

First graduation ceremony since pandemic for Noblesville Fire

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Fire Department welcomed eight new firefighters to the department during a graduation ceremony on June 3 at the Noblesville Schools' Community Center.

The graduating class includes Lauren Adair, Brittany Bolden, Cort Christy, Blake Deiters, Russell Fisher, Ryan Haboush, Andrew Miller and Lance Taylor.

Joining Recruit Class 09-20 were firefighters Skyler Finnerty and Patrick Bohm, who were unable to have a pinning ceremony when they graduated last year due to COVID-19.

Fire Chief Matt Mitchell gave the following charge to the graduates:

"For 150 years, the people of Noblesville have been able to call us in their time of need. Honor that tradition. You are automatically given trust based on the badges you have earned and now wear – but that doesn't end today. You have to earn that trust every day. Children will look at you like you are a superhero and parents will treat you like trusted family because of your integrity. When NFD knocks, people open the doors to their homes. They do this with total confidence because they know the professionals are here to help."

The ceremony included the badge pinning by the graduates' family members and loved ones, prayers by NFD Pastor Stephen Schultze, remarks from Mitchell and class representative Andrew Miller, and the oath of office given by Mayor Chris Jensen.

"Public safety is a top priority for the City of Noblesville and one of the four pillars of my



Photo provided by City of Noblesville
Noblesville Fire Department recruits take the Oath of Office during the Recruit Class Graduation on June 4 at the Noblesville Community Center.



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(Front row, from left) Andrew Miller, Patrick Bohm, Lauren Adair, Brittany Bolden, and Lance Taylor. (Back row, from left) Fire Chief Matt Mitchell, Skyler Finnerty, Blake Deiters, Cort Christy, Ryan Haboush, Russell Fisher, and Mayor Chris Jensen.

administration," Jensen said. "We are excited to have these new firefighters as part of our Noblesville community and wish them long, safe and suc-

cessful careers. They will meet members of our community on their worst day, but I know they will be professional, compassionate and provide the best

care possible and keep our residents and businesses as safe as possible."

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New development seen at 236th Street & U.S. 31

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

A planned interchange at U.S. 31 and 236th Street will likely mean new development near the increasingly busy intersection, predicts County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt.

Anticipating potential development in the area around the new interchange, Martin Wessler Engineering Company has requested to meet with county commissioners Monday. The firm, located in Carmel, will speak to commissioners about a possible wastewater plant at Bakers Corner, just west of 31. They will also seek to have the county cooperate in conducting a water available study.

Both water and sewers would probably be needed for any major development. The county could, if officials wish, likely use COVID relief funds to assist in a study which involves finding locations of underground water supplies in the county.



Heirbrandt

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Overall wellness dependent upon mental health

"Just because you don't understand it doesn't mean it isn't so."

— Lemony Snicket, *The Blank Book*

This quote could cover several different topics of interest, but as I strive to be non-political in my articles, we will look at this as it relates to another topic in the news of late: Mental health.

Most of us are aware of tennis star Naomi Osaka's withdrawal from the French Open as she struggles with her mental wellness. We often assume that athletes such as Osaka and Michael Phelps should be "on top of the world" due to their prowess and acclaim. I am glad to see that people are speaking out and, hopefully, heard.

My column usually addresses physical well-being through exercise and nutrition – keeping our bodies in optimal condition through those endeavors. However, we cannot hope to obtain those goals of continual good health without addressing our mental wellness also. For many, many years the subject of mental wellness has been swept under the rug, never discussed in "polite society." It is hopeful to see that is changing, though too slowly in my opinion.

In addition to Ms. Osaka's comments, I was struck recently by a sense of "déjà vu"



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

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Noblesville Chamber launches foundation

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce (NCoC) has announced the launch of the Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation (ANCF). Members of the Chamber created this new organization to focus on key philanthropic areas facing Noblesville's business community.

A six-person board of directors will lead the organization in its first year:

- Thorpe Miller, President, Indiana Members Credit Union
- Christi Crosser, Vice President, Nova29
- Liz Tate, Secretary, ECT Consulting
- Aaron Smith, Treasurer, Monumental Strategy, LLC

- Angie Sutton, Board Member, State Farm
- Bob DuBois, Board Member, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce

"This is an exciting day for our city's business community," Board President Thorpe Miller said. "The Foundation is uniquely positioned to walk alongside the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce and address the unique challenges Noblesville's leaders are facing in our four focus areas."

These focus areas will initially consist of:

- Education and Workforce Development

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(From left) Aaron Smith, Liz Tate, Thorpe Miller, Angie Sutton, Christi Crosser, and Bob DuBois.



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Carmel International Arts Festival is back this autumm

The REPORTER

The Board of Directors of the Carmel International Arts Festival has announced the 2021 Festival is back and on schedule for Sept. 25-26 in the Carmel Arts & Design District.

"We are just a few short months away from a fantastic weekend of buying gorgeous art from local and national artisans, tasting

delicious food, and experiencing fabulous music and entertainment," said Rachel Ferry, Executive Director of the event. "The 2021 Carmel International Arts Festival is back, and we are so excited to host this in-person festival September 25 & 26th on Main Street in Carmel."

As in previous years, this major festival in Carmel brings more than 120

extremely talented artists and nearly 30,000 people to a two-day event in the Arts & Design District. Last year, the 2020 event was canceled due to the global pandemic.

Event organizers are currently working with artists from around the U.S. while also seeking new corporate sponsorship of our events. [Click here](#) for more information on the event.

Power line issues lead to extra costs for Deer Creek Elementary construction

By LARRY LANNAN
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The construction of Deer Creek Elementary School is moving along, but there are some issues that Harry Delks, Facilities Director for Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools, explained to the school board Wednesday night.

This school building will be within the city boundaries of Noblesville. HSE schools other than Durbin Elementary (which Deer Creek is replacing) are located in the city of Fishers.

According to Delks, Noblesville would not issue the required permits to begin construction on Deer Creek Elementary unless HSE Schools agreed to foot the bill for Duke Energy power line and pole relocations. Noblesville plans to expand Boden Road in the



Photo provided
Deer Creek Elementary construction as seen in a Hagerman Group drone video.

future and wants the poles and lines relocated in anticipation of that project.

Delks says he is hoping the cost of the relocation will be in the range of \$400,000 to \$500,000. If an unforeseen emergency were to happen, such as a tornado outbreak where Duke would need to send their own crews to respond, the project would be outsourced and could cost as

much as \$1 million.

HSE Schools agreed to pay for the Duke relocations because Noblesville would not approve the necessary permits without that assurance. "We really had no choice," Delks told the school board.

Mike Holtkamp of the Hagerman Group told the board the Deer Creek building project is currently on budget. However, the

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Hamilton County Firefighters Local 4416 President Tony Murray served as emcee of the ceremony to his fellow Noblesville firefighters. Division Chiefs John O’Neal and James Macky oversaw the recruitment class.

The recruit academy lasts approximately 22 weeks. The first 15 weeks are devoted to gaining certification at Firefighter level I, II, hazardous materials and technical rescue – swift water, extrication, emergency vehicle operations, and prevention. The remaining seven weeks involved training as an emergency medical technician at the basic level.

The new firefighters will complete a probationary year, before being promoted to pipemen.

expense of moving the Duke poles and lines was not included in the original budget.

"There has been work from the team to make sure that this comes in under budget," said HSE Schools Superintendent Allen Bourff. "In order to do so, we've had to adjust our design plans ... it's still going to be a beautiful building."

Holtkamp told board members the school district is fortunate that Deer Creek's construction began early enough that it has not been plagued by construction material price hikes and shortages other projects are experiencing.

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Heirbrandt also noted that the county is in the process of improving 236th Street between Cicero and Sheridan, which will further ease access to U.S. 31.

The commissioner said the Wessler firm asked for the meeting with commissioners, and "we will just be there to learn what they have to tell us."

The presentation will follow Monday's regular meeting.

The Indiana Department of Transportation is gradually converting all grade-level intersections on 31 to modern interchanges.

as it relates to some personal reflections. I have enjoyed many years of ongoing relationships with many of my high school friends since we grew up in a small town – Noblesville – and graduated from Noblesville High School. We played together in grade school, spent summers swimming at Forest Park, riding bikes around town (there was little traffic) and attending birthday and then slumber parties growing up. A small group of us, about six to eight, depending on who is available, meet occasionally for a meal (dinner and wine has segued into breakfast...) and last week four of us were able to enjoy breakfast together.

As we were sitting there talking, I had a clear vision of each of the other three as teenagers, with myself included. I saw each one as the 15-year-old friend from 1965, as we were laughing about some of the slumber parties and how we would have the serious "boy talks" in our jammies and hair rollers; and now grandchildren and prescriptions are our conversation staples!

Sitting at that breakfast table last week with me was A., with her perfect hair still (!), K., with her

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To learn more about the Foundation's initiatives, visit noblesvillechamber.com/foundation.

About Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation

The Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to Noblesville business community's success. The Foundation equips Noblesville-area employers and their employees with tools necessary to learn and grow in its four key areas of focus.

dry sense of humor still going strong, and L., as funny and easy-going as ever. (My own 15-year-old image was one of permed hair, glasses and braces, complete "nerd.") Find your own fun and joyful memories, wherever those may be, and bring them out to enjoy them once again.

Where am I going with all this? A wise person once told me to think about a time in my life where I felt the happiest, content, and joyful; to find a photo of myself from that time period, frame it, and keep it on display where I will see it every day. I have done that. It does not matter if that is you at 5, 10, 15, or whatever age works for you, it will give you a feeling of peace when you see that person in the frame. You are still that person and you deserve to find your joy and your inner contentment regardless of events and circumstances surrounding you.

Your mental health and well-being are a critical part of your overall health. No matter how many miles you walk or run, weights you lift, vegetables you eat, or supplements you take, you will only achieve your optimal health when you work on your mental wellness.

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

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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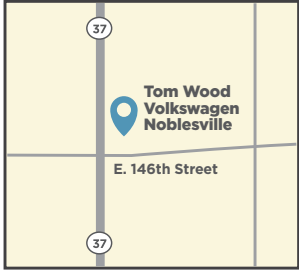


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Three family activities June 19 in Noblesville

Strawberries, Maker Faire, Juneteenth celebrations on the Square

The REPORTER

The downtown Noblesville Square will be abuzz with three separate but co-ordinated events from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 19.

Encompassing the whole square is the Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire, which showcases talented local artisans and makers. Also sharing the square is St. Michael's Strawberry Festival, serving up strawberry shortcakes until supplies last. Finally, there will also be a Juneteenth celebration in the northeast corner with educational activities, music, and entertainment.

Selling Like Hotcakes

The St. Michael Strawberry Festival is a highly anticipated event which features homemade shortcake

baked by members of the **St. Michael's Episcopal Church**, vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, and of course, fresh strawberries. These shortcakes sell out every year, so come early to get this sweet summer treat. They're only available while supplies last.

"We are aware some fans of our strawberry shortcake might not want to be in a crowded area, so we're also offering a drive through and pick up option off 8th Street," said Gail Geisler, Strawberry Festival Chairperson.

This is St. Michael's Episcopal Church's largest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds are donated to Family Promise of Hamilton County.

Maker Faire Affair

After a long hiatus of in-person art fairs, Nickel Plate Arts is bringing back

Maker Faire to the public on Noblesville Square. Over 30 makers and artisans will be displaying and selling their handcrafted goods, with a special emphasis on first-time exhibitors. Arts demonstrations will be hosted throughout the day.

"The last time we organized our Maker Faire, we had a record number of artists and artisans sign up for the event, but the event was rained out. And, of course, in 2020, we had to cancel due to COVID-19, so we are really looking forward to bringing this event back," said Ailithir McGill, Executive Director. "It's rare to find an art show which specifically reaches out to new and emerging artists and makers, but Nickel Plate Arts is a home for many budding artists who are cultivating their talent."

The outdoor exhibits will include a variety of handmade goods, including wood items, children's books, pottery, quilts, clothing, bath and body items, jewelry, home decor, and even some unique items that defy description. The scaled-back, casual event allows guests and artists to connect, while safely bringing in-person events back to the public and the Noblesville Square.

Juneteenth Celebration

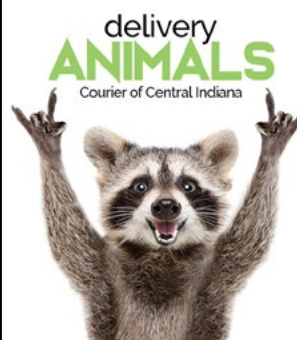
Juneteenth, or June 19, the celebration of the Emancipation of enslaved people in the United States, will take place throughout the day as well. Based in the northeast corner of the Square, the Juneteenth section includes a series of activities, entertainment, and education for all ages.

"We are honored that **The Noblesville Diversity Coalition, Be the Change Indy and Serve Noblesville** will join us with activities for all ages," McGill said. "The **Gal's Guide Library** will be holding a Juneteenth Read-in on our campus, and we're hosting a Juneteenth flag activity on the Square. We are also excited to host music and drumming from **Indy Music and Wellness**, so it will be a full, celebratory event."

All three events will

run concurrently from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, rain or shine. (St. Michael's Strawberry Festival runs while supplies last.) You can get sneak peeks of merchandise, programming, and weather contingencies by following #stmichaelsstrawberryfest, #makerfaire, #nickelplatearts, #juneteenthcelebration and #juneteenthreadin on social media.

For more information, go to nickelplatearts.org/makerfaire.



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IMS president speaks at OneZone luncheon

By **POOJA GARG**
For The Reporter

This past week, the OneZone Chamber of Commerce held a well-attended luncheon to welcome Doug Boles, President of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which was held at 502 East Event Centre in Carmel.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway team, along with Boles, held many successful events during the month of May and continue throughout the year.

Boles spoke about the selling of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, what it was like having no fans on the track last year, and finally what it takes to put on the largest sporting event in the world.



Photo provided by Pooja Garg

OneZone Chamber of Commerce welcomed Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Doug Boles to its luncheon last week.

About OneZone

OneZone Chamber of Commerce merged with the Fishers Chamber of Commerce in 2015 to better serve the business interests of the 1,300 collective

members. Since merging together OneZone is a stronger voice, has a significant presence, and acts like a business advocate in an ever-changing business marketplace.

Rep. Spartz helps introduce bill to improve federal child care programs

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) and Congressman Adrian Smith (R-Neb.-03) introduced the **Increasing Access to Safe Child Care Facilities Act of 2021**, which will give states greater flexibility to utilize available funds to improve and increase the availability of safe child care facilities, especially in rural areas.

This **bill** streamlines the uses of child care stabilization funds, ensuring more children have access to safe child care facilities, more facilities are able to offer services at non-traditional hours, and child care

facilities will be equipped with new resources to serve infants and children with disabilities. Parents will also have more options for child care, allowing them to return to work and drive our economy forward.

"As a working mom of two young girls, I understand the importance of child care, especially when it comes to engaging more women in the workforce," Rep. Spartz said. "This is a very important issue for our state given the significant labor shortages that are im-

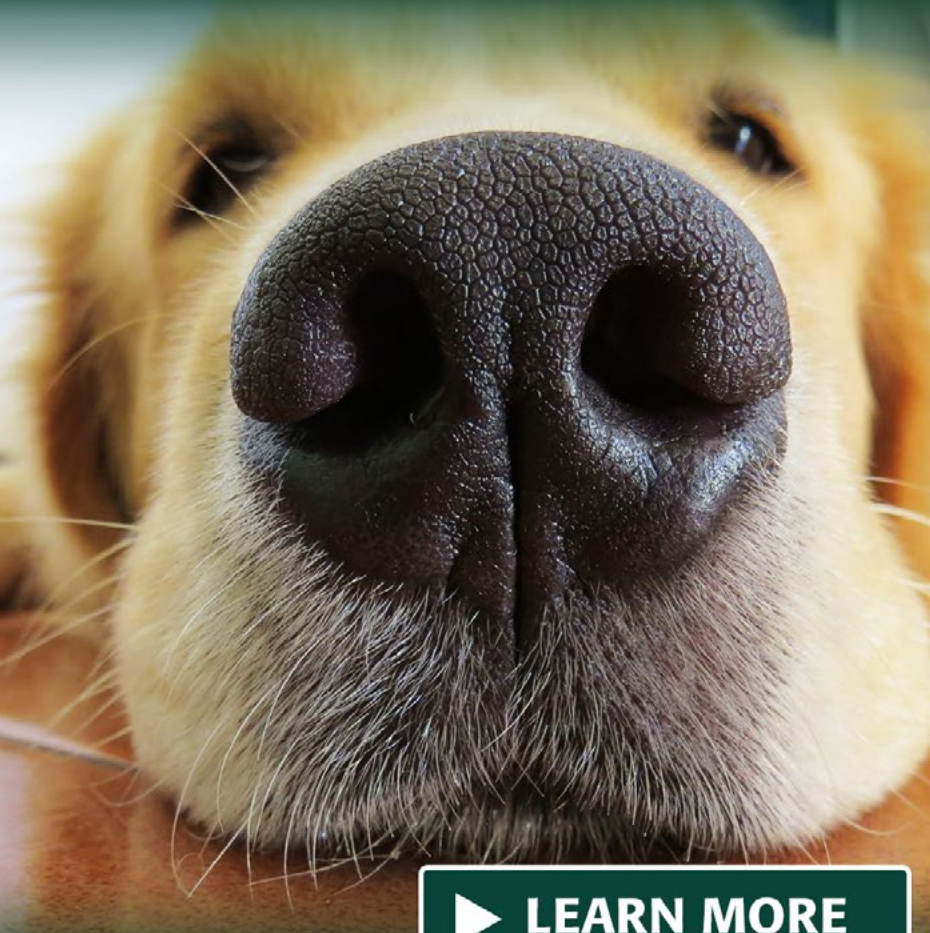


Spartz

pacting businesses. Many federal government programs come with extensive strings, which make them very expensive and inefficient. This bill allows more flexibility to the states to improve effectiveness and provide a greater benefit to Hoosiers."

This bill will be included in the Protecting Worker Paychecks and Family Choice Act, a joint collaboration from House Republicans on both the Education and Labor and Ways and Means Committees.

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Renew Indianapolis expands successful small business loan program into Hamilton County

Opportunities for local businesses who aren't ready for traditional bank loans

The REPORTER

Renew Indianapolis, a nonprofit organization committed to improving housing, economic development, and quality of life in the metropolitan Indianapolis area, announced it has expanded its small business loan program, **the Build Fund**, into Hamilton County.

Operating in Marion County since 2015 as a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), the Build Fund's expansion to the north will connect even more businesses in Central Indiana to flexible, affordable, and responsible funding to help them grow, create jobs, and support neighborhood development.

Along with the Build Fund expansion, Renew Indianapolis has announced a new partnership with Bankable, also a nonprofit lender and CDFI, based in Anderson, that has helped small businesses start up and grow for more than a decade. Along with the Build Fund, Bankable is

committed to helping small businesses find fair and affordable financing when traditional banks are not the right fit.

"With the Build Fund's new presence in Hamilton County and our partnership with Bankable, we hope to reach dozens of startup restaurants, breweries, fitness centers, and more who aren't quite ready to obtain traditional funding," said Steven Meyer, Renew Indianapolis CEO. "This is also beneficial for the communities where these new and expanded businesses are located. In addition to bringing good-paying jobs to the area, these businesses support the local community through their tax dollars, which pay for essential quality of life services like schools, parks, libraries, and public health and safety."

Businesses in Marion – and now Hamilton – counties can use the financing from the Build Fund to buy a property, expand at existing locations, or purchase equipment. As borrowers

repay loans, their payments are used to fund new investments and create even more job opportunities across the area.

While the shared mission of Renew Indianapolis' Build Fund and Bankable is to strengthen all types of businesses, both have a special focus on creating opportunities for those that have traditionally been underserved. Renew Indianapolis' Build Fund supports minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned organizations and business leaders that reflect the community's diversity.

One of those businesses is women-majority-owned Ash & Elm Cider Company, whose husband-and-wife team used their original Build Fund loan to move into their first permanent home located on the near-eastside of Indianapolis in 2016. Recently, Ash & Elm Cider Company is using Build Fund financing again to break ground and begin construction on their brand new tasting

room that will include an expanded drink selection, food menu, and expanded seating capacity.

"Working with the Build Fund for our expansion loan was a great experience," said Andrea Homoya, owner of Ash & Elm Cider Company. "They communicated clearly what they needed from us and about the process all along the way. Being able to stay with a lender who we've grown with from the beginning is really special. We both feel invested in each other's growth and development, and it's great to feel that way about the people you work with."

Build Fund "by the numbers" since 2015:

The Build Fund's impact on the community is measurable; Build Fund business borrowers grow and support their local neighborhood through job creation, services, and general neighborhood development. Here's an overview of the Build Fund's impact in Marion County since 2015:

- On average, Build

Fund's borrowers have created 14 jobs each, or one job for every \$31,000 borrowed. To date, the Build Fund's clients have created 249 jobs.

- There has been a total of 24 loans adding up to more than \$8 million.

- Ten new business have been supported; 231 businesses have received technical support.

- Several businesses have used Build Fund loans to revitalize brownfield properties or renovate vacant properties.

For more information about the Build Fund, and all of Renew Indianapolis' programs and services, visit renewindy.org.

About Renew Indianapolis

Renew Indianapolis is a nonprofit organization committed to improving housing, economic development, and quality of life in the metropolitan Indianapolis area. Our communities support impactful partnerships that preserve and build wealth for neighborhoods and individuals in ways that

are equitable and inclusive. Through our innovative financing and development programs, Renew Indianapolis is building the vision of affordable housing, access to opportunity, and of resilient and inclusive neighborhoods. To learn more about Renew Indianapolis, visit renewindy.org.

About Bankable

Bankable is a non-profit, Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), a certified SBA micro lender, and Community Advantage lender. Bankable is committed and authorized to work with Indiana small businesses to find fair and affordable solutions for their business when the bank isn't the right fit yet. In addition, Bankable is deeply committed to serving the underserved, immersing ourselves in communities where we can be held accountable and learn how to better advance fair lending practices, racial equality, and credit/equity building initiatives for Hoosiers. For more information, visit bankable.org.

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Noblesville Main Street earns Main Street America national accreditation for 2021

The REPORTER

Noblesville Main Street has been designated as an accredited Main Street program for meeting rigorous performance standards.

Each year, Main Street America and its partners announce the list of accredited programs to recognize their exceptional commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach.

"We are proud to recognize this year's 889 nationally accredited Main Street programs that have worked tirelessly to advance economic vitality and quality of life in their downtowns and commercial districts," said Patrice Frey, President and CEO of Main Street America. "During an incredibly challenging year, these programs demonstrated the power of the Main Street movement to drive impressive local recovery efforts, champion small businesses, and foster vibrant downtown districts. I am inspired by their hard work and confident that these accredited communities will continue to help their downtowns flourish in the next stages of recovery."

In 2020, Main Street America programs generated \$4.14 billion in local reinvestment, helped open 4,356 net new businesses, generated 14,988 net new jobs, catalyzed the rehabilitation of 8,488 historic buildings, and clocked 983,702 volunteer hours.

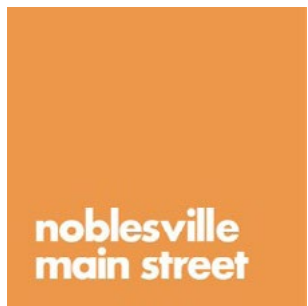
Noblesville Main Street's performance is annually evaluated by Office of Community and Rural

Affairs (OCRA), which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify the local programs that meet 10 national performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building meaningful and sustainable revitalization programs and include standards such as, fostering strong public-private partnerships, documenting programmatic progress, and actively preserving historic buildings.

In November 2020, OCRA released a brand-new level system for the Indiana Main Street program. These levels were created to ensure that local programs are in line with standards of accreditation set forth by the National Main Street Center. Prior to the new level release, Indiana had 140 designated Main Street programs. After the evaluation was conducted, only 40 of those are accredited Main Streets and of those 40 only 16 are nationally accredited. Noblesville Main Street received their National Accreditation due to their leadership and innovation.

About Noblesville Main Street

Noblesville Main Street is a 501(c)(3) independent, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the culture and community of the city's downtown historic district by creating partnerships and programs to connect people to unique



places and experiences. To become a sponsor, vendor or volunteer at any NMS event, contact Noblesville Main Street at (317) 776-0205 or noblesvillemainstreet.org.

About Main Street America

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for 40 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,600 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$89.57 billion in new public and private investment, generated 687,321 net new jobs and 154,435 net new businesses, and rehabilitated more than 303,836 buildings. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, visit mainstreet.org.

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Energy-efficiency tips to keep your bill cool

The REPORTER

Summer means rising temperatures, and Duke Energy is helping customers save with easy, low- to no-cost do-it-yourself projects and tips to prepare for summer's heat.

"We typically see energy use spike in the summer since air conditioning is one of the biggest energy users in your home," said Barbara Higgins, Duke Energy senior vice president and chief customer officer. "We offer free programs, tools and tips to help customers track and manage their energy use, so they can take control and avoid billing surprises."

Low- to no-cost energy efficiency tips

High temperatures can lead to higher energy usage and bills as people try to stay cool. Below are some tips to help manage your energy use.

- **Change air filters regularly.** A dirty air filter makes an HVAC system work harder, which uses more energy.

- **Set your thermostat at the highest comfortable setting.** The smaller the difference between the inside and outside temperatures, the lower your energy usage and bill will be.

- **Close blinds, drapes and curtains during the hottest part of the day.** Keeping your blinds, drapes and curtains closed will help prevent the sun's rays from heating your house.

- **Use a ceiling fan in occupied rooms to supplement your air conditioning.** Make sure the fans are set to operate in a counterclockwise direction to push cool air down into living spaces.

- **Grill outdoors.** Using your electric oven and stovetop creates a lot of indoor heat. Help save energy by firing up the grill outdoors or prepare meals that don't require cooking.

- **Turn off unnecessary lights.** Be sure to turn off lights when you leave a room. Lights emit heat and cause your air conditioning

system to work harder.

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- **Sealing air leaks and installing faucet aerators** will help you save money by using less energy. These tips and videos will show you how with step-by-step instructions. And, if you have a home improvement project that requires a contractor, **Find It Duke** can provide free referrals.

- **Install switch and outlet seals.** Cooled air that escapes means your home's cooling system works harder. Installing seals behind electric switches and outlets on exterior walls helps keep the cool air in, and warm air out.

- **Apply weatherstripping to doors.** Keep cooled air inside your home with self-adhesive weatherstripping on door frames.

- **Caulk around windows and doors.** Applying a bead of caulk around windows and doors is a simple way to keep cool air inside.

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erhead. You can reduce the amount of water you use by about 30 percent after replacing your showerhead with a low-flow model. This energy saving feature saves water, of course, but also cuts down on energy usage if you have an electric water heater.

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- Customers can also set budget alerts, so they know when their bill reaches a specific dollar amount of their choosing, allowing them to adjust their usage and help save money on their bill.

- Customers without

smart meters can sign up to receive **high bill alerts** for when adverse weather is projected to increase their electric bills by at least 30 percent and \$30 compared to historical usage.

Other energy-saving programs, tips and guidance to help you manage higher energy bills that can result from increased energy is available at **Duke-Energy.com/Summer**.

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
INDIANAPOLIS EXECUTIVE AIRPORT C
ONSTRUCTION PROJECT – 2021
PARKING LOT EXPANSION
AND
T-HANGAR TAXILANE REHABILITATION**

The Hamilton County Airport Authority, Noblesville, Indiana will be receiving sealed bids for the following project until **11:00 AM EST on Monday June 21st, 2021.**

Bids shall be addressed to Cindy Duncan at the Hamilton County Auditor's Office and shall be to the attention of **Hamilton County Airport Authority; 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060**, and will be clearly marked **"Sealed Bids: DO NOT OPEN"**.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **11:15 AM EST on Monday June 21st, 2021** at the Hamilton County Commissioner's Courtroom, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060

There will not be a Pre-Bid Conference. Any contractor wishing to visit the site location shall contact Engineer of Record, Ryan Robinson (Ryan. Robinson@Woolpert.com or 317-946-6971), to do so.

Work for this project is packaged into: **FOUR (4) BID PACKAGES**

Base Bid - The scope of work includes all work related to the aggregate base and asphalt placement for the expansion of the Parking Lot to the north and south along the airport entrance drive. Major work items include, but are not limited to, minor grading, installation of aggregate base, asphalt paving, and seeding & mulching disturbed areas.

Alternate Bid #1 - The scope of work includes all work related to the seal coating and re-striping of the Parking Lot. Major work items include, but are not limited to, seal coating of the existing pavement, striping of the entire parking lot and addition of ADA signage.

Alternate Bid #2 - The scope of work includes all work related to the aggregate base and asphalt placement for the expansion of the Parking Lot to the east of the existing pavement. Major work items include, but are not limited to, minor grading, installation of aggregate base, asphalt paving, and seeding & mulching disturbed areas.

Additive Bid - The scope of work includes all work related to the removal and replacement of T-Hangar Taxilane pavements. Major work items include, but are not limited to, saw cutting, pavement removal, subbase/subgrade removal, soil modifications, aggregate base, asphalt paving, and joint sealing. Details associated with the aforementioned project are more specifically set out in the plans and specifications.

The Contract Documents including the Construction Plans, Specifications and Bid Proposal are to be on file at the **Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 E. State Road 32, Zionsville, IN 46077**, and at the office of Woolpert, Inc., 333 North Alabama Street, Suite 200; Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204 **beginning June 2nd, 2021.**

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained for the non-refundable cost of document reproduction and shipping, from Reprographix Inc., 437 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM by telephone at 317-637-3377 or online at <http://www.reprographix.com>.

A **certified check or bank draft** payable to the **Hamilton County Airport Authority, Noblesville, Indiana**, or a satisfactory bid bond, executed by the Bidder and an approved surety company in an amount **not less than five (5) percent** of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid.

(1) The Bidder (Proposer) must supply all the information required by the bid on proposal forms.

(2) The bids shall be based upon rates of wages at least as high as the minimum rates established by the wage rate determination and included in these contract documents.

The **Hamilton County Airport Authority**, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex and consideration for an award. MBE's interested in participating in the construction program and bidding upon the project, upon request, will be supplied with information or plans and specifications desired.

The Owner is cognizant of the time limitation for awarding contracts and giving Notice to Proceed pursuant to IC 36-1-12-6. Bidders should be prepared to enter into a Construction Contract after the tentative award to the lowest responsible bidder is determined by the Owner.

No Bidder may withdraw its bid after the bid has been opened. The **Hamilton County Airport Authority, Noblesville, Indiana**, reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding and to reject any and all bids.

Hamilton County Airport Authority
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Senator Mike Braun, colleagues introduce bill to stop President Biden from declaring an emergency to enact gun control

Submitted by Sen. Mike Braun's Press Office

Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) has introduced the Right to Protect and Bear Arms Act with Senators Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Boozman (R-Ark.), Cotton (R-Ark.), Cramer (R-N.D.), Crapo (R-Idaho), Cruz (R-Texas), Daines (R-Mont.), Ernst (R-Iowa), Hawley (R-Mo.), Hoeven (R-N.D.), Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Lankford (R-Okla.), Lummis (R-Wyo.), Marshall (R-Kan.), Moran (R-Kan.), Risch (R-Idaho), Rounds (R-S.D.), R. Scott (R-Fla.), S. Scott (R-S.C.), Thune (R-S.D.), Tillis (R-N.C.), Wicker (R-Miss.), and Young (R-Ind.).

This bill would prevent the President and the Secretary of Health and Human Services from declaring

certain emergencies or disasters for the purpose of imposing gun control.

In various reports, gun control organizations are encouraging the Biden Administration to administratively restrict the right to keep and bear arms. **One such idea** is to declare "gun violence" a public health emergency. The central idea is that declaring gun violence as a "public health emergency" would open "a broad set of powers to accelerate steps to prevent gun violence."

As *The New York Times* points out, with "gun violence" declared as a public health emergency, the Administration will be able "to swiftly enact executive orders that would regulate the



Braun

tracking of homemade firearms, require background checks for virtually all gun sales and mandate dealers notify the F.B.I when they compete gun sales before completing a background check." Meaning, any Administration would then potentially have the power to indefinitely hold up a gun sales.

"Declaring a public health emergency does not give the Executive Branch the right to infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of Americans to defend themselves and their families, and Congress must make this 100 percent clear in law so the rights of law-abiding citizens can't be destroyed through the

bureaucratic loophole that is opened by exploiting a crisis," Sen. Braun said.

The Right to Protect and Bear Arms Act:

- Prohibits the President or their designee from declaring an emergency pursuant to the National Emergencies Act or major disaster pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in order to impose gun control.
- Prevents the Secretary of Health and Human services from declare public health emergency pursuant to the Public Health Service Act for the purpose of imposing gun control.
- Prevents any government official from prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transfer of a firearm or ammunition during a disaster or emergency.



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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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1 Corinthians 11:33-34 (NIV)

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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton Heights School Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, in the Hamilton Heights School Corporation Conference Room, 410 W. Main St., Arcadia, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, in the Music Room at Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton Heights School Board will hold a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at the Dolles Park Shelter House, 130 W. Walton St., Atlanta.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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David Joseph Arpasi, Jr. February 16, 1947 – June 8, 2021

David Joseph Arpasi, Jr., 74, Cicero, passed away on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. He was born on February 16, 1947, in South Bend, Ind., son of David Joseph and Frances Helen (Karaszewski) Arpasi, Sr. David was a 1965 graduate of St. Joseph High School, South Bend. He then received his bachelor's degree in 1969 and master's degree in 1980 at Indiana University. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma fraternity. David was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. The In-Red Services Corporation was started, owned, and operated by David for more than 35 years. He was President as well as tax Accountant.

He also established the David and Kristi Arpasi Family Scholarship at the Kelly School of Business.

As a family man, David was involved in many family events and activities. He was an avid football and basketball fan and enjoyed hiking and bicycling.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his sister, Bobbie Mattasits.

Survivors include his wife, Kristi Arpasi; sons, DJ Arpasi and Joe Arpasi; stepson, Robb (Erin) Greene; step-grandchildren, RG, Flora, and Lucy Greene; step-mother, Darlene Arpasi; father- and mother-in-law, John and Joyce Waterman; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021 at the United Pentecostal Church, 1516 Morton St., Noblesville, where the Funeral Service will begin at 1 p.m.

A Committal Service with Military Honors will follow in Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of David be given to Purdue Autism Research Center (PARC), P.O. Box 772401, Detroit, MI 48277-2401. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Austin Jay Swenson October 3, 1995 – June 9, 2021

Austin Jay Swenson, 25, Indianapolis, passed away on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. He was born on October 3, 1995 in Noblesville.

Austin loved shopping and loved his stylish shoes and clothes. He enjoyed music and going to concerts. Austin was big-hearted and fun-loving. He was a loyal friend.

Austin is survived by his father, Thomas J. (Susie) Swenson; mother, Kimberly Michelle Harrington; siblings, Dustin Kyle Swenson, Kimberly Delello, Monica (Jerry) Mosbaugh, and Erica (Evan) Mosson; grandparents, Gary and Garnette McConnell, Teresa Swenson, and Lois Mooney; nephews, Braxton Mosson and Elijah Herriott; niece, McKinley Mosbaugh; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Justin Thomas Swenson; and grandfather, Bruce Swenson.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Friday, June 18, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Chaplain Derek Hansen will officiate. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Tara Jeanne Bennett May 12, 1982 – June 9, 2021

Tara Jeanne Bennett, 39, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at her home. She was born on May 12, 1982 in Warwick, R.I.

Tara worked as a corporate accountant. She loved everything Disney, including movies, characters, and visiting the parks. Tara enjoyed scrapbooking, reading, and exercising. She enjoyed watching all sports, especially baseball, hockey, and football. Most of all, Tara loved spending time with her family and gathering with them for "Football Sundays."

She is survived by her husband, Jeremy Bennett; father, Stephen (Christine) Larsen; mother, Patricia (Stephen) Sims; daughter, Anastasia Bennett; brothers, Christopher (Madeline) Larsen and Patrick (Jessalyn) Larsen; grandparents, Jesse and Sue Sims; niece and nephews, Kylie, Brandon, and Henry; aunt, Jeanne (Tom) Soares and their children, Pamela (Justin) Bailey and Nathan (Patience) Soares; and uncle, Stan (Kathy) Sims and their children, Stephen, Michael, and Danny Sims.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., with the funeral service beginning at 4 p.m., on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Appendix Cancer, Pseudomyxoma Peritonei Research Foundation (ACPMR), 2021 L St. NW, Suite 101-244, Washington, D.C. 20036-4909; or online at acpmr.org/help-us/donate.

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Judith Ann (Hunt) Simpson August 29, 1938 – June 9, 2021

We are deeply saddened to announce that Judith Ann (Hunt) Simpson passed away on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 in the comfort of her home due to complications from Leukemia at the age of 82.

Judith was born August 29, 1938 in Indianapolis. She grew up in Broad Ripple and graduated from Broad Ripple High School in 1957. Four days after graduation Judith married the man of her dreams, William S. Simpson, and began their wonderful life together for almost 64 years until William passed in February 2021. They were blessed with two daughters, Ann Elizabeth Clymer and Lisa Marie Millikan, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Judith was a devout Catholic in faith. She even had a Catholic Casserole recipe she made for the neighbors, as they call it. Judith had many talents and passions in life. She loved cooking and baking, and she was an extremely accomplished seamstress. She was fond of caring for those in need. Judith had been a volunteer at the Community North Cancer Center.

For those who knew her, they know her kindness will live in our hearts, as well as those she reached out to but never met. Judith is already greatly missed by her family, so many friends, and Buddy Noodle, her loving cat.

Judith will be laid to rest next to her husband, William, in the Abbey Mausoleum at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021. Arrangements are being handled by Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240; or Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Indiana Chapter, 11550 N. Meridian St., Carmel, IN 46032.

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Girls softball state finals

Boonville's defense holds off Golden Eagles in 3A championship game

By RICHIE HALL
GREENWOOD - Coming into the Class 3A softball state finals, Guerin Catholic was averaging 8.5 runs per game.

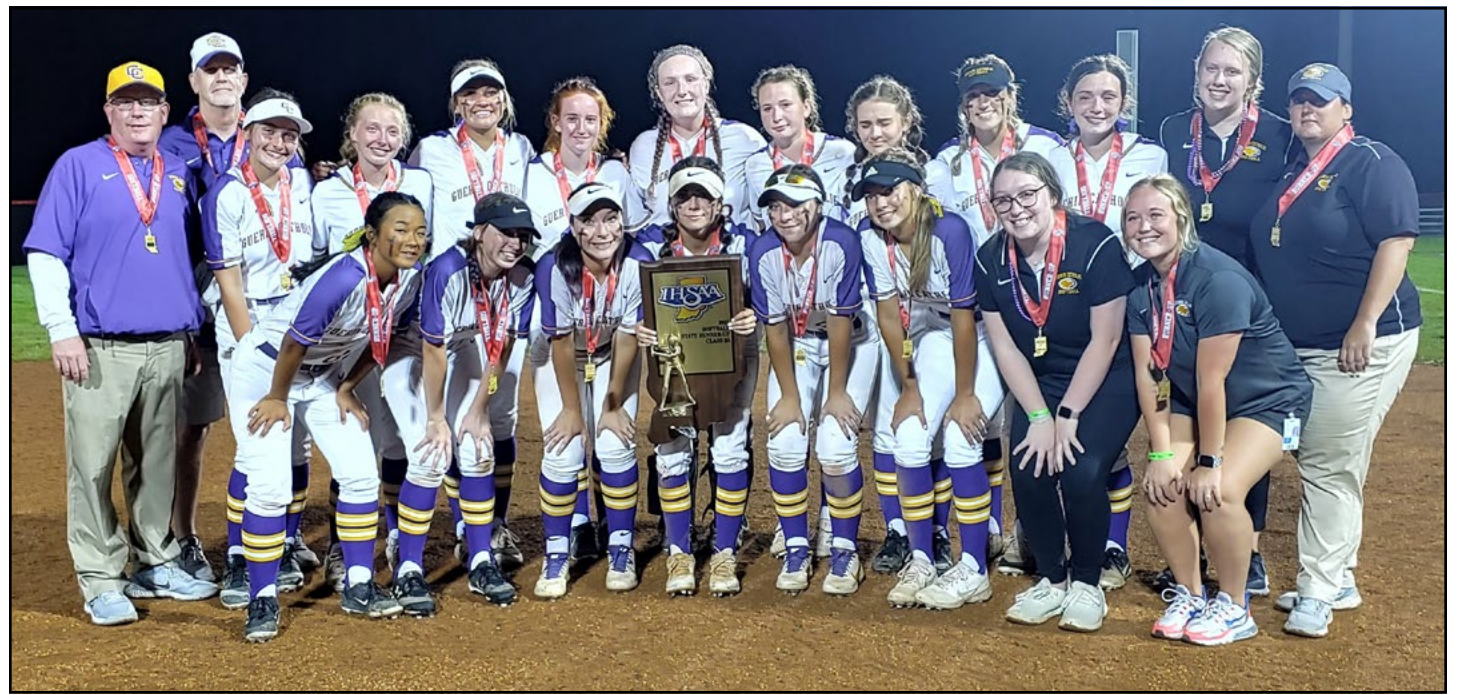
It would take an incredible defensive effort for a team to stop the No. 2-ranked Golden Eagles. And that's just what No. 10-ranked Boonville did in the weather-delayed state championship game, which started Friday night and finished Saturday morning at Center Grove.

The Pioneers held off Guerin Catholic for the entire game, which then scored a walk-off run in the seventh inning to claim the 3A state title 1-0. Boonville thus won its second state championship, while the Golden Eagles had to settle for the runner-up trophy.

The game didn't begin until 10:30 p.m. due to weather delays that also affected the previous game, the 1A championship between Northfield and Clay City. Northfield won that game 3-1.

While Guerin wasn't able to score any runs, its offense still looked solid. The Golden Eagles got seven hits on the night, and loaded the bases in three different innings. But in each of those innings, the Pioneers made big plays to keep Guerin Catholic from scoring.

"They made plays when they had to and their pitcher stepped up when she had to and make some big pitches in some crucial situations," said GC coach Jeff Buckner. "All year, we were able to push one or two of those across and tonight we gave it a good try, but we just couldn't get one across. And they did."



The Guerin Catholic softball team finished as state runner-up in Class 3A, as the Golden Eagles dropped 1-0 game to Boonville Friday night (Saturday morning) in the 3A championship game at Center Grove.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The game began with leadoff hitter Ana Macha hitting a single to get on base, and she would eventually get to third base after Victoria Flores reached on error. Alicia Flores drew a two-out walk to get on base, but a groundout ended the scoring threat.

Julia Hartley led off the fifth inning with a single, then moved to third after Aliyah Dorsey and Izzy Kemp were both walked. Boonville pitcher Ariel Thomasson ended that one by making a ground-

out.

The Golden Eagles tried again in the sixth inning. Sarah Dilley and Hartley both got on base by separate fielder's choices, then Macha laid down a perfect bunt to load the bases. But a center field catch by Boonville's Madison Hill stopped Guerin Catholic from getting a run.

Kirsten Mascari caught a certain base hit to begin the bottom of the sixth inning, then Kemp threw two strikeouts to finish the inning. The Pioneers took care of business in the top of the seventh, inducing a double play to get the second

and third outs.

Boonville then made quick work of the bottom of the seventh. Jayce Purdy smacked a triple into right field, and Randi Jo Pryor got her home right away with a fielder's choice bunt.

Macha and Hartley both had two hits for the Golden Eagles. Meanwhile, Kemp was her dominant self on the mound, throwing 13 strikeouts against two hits and one walk.

Guerin Catholic finished the season 25-3, but got quite a bit accomplished in

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Guerin Catholic pitcher Izzy Kemp threw 13 strikeouts and only allowed two hits during the Class 3A state championship game.

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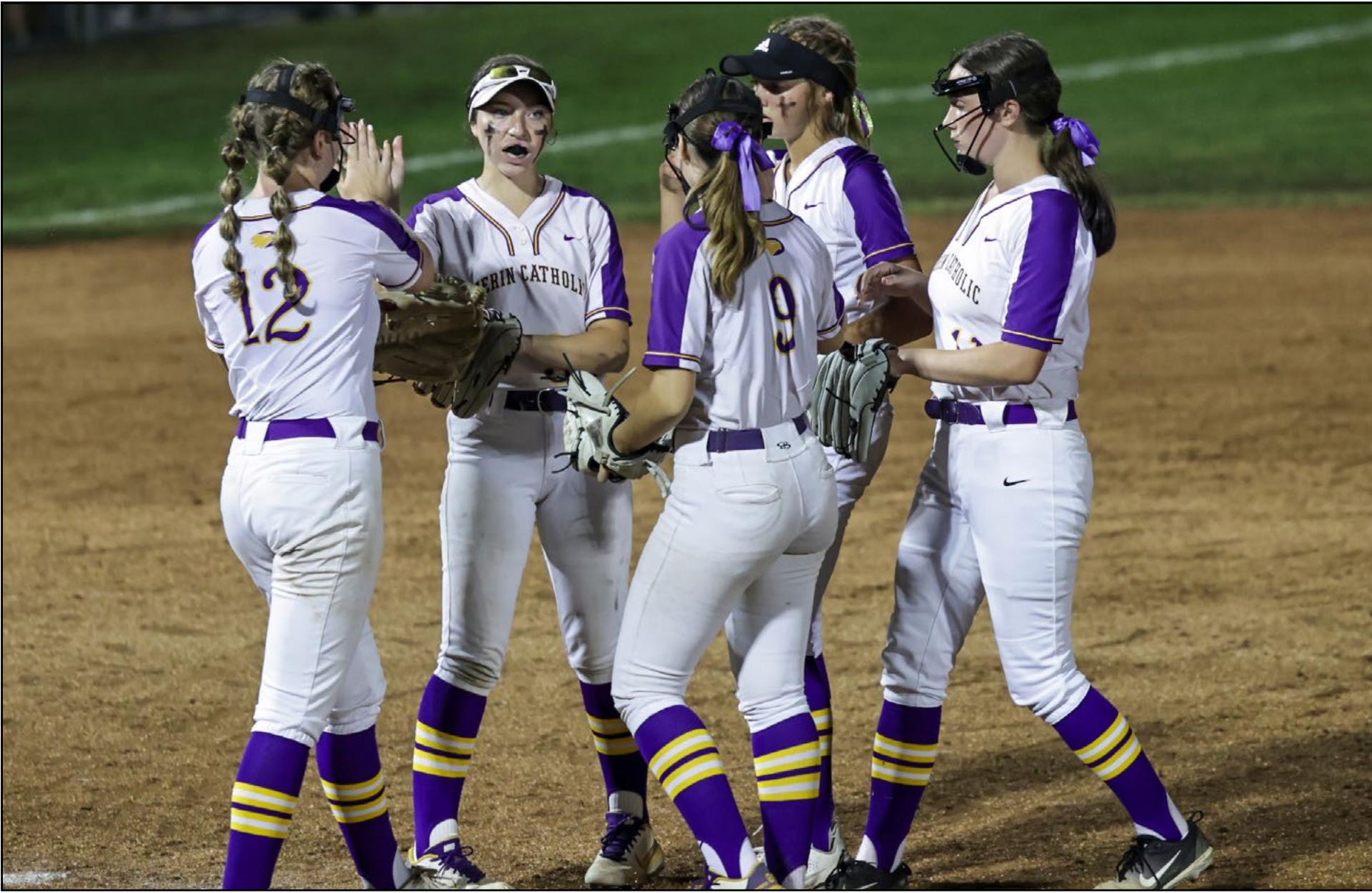


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ABOVE LEFT: Guerin Catholic catcher Lucy Schenk is checked out by athletic trainer Abbey Rumer after being hit with a foul ball during the state championship game. Schenk is one of seven seniors on this season's Golden Eagles team.

ABOVE RIGHT: Guerin Catholic third baseman Victoria Flores makes a throw to third base. Flores is another one of the seniors for the Golden Eagles.

BELOW: The Guerin Catholic infield gathers in the pitching circle after Izzy Kemp throws a strikeout.



GOLDEN EAGLES

those 25 wins. The Golden Eagles' other two losses were both to Roncalli, which plays Lake Central tonight in the Class 4A state championship game.

"These guys have been unbelievable all year," said Buckner. "They came in

here 25-2. Our only two losses at the time were to Roncalli. They're just such, such great kids. They just work so hard. In some ways, they don't need us, they just go out and do it and tonight, Boonville was just better."

Guerin Catholic graduates seven seniors, including Macha, Alicia Flores, Victoria Flores, Dorsey, Dilley, catcher Lucy Schenk and Olivia Labus, who came in to run for Schenk in the sixth inning. They have left quite a legacy for the Golden Eagles in this historic season.

At the same time, three key underclassmen will return next year: Kemp, Hartley and Mascari.

"Izzy and Julia and Kirsten all were in this championship game and are all back," said Buckner. "Our leadership will be fine and they'll be focused."

BOONVILLE 1, GUERIN CATHOLIC 0				
Guerin Catholic	AB	R	H	RBI
Ana Macha	4	0	2	0
Aliyah Dorsey	3	0	0	0
Victoria Flores	3	0	1	0
Izzy Kemp	2	0	0	0
Alicia Flores	3	0	0	0
Lucy Schenk	3	0	0	0
Kirsten Mascari	3	0	1	0

Sarah Dilley	3	0	1	0
Julia Hartley	3	0	2	0
Olivia Labus	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	0	7	0
GC pitching				
Kemp	IP	R	ER	H
Strikeouts: Kemp	6	1	1	2
Walks: Kemp	13			
Boonville				
Kaitlyn Knox	AB	R	H	RBI
Rebecca Campbell	3	0	0	0
Jayce Purdy	3	0	0	0
Randi Jo Pryor	3	1	1	0
Ariel Thomasson	3	0	0	1
Ashton Pryor	2	0	0	0
Ana Chavez	1	0	1	0
Madison Hill	2	0	0	0
Chloe Apple	2	0	0	0
Totals	x	x	x	x
3B: Purdy. SB: Pryor.				
Boonville pitching				
Thomasson	IP	R	ER	H
Strikeouts: Thomasson	7	0	0	7
Walks: Thomasson	9			
Score by Innings				
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Baltimore	22	40	.355	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	39	24	.619	-
Cleveland	33	27	.550	4.5
Kansas City	30	32	.484	8.5
Detroit	26	37	.413	13.0
Minnesota	25	38	.397	14.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	38	27	.585	-
Houston	36	27	.571	1.0
L.A. Angels	31	32	.492	6.0
Seattle	31	34	.477	7.0
Texas	24	40	.375	13.5

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	31	24	.564	-
Philadelphia	30	31	.492	4.0
Atlanta	29	32	.475	5.0
Miami	28	35	.444	7.0
Washington	25	34	.424	8.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	36	27	.571	-
Milwaukee	36	27	.571	-
St. Louis	32	31	.508	4.0
Cincinnati	30	31	.492	5.0
Pittsburgh	23	39	.371	12.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	39	23	.629	-
L.A. Dodgers	38	25	.603	1.5
San Diego	37	28	.569	3.5
Colorado	25	39	.391	15.0
Arizona	20	44	.313	20.0

Friday scores
Seattle 86, Atlanta 75
Dallas 77, Phoenix 59

WNBA standings

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	8	2	.800	-
New York	5	4	.556	2.5
Washington	4	5	.444	3.5
Atlanta	4	6	.400	4.0
Chicago	3	7	.222	5.0
Indiana	1	10	.091	7.5

Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	9	2	.818	-
Las Vegas	7	3	.700	1.5
Dallas	5	5	.500	3.5
Phoenix	5	5	.500	3.5
Los Angeles	4	4	.500	3.5
Minnesota	3	5	.375	4.5

County players advance in IHSAA individual state finals

The five Hamilton County tennis players that qualified for the IHSAA individual state finals all advanced in quarter-final play on Friday at North Central.

In singles, Fishers senior Lucy Loy beat Valparaiso senior Rose Pastoret 6-0, 6-2. Loy will play Park Tudor junior Lauren Long in a semi-final match at 10 a.m. today, also at North Central. The other semi-finals features South Bend St. Joseph freshman Molly Bellia taking on Harrison freshman Emma Gu.

The Carmel doubles team of sophomore Alexa Lewis and junior Hallie Reeves won its quarter-final over Goshen seniors Kathryn Detweiler and Joya Drenth 6-1, 6-2. The Greyhounds will play Delta seniors Tynan Dishman and Maggie Manor in this morning's semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Hamilton Southeastern

juniors Misha Bukkasagaram and Emily Orme advanced in a tough match over the Jasper team of sophomore Brailyn Whaley and junior Delaney Wigand, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. The Royals will play Evansville Memorial seniors Abigail Myers and Margo Throop in the semi-finals.

All semi-final matches begin at 10 a.m. today, with the winners advancing to the 2 p.m. championship matches.

TWO LOCAL PLAYERS AT NORTH/SOUTH ALL-STAR CUP

Westfield's Julia Gabennesch and Guerin Catholic's Ellen Gardner will be part of the South Team at the 23rd annual North/South Senior Tennis All-Star Cup, which takes place Sunday at Community Sports & Wellness in Pendleton.

The event begins at 10:10 a.m. Each player will compete in three rounds of play.

INDYCAR news Power pushes through heat, traffic to top Detroit practice

A driver and a team searching for a hot streak found the top of the practice time sheet on a sizzling day in Detroit.

Will Power and Team Penske – both winless in this NTT INDYCAR SERIES season – burnished their credentials as threats to win the NTT P1 Award and the race Saturday in Race 1 of the Chevrolet Dual in Detroit by leading practice Friday afternoon on the Belle Isle temporary street circuit. 2014 series champion Power saved his best lap for last, turning the quick time of 1 minute, 17.2768 seconds in the No. 12 Verizon 5G Team Penske Chevrolet.

Power and the other 24 drivers in the field faced tough conditions, with the bumpy nature of the 14-turn, 2.35-mile circuit compounded by track temperatures tickling 120 degrees, with air temperatures in the mid-80s. Heavy traffic around the circuit also made it tough to assemble a clean lap.

“Yeah, it’s very hot out there,” Power said. “It’s just a physical track. You kind of hold your breath because there’s just so much commitment. I feel all right. The car is in a really good window. I was happy to get a lap in there at the end, with some guys backing up and such.”

The field of 25 drivers will return to the track for NTT P1 Award qualifying for Race 1 at 11 a.m. (ET) Saturday, with live coverage on NBCSN, Peacock and the INDYCAR Radio Network. The 70-lap Race 1 of the weekend doubleheader then follows at 2 p.m., with live broadcasts by NBC and the INDYCAR Radio Network.

Four-time INDYCAR SERIES champion Sebastien Bourdais rebounded from a miserable May by ending up second in practice with a top lap of 1:17.4291 in the No. 14 ROKiT/AJ Foyt Racing Chevrolet. Bourdais was taken out in crashes not of his doing at both races in the doubleheader in early May at Texas Motor Speedway, and he finished 19th in the GMR Grand Prix on the Indianapolis

Motor Speedway road course and 26th in the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

Title contender Pato O’Ward completed a sweep of the top three positions in practice for Chevrolet on home turf. O’Ward’s best lap was 1:17.5143 in the No. 5 Arrow McLaren SP Chevrolet.

Reigning and six-time series champion Scott Dixon was the fastest Honda-powered driver, fourth overall at 1:17.6178 in the No. 9 PNC Bank Grow Up Great Honda. 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner Alexander Rossi, another driver looking for a strong second half of the season, rounded out the top five at 1:17.6587 in the No. 27 AutoNation/NAPA AUTO PARTS Honda.

Championship leader Alex Palou was 15th at 1:18.7996 in the No. 10 NTT DATA Chip Ganassi Racing Honda. He is racing at Detroit for the first time since the event wasn’t held last season during his rookie year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Palou will face an additional challenge Saturday by starting six grid spots behind his qualifying position due to an unauthorized engine change before the Indianapolis 500.

The challenging Belle Isle circuit snared two rookies early. Jimmie Johnson and Scott McLaughlin triggered a red flag 14 minutes into the session in separate incidents seconds apart.

Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Johnson spun exiting Turn 3 in his No. 48 Carvana Chip Ganassi Racing Honda but made no contact and continued to the pits, where he served a five-minute penalty for causing a red-flag period.

Three-time Australian Supercars champion McLaughlin wasn’t as fortunate as Johnson. His No. 3 PPG Team Penske Chevrolet pushed wide in Turn 5 and hit the tire barrier, incurring front wing and suspension damage. McLaughlin was unable to return, losing his only session before qualifying on his first trip to this track.

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