasons. These include protecting habitat for endangered species, preserving open space, or maintaining the rural character of an area.

I’m spending this summer learning about agricultural easements, funding for easements, and farmland preservation in Indiana. I’m also learning that other

people have the same questions I do. We can all learn together in Sheridan on Saturday morning, July 29. The Sheridan Historical Society Museum is hosting a conversation about Farmland Preservation in Indiana from 10 a.m. to noon, with coffee at 9:40.

We’ll get a primer on agricultural conservation easements, hear about the Natural Resource Conservation Service’s program for funding easements, and learn how the American Farmland Trust can help landowners protect farmland. We’ll also learn what local and state governments can do to help preserve farmland. Please join us.

Cindy Salo is a plant ecologist who studies army cutworms in the intermountain west and writes about research and agriculture from rural Idaho and Arizona. See more at [CindySalo.com](#).

Carmel student developing online ‘hackathon’ to tackle health issues

Submitted

Haiyan Xuan, a rising senior at Carmel High School, is keeping himself busy by contributing to the development of an online hackathon: CSYA Hacks.

As part of CYSA’s event, this hackathon encourages the development of an idea and website that tackles a topic within the field of health. With over \$40,000 in prizes from well-established companies, Xuan says he is sure that this hackathon will turn out to be a huge success.

There will be two sub-events within this hackathon: the Ideathon and Hackathon. The Ideathon provides the participants to come up with a short presentation that features their idea, whereas the Hackathon showcases the actual web application that addresses solutions in educational institutions, such as increasing engagement and learning experience, etc.

Xuan is the Associate Secretary of CSYA, an international nonprofit that aims to provide free computer science courses for everyone, especially underrepresented groups. It started as a local campaign that was founded by Executive Director David Chung, at Riverside, Calif. Over time, the organization grew into an international nonprofit, gaining volunteers from different countries to make this mission come true.

The organization has over 100 students from nine different countries who have the liberty to choose between three unique, non-accredited courses:

- **CS1:** Intro to Python and Programming, which is taught by high school students
- **ITCP1:** Intro to Competitive Programming, which is taught by a college student volunteer
- **CSR:** Computer Science Research, which features different professors from around the nation to discuss their research

Xuan says he hopes people will take this amazing opportunity to learn how to work within a team to solve real-world problems. More information can be found at [this link](#).

Duke Energy Foundation helping to feed hungry Hamilton County families

The REPORTER

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding more than \$200,000 in grants to Indiana food pantries and community organizations to feed Hoosier families in need.

Locally, \$25,000 will go to two Hamilton County organizations:

- Good Samaritan Network (\$10,000)
- Westfield Washington Schools (\$15,000)

The grants will support the purchase of canned goods, fresh produce and essential supplies to address food insecurity across the company’s Indiana service territory.

“Too many Hoosiers struggle with economic instability and food insecurity,” said Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar. “When people don’t have enough food to meet their needs or are uncertain of where their next meal might come from, it weighs heavily on families and communities. With these funds, we hope to curb the number of Indiana families experienc-

ing hunger and support local organizations extending a helping hand to their neighbors in need.”

No injures in Monday house fire in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Shortly after 8:40 p.m. on Monday, a resident of 6055 Mill Oak Drive, Noblesville, noticed smoke coming from the garage. The homeowner was able to safely exit the house and call 911.

Fire and EMS units were dispatched by the Hamilton County Dispatch Center. Upon arrival, crews could see large amounts of smoke emanating from the upstairs bedroom window. Crews were able to quickly enter the home and locate the site of the fire. The fire was marked under control a short time later. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

The Noblesville Fire Department was assisted by the Noblesville Police Department. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. NFD reminds residents to sleep with their bedroom doors closed, which can reduce exposure to toxic smoke and help limit the spread of flames.



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This is a one-day restriction. Only the left lane for westbound traffic will be restricted, where it is currently milled.

Community News

Meet the Manager at Carmel's new The Fresh Market

The Fresh Market store in Carmel will hold a special Meet the Manager event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, which includes free breakfast and a sampling event.

Come meet Korey Mauer, Store Manager of the new The Fresh Market, located at 1392 S. Range Line Road, Carmel.

Mauer will greet guests when they enter the store with free fresh orange juice, coffee, and pastries. There will also be sampling event during this time where guests can find several sampling stations across each department.

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Westfield Youth Assistance Program celebrates 19 outstanding youth

The REPORTER

Nineteen students within Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) were recognized on May 10 at the 13th annual Westfield Youth Recognition Celebration Breakfast.

Since 2011, the Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) and Westfield Mayor Andy Cook have held the event to recognize youth in WWS. The event recognizes youth in the community who have overcome adversity at home or school, have demonstrated a profound positive change in their attitude or behavior, or have made an extraordinary academic turnaround.

A counselor, teacher, principal, or other school staff submits the youth nominations to WYAP. A selection committee vets the nominations and chooses the recipients. Nominees can be from all grade levels, with this year's recipients spanning from first through 12th grade.

At the event, a brief presentation was given about each recipient that highlighted their accomplishment. The honorees received their certificates from WWS Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser and WYAP Board President Steve Latour. Indianapolis Colts mascot Blue made a special appearance to congratulate the honorees.

"It is such an honor for the Westfield Youth Assistance Program Board of Directors to host this event annually," said Latour, who also serves as the CEO of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. "There are so many deserving students worthy of being recognized for their courage, focus, achievement, and pure zeal to want to better themselves and the people around them. During our event, we also had the opportunity to acknowledge the parents, fam-



Photos provided by Westfield Youth Assistance Program

Westfield Youth Assistance gathered in May to recognize students for their achievements, and Colts mascot Blue congratulated the students as well.



- ily, and teachers who supported these students and have given them every advantage to achieve success."
- Additionally, WYAP had the honor of presenting the two new scholarships to their recipients at the breakfast. The Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Ashley I., a senior at Westfield High School. The Westfield Youth Assistance Program Scholarship was awarded to Klay P., a Westfield High School senior and former WYAP youth.
- 2023 students honored during the Youth Recognition Breakfast included:
- Kyelyn N., a first-grade student at Monon Trail
 - Keyner E., a first-grade student at Washington Woods
 - Fehmi D., a second-grade student at Shamrock Springs
 - Marcelino M., a second-grade student at Washington Woods
 - Redding M., a third-grade student at Shamrock Springs
 - Charlotte I., a third-grade student at Washington Woods
 - Gerardo Gonzalez C., a fourth-grade student at Car-
- ey Ridge
 - Avrious W., a fourth-grade student at Maple Glen
 - Victoria Marin M., a fourth-grade student at Maple Glen
 - Anthony B., a fourth-grade student at Monon Trail
 - Victoria W., a fourth-grade student at Oak Trace
 - Piper P., a fourth-grade student at Shamrock Springs
 - Isabella J., a fifth-grade student at Westfield Intermediate School
 - Kimberly T., a fifth-grade student at Westfield Intermediate School
 - Sri B., a fifth-grade student at Westfield Intermediate School
 - Victor S., an eighth-grade student at Westfield Middle School
 - Bailey M., a soph-
- omore at Westfield High School
- Isaiah H., a junior at Westfield High School
 - Libby S., a senior at Westfield High School
- About the Westfield Youth Assistance Program**
- The Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 2728 E. 171st St., Westfield. WYAP serves youth aged 3 to 17 who are facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP takes a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. 2023 marks the organization's 14th anniversary. Visit youthassistance.org/westfield for more information.

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Westfield Farmers Market is back, baby!

Submitted

The Westfield Farmers Market continues from 5 to 8 p.m. today and every Thursday at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

July 13

Market vendors

The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for today's Market. The list is subject to change without notice.

- Artisan Luuma
- Babydoll Boutique
- Becky the Baker
- Boozee Bundts
- Creolicious Bakery
- Dragonwood LLC
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Etta's Goody Goodies
- Fox Holler Woodworks
- Glauz Co.
- Good Chew Company
- Grace over Grace Boutique
- Groomsville Popcorn
- Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- Hidden Acres
- June Ellen Clothing
- Leaning Locust
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- Mary D Jellies and Preserves, LLC
- Middlefork Meadows LLC
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- Old Major Market
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- PipKing Creations with Soule
- Poppin' Sweet Confections
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- Saucy Sweets, LLC
- Sheilacakes Sweets and Treats
- Simply From Scratch
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- Heart and Soul Clinic

This week's live music

Each week the Westfield Farmers Market features live music from some of the Indianapolis area's best and brightest. This week will feature **Macy Berglund**. Come out and enjoy a beautiful evening in the Grand Junction Plaza. All the music events are free and open to the public.

About the Market

The Westfield Summer Farmers Market and Winter Market are managed and operated by the Downtown Westfield Association. Interested in volunteering at the Market or have an idea or question? You can reach the Market Manager Nick Stepaniak at markets@westfieldchamberindy.com.

The Market would not be possible without the support of the City of Westfield, the Westfield Welcome Department, and the Parks & Trails Department – especially the city staff from those departments who help support the weekly market.

Indianapolis Kia car thefts rise 350%: TikTok challenge fuels increase

By **CAMILA FERNANDEZ**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A dangerous challenge spreading on TikTok is fueling a rise in Kia car thefts across Indianapolis.

Police say the soaring number of stolen cars is overwhelming.

"It's definitely frustrating. It's overwhelming to know that we have people in our community that don't respect other people's property," Samone Burris, a public information officer at Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, said.

According to IMPD, Kia thefts are up 350 percent compared to last year. Police say there is a TikTok challenge that is encouraging people to steal them.

"Just because you see it doesn't mean you have to do it. Just because others are doing it doesn't mean you have to partake," Burris said.

Maynor Brizuela says his family's 2022 Kia Sportage was stolen more than two weeks ago.

At this time, they are not sure this is connected, but it was still a loss to the family.

He says the perpetrators disconnected their GPS, making it more difficult to find. "You know. We were asleep. No one was going to wake up at that moment. Once they got up in the morning to go to work, the car wasn't

there," Brizuela said.

Luckily a few days later, their car was found in a lot.

"In the United States, the car is number one. It is important. It is more important than many other things. Number one to live here in the United States, for work, fun, whatever," Brizuela said.

Burris said, "When you take it upon yourself to take something by force that doesn't belong to you, you're putting a lot of people at risk, and it's not just about the car – you're taking somebody's livelihood."

IMPD says they're depending on community members to help by sharing information.

"Once they become aware that we are looking for you, we are going to hold you accountable, we are going to do our part as a community as a whole to ensure that these numbers go down," Burris said.

There are also some tips to prevent car theft.

"There are some vehicle updates that community members can get on their vehicles for free, utilizing vehicle steering wheel locks, so that if a perpetrator breaks your car window, opens your car door, they're not able to take your car easily," Burris said.

Another tip is to park in well-lit areas and don't leave your car running unattended.

Carmel Christkindlmarkt announces 2023 mug design

The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt staff have unveiled the 2023 design of the Market's iconic boot mug. This year's mug will be rose colored, with a dark red interior.

Along with the updated color, this year's mug features views of the Palladium, ice skaters on the Ice at Carter Green, and the Glühwein Pyramid – one of the signature sights at the Market, and the first Pyramid of its kind to come to the United States.

"Since the inaugural Christkindlmarkt in 2017, the Glühwein boot mugs have quickly become one of the most popular items



Photo illustration provided

These commemorative mugs will be available all over the Christkindlmarkt.

at the Market," said Maria Murphy, Market Master and CEO. "They have become a beloved collectible for many families. The unique color this year is sure to be a perfect addition to an existing collection or the wonderful

start of a new one."

These collectible mugs will be available for sale on-site at the Market for \$6 each, while supplies last. They cannot be purchased online. Mugs can be purchased at various booths

throughout the Market with or without a beverage.

The Market will be open Nov. 18 through Dec. 24. For a list of all hours and more information, please visit CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com.

Versiti acquires Fishers-based Quantigen

Submitted

Versiti, a national leader in blood health innovation, announced on Monday the acquisition of Quantigen, a specialty lab based in Fishers.

Further expanding Versiti's clinical trial expertise and service offering, Quantigen provides a range of services supporting preclinical and clinical research as well as clinical diagnostics. The Quantigen team specializes in assay development, bio-

marker validation, and diagnostic regulatory filings for a wide range of methods and disease states. The Quantigen team is particularly proud of ongoing partnerships with NGOs to adapt existing diagnostic technologies for use in lower- and middle-income countries to address significant unmet diagnostic and health needs in these communities.

"Quantigen brings valuable expertise in medical di-

agnostics and device development, along with a shared mission-focused approach to advancing medical science and patient care," said Versiti President and CEO Chris Miskel. "This move fortifies the depth and breadth of our research-based offerings from Versiti Clinical Trials, strengthening our portfolio of capabilities to partner in curing diseases from pre-clinical stages all the way to commercialization."

The acquisition expands Versiti's portfolio across the drug & medical device development pathway and adds complementary expertise supporting clinical trials in infectious disease, women's health, and gastrointestinal and reproductive health.

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Indiana State Fair adds new exhibits for 2023

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**
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There's only one place where Hoosiers can see a pogo-stick stunt team, enjoy a meet-and-greet with parakeets, and watch racing pigs: The 2023 Indiana State Fair!

State fair organizers on Wednesday shared details on 9 new exhibits:

- **Illuminate!** | July 28 to Aug. 6 | 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. | Expo Hall: Don't miss the debut of *Illuminate!*, a custom light show full of oversized lanterns, is sure to immerse fairgoers of all ages into a world of wonder in ways that may surprise even the most illuminated! This new exhibit is free with paid Fair admission. Experience this spectacular display of lights through the first two weeks of the Fair!
- **Cornhole Tournament** presented by Scorebox21 | July 29, 1 p.m. | Purdue Extension Building: Get your tossin' arm ready! Join the first Indiana State Fair Cornhole Tournament for a chance to win a \$2,000 prize.
- **Otter Adventure** | Aug. 2 to 20 | Times vary | MHS Family Fun Park: Come take a splash with

this interactive, up-close-and-personal show with the sweetest creatures on the fairgrounds! Slide in to the MHS Family Fun Park at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. to catch otter adventure.

- **Swiftly Swine Racing Pigs** | Every Friday through Sunday | Times vary | Main Street: You can't see pigs fly but you can see them race! You haven't lived until you've seen these racing pigs compete for the grand prize, an Oreo cookie! Check out the races on the east end of the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand every Friday through Sunday at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- **Xpogo: Extreme Stunt Team** | Daily | Times vary | The Backyard & Hoopfest: You won't want to miss The Xpogo Stunt Team competitors on two seasons of *America's Got Talent*! Jumping over nine feet in the air on next generations pogo sticks while throwing down flips and incredible tricks, Xpogo will THRILL you 'til the final bounce.
- **Parakeet Encounter** | Daily | 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. | DNR Building: Get up close and personal with friendly parakeets at the state fair!

Bring the whole family to experience a delightful encounter with these colorful birds. The Parakeet Encounter is located just west of the Indiana Young Farmers Building.

- **The Rope Warrior** | Dates and times vary | Main Street: The Rope Warrior has been performing his interactive and visually entertaining jump rope show all over the world for the last 25 years. He's performed for U.S. presidents, made over 100 national TV appearances, and currently holds three world records.
 - **Indiana Musician Showcase** | Dates and times vary | The Backyard, Wine Garden, and the Taproom: Enjoy the music of local Indiana musicians performing around the State Fairgrounds in many locations!
 - **The Mercantile** | Open daily: Enjoy a new shopping district you won't want to miss!
- The 2023 Indiana State Fair runs July 28 to Aug. 20 and will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. You can see the schedule [here](#).
- General admission tickets** are \$11 each, and one-day parking passes are \$8 each.

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accelerate innovation, and improve patient care," said Quantigen CEO Jami Eliott.

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Farm Aid returns to Noblesville this year

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Farm Aid’s annual music and food festival is returning to Noblesville on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Ruoff Music Center. Tickets will go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. this Saturday, July 15 at [LiveNation.com](#).

Farm Aid 2023 – a full day of music, family farmers, homegrown food, and agrarian experiences – will feature performances by Farm Aid board members Willie Nelson, Neil Young, John Mellencamp, Dave Matthews (with Tim Reynolds), and Margo Price, as well as Bobby Weir & Wolf Bros featuring The Wolfpack, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Lukas Nelson, Allison Russell, The String Cheese Incident, and Participle Kid.

The festival will highlight the work of family farmers to address climate change through regenerative, organic, and sustainable farming practices. Farm Aid will showcase these innovative climate champions on the Farm Aid stage and throughout the event. As farmers and farm and food advocates converge from across the country for the annual festival, Farm Aid will host additional pre-festival events to spotlight their work.

This is the third Farm Aid concert that has taken place in Indiana, and the second in Noblesville. Farm Aid IV took place at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis in 1990, and Farm Aid 2001: A Concert for America was held in Noblesville just weeks after the terrorist attacks of 2001.

“Family farmers have the solutions to some of our toughest challenges,” said Farm Aid President and Founder Willie Nelson. “As we face a changing climate, farmers in Indiana, across the Midwest and all over the

country are farming in ways that create more resilient farms to build healthy soils and protect our water.”

Indiana is the eighth largest farming state in the nation, generating \$31.2 billion annually. Every 10 jobs directly related to Indiana agriculture support an additional eight jobs in the state. Home to 56,649 farms with an average farm size of 264 acres, there are more than 94,000 farmers in Indiana. More than 80 percent of land in Indiana is devoted to farms, forests, and woodland. While its top crops are corn and soybeans, Hoosier farmers grow more than 30 major fruits and vegetables each year, including melons, pumpkins, and mint.

Farm Aid festival attendees experience a full day of music and the taste of local flavors with Farm Aid’s HOMEGROWN Concessions, which offer a diverse, fresh menu with ingredients that are produced by family farmers using ecological practices with a fair price paid to the farmers. Farm Aid’s HOMEGROWN Village features hands-on activities engaging festivalgoers with exhibits about soil, water, energy, food, and farming. Festivalgoers can hear farmers and artists inform and inspire on the Farm Yard Stage and celebrate the know-how and diversity of cultures of agriculture in the HOMEGROWN Skills tent.

Ticket prices range from \$75 to \$315 and will be available for purchase at [LiveNation.com](#).

For event updates, follow Farm Aid on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#), and visit [farmaid.org/festival](#). Festivalgoers are encouraged to use the hashtags #FarmAid2023 and #Road2FarmAid to join the conversation on social media around this year’s festival.

Ben Jefferis of Fishers made Senior V.P. at Centier Bank

The REPORTER

Michael E. Schrage, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Centier Bank, has announced the promotion of Ben Jefferis to Senior Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Group Manager, based out of the bank’s Carmel office at 568 E. Carmel Drive.



Jefferis

Jefferis joined Centier nearly five years ago and has 20 years of experience in the financial industry, many of which were spent in the Business Banking/Commercial Real Estate sector. He currently holds a Master of Business Administration from Oakland City University.

Jefferis said he hopes to continue to build upon the foundation that’s been established in Centier’s Commercial Real Estate lending team.

“We’re actively work-

ing toward making Centier Bank synonymous with Commercial Real Estate in the Greater Indianapolis Market,” Jefferis said. “Centier’s relationship-style banking is our differentiator, and our team strives to build those relationships with Commercial Real Estate developers in the area.”

He said he’s excited for clients to experience personalized guidance while also making an impact on clients and working together for an even better tomorrow.

Jefferis is a member of the City of Fishers Town Hall Building Corporation. He resides in Fishers with his wife, Jessica, and their daughter.

For more information about Ben Jefferis, email [bjefferis@centier.com](#). For more information about Centier Bank, go to [centier.com](#).

Stop the hype! Widespread northern lights not happening Thursday in U.S.

By RYAN MORSE
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

The last few days have brought quite the fuss about a Thursday solar storm that would allow many in the mid-latitude states to see the northern lights. Experts say it’s not happening.

Bryan Brasher, of the Space Weather Prediction Center, says they “only anticipate the possibility of unsettled to active levels, with a slight chance of G1 storm levels, which may manifest as a faint glow visible when looking North from the states bordering Canada.”

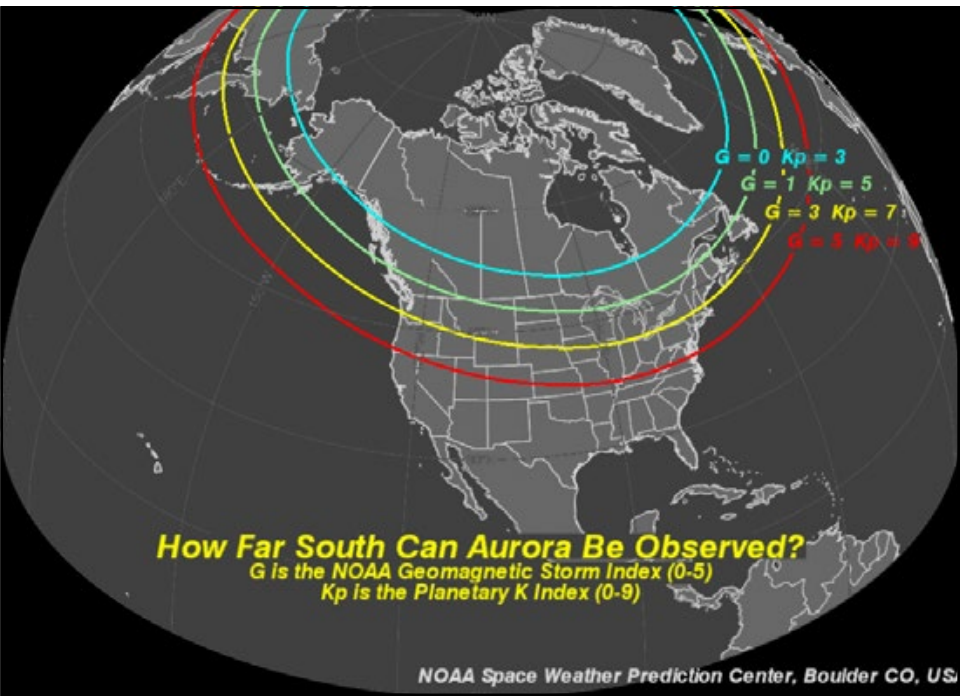
The excitement of seeing the northern lights in over 15 states and as far south as Indiana, was overblown.

The SWPC released its **three-day forecast**, which only has a **KP index** peaking between three and four on Thursday.

So, what does that mean?

The KP index measures how far south the aurora can be observed.

Based on the map seen above, if Thursday’s KP val-



Graphic provided / WISH-TV

ues are in the three to four range, only a select few in the far northern U.S. will be able to see a faint glimmer of the lights on the horizon.

For reference, in prior solar storms, Indiana has seen the faint glow of the northern lights when the KP index has reached seven.

Coronal Mass Ejections are the direct cause of the northern lights. They

take between 15 hours and four days to reach Earth.

“Although we have other measures to perhaps hint at the probability of heightened activity, we really need – with our current science – to see something happen on the sun before we can make any solid forecasts,” Brasher said.

The reason for a lot of this misguided excitement

was tied to a 27-day forecast from this past weekend that highlighted a KP index forecast of six.

This is why the SWPC’s three-day forecast is the most reliable tool when predicting the northern lights.

Other forecasts outside of three days should be taken as a general guide, considering nothing has happened on the sun yet.

| Meeting Notices | |
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| The Noblesville Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023, has been changed to 6 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. | The Clay Township Board and Trustee will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel. |
| The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet to discuss future capital projects at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, in the Kirkendall Room at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers. | The Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees will meet for a work session from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, followed by a regular meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville. |

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*And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.
Genesis 7:1-5 (NIV)*

Roy Donald Dyson Jr.

September 5, 1944 – July 11, 2023

Roy Donald Dyson Jr., 78, born in Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at his loving great-niece's home. He was born on September 5, 1944, to Roy and Mildred Dyson.

Roy retired from Standard Locknut in 2002. He was the loving husband to his late wife, Toni Dyson. Roy enjoyed pulling pranks, telling jokes, and hearing from his friends and family. He enjoyed going on walks and driving around to sight-see. He especially enjoyed going to see and spend time with his godchildren.

He is survived by his sister, Shelia Montgomery, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 50 years, Toni Dyson; father, Roy Dyson, Sr.; mother, Mildred Dyson; and brother, Ronald Dyson.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

David Nathaniel Riley

October 10, 1971 – July 8, 2023

David Nathaniel Riley, 51, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at his home in Noblesville. He was born on October 10, 1971, to David L. and Carole (Griffiths) Riley in Indianapolis.

David graduated from Lawrence North High School, Baldwin Wallace College, and Harry Wendelstadt Umpire School. He worked nine years as a minor league umpire, rising to serve as a crew chief in the Triple A International League. While at Baldwin Wallace, David was a member of Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity and was president of Inter-Fraternity Council.

In addition to umpiring, David was a freshman baseball coach at Noblesville High School and then assistant freshman basketball coach at Lawrence North High School. For several years, he was a substitute teacher with Noblesville Schools. David was the assignman for IUA Central Indiana Umpires.

David was a huge fan of all sports, especially Colts football, IU basketball, Cubs baseball, and all high school sports. He enjoyed country music, traveling, cooking, Diet Pepsi, and chocolate chip cookies. Above all, David loved his family and most especially spending time with his kids and their sporting events, school activities, and performances.

David was preceded in death by his grandparents, Nathaniel & Susan (Horney) Griffiths of Noblesville, and Charles Arthur & Bertha (Garrison) Riley of Beech Grove; and his uncle and aunt, Ronald W. & Joy Riley of Lakewood, Wash.

In addition to his parents, David is survived by his son, Brooks David Riley of Fishers; daughter, Sloane Elizabeth Riley of Fishers; the mother of his children and loving best friend, Hailey Riley of Fishers; and his cousins, Patrick Riley of Lakewood, Wash., and Robert (Michelle) Riley of Allentown, Pa.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to David's children's education fund (account.venmo.com/u/hailey-padgett-riley).

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The REPORTER

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

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FUN AT FOREST PARK CAROUSEL AND TOM THUMB GOLF COURSE

July 1-31, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., Forest Park
Cicero Road, Noblesville

Some FREE events! \$2 for carousel, \$3 for mini-golf
The 103-year-old “Little Beauty” Carousel (pictured above) and “Tom Thumb” mini golf course will be showcased in all their glory. FREE ride times will include July 11 and 18, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

MUSIC FESTIVAL ON THE SQUARE

July 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Courthouse Square
Conner Street, Noblesville | FREE

The Noblesville Township Office will offer a jam-packed music festival to kick off Noblesville’s month! Almost a dozen artists will play multiple genres throughout the day!

NOBLESVILLE NOSTALGIA ART SHOW

July 7-29 (hours vary), Nickel Plate Arts
South 8th Street, Noblesville | FREE

Artists will share original pieces showcasing Noblesville’s history and heritage. Art from the Hamilton County Bicentennial book and traveling exhibit will also be on display. The exhibit will open on First Friday on July 7; visit with artists and book authors, and purchase a signed copy! (Limited quantities available.)

HISTORY FAIRE

July 8 and 22, Gal’s Guide to the Galaxy Library
South 8th Street, Noblesville | FREE

Kids and adults are invited to create a tri-fold board and dress up as notable people from Hamilton County to interact with History Faire guests.

July 8, 1-2 p.m. Information session will provide ideas, examples and tri-fold boards for free.

July 22, 1-4 p.m. The History Faire is open to the public. See how history comes to life when the community shares what they have learned about our wonderful community.

HAMILTON COUNTY MILITARY & VETERANS CELEBRATION AND RESOURCE FAIR

July 8, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., Noblesville Schools Community Center, Field Drive, Noblesville | FREE

Veterans, active military, their families, and the general public are invited to this Veteran Resource Fair to learn about federal, state and local resources available to our Hamilton County Veterans.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 45 REOPENING

July 15, time TBD, American Legion Post 45
South 8th Street, Noblesville | FREE

Recently moved from Conner Street to the historic R. L. Wilson House, the Noblesville American Legion invites the public to its reopening with activities, historic presentations, music and ice cream.

NOBLESVILLE TOWNSHIP’S SIGNATURE EVENT

HAMILTON COUNTY FABRIC ARTS SHOW

August 2023 (Visit HamCoTurns200.com for date updates)
Noblesville Township Office, South 8th Street, Noblesville
FREE



Celebrate the fabric arts, both old and new! Hosted in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts, the Hamilton County Fabric Arts Show will showcase artists and techniques for different fabric arts. Check out heirlooms and new pieces and vote for your favorite. Artists may apply to participate until July 22.

TASTE OF HISTORY: EARLY NOBLESVILLE DINING AND RECIPES

July 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Hamilton East Public Library - Noblesville, Library Plaza | FREE

Sample dishes that made Noblesville’s early restaurants famous, from corn pone to wild game; in partnership with 9th Street Bistro. (Registration is full. Keep an eye out for the next in this series!)

POLITICAL CELEBRITIES AND THE VOTE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 22, 1-4 p.m. Hamilton County Historical Society, 810 Conner St. Noblesville | FREE

Hear reenactments of speeches by Harry Truman, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony and Teddy Roosevelt on the stage of the Noblesville Street Dance! Free ice cream while supplies last. Inside the museum, enjoy the Indiana Historical Society traveling exhibit “Faces in the Crowd.

GIBSON GUITAR AND MANDOLIN COMPANY TRAVELING INSTRUMENT TOUR

July 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Preservation Hall
Logan Street, Noblesville | FREE

Enjoy an exhibition of valuable antique and vintage instruments from 1903 to the present, transported all the way from Nashville, Tenn. Musician-historians, including the Master Luthier for the Gibson Company, will play and discuss the historic context of the instruments. (RSVP requested.)

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

July 29, 8-10 p.m., Potter’s Bridge Park - Allisonville Road, Noblesville | FREE

Hamilton County Parks and White River Canoe Company are working together to provide a lighted visual experience for visitors during this evening event along historic Potter’s Bridge.

HAMILTON CO. BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Noblesville:
July 1-14, Nickel Plate Arts, S. 8th St.
July 15-28, Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Pleasant Street
July 29-Aug. 4, Noble Crossing Elementary School, Noble Crossing Parkway

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“Now that’s what I call high quality H₂O!”

Adam Sandler team wins 4v4 Shamrock soccer fundraiser

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

WESTFIELD – Would you believe that Pitbull played Winnie-the-Pooh in a soccer game at Westfield on Thursday?

Well, sort of. They were actually members of the Shamrocks girls soccer team, and it was all in fun. Westfield hosted its 4v4 Live Fundraiser Thursday night. The players on the team divided up into smaller teams of their own in an intersquad tournament that was designed to help fundraise for the team, and provide some fellowship among the players and parents.

“One of our coaches created a bracket, kind of random,” said Westfield coach Hannah Eggert. The main bracket was a knock-out round, where teams kept advancing until there was a winner. The “Adam Sandler Team” wound up as the champion.

The uniforms worn by some of the teams were not your typical soccer kits. The Pitbull teams featured girls who were dressed as the famed Miami singer/rapper, while the Pooh team had players dressed up as characters from the Hundred Acre Wood. One team called itself “Daddio on the Patio,” where the girls dressed up as dads ready to put some hamburgers on the grill.

The girls were encouraged to be creative, as the team with the best costume would win a prize.

“They’ll get an experience with the coaches,” said Eggert. “So we really encourage them to go all out



The Adam Sandler Team won the championship at the Westfield girls soccer team’s 4v4 Live Fundraiser, which took place Thursday at the Shamrocks’ Field. Pictured from left: Olivia Switalski, Abbi VanBibber, Avery Van Den Berg, Graysen Wheeler, Ava Donofrio, Arri Cooke.

and I think they did a really good job.”

There was a point to all the fun. Eggert said the team “had the girls ask their family members for donations

per goal that they score, how many games they win, or just a flat donation to our program.”

And those donations were generous: By the end

of the evening, over \$2,200 had been donated. Eggert said the money goes to buying equipment, the team’s Senior Night and Teacher Appreciation Night games

and events that take place during the school year.

There were also several parents at the games, watching the games and also getting involved in some of the

activities. A silent auction took place during the evening, and there were cornhole games set up on the field.

See 4v4 . . . Page 11



(Left) Westfield soccer parents were encouraged to attend and watch the games, as well as get to know the coaches and other parents in the program. (Right) The girls on the Westfield team were encouraged to get creative with their costumes. This group called themselves “Daddio on the Patio:” Noor Ahmed, Delilah Albano, Emmerson Barker, Hailey McDaniel, Kate Pallante.



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Fishers’ own Mischa Briggs named Reporter Girls Tennis Player of the Year



The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Reporter has selected Fishers sophomore Mischa Briggs as its Girls Tennis Player of the Year.

Briggs had a sensational 10th-grade season for the Tigers, barreling her way to a 28-2 record. Briggs led Fishers to its third consecutive appearance in the state finals, this after winning Hoosier Crossroads conference, sectional, regional and semi-state titles. After going undefeated in the team portion of the post-season, Briggs played in the individual state tournament, where she reached the semifinals.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Talia Whitesel (left) of the Pitbull team battled with Libby Lehr of the Pooh team during the 4v4 Live Fundraiser games.

“Our goal with this was to also have the parents be able to come out and hang out, watch the girls play soccer, but also get to know the coaches and the other parents in the program,” said Eggert.

Westfield has quite a bit to look forward to this season, and provided a sneak preview when the ‘Rocks played at the Franklin Central Invitational last month. Westfield’s Blue team won the championship, with Reese Sargent scoring two goals in the final game. Ava Smith assisted both goals.

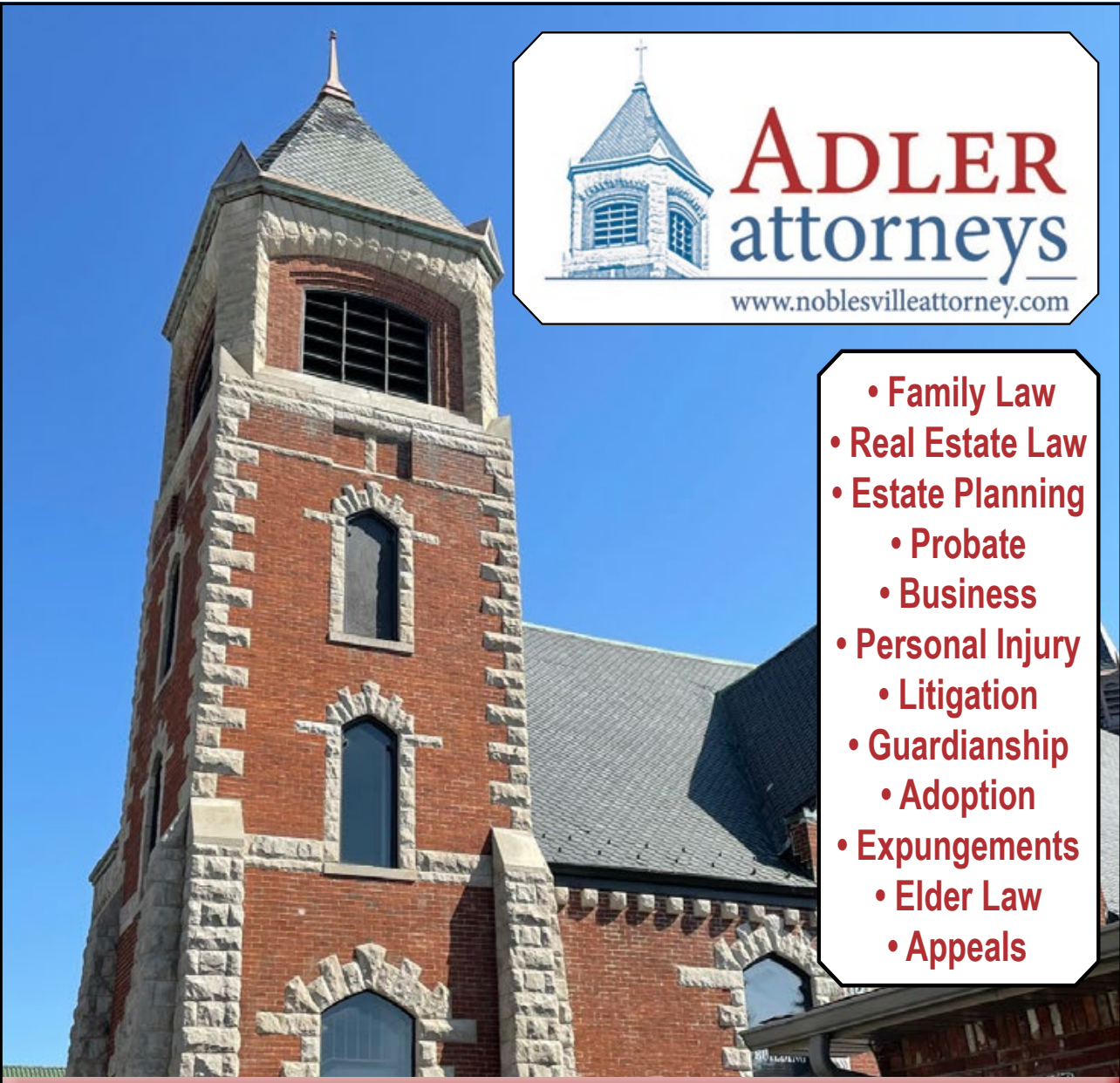
“We had a good mix of players that came back, but

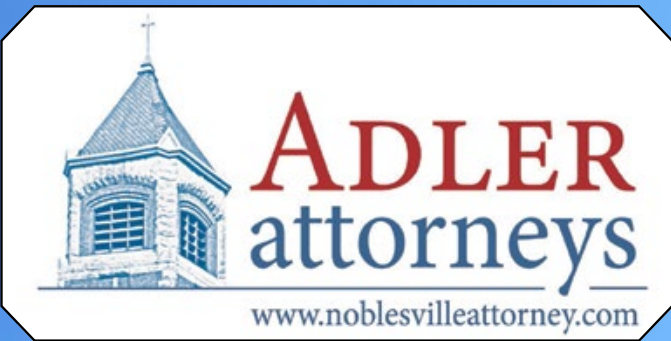
we also had some freshmen that played on that team to help us win the event,” said Eggert. “So we’re excited for what we have coming back, but also for what we have coming in.”

Eggert said there are about 30 freshmen coming on to the team, so this was a perfect way to introduce them to the team. The coach said she likes the freshmen coming out “and getting to know the upperclassmen, and the upperclassmen getting to know the freshmen.”

Official practices for girls soccer across Indiana high schools begin on July 31.

| All-County Girls Tennis Teams, 2023 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| FIRST TEAM | | |
| Name | School | Grade |
| Maddie Barron | Fishers | Senior |
| Emma Beehler | Fishers | Junior |
| Mischa Briggs | Fishers | Sophomore |
| Bella Duncan | Noblesville | Sophomore |
| Marina Duncan | Carmel | Freshman |
| Ali Griffin | Carmel | Senior |
| Alexa Lewis | Carmel | Senior |
| Elyse Nelson | Carmel | Senior |
| Nora Perkins | Carmel | Junior |
| Alex Widjaja | Carmel | Freshman |
| SECOND TEAM | | |
| Name | School | Grade |
| Cami Crist | Noblesville | Junior |
| Lina Hamashuk | Noblesville | Junior |
| Ella Hood | Guerin Catholic | Sophomore |
| Grace Kim | Carmel | Sophomore |
| Addi Kooi | Westfield | Sophomore |
| Novelle Lee | Hamilton Southeastern | Senior |
| Cassie Maurer | Fishers | Junior |
| Meredith Ober | Fishers | Junior |
| Lauryn Reifel | Guerin Catholic | Senior |
| Allie Stamm | Noblesville | Junior |
| Maya Wetzel | Hamilton Southeastern | Senior |
| THIRD TEAM | | |
| Name | School | Grade |
| Emma Bieberich | Hamilton Southeastern | Senior |
| Laurel Buttrick | University | Freshman |
| Chloe Carlson | Westfield | Senior |
| Anna Kolb | Guerin Catholic | Freshman |
| Izzy Mokra | Fishers | Senior |
| Caroline Ober | Fishers | Junior |
| Grace Quigley | Guerin Catholic | Junior |
| Alana Raymond | Westfield | Senior |
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Carmel’s own Nick Dentino leads group of four county golfers at PGA Indiana Open Championship

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Four Hamilton County golfers finished in the top 10 at the PGA Indiana Open Championship, a three-day tournament which finished up Wednesday at Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame.

Nick Dentino, a Carmel graduate now playing at Purdue University, finished the highest of the county men, tying for fourth place with a four-under par 209. Dentino went under par in all three of his rounds,

carding a one-under 70 on Monday and Tuesday and a two-under 69 in the final round Wednesday. He made five birdies in each round for a total of 15.

Dentino won the 2019 IHSAA individual state championship, and also helped the Greyhounds to the team state title. He just finished his senior year for the Boilermakers, but he is eligible for a COVID year and will return for a fifth season next year. Dentino had two top 10 finishes for

Purdue this season, including four birdies in a row at the Boilermaker Invitational to lead his team to a one-stroke win for the team title.

Three more county golfers were part of a five-way tie for sixth place: Recent Guerin Catholic graduate Jacob Modleski, Pebble Brook representative Eric Steger, and Fishers’ Graham McAree, a 2014 Hamilton Southeastern graduate. All of them finished with three-under par 210s. Modleski, who will

soon be starting school at Notre Dame, finished 69-72-69=210, three-under par. His tournament contained 10 birdies, as he made four in the first and third rounds and two in the middle round.

Steger was a former winner of the Indiana Open, claiming the title in 2020. He went 68-72-70=210 for this year’s tournament. Steger made nine birdies in the tournament and also drained a pair of eagles on hole No.

10, once in the first round, and again in the third round. Steger went to Noblesville High School and was a star for Ball State, graduating in 2011.

McAree, a 2018 graduate of the University of Indianapolis, finished the tournament 69-69-72=210. McAree’s round contained 10 birdies, and he also made an eagle, draining that one during his first round on the 17th hole.

Three players had rounds of five-under 66 during the tournament, including Vince Drahman, a Noblesville graduate. Drahman carded his 66 in the third round, making seven birdies. He had 12 for the tournament, and also eagled the 10th hole in the first round.

A list of Hamilton County finishers now follows.

T4. Nick Dentino, Carmel 68-72-69=209, T6. Jacob Modleski, Noblesville 69-72-69=210; Eric Steger, Pebble Brook 68-72-70=210; Graham McAree, Fishers 69-69-72=210, T11. Andy Winings, Fishers 70-70-71=211, T17. Cole Starnes, Fishers 70-71-72=213; Gary Robinson, Crooked Stick 68-72-73=213, T22. Alec Cesare, Westfield 73-72-69=214, T26. Vince Drahman, Fortville 75-74-66=215, T39. Connor McNeely, Noblesville 73-73-72=218, T44. Sam Booth, Carmel 76-69-74=219, T47. Luke Prall, Carmel 74-71-75=220; Drew Shafer, Noblesville 77-73-70=220, T66. Lucas Beck, Carmel 74-76-74=224, T68. Connor McMillan, Fishers 73-76-76=225, 71. Clay Stirsman, Carmel 74-73-79=226.

Snap-on extends partnership with INDYCAR, IMS

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Snap-on Incorporated – a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools and equipment – has renewed its multiyear partnerships with INDYCAR and Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Snap-on will continue as the Official Tools & Equipment Partner of both INDYCAR and IMS. Snap-on first became a partner in 2020 when Penske Entertainment acquired both businesses.

Snap-on Incorporated provides tools, equipment, diagnostics, repair information and systems solutions for professional users performing critical tasks including those working in vehicle repair, aerospace, the military, natural resources, manufacturing and other critical sectors.

As a partner with Snap-on, INDYCAR and IMS will continue to highlight the Makers and Fixers initiative, which celebrates the men and women that keep the world moving, from pit crews to shop technicians to aviation mechanics (and many others).

“Snap-on is deeply rooted in motorsports, and we look forward to continuing this partnership,” said Mark Miles, president and CEO of Penske Entertainment Corp., which owns INDY-

CAR and IMS. “The tools and equipment provided by Snap-on are an ideal match for the Makers and Fixers who perform at the highest caliber at every INDYCAR event and throughout the IMS season.”

“Snap-on is proud to renew our partnership with INDYCAR and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway,” said Samuel Bottum, chief marketing officer of Snap-on. “Our ongoing collaboration supports the exceptional Makers and Fixers who drive motorsports forward. Snap-on provides solutions for technicians to excel in not only motorsports but numerous critical industries. Together we honor their pursuit of excellence on and off the racetrack.”

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