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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
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Hamilton County's fair fun has only just begun!



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That's right, Hamilton County! You still have four full days to get to the 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, for endless food, friends, and fun. Come see the hard work 4-H'ers have put into their projects, chat with a farm animal, or zip around the Fairgrounds in Bob's Bumpy Barrels! (Top right) Reporter photographer Nik Roberts endeavored to get the kids' point of view from Bob's Bumpy Barrels, and he recorded the trip. Click the picture to see the video on Facebook. (Above left) Clearly, Kaleb Miller is having a terrific time at the fair festivities! (Above right) Don't forget to grab an elephant ear courtesy of the Silvernotes. See more photos from Opening Day at the 4-H Fair on Page 4, and check out the Horse & Pony English Show on Page 5. See a full schedule of fair events on Page 6. Be sure to keep reading The Reporter for the best coverage of the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.

How did our mental loads get to be so bad?

We're continuing to explore reasons for our increased mental labor. Last week I ended my column talking about the pressures parents face to be more involved in their children's schools.

Kids themselves are involved in more extracurricular activities then they were just a few decades ago. Author KJ Dell'Antonia tackled this subject in her book *How to Be a Happier Parent*.

CNN shared the following highlights from Dell'Antonia in August 2018: Unsupervised and unstructured playtime has decreased for all children since 1981. Parents spend more time driving children to and from activities and organizing and attending activities than they have in previous generations.

Twenty-seven percent of all trips taken in 2012 were for the sole purpose of attending an organized sporting event. And 35 percent of parents, according to a single survey, say that managing their child's school and extracurricular transportation arrangements is more stressful than taxes.

See *Mental Load* . . . Page 2

Carmel & Noblesville students chosen to represent Indiana at American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County high school seniors have been selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls Nation July 22 to 29 in Washington, D.C. The weeklong program, founded in 1947, has provided exceptional civic education to thousands of students, teaching them about how the federal government works.

Ridhi Dondeti, Carmel, and Aubrey Griffin, Whitestown, are two of 94 high school seniors chosen. They will serve as Indiana's two "senators" during ALA Girls Nation.

Two delegates from each ALA Girls State program are chosen to represent their state after participating in an ALA state-level program held across the country. At ALA Girls Nation, senators will participate in mock Senate sessions complete with caucuses and debating bills that range from personal to political interests.

Other activities on the agenda include a visit to Arlington National Cemetery where they will place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a visit to Capitol Hill to meet with real-life U.S. senators from their state, and a tour of D.C. monuments.

Dondeti, a rising senior at Carmel High School, participates in many activities in her school and community. Some of her activities include president of Carmel Mayor's Youth Council, Hamilton County Bicentennial Ambassador, Speech and Debate, executive member for Joseph Maley Foundation Junior Board, Youth Board Member for Hamilton County Youth and Family Alliance, Carmel Clay Public Library's Teen Library Council, Public Affairs Officer for Indiana Council on World Affairs Junior Chapter, freshman mentor at Carmel High

See *Girls Nation* . . . Page 2

Hazel Dell students raise money for books for fellow elementary students in Italy



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools & City of Noblesville

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and his wife, Noblesville Schools educator Julie Jensen (above right), presented a check to Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia elementary school in Cittadella, Italy this week on behalf of Hazel Dell Elementary's student government (top right). Hazel Dell students, staff and families raised \$735 for the Italian school, and the Jensens are visiting Cittadella as part of Noblesville's Sister Cities Exchange program. The Italian school plans to use the donation towards books for 11-year-olds. (Top left) Julie Jensen presents the check to Principal Zambello Maria Theresa, and Vice Principal Marcon Nereo.

Sheridan Lions award \$500 scholarship to Ayden Henley



Photo provided by Sheridan Lions Club

Sheridan Lions Club President Jim Kitchel (left) and member Steve Bilby (right) presented Sheridan High School graduate Ayden Henley (center) with a \$500 scholarship at its Wednesday meeting, one of four handed out by the service organization.

Have fun & get messy at 4-H Fair 'Color Me Green' run

The REPORTER

Hamilton County residents can join the 4-H Program for the eighth annual one-mile "Color Me Green" Fun Run on Monday, July 24.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and the one-mile run will start at 11:30 a.m. Participants should meet south of the commercial tent on the 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. This event is sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc.

This event takes place in conjunction with the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. Volunteers will collect canned goods during registration. All goods collected will be donated to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. Registration forms and waivers can be found in the Purdue Extension Hamilton County Office or by [clicking here](#). The Color Me Green Mile Fun Run is non-competitive. Run or walk with friends, get messy, and sup-



port a healthy lifestyle.

Breathe Easy Hamilton County is an alliance supporting smoke-free air at work and in public places and promoting tobacco-free living to reduce mortality and morbidity rates.

The Hamilton County 4-H Fair is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc. and Purdue Extension Hamilton County.

For more information on the 4-H Fair or the Purdue Extension Service, call the Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton. A complete schedule of events can be found by clicking the 4-H Fair link. More information can be found on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Be sure to keep reading *The Reporter* over the coming days for more information about all the activities going on during this year's 4-H Fair.

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Welcome to the Fairgrounds of the Future



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The Hamilton County 4-H Fair kicked off Thursday morning with a groundbreaking at Centennial Pavilion. Numerous local officials and 4-H'ers took part in the ceremony, including Hamilton County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt, Christine Altman, and Steve Dillinger, seen at right. Part of the three-phase, multi-million-dollar improvement plan will be the rebranding of the fairgrounds as "The Silos at 37 Hamilton County: 4-H Fairgrounds and Events Center." 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 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. Construction on Phase I is set to begin this fall.

Community News

Hope Bible Fellowship invites you to Ice Cream Social

Hope Bible Fellowship of Noblesville invites the community to an Ice Cream Social to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at 2350 Conner St. Come enjoy free ice cream, play yard games, get your face painted, and make new friends. Learn more at HopeBibleFellowship.net or call (317) 678-9017.

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MENTAL LOAD from Page 1

How about our pets? They bring joy to so many of us. According to a survey by the American Pet Products Association 68 percent of American households own a pet. Pets now have a place in nearly 85 million American homes – just over five million more than in 2015.

I used to dream about having many pets as a child, much like my sister. I've been an animal lover for as long as I can remember. Growing up I remember her family at one time or another owning a dog, cat, guinea pig, lizard, hamsters, fish, and/or other creatures.

Now that I'm married with kids, we've often been called the Shankland Animal Shelter. Our list of various pets through the years is like what my sister and her family had. We now have two dogs and a cat. For the most part, they do bring us joy. For example, I love my daily walks with the dogs.

But, of course, household pets add to the mental load. At the very minimum you have their watering,

feeding, grooming, flea and heartworm prevention medication, and veterinarian schedules to keep track of.

Dogs need to be walked, especially if you live in an apartment or have larger breeds. Some pets are fine for you to leave alone over a weekend, but that doesn't work with canines. So, you can add boarding schedules whenever you need to take a weekend or longer trip.

And if something goes wrong with one of them? Like with a child, it causes major stress. Years ago, we looked for a new home for one of our cats, Princess, as she had litter box issues for over two years. We tried everything to fix the problem. Finding someone who has a barn who would like an older declawed cat was not easy.

Princess eventually became an outdoor cat thanks to an incredible cat house built by my husband. And she was much happier. We were relieved to not have to constantly worry about whether she was going to ruin our carpet.

GIRLS NATION from Page 1

School, United States Senate Youth Program Finalist, volunteer at 1947 Partition Archive, Indiana Senate Page, Indiana Legislative Page, and student athlete.

Griffin, a rising senior at Noblesville High School, participates in many activities in her school and community. Some of her activities include National Honor Society, Best Buddies Club, Miller Reader Book Club, Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council, dance team, and unified sports.

"ALA Girls Nation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our nation's future leaders to learn about the inner workings of the federal government before they are of voting age," said Donna Dillard, ALA Girls Nation Committee chair. "After attending their local ALA Girls State program and then ALA Girls Nation, the participants return home ready to be engaged citizens at all levels of government."

Students leave the program with increased confidence and leadership skills for college and in their

future career paths. Some participants of the program go on to have careers in public service at the local, state, and national levels. No matter what their future holds, all leave with a better understanding of civic responsibilities.

About ALA

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. ALA members also support the mission of The American Legion in improving the quality of life for our nation's veterans. Proud sponsor of ALA Girls Nation, National Poppy Day, and recognized for advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, the more than 550,000 ALA members across the country volunteer millions of hours annually and raise millions of dollars in service to veterans, military, and their families. Founded in 1919, the ALA is one of the oldest patriotic membership organizations in the U.S.A. To learn more and to volunteer, join, and donate, visit ALAforVeterans.org.

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More than fair amount of 4-H fun

If you haven't been to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair yet, we don't know what you're waiting for. Do you like food? Do you like animals? Do you like fun? If not . . . ok . . . stay home. For the other 99% of you, get out to the fair already! And while you're there, snap a few photos. Send them to News@ReadTheReporter.com and they might show up in Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper. Don't forget to subscribe to the Weekly Print Edition so you receive the upcoming 4-H Fair Results special publication, chock full of color photos and brought to you by dozens of supporters in Hamilton County. Just head over to ReadTheReporter.com/Subscribe by Friday, Aug. 4 to ensure you get your copy! (Reporter photos by Nik Roberts)



Photo provided by Lisa Everling
Elizabeth Miller, 16, Atlanta, is this year's Grand Champion Cake Decorator. She is an eight-year 4-H'er.





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English horses & ponies shown off

The 4-H Horse & Pony English show was Thursday morning, and The Reporter was there just in case you couldn't be. The Western show is this morning, dressage is Saturday, the jumper show is Sunday, and the versatility show is Monday. And that's just if you like horses. There are an abundance of 4-H activities this weekend, with a schedule on Page 6 of today's edition to help you plan your fun. (Reporter photos by Nik Roberts)



(Above left) Seth Salgado with his horse, Consider Me Fancy. (Above center) Reagan Stacey with her horse, Declare me Gucci. (Above right) Cora Keller with her horse, Silver Star Nova. (Below left) Pilar Bravo with her horse, PS Call Me Superman. (Below right) Margaret Ambrous with her horses, Princess N Mercedes.



(Above left) Wyatt Salgado with his horse, In Yur Dreams. (Above center) Alyssa Tarver with her horse, Bold Expression. (Above right) Eloise Lakin with her horse, Genuine Opalite (Opal).



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Hamilton County 4-H Fair Schedule, July 21 – 25



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SUNDAY, JULY 23

Sheep Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Joint Producers' Barbecue 5 - 9 p.m.
Extension Homemakers' Special: Beef & Noodles

Exhibits & Displays Open 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
4-H Sheep Wool Judging 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Hunter & Jumper Show 10 a.m.
4-H Sheep Show 10 a.m.
4-H Pocket Pet Show 12 p.m.
Caravan Classes Kids' Crafts 12 - 4 p.m.
4-H Lawn & Garden Tractor Contest 1 p.m.
Walk-A-Llama 1 p.m.
Stone's Crossing Live Music 1 p.m.
Youth Pedal Tractor Pull 2 p.m.
4-H Parents' Llama Show 2:30 p.m.
Kids' Craft Activities 3 p.m.
Youth Sheep Exhibition 4:30 p.m.
Antique Tractor Parade 5 p.m.
4-H Food & Microwave Auction 5 p.m.
Pet Parade 6 p.m.
Farmer Olympics 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Rabbit & Poultry Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Joint Producers' Barbecue 5 - 9 p.m.
Extension Homemakers' Special: Chicken & Noodles



Kids' Craft Activities 1 p.m.
Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive 3 - 6:30 p.m.
Indiana Wild Animal Show 3 p.m.
4-H Meat Goat Show 3 p.m.
Llama Costume Contest 5 p.m.
4-H Dairy Goat Show 6 p.m.
4-H Beef Barbecue Contest 6 p.m.
Leaping Llama Exhibition 6 p.m.
4-H Sewing & Consumer Clothing Revue 7 p.m.
Walk-A-Llama 7:30 p.m.
Blue River Band 8 p.m.

Exhibits & Displays Open 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
4-H Rabbit Show 8:30 a.m.
4-H Beef Grooming Contest 8:30 a.m.
4-H Chicken Barbecue Contest 9 a.m.
4-H Llama Intermediate Showmanship 9:30 a.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Western Show 10 a.m.
Master Gardener Fair Fun 11 a.m.
Sheep Fitting Contest 11:30 a.m.
4-H Llama PR Obstacle Class 12 p.m.



4-H GROWS HERE

MONDAY, JULY 24

Beef Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Joint Producers' Barbecue 5 - 9 p.m.
Extension Homemakers' Kitchen 8 - 11 a.m.

Exhibits & Displays Open 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
4-H Beef Show 9 a.m.
4-H 1/16th Tractor Pull 9:30 a.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Versatility Show 10 a.m.
4-H Llama Youth Judging 10 a.m.
Color Me Green Fun Run 11:30 a.m.
4-H Rocket Launch 1 p.m.
Youth Talent Contest 2 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Royal Showmanship 3 p.m.
Supreme Showmanship 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Pork Producers' Barbecue 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Joint Producers' Barbecue 5 - 9 p.m.
Extension Homemakers' Special: Meatloaf



4-H Llama Field Obstacle 1:30 p.m.
Homemade Pie Contest 2 p.m.
Kids' Craft Activities 2 p.m.
Extension Homemakers' Food & Craft Show 3 p.m.
Hedgehog Hannah 4:30 p.m.
4-H Cat Show 5 p.m.
4-H Dog Drill Team Demonstration 5 p.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Contesting Show 6 p.m.
Homemade Ice Cream Contest 6:30 p.m.
Walk-A-Llama 7 p.m.
Youth Swine Exhibition 7 p.m.
DJ Charlie Van Wieringen 8 p.m.

Exhibits & Displays Open 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
4-H Swine Show 8 a.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Dressage 8 a.m.
4-H Public Speaking Contest 8:30 a.m.
4-H Llama Junior Showmanship 9:30 a.m.
Master Gardener Fair Fun 10 a.m.
4-H Demonstration Contest 11 a.m.
Providence Wildlife Animal Show 12:30 p.m.
Antique Tractor Pull 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION 5:30 P.M.



Carmel • Clay Parks & Recreation

Carmel Clay Parks launches 2024-2028 Master Plan survey

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) invites the community to participate in an online survey to provide input for the 2024-2028 comprehensive parks and recreation master plan. The [survey is open now](#) and will remain open through Aug. 23.

The survey is an opportunity for the public to share feedback on CCPR's current offerings as well as new park and recreation opportunities. The survey results will be incorporated into the final master plan.

"Creating a master plan is a community input-driven process," CCPR Director Michael Klitzing said. "We know the value that our parks have to Carmel residents, and we think it's extremely important to

gather their feedback along the way."

Every five years, the department develops a new parks and recreation [master plan](#) utilizing internal assessment, data collection, and community input to help determine how to best serve an ever-changing and growing community. This feedback allows

CCPR to create a snapshot in time of the wants and needs of its residents.

CCPR is working alongside Indiana-based [PROS Consulting](#) and [Next Practice Partners](#) to gather community input.

Stay tuned to [Carmel-ClayParks.com](#) and follow [@CarmelClayParks](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information about ways to participate in the public feedback process.



Klitzing

Spartz says Congress is "back to business as usual" with FAA bill

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) released the following statement on her "no" vote on H.R. 3935 – Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act, legislation reauthorizing the Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) for the next five years. "Unfortunately, the D.C. swamp prevailed again – back to 'four corner' deals among Republican and Democrat leadership

from both chambers," Rep. Spartz said. "No amendments were allowed to pass in the committees of jurisdiction or rules. Just a few conservative amendments were allowed for messaging on the floor, which were meant to be defeated. They even figured out how to use some

archaic and hard-to-explain rule to kill an amendment. I cannot support this charade and hypocrisy from Republicans."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.



Spartz

County GOP Chair denounces Washington Congresswoman's comments on Israel

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Republican Chairman, Mario Massillamany, strongly and supporter of Israel."

Chairman Massillamany calls on Rep. Jayapal and her colleagues in the Progressive Caucus to refrain from making reckless statements and instead work towards promoting unity, peace, and understanding among nations. "The United States has been and will continue to be a staunch partner and unwavering supporter of Israel, recognizing its right to exist as a sovereign nation," Massillamany said.

Chairman Massillamany calls on Hamilton County Democrats to condemn the Progressive Caucus. "The Hamilton County GOP remain committed to advocating for strong and enduring alliances with our Jewish community in Hamilton County and beyond," Massillamany said.



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See classic Hoosier cars Aug. 20 at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel

The REPORTER

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg (ACD) Festival in Auburn, Ind., is rolling into its 67th year, and this year, the Hoosier Tour is coming to Carmel on Aug. 30.

"The Hoosier Tour has been visiting regional cities for nearly 50 years," said Bill Hohler, ACD Festival Board member and ACD Club member. "We are excited this will be our first visit to Carmel! We applaud their initiative to include automotive scul-

tures in their cityscape and we look forward to visiting Wednesday, Aug. 30."

More than 35 Auburns, Cords, and Duesenbergs will roll into town via police escort from a personal garage tour, making their way past the ACD Sculpture on 96th Street and Delegates Way and ending up at Carter Green from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for display.



Brainard

Hotel Carmichael will play host to the Hoosier Tour participants for a special lunch in the Feinstein's Cabaret with a presentation by sculpture artist Arlon Bayliss on his artistic process. Although the lunch is "invite only," everyone is encouraged to stroll around Carter Green during that time and take pictures of these fascinating vehicles.

"We are thrilled to welcome the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival to Carmel and look forward to celebrating these classic cars with their owners," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "We share their passion for these beautiful classics, which inspired us to install a series of classic car sculptures within the roundabouts on 96th Street, two of which are completed and two more to come."

Learn more at [and ACD-festival.org](#) and [ACDclub.org](#).

Applications open for Westfield's Trick or Treating on the Plaza



Photos provided by Westfield Welcome
Westfield Welcome is now accepting applications from local businesses to host a booth at Trick or Treating in the Plaza on Friday, Oct. 27. In its second year, more than 1,000 attendees are anticipated to make their way around Grand Junction Plaza for a safe and welcoming community-wide trick or treating event. Booth spaces are \$50 and proceeds will be donated to Family Promise of Hamilton County. More information and booth applications are available at [WestfieldWelcome.com/trick-or-treating](#).



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OneZone, Northern Hamilton County & Westfield chambers partner for Eggs & Issues

The REPORTER

OneZone and Northern Hamilton County Chamber have announced their partnership with Westfield Chamber on their monthly advocacy event, Eggs & Issues.

Eggs & Issues gives attendees the opportunity to hear about a variety of topics affecting Hamilton County and its cities and towns, as well as Indiana. Through this partnership all three organizations will begin to look at current trends and provide high quality speakers to their membership.

“We live in the most dynamic and fastest growing county in the State of Indiana,” Westfield Chamber

CEO Steve Latour said. “We have topics large and small to discuss and tackle as a business community, as residents, and as elected officials, so when the opportunity was extended to partner with OneZone to co-host their monthly Eggs & Issues event, we had to say yes. We look forward to having timely topics for the purpose of education but to also begin working together to make Westfield and the other communities in Hamilton County a national standard.”

“We are excited to welcome the Westfield Chamber to Eggs & Issues,” said Jack Russell, President of OneZone and Northern Hamilton County Chamber.



Latour



Russell



“As we continue to provide programming that impacts our communities, county, and state it is important to expand our reach. This partnership also gives our members the opportunity to meet new business leaders in their community.”

Eggs & Issues is made possible by Title Sponsor Church Church Hittle + Antrim, along with Supporting Sponsors Duke Energy, CF Bank, Hamilton County

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The upcoming August Eggs & Issues event will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 14 at The Bridgewater Club. Members and non-members are invited to attend. The cost is \$28 for members and \$40 for non-members. Reservations can be made at OneZoneChamber.com or by calling (317) 436-4653.

Hoosier food banks receive historic \$2M in state funding

The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) announced Wednesday that Indiana food banks will receive an historic combined total of \$2 million to support their efforts in feeding Hoosiers in need. This year's funding is double of what was received last year.

“Providing for Hoosiers who are food insecure across our state is a priority,” said Crouch, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “I am proud that the general assembly recognized this by appropriating additional state funding towards our Indiana food banks.”

According to [Feeding Indiana’s Hungry](#) (FIH), while the long lines outside of food banks and food pantries may not have been as noticeable in 2021 as the year before, nearly one in six Americans received food assistance from the charitable sector last year.

Indiana food banks are a subset of food pantries and soup kitchens. Indiana has 11 food banks which feed into pantries and soup kitchens across the state. Each food bank received part of the \$2 million in funding, therefore helping all community food pantries, kitchens, churches and more. This funding will allow food pantries, soup kitchens and other food distribution centers to receive additional food products from the food bank that serves their location.

According to FIH, Indiana’s food banks and food pantries are serving more Hoosier neighbors now than during the pandemic because of inflation and its lingering economic impact. “Our member food banks are serving record numbers of Hoosier families as relief programs that help families makes ends meet have tapered off or ended,” FIH Executive Director Emily Bryant said. “Too many in our communities continue to make difficult choices between paying bills and buying groceries. For any Hoosier to be unsure from where their next meal will come is unacceptable. We’re

grateful for the support of the Indiana General Assembly, Lt. Gov. Crouch and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture for providing additional support to our members to help them serve our neighbors and our communities.”

ISDA Director Don Lamb is hopeful this increased funding will go a long way in supporting these organizations.

“Organizations like Indiana food banks are what makes growing food so rewarding,” ISDA Executive Director Don Lamb said. “They have the necessary resources and skills to distribute large amounts of food and help community members in need. We are so thankful for the work they do for their communities across the state in helping food insecure Hoosiers.”

The funding was provided by the Indiana Legislature as part of its biennial budget. The distribution amounts were determined using [The Emergency Food Assistance Program](#) (TFAP) fair share percentages for Indiana, which captures poverty and unemployment levels in each county.

The following list includes the food banks are receiving funding for fiscal year 2024:

- Community Harvest Food Bank – \$200,000
 - Dare to Care Food Bank – \$72,200
 - Food Bank of Northern Indiana – \$233,000
 - Food Bank of Northwest Indiana – \$195,200
 - Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. – \$185,000
 - FreeStore Foodbank – \$16,600
 - Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc. – \$643,600
 - Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Inc. – \$86,200
 - Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central IN, Inc. – \$157,400
 - Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank, Inc. – \$87,800
 - Tri-State Food Bank, Inc. – \$123,000
- Visit isda.in.gov to learn more about the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Department. Visit FeedingIndiansHungry.org to learn more about Feeding Indiana’s Hungry.

DNA profiles recovered from former Westfield home of suspected serial killer

By **BRADY GIBSON**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Investigators have found two DNA profiles from searches of the former Hamilton County home of accused serial killer Herb Baumeister.

Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison confirmed to News 8 that Indiana State Police recovered the two profiles from “a recent batch

of remains sent to them for processing.”

“We are attempting to determine if these remains are those of previously identified individuals, or match comparison samples that we have received from family members, or are two new individuals that we had no



Jellison

knowledge of,” Jellison said.

Police used nearly a dozen cadaver dogs in December to [search the Westfield home](#) where Baumeister once lived.

Baumeister was the suspect in a [series of killings](#) when he took his own life in 1996. Authori-

ties believe he lured young men to his Westfield home in the 1980s and 1990s and murdered them there.

Investigators recovered the fragmented bones of 11 men on the property in 1996 but were only able to identify eight of the victims.

However, authorities now believe new DNA technology may reveal that the victim count is [more than double what was thought](#).



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Ivy Tech Hamilton County partners with four high schools to offer college credit

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County recently partnered with several area high schools to give students a chance to start college early by earning the Indiana College Core (ICC) in high school. The credential is a 30 credit hour general education core of college credit guaranteed to transfer between Indiana public colleges and universities.

Four high schools within the service area have recently partnered with the Hamilton County Campus to provide this opportunity to their students: Eman Schools, Hamilton Heights High School, Excel Center – Noblesville, and Sheridan High School.

Eman Schools became the first school in the Ivy Tech Hamilton County service area to be designated an ICC delivery site.

“At Eman Schools we are absolutely blessed and honored to partner with Ivy Tech to offer our students college classes at the comfort of their school,” said Dr. Shaker Rashid, Eman Schools Superintendent. “We have seen a tremendous growth in our students who enroll in these rigorous and diverse classes. Not only do our students receive college credits that give them a head start in their college educational journey, but also these courses prepare them well for college and allow them to receive the most prestigious scholarships. This year we have made a commitment to increase the number of students who receive ICC degrees by at least 25 percent of our graduating class.”

Students take high school and Ivy Tech classes at the same time with dual credit or dual enrollment. Earning the Indiana College Core gives students the opportunity to earn their first year of college credits before they graduate high school and the chance to “Start as a Sophomore” at Ivy Tech or other public colleges.

The first public high school and second school to become an ICC delivery site is Hamilton Heights High School.

“We are so excited about the opportunity to partner with Ivy Tech in offering the ICC to our students here at Hamilton Heights High School,” Heights Principal Jarrod Mason said. “Opportunities like this help open doors for students to succeed and get excited about



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furthering their education. We're here for it!”

Per the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, students who earn the Indiana College Core are likely to succeed, citing about 94 percent of high school students who earned the Indiana College Core going on to attend college and 70 percent of Indiana College Core earners meeting benchmarks for early success in college, including course completion and retention.

The Excel Center – Noblesville, located in the same building as Ivy Tech Hamilton County, becomes the first Excel Center in the state of Indiana to participate as an ICC delivery site.

“When the Excel Center in Noblesville opened its doors in 2015, the opportunities for us to partner with Ivy Tech were limited,” said Steve Dillon, Director of the Excel Center – Noblesville. “Over the last few years, those opportunities have steadily increased. We are excited to be able to offer our students their first year of college through the Indiana College Core program. This new opportunity will give many of our students that much needed ‘second chance’ at a better life through education.”

“Sheridan High School has benefited greatly from our partnership with Ivy Tech,” Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis said. “As a member of the Rural Early College Network, we have been working on increasing our access to dual credit opportunities and Ivy Tech has been outstanding in this effort. The collaboration and efforts to help bridge the divide between HS and college for our students has now allowed us to be able to offer to the students of Sheridan High School access to the Indiana College Core. We are excited for the continued partnership and opportunities for the students of Sheridan High School.

Great things happen when we work together for our students and being able to offer the ICC is just one example.”

In addition to being among the first high schools in Hamilton County to offer the Indiana College Core, Hamilton Heights High School and Sheridan High School also hold the unique distinction of being the first two high schools within the service area to pilot Ivy Tech’s College Connection Coach model. The model places a College Connection Coach, who is an Ivy Tech employee, at each school two days a week throughout the academic year.

The College Connection Coach assists with being a bridge between Ivy Tech and local high schools by assisting with the establishment of high-quality Career and Technical Education programs to meet workforce needs within our area, supporting students through the college enrollment process, and working to close retention and equity gaps on the path to higher education.

“This is a milestone for Ivy Tech Hamilton County and our Hamilton County high schools as we welcome our first four Indiana College Core partners since Hamilton County became an independent campus in 2021,” said Abby Tremain, Ivy Tech Hamilton County Director of K-14 Initiatives. “These four schools serve as a model within the service area in early college programming opportunities for their students and we are excited to see that number grow even further with this new partnership.”

In the 2022-2023 academic year, Hamilton County high school students saved over \$2.9 million in college tuition through dual credit and dual enrollment programming and received over 21,000 college credits through Ivy Tech while still in high school.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



Anderson Museum of Art receives major gift from Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing and Casino

The REPORTER

Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) has received its first gift towards its upcoming capital campaign project from Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing and Casino and Caesars Entertainment Inc.'s Caesars Foundation.

The \$10,000 gift is the first major gift received towards Phase I of the capital campaign project. The gift will directly support the organization's efforts to preserve its historic Carnegie

Library building by replacing the flat parts of the roof.

“We are so grateful for the generosity of Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing and Casino and Caesars Entertainment Inc.'s Caesars Foundation,” AMOA Executive Director Mandee Mikulski said. “AMOA has been working for several months to develop a capital campaign that will address many of the goals set forth in our strategic plan, including replacing parts of the

roof of our building. We are thrilled to share our intentions for the next phases of the campaign with everyone in the community. Our plans for the future utilize the arts to benefit our community and our children in new and innovative ways.”

AMOA's plans for growth will be shared with supporters of the arts during its annual Supporter Night set for Sept. 29. Tickets will be available for purchase by Aug. 1 at [AndersonArt.org](#).

\$1M winning Powerball ticket sold at Payless Liquors in Carmel

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

The winning ticket for **Wednesday's \$1.08 billion Powerball jackpot** was sold in California, but someone in the Hoosier state has a winning \$1 million ticket.

A total of five winning tickets were sold in Indiana ahead of the big drawing, the Hoosier Lottery says.

The winning \$1 million ticket was sold at Payless

Liquors #24 at 14580 River Road, Carmel.

The winning numbers for Wednesday night's drawing are 7-10-11-13-24 with the Powerball of 24.

Ticket holders should put the ticket in a secure place, consider meeting with a financial advisor, and contact Hoosier Lottery customer service at 1-800-955-6886 for specific claim instructions.

Indiana had the very first Powerball jackpot winner in

1992 and leads the nation in Powerball jackpot wins with 39.

Saturday's Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$20 million.

Gambling can be an addiction. The Indiana Council on Problem Gambling has support and resources for Hoosiers affected by gambling addiction. [Visit the ICPG website](#), text INGAMB to 53342, or call the Indiana Gambling Help Line at 800-994-8448.

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Basile Westfield Playhouse played host to the Bach to Rock Summer Showcase on July 8.

Music on stage for Bach to Rock Summer Showcase

Submitted

On Saturday, July 8, Bach to Rock Fishers held its Summer Showcase at the Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield. A total of 21 performers took the stage that day to share their musical achievements with their families and peers and enjoy the opportunity to perform in a professional venue. At Bach to Rock, performance opportunities are paramount to a holistic music education. While more informal opportunities are offered throughout the year for soloists and ensembles to perform, Showcase is a special event only put on twice a year for private lesson students. It is an absolute highlight of the summer to see these young musicians bravely perform and share their talents on stage, and the Playhouse is the perfect

setting for this musical occasion. Each student who performs prepared a song and was introduced by fabulous Event Coordinator Ms. Rachel Mason. Students performed on their unique instruments a vast variety of genres. Parents and audience members alike enjoyed hearing everything from an elementary drummer rocking out to his favorite Imagine Dragons song, to a talented young guitarist who played his first original song, to several amazing pianists sharing classics like Mozart's *Sonata in C*, Chopin's *Waltz in D flat*, and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*. From violin and upright bass to vocalists and percussionists, it's always wonderful to see the diverse music education that Bach to Rock offers come to life at the Summer Showcase.



Photo provided

Discover local products in Indiana Grown Marketplace at State Fair

The REPORTER

The **Indiana State Fair** starts Friday, July 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center. The multi-week event has plenty of opportunities to discover and shop local products at the **Indiana Grown** Marketplace in The Mercantile, in the Agriculture/Horticulture building. "Supporting local has never tasted so good," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Not only can you support the hardworking Hoosiers by visiting the Indiana Grown Marketplace, but you can also savor the diverse flavors of our state. That is worth the visit!"

Shoppers can be immersed in a storefront solely featuring products grown, processed, packaged, or produced in Indiana with product samples available Friday to Sunday starting at 11 a.m. Are you interested in learning more about Indiana Grown businesses and growing practices? In addition to educational displays, Indiana Grown members are eager to speak with visitors and hold demonstrations to showcase their craft. The 2023 Indiana Grown Marketplace will be the largest yet, with nearly 100 vendors and over 600 unique products, including hand-crafted sauces, salsas, drink mixes, popcorn, spices and more. Shoppers can also find ready-to-eat products like cured meats, chocolates, and candies. Does the August heat

have you down? Stop at the Indiana Grown store for cold kombucha, milk, collagen water, or bottled tea. There are also a variety of artisan made products you can use daily, such as wool dryer balls, yarn, skincare regimens, hand poured candles and more. Fairgoers have been asking for Indiana Grown apparel for awhile, so Indiana Grown has partnered with Indianapolis apparel company **United State of Indiana** to make that a reality. You can find Indiana Grown T-shirts, sweatshirts, and market totes available for purchase in the Indiana Grown Marketplace. "The Indiana Grown Marketplace at the Indiana State Fair is an excellent opportunity for our members to promote their products, while allowing consumers the chance to actively support local Hoosier businesses," said Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "I hope you will join me at the Indiana Grown Marketplace where we can indulge in the best local products found in our state." You are welcomed to shop and explore at the Indiana Grown Marketplace at the Indiana State Fair, which runs until Sunday, Aug. 20 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The Mercantile, where the Indiana Grown Marketplace is located, is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Mercantile is located to the right of the Midway. Learn more about Indiana Grown at indianagrown.org.

2023 Kroger Symphony on the Prairie going strong with seven more weeks of shows

The REPORTER

The sounds of summer are in full swing at Kroger Symphony on the Prairie, and you're invited to experience a concert at **Conner Prairie** Amphitheatre in Fishers. This Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra present Broadway Under the Stars, featuring your favorite Broadway songs. Guest artists include vocalists Ted Keegan, Victor Robertson, Katie Swaney, Christina Nicastro, and AshLee Baskin, along with the ISO Pops Chorus. Upcoming season highlights include the popular Face2Face with the music of Billy Joel and Elton John, The Marshall Tucker Band, TUSK: the Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, two nights of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works, and much more. There's something for everyone with 15 concerts left to choose from. Buy a ticket and can't attend? No problem! The ISO offers a flexible ticket exchange policy up until the start time of the concert. Just email iso@Indianapolis-Symphony.org before the 8 p.m. start of the concert and indicate which performance you'd like to exchange your ticket into (subject to availability). Buy tickets now on **ISO's website**. Tickets may also be purchased at central Indiana Kroger stores, at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at 45 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, or by calling the Box Office at (317) 639-4300. Purchase tickets

to three or more concerts and automatically receive a 10 percent discount. No code is needed, and discount is calculated at checkout. **Kroger Symphony on the Prairie schedule** *Denotes concerts featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra **July** ***July 21 & 22** – Broadway under the Stars: Join Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly for this exciting performance of all your Broadway favorites featuring the ISO Pops Chorus and vocalists Ted Keegan, Victor Robertson, Katie Swaney, Christina Nicastro, and AshLee Baskin. **July 28 & 29** – Face2Face: A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John **August** **Aug. 4:** Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston (not associated with the Estate of Whitney Houston) **Aug. 5:** TUSK: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band **Aug. 11:** The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute **Aug. 12:** Here Come the Mummies with Rock E Bassoon (featuring musicians of the ISO!) **Aug. 18:** Marshall Tucker Band **Aug. 19:** Unforgettable Fire: U2 Tribute Show **Aug. 25 & 26:** One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works **September** **Sept. 1:** Aeromith: The Ultimate Aerosmith Tribute Experience **Sept. 2:** Pyromania: The Def Leppard Experience **Sept. 3:** Voyage – The Ultimate Journey Tribute Band

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Senator Braun's offers amendment to protect Second Amendment

Submitted

Senator Mike Braun offered an amendment on Thursday to the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act that would prevent President Biden and the Department of Health and Human Services from declaring gun violence a public health emergency for the purpose of instituting gun control measures and infringing on Americans' Second Amendment rights.

"National and local politicians across the country are always trying to restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens," Sen. Braun said. "We need to set into law that no one can declare a national health emergency to seize the power to restrict our Second Amendment rights with the stroke of a pen. I will always stand up for Hoosiers' rights to protect themselves and their families."

President Biden, HHS Secretary **Xavier Becerra**, and Senator **Alex Padilla** have called for gun violence public health emergencies.

Senator Braun's amendment would protect Americans' right to bear arms from executive branch in-

fringement by affirming that the HHS Secretary does not have the authority to institute gun control by declaring gun violence a public health emergency.

Senator Braun's remarks during the mark-up meeting of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee:

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans saw Big Government flourish and many of our constitutional rights be diminished. More and more, big government wants to turn everything into a national emergency.

"Recently, the Secretary of Health and Human Services advocated for gun violence to be declared a public health emergency to grant HHS power to restrict Americans' right to keep and bear arms. The Department of Health and Human Services was never intended to implement gun control of any kind.

"My amendment would simply prohibit HHS from declaring a public health emergency to implement gun control. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on my amendment."



Braun

Lucia Ysidra Beck (Buffington) d. July 9, 2023

Lucia Ysidra Beck (Buffington), 83, Noblesville, passed away after a long and well-lived life on July 9, 2023.



Lucy was the devoted wife of William "Dave" Beck for 22 years and always the brightest smile in the room. She was a wonderful and loving wife and mother who gave her all to her family, always their biggest cheerleader and constant supporter. Lucy was a strong woman who faced every challenge in her life with courage and dignity – truly an inspiration to us all.

Planes, trains, and bus trips! Lucy and Dave spent many years traveling, from bucket-list destinations to mission trips to visiting family. Back home at "The Ranch," Lucy enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens, painting, crafting, filling shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse with special items, working the Fair Train, learning to play the organ, her church family and, of course, her black kitties and Birdie. Lucy was a woman of strong faith and missions were her heart. She instilled in her family the importance of family, hard work and doing what is right, a true role model and inspiration to all who knew her, especially her family. She will be deeply missed by everyone whose lives she touched.

Lucy was predeceased by her parents, Camilo and Louise Alonso; her sister, Marie Ernst and son, Curt Buffington. She leaves behind her husband, Dave Beck; sisters, Jeanie Entwistle and Pat Odvarka; brother, Nino Alonso; children, Jeff Buffington, Julie Gill (Rodger), Joe Buffington (Alice), Jeanne Sorrow (Keith), Jim Beck (Jane) and John Beck (Susan); grandchildren, Michael Buffington, Chris Buffington (Diana), Paige Buffington, Evan Beck (Brittney), Erin Allen (Drew), JT Beck (Sienna) and Tyler Gill (Kayla); and great-grandchildren, Adalee, Beck, Easton, Colt, Emmett, Charleigh, Alaina, Dia and Luna. Lucy is also loved and remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Lucy requested a Celebration of Life to be held in her honor. We request all of Lucy's friends and loved ones to join us in celebrating her beautiful life on July 28, 2023 for Visitation at 3 p.m. with Celebration of Life to follow at 4 p.m. at Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave., Noblesville. Lucy truly loved fresh flowers and Samaritan's Purse charity. (Floral deliveries accepted at the Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 28.)

She will always be in our hearts. Rest in peace, Lucy.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

Then God said to Noah, "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it."

So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

Genesis 8:13-19 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a strategic planning work session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.

COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville Indiana 46060. The purpose of this meeting is for Developer selection for the Scoping Phase of the Judicial Center BOT. This meeting can be accessed virtually by dialing 1-219-225-8177 using Conference ID 676256350#.

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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!)

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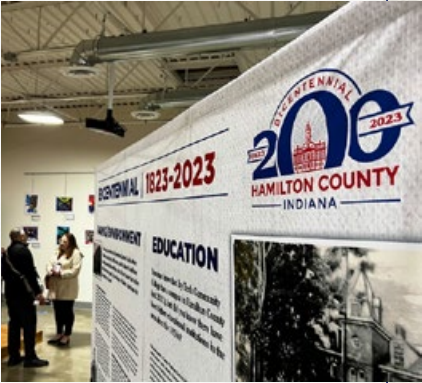
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Caleb Robinson got his start with the Noblesville Babe Ruth as a pre-teen, and has worked his way up to Manager of Field Operations for the Philadelphia Phillies. Robinson, a 2015 graduate of Guerin Catholic, has been with the Phillies since 2019, and moved into this current position this past March.

From Babe Ruth to the big leagues, GC's Caleb Robinson is living the dream

By **RICHIE HALL**

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If you ever watch a Philadelphia Phillies game and think the field looks beautiful, give some credit to a young man who once "lived" at the Noblesville Babe Ruth fields at Forest Park.

That would be Caleb Robinson. He started volunteering at Babe Ruth as a pre-teen, then became the head groundskeeper before graduating high school. Several years later, at age 26, Robinson is now the Manager of Field Operations for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Robinson talked with the Reporter during last week's Major League Baseball All-Star break. Before working for the Phillies, he got his first professional experience with the Indianapolis Indians, then spent a few months with the Boston Red Sox before heading to Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Park.

Robinson said the experience begins with his time with the Indians, where he worked for Joey Stevenson, the team's Director of Field Operations.

"I ended up liking it so much that I wanted to turn it into a career," said Robinson. "He got me in contact with other people in the industry, so that led to my Boston internship."

Sleeping on deep freezers

The origins of Robinson's career date back to 2008, when his father joined the Noblesville Babe Ruth Board of Directors. At the time, Robinson was 11 and began volunteering with NBR, "doing all

the groundskeeping stuff, helping with the concession stand."

The next year, Robinson was hired part-time, working wherever he could fill in. That led to him becoming the Head Groundskeeper for Babe Ruth's two fields in 2014, and he stayed there through 2017. During that time, he graduated from Guerin Catholic High School in 2015 and began taking classes at IUPUI, where he graduated from in 2019 with a Criminal Justice degree.

"I literally lived there during the summers," said Robinson. "There were some nights I slept in the concession stands. I slept on the deep freezers. That's where I got the love for the industry without knowing there was an industry for it."

In March 2018, Robinson began his first internship, with the Indians, working with Stevenson, who said that when Robinson got to the Indians, "it was just fine-tuning" Robinson's already-obvious talent.

"You could tell he had the passion to work in sports turf," said Stevenson. He pointed out that the word "interns" means something a little different when it comes to working on a baseball field, saying that interns are treated like full-time employees. And Robinson was busy from the beginning.

"He started as a game-day person, so it would have been helping us chalk foul line, water the field, clean dugouts," said Stevenson. "As it progressed, he wanted to work more hours. We got him up to speed on the plate repairs, mound repairs, getting him on the mower."



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(Above) Robinson has been to two World Series during his still-young career, with the Boston Red Sox in 2018 and, pictured here, the Phillies in 2022. (Below) Robinson said he "practically lived" at the Noblesville Babe Ruth fields as a teenager. "The tractor I was driving, we traded in before my senior year of high school. I was trying to prep the fields for the morning. The whole joke was I was going swimming because the fields were so badly underwater," he said.

Robinson also spent part of 2018 as a Sports Turf Intern with the Boston Red Sox. That was an exciting period, as the Red Sox would win the World Series that year. He also got experience in working at special events, as Fenway Park hosted several concerts during that year.

"When I was with the Red Sox, we had a total of 10 concerts that summer," said Robinson.

Also during this time, Robinson began taking classes at Penn State for an Associate of Science degree in Turfgrass Science and Management. He completed

ed that in 2019. In May of that year, he began working with the Phillies, again as a Sports Turf Intern.

During his first home-stands with the Phillies, Robinson was mowing the field, including one of the parts of the field that gets seen the most, "so I thought that was pretty cool," he said.

"I felt like I was thrown in the fire, but that's where Indianapolis really prepared me," said Robinson. "We did a lot of the same things when it comes to preparing the field. A lot of it is very similar."

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Chicago winner Van Gisbergen to race in Verizon 200 at The Brickyard

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Shane Van Gisbergen, who stunned the racing world by winning his first NASCAR Cup Series start earlier this month, will try to go 2-for-2 by competing in the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard on Sunday, Aug. 13 on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course. Trackhouse Racing announced Wednesday evening, July 19 that it would field the No. 91 Chevrolet for New Zealand native Van Gisbergen, who won the inaugural Cup Series street race July 2 on the streets of Chicago for the team. Three-time Australian V8 Supercars champion Van Gisbergen made his NASCAR debut with Trackhouse as part of the team's Project91 program, which

seeks to put top global motorsports' talent into competitive equipment at NASCAR's top level. Van Gisbergen, 34, became the first driver since Johnny Rutherford in 1963 to win his Cup Series debut. The addition of Van Gisbergen to the race on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course enhances the international flavor of the event. Other international stars competing in the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard include 2009 Formula One World Champion Jenson Button of Great Britain, making his first competitive start at IMS since the 2007 United States Grand Prix; former F1 driver and current sports car star Kamui Kobayashi of Japan; and V8 Supercars star Brodie Kostecki of Australia.

By DREW BLAIR
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Former Indiana Pacers great Reggie Miller on Wednesday made his way back to Indiana to share a different athletic passion. The **Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer** spends a lot of his free time on two wheels as an avid cyclist in mountain biking and on the road and, come Saturday, as a distance gravel cyclist in the Dust Bowl 100 race in Morgan County. Ahead of the weekend's 100-mile endeavor, also known in the sport as a century ride, Miller opened an invite for the central Indiana community to join him on a shorter ride to complete his training. Miller contacted the owner of **Motion Cycling and Fitness in Fishers** five weeks prior with the hopes of organizing the free event. Chris Carr got busy reaching out to area cycling clubs and social media to ultimately fill a field

of 250 riders who ranged from beginner to experienced. Many donned Miller's "Boom Baby"-branded cycling gear, including Sarah Callahan and her partner Mark Lantz of Indianapolis. Lantz said, "Healthy living is extremely important, so to have Reggie be there and support that and people showing up to support that, is great for our Indianapolis and surrounding communities." Callahan had heard about the ride through a new women's cycling and mentorship program called Divas. "It makes me feel like I know (Miller) better. He's part of the community, being involved in things that we do every day." Minutes before 9 a.m. Wednesday, the crowd inched their bikes near the parking lot exit from where their ride leader stood atop a pickup truck to offer words of thanks and encouragement before Reggie's Ride. "I love the diversity that I'm seeing; women, kids, men, Black, white, brown.



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WISH-TV's Drew Blair (right) was among the cyclists who participated in Reggie Miller's (left) bike ride.

We're all one. As cyclists, we all pedal on two wheels and we all enjoy this so that's what cycling is all about – togetherness," Miller told the riders. "This lets me know there is a beautiful bike community back in my adopted hometown of Indiana. You guys are a huge part of that."

Miller led the hourlong ride across 18 miles of Fishers streets with the assistance of a police escort. He adjusted his pace to interact with riders from front to back before the ride finished back at Motion Cycling where he spent time posing for pictures and signing autographs.

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As a result, Robinson called making the move from the Indians to the Phillies "an easy transition." There was also an interesting connection. Mike Boekholder was the Director of Field Operations for the Phillies when Robinson began working there. Boekholder would spend 19 years in that position before leaving in 2022. Prior to that, he spent four years with the

Indy Indians. "He went from Indy to Philly kind of like I did," said Robinson. **Coming together** Once he was with the Phillies, Robinson moved up the ladder swiftly. He became the Grounds Organizational Intern in November 2019, staying in that position for a year. "They ended up re-upping me for an additional

year, just so I could stay there longer, and get a little more experience," said Robinson. "They took an interest in me, and that led to me getting the full-time spot the year after." In March 2021, Robinson was named the Manager of Grounds for the Phillies MLB Urban Youth Academy at FDR Park, which features two baseball fields and two softball fields. Robinson then became a groundskeeper in July 2022, holding that position until moving into the Manager spot in March of this year. Now he is the one managing the interns.

"We tell them, 'You're going to be out here with us every day,'" said Robinson. That includes duties such as repairing the mounds and plates, and helping water the infield. "The only thing we don't allow them to do is chemical sprays and running some of the tractors and other implements," said Robinson. "There's other things that we all come together to do," said Robinson. "We all try to handle the fertilizers. I do home plate, we've got another guy that does the mounds. We all have our own responsibilities, but we all also come together in the end when we need to."

Robinson has some off-the-field duties as well. "Administrative tasks, mostly," he said. "I started doing payroll this year for our department," said Robinson. He also helps out with interviewing interns. "We're usually hiring four or five game-day positions," he said. "We want to meet them in person to see what they're like."

During games, Robinson and his crew stay in the background, although Stevenson said he occasionally sees Robinson on television. They do get a chance to see the players up close and personal, although Robinson said he tries to give them their space. "We'll say 'Hi,' ask them how everything's going," said Robinson. He does know the Phillies' catcher, J.T. Realmuto well. "I know how he likes the catcher's box, so I'll try to get it as close as possible," said Robinson. Working with the Phillies is a fun job, but Robinson noted that if he and the field crew aren't doing their job properly, then the players can't do their jobs properly. "I don't want to be the reason why they can't succeed," said Robinson. The Phillies were very successful last season, as they made it to the World Series. "That was really cool to experience, not just once, but twice," said Robinson. It his second World Series, following his 2018 experience at Boston as an intern. Even though the Phillies lost to Houston, Robinson noted that the team "did have eight home games (throughout the playoffs), so that was an awesome experience," he said. The entire experience has been a good one for Robinson, and it's he would like to continue for a while. "I definitely see myself doing this for a very long time," said Robinson. "I think he has the talent to keep moving forward. He showed it Indy and obviously got him a look into the big leagues," said Stevenson.

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